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# **McClatchy-Marist Poll National Survey July 5, 2011**

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,003 Adults**

This survey of 1,003 adults was conducted on June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. There are 801 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults

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Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
<b>National Adults</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>80%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>51%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>42%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>21%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>33%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>74%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>26%</b>

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=1003 MOE +/- 3%.  
Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters		
		Registered Voters
		Col %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>34%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>27%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>38%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Support Tea Party</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>21%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>36%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>24%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>47%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>71%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>71%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>15%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>36%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>47%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>77%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>23%</b>

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=801 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

**Government's Priority—the Debt or Stimulating the Economy**

*Asked of National Adults*

**Question Wording:** Which one of the following should be the top priority of the government in Washington:

		National Adults		
		Which one of the following should be the top priority of the government in Washington:		
		To stimulate the weak economy even if it costs more money	To reduce the debt even if the economy is slow to recover	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>National Adults</b>		33%	59%	8%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	37%	55%	7%
	Midwest	40%	56%	4%
	South	29%	61%	10%
	West	30%	60%	10%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	34%	58%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	62%	4%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	34%	57%	8%
	College graduate	31%	62%	7%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	35%	57%	8%
	45 or older	31%	60%	8%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	30%	64%	6%
	30 to 44	40%	51%	9%
	45 to 59	35%	62%	3%
	60 or older	28%	59%	13%
<b>Race</b>	White	32%	61%	7%
	Non-white	35%	56%	10%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	33%	60%	7%
	Women	33%	58%	10%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	30%	63%	7%
	Cell Phone	42%	47%	11%

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		Registered Voters		
		Which one of the following should be the top priority of the government in Washington:		
		To stimulate the weak economy even if it costs more money	To reduce the debt even if the economy is slow to recover	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		33%	60%	7%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	50%	45%	6%
	Republican	15%	79%	6%
	Independent	32%	61%	7%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		19%	79%	3%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	54%	37%	8%
	Moderate	37%	57%	6%
	Conservative	21%	75%	4%

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## U.S. Economy – Will It Get Worse?

*Asked of National Adults*

**Question Wording:** When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:

		National Adults		
		When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:		
		The worst is yet to come	The worst is behind us	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>National Adults</b>		53%	42%	6%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	45%	51%	4%
	Midwest	59%	36%	5%
	South	58%	36%	7%
	West	45%	48%	6%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	57%	37%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	48%	47%	5%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	59%	36%	5%
	College graduate	44%	50%	6%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	49%	47%	5%
	45 or older	56%	37%	6%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	46%	47%	7%
	30 to 44	51%	46%	2%
	45 to 59	59%	36%	5%
	60 or older	54%	39%	7%
<b>Race</b>	White	54%	42%	5%
	Non-white	50%	43%	7%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	52%	43%	5%
	Women	53%	40%	6%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	56%	39%	5%
	Cell Phone	44%	48%	8%

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		Registered Voters		
		When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:		
		The worst is yet to come	The worst is behind us	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		50%	45%	5%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	36%	57%	7%
	Republican	68%	29%	3%
	Independent	48%	47%	5%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		71%	25%	4%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	36%	59%	5%
	Moderate	36%	58%	5%
	Conservative	66%	30%	4%

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## U.S. Economy – Will It Get Worse? (Over Time)

*Asked of National Adults*

**Question Wording:** When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:

	National Adults		
	When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:		
	The worst is yet to come	The worst is behind us	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
July 2011	53%	42%	6%
April 2011	57%	39%	4%
January 2011	39%	54%	7%
December 2010	53%	39%	8%
November 29, 2010	51%	45%	5%
October 28, 2010	47%	45%	8%
October 8, 2010	50%	46%	4%
September 21, 2010	52%	44%	4%

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## U.S. in a Recession

*Asked of National Adults*

**Question Wording:** Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?

		National Adults		
		Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>National Adults</b>		75%	20%	5%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	75%	21%	4%
	Midwest	78%	17%	5%
	South	73%	22%	5%
	West	74%	20%	6%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	71%	22%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	80%	18%	2%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	74%	22%	5%
	College graduate	78%	17%	5%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	73%	21%	6%
	45 or older	76%	20%	4%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	69%	19%	11%
	30 to 44	75%	23%	2%
	45 to 59	82%	16%	2%
	60 or older	70%	23%	6%
<b>Race</b>	White	78%	19%	3%
	Non-white	68%	24%	9%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	77%	19%	4%
	Women	73%	21%	6%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	77%	19%	4%
	Cell Phone	68%	25%	7%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		77%	19%	3%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	72%	26%	3%
	Republican	82%	14%	3%
	Independent	80%	17%	3%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		86%	14%	1%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	75%	21%	4%
	Moderate	73%	24%	3%
	Conservative	83%	15%	2%

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## U.S. in a Recession (Over Time)

*Asked of National Adults*

**Question Wording:** Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?

	National Adults		
	Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?		
	Yes	No	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
July 2011	75%	20%	5%
April 2011	71%	25%	4%
January 2010	71%	24%	5%
December 2010	79%	19%	2%
September 2010	80%	18%	2%
May 2008	78%	17%	5%

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