

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,246 Adults**

This survey of 1,246 adults was conducted December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. 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 landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 2.8$  percentage points. There are 1,091 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

### Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		88%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	34%
	Republican	n/a	27%
	Independent	n/a	37%
	Other	n/a	1%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	21%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	13%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Just Independents	n/a	8%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	15%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	10%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	18%
	Other	n/a	1%
Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a	14%
	Conservative	n/a	28%
	Moderate	n/a	37%
	Liberal	n/a	15%
	Very liberal	n/a	6%
Gender	Men	49%	48%
	Women	51%	52%
Age	Under 45	37%	32%
	45 or older	63%	68%
Age	18 to 29	17%	13%
	30 to 44	20%	19%
	45 to 59	32%	34%
	60 or older	32%	34%
Race	White	70%	73%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	12%	11%
	Other	6%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	22%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	48%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	52%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	60%
	College graduate	38%	40%
Marital Status	Married	53%	55%
	Not married	47%	45%
Interview Type	Landline	74%	77%
	Cell Phone	26%	23%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th through December 6th, 2012, N=1246 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: N=1091 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		National Registered Voters			
		Do you think President Barack Obama's second term will be better than the first, worse than the first, or about the same as the first term?			
		Better	Worse	About the same	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		40%	28%	30%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	73%	4%	22%	1%
	Republican	12%	59%	29%	0%
	Independent	32%	26%	40%	2%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	80%	2%	18%	0%
	Soft Democrats	60%	4%	34%	2%
	Just Independents	28%	22%	44%	6%
	Soft Republicans	15%	45%	39%	0%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	6%	71%	23%	0%
	Very liberal-Liberal	71%	2%	27%	0%
	Moderate	45%	17%	37%	2%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	52%	28%	0%
	Northeast	44%	24%	30%	3%
	Midwest	42%	31%	27%	1%
	South	39%	29%	31%	2%
Household Income	West	38%	27%	33%	1%
	Less than \$50,000	45%	25%	29%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	30%	32%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	27%	30%	2%
	College graduate	39%	30%	31%	1%
Race	White	33%	32%	33%	1%
	African American	77%	4%	14%	4%
	Latino	48%	22%	31%	0%
Age	18 to 29	50%	14%	34%	2%
	30 to 44	38%	26%	36%	0%
	45 to 59	38%	32%	29%	1%
	60 or older	41%	30%	27%	1%
Age	Under 45	43%	21%	35%	1%
	45 or older	40%	31%	28%	1%
Gender	Men	36%	32%	31%	1%
	Women	44%	24%	30%	2%
Marital Status	Married	33%	35%	31%	1%
	Not married	49%	19%	29%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	31%	29%	2%
	Cell Phone	47%	17%	35%	1%

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\*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		50%	44%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	86%	10%	4%
	Republican	13%	82%	5%
	Independent	46%	45%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	95%	3%	2%
	Soft Democrats	79%	13%	8%
	Just Independents	40%	45%	15%
	Soft Republicans	17%	76%	8%
	Strong Republicans	6%	92%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	87%	7%	6%
	Moderate	58%	34%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	73%	6%
Region	Northeast	55%	36%	10%
	Midwest	50%	44%	6%
	South	46%	47%	7%
	West	51%	45%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	41%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	47%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	44%	6%
	College graduate	50%	44%	6%
Race	White	42%	52%	6%
	African American	87%	6%	6%
	Latino	59%	33%	9%
Age	18 to 29	56%	32%	12%
	30 to 44	49%	45%	5%
	45 to 59	50%	43%	7%
	60 or older	47%	49%	4%
Age	Under 45	52%	40%	8%
	45 or older	49%	46%	5%
Gender	Men	45%	50%	5%
	Women	54%	39%	7%
Marital Status	Married	40%	53%	7%
	Not married	62%	32%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	48%	48%	4%
	Cell Phone	56%	32%	12%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		53%	44%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	10%	1%
	Republican	15%	82%	3%
	Independent	48%	47%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	96%	3%	1%
	Soft Democrats	82%	15%	3%
	Just Independents	42%	46%	12%
	Soft Republicans	22%	75%	3%
	Strong Republicans	7%	91%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	89%	9%	2%
	Moderate	65%	32%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	24%	73%	3%
Region	Northeast	63%	35%	2%
	Midwest	55%	43%	2%
	South	49%	47%	4%
	West	49%	48%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	41%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	46%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	52%	45%	3%
	College graduate	54%	43%	3%
Race	White	45%	52%	3%
	African American	86%	10%	4%
	Latino	62%	35%	3%
Age	18 to 29	66%	32%	3%
	30 to 44	47%	48%	5%
	45 to 59	53%	45%	2%
	60 or older	51%	46%	3%
Age	Under 45	55%	41%	4%
	45 or older	52%	45%	3%
Gender	Men	48%	49%	3%
	Women	57%	40%	3%
Marital Status	Married	45%	52%	2%
	Not married	62%	34%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	48%	2%
	Cell Phone	61%	33%	6%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		51%	42%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	84%	11%	4%
	Republican	19%	74%	7%
	Independent	45%	46%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	94%	5%	2%
	Soft Democrats	74%	19%	7%
	Just Independents	40%	39%	21%
	Soft Republicans	25%	67%	7%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	9%	88%	3%
	Very liberal-Liberal	85%	10%	5%
	Moderate	60%	32%	8%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	25%	69%	6%
	Northeast	58%	37%	5%
	Midwest	48%	43%	9%
	South	51%	43%	6%
Household Income	West	48%	45%	6%
	Less than \$50,000	52%	40%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	44%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	43%	9%
	College graduate	54%	42%	4%
Race	White	44%	49%	7%
	African American	80%	14%	6%
	Latino	61%	34%	4%
Age	18 to 29	60%	32%	8%
	30 to 44	49%	43%	8%
	45 to 59	51%	44%	5%
	60 or older	48%	45%	7%
Age	Under 45	53%	38%	8%
	45 or older	49%	44%	6%
Gender	Men	48%	45%	6%
	Women	53%	40%	7%
Marital Status	Married	42%	52%	6%
	Not married	62%	31%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	47%	5%
	Cell Phone	58%	29%	13%

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		National Registered Voters			
		Who do you think will have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years:			
		The Republicans in			
		Congress	President Obama	Both equally	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		26%	65%	3%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	17%	77%	1%	6%
	Republican	36%	56%	4%	5%
	Independent	28%	61%	3%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	11%	86%	0%	3%
	Soft Democrats	27%	64%	1%	8%
	Just Independents	20%	59%	5%	16%
	Soft Republicans	34%	56%	4%	6%
	Strong Republicans	34%	58%	4%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	18%	74%	1%	7%
	Moderate	27%	64%	3%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	29%	62%	3%	6%
Region	Northeast	30%	64%	2%	4%
	Midwest	25%	64%	4%	8%
	South	28%	65%	3%	5%
	West	21%	68%	2%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	64%	3%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	26%	67%	2%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	64%	3%	6%
	College graduate	25%	67%	2%	6%
Race	White	28%	63%	2%	7%
	African American	16%	80%	1%	4%
	Latino	27%	69%	2%	2%
Age	18 to 29	29%	68%	1%	1%
	30 to 44	38%	52%	3%	7%
	45 to 59	24%	69%	2%	6%
	60 or older	21%	68%	3%	8%
Age	Under 45	34%	59%	3%	5%
	45 or older	22%	68%	2%	7%
Gender	Men	26%	67%	3%	4%
	Women	26%	64%	2%	8%
Marital Status	Married	25%	66%	2%	7%
	Not married	27%	65%	3%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	26%	65%	3%	6%
	Cell Phone	27%	65%	1%	7%

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		National Registered Voters			
		Over the next four years, do you think that President Obama and the Congressional Republicans will compromise more, less, or about the same amount as they did in the past four years?			
		More	Less	About the same	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		35%	17%	45%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	54%	8%	35%	3%
	Republican	23%	25%	50%	1%
	Independent	28%	19%	51%	2%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	53%	7%	38%	2%
	Soft Democrats	48%	9%	41%	2%
	Just Independents	15%	29%	52%	4%
	Soft Republicans	26%	19%	53%	2%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	19%	31%	48%	2%
	Very liberal-Liberal	48%	8%	43%	0%
	Moderate	42%	14%	43%	1%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	23%	25%	49%	3%
	Northeast	39%	18%	41%	2%
	Midwest	32%	16%	51%	2%
	South	35%	16%	48%	2%
Household Income	West	36%	21%	38%	4%
	Less than \$50,000	36%	17%	44%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	17%	46%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	32%	17%	49%	2%
	College graduate	41%	16%	41%	2%
Race	White	31%	18%	49%	2%
	African American	49%	7%	38%	6%
	Latino	48%	20%	32%	1%
Age	18 to 29	39%	14%	46%	0%
	30 to 44	38%	17%	44%	2%
	45 to 59	36%	17%	45%	1%
	60 or older	33%	17%	46%	3%
Age	Under 45	38%	16%	45%	1%
	45 or older	35%	17%	46%	2%
Gender	Men	33%	19%	46%	2%
	Women	37%	16%	44%	3%
Marital Status	Married	33%	19%	46%	2%
	Not married	38%	16%	43%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	33%	18%	46%	2%
	Cell Phone	41%	15%	43%	2%

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		National Registered Voters			
		Do you think the Republican Party is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		15%	46%	32%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	13%	67%	14%	7%
	Republican	20%	16%	60%	5%
	Independent	13%	51%	28%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	9%	75%	10%	6%
	Soft Democrats	12%	63%	19%	6%
	Just Independents	15%	39%	27%	19%
	Soft Republicans	19%	31%	43%	6%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	19%	13%	66%	2%
	Very liberal-Liberal	5%	79%	12%	4%
	Moderate	9%	62%	23%	6%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	26%	18%	49%	7%
	Northeast	8%	53%	31%	8%
	Midwest	19%	45%	34%	2%
	South	15%	43%	33%	9%
Household Income	West	16%	47%	29%	8%
	Less than \$50,000	17%	43%	31%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	14%	50%	32%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	17%	39%	36%	9%
	College graduate	12%	58%	26%	4%
Race	White	16%	45%	33%	7%
	African American	16%	55%	19%	9%
	Latino	11%	41%	41%	7%
Age	18 to 29	17%	39%	40%	4%
	30 to 44	13%	48%	32%	7%
	45 to 59	16%	47%	31%	6%
	60 or older	14%	46%	30%	9%
Age	Under 45	15%	44%	35%	6%
	45 or older	15%	47%	31%	7%
Gender	Men	19%	43%	34%	4%
	Women	11%	49%	30%	9%
Marital Status	Married	16%	45%	34%	5%
	Not married	14%	48%	29%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	15%	45%	33%	7%
	Cell Phone	17%	50%	28%	6%

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		National Registered Voters			
		Do you think the Democratic Party is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		47%	8%	41%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	13%	10%	72%	5%
	Republican	86%	5%	8%	2%
	Independent	49%	8%	36%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	8%	8%	81%	3%
	Soft Democrats	21%	11%	60%	8%
	Just Independents	40%	8%	36%	15%
	Soft Republicans	78%	8%	12%	3%
	Strong Republicans	93%	2%	5%	0%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	13%	9%	72%	6%
	Moderate	40%	7%	47%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	72%	7%	18%	3%
Region	Northeast	37%	6%	51%	6%
	Midwest	46%	10%	42%	2%
	South	49%	7%	38%	6%
	West	53%	7%	35%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	8%	46%	7%
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Education	Not college graduate	44%	9%	41%	6%
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Gender	Men	53%	9%	35%	3%
	Women	41%	6%	46%	6%
Marital Status	Married	57%	5%	33%	4%
	Not married	34%	11%	49%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	6%	39%	5%
	Cell Phone	37%	13%	44%	6%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		26%	67%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	10%	84%	6%
	Republican	53%	39%	8%
	Independent	20%	72%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	6%	91%	3%
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Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	12%	85%	2%
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Marital Status	Married	31%	63%	6%
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		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		35%	58%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	70%	25%	5%
	Republican	7%	89%	4%
	Independent	24%	64%	12%
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	Strong Republicans	4%	94%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	70%	26%	4%
	Moderate	37%	53%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	13%	79%	7%
Region	Northeast	35%	57%	8%
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	45 to 59	35%	60%	5%
	60 or older	33%	62%	5%
Age	Under 45	36%	50%	14%
	45 or older	34%	61%	5%
Gender	Men	30%	61%	9%
	Women	39%	55%	6%
Marital Status	Married	27%	67%	6%
	Not married	44%	46%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	62%	5%
	Cell Phone	43%	43%	14%

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		National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
		Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		40%	55%	5%
National Registered Voters		39%	56%	4%
Party Identification^	Democrat	70%	24%	6%
	Republican	9%	90%	1%
	Independent	35%	60%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	78%	16%	5%
	Soft Democrats	63%	30%	7%
	Just Independents	23%	70%	7%
	Soft Republicans	13%	85%	2%
	Strong Republicans	5%	95%	0%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	69%	26%	6%
	Moderate	47%	48%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	80%	2%
Region	Northeast	45%	50%	5%
	Midwest	39%	54%	7%
	South	38%	58%	3%
	West	40%	55%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	53%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	56%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	55%	6%
	College graduate	42%	55%	3%
Race	White	32%	65%	4%
	African American	76%	20%	4%
	Latino	50%	43%	7%
Age	18 to 29	49%	42%	8%
	30 to 44	34%	62%	4%
	45 to 59	42%	55%	3%
	60 or older	39%	58%	4%
Age	Under 45	41%	53%	6%
	45 or older	40%	56%	3%
Gender	Men	38%	57%	5%
	Women	42%	53%	5%
Marital Status	Married	35%	61%	4%
	Not married	47%	48%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	58%	4%
	Cell Phone	45%	47%	8%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		44%	52%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	80%	17%	3%
	Republican	9%	90%	2%
	Independent	38%	56%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	90%	9%	1%
	Soft Democrats	69%	25%	6%
	Just Independents	28%	59%	13%
	Soft Republicans	14%	84%	3%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	4%	96%	0%
	Very liberal-Liberal	75%	20%	5%
	Moderate	51%	44%	4%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	77%	3%
	Northeast	48%	48%	4%
	Midwest	42%	54%	4%
	South	41%	55%	4%
Household Income	West	48%	49%	3%
	Less than \$50,000	46%	50%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	55%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	52%	5%
	College graduate	45%	52%	3%
Race	White	36%	60%	4%
	African American	88%	9%	2%
	Latino	51%	47%	2%
Age	18 to 29	45%	51%	4%
	30 to 44	39%	57%	4%
	45 to 59	46%	50%	4%
	60 or older	44%	53%	3%
Age	Under 45	41%	55%	4%
	45 or older	45%	51%	4%
Gender	Men	41%	55%	4%
	Women	47%	50%	3%
Marital Status	Married	38%	58%	3%
	Not married	51%	45%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	54%	3%
	Cell Phone	49%	46%	5%

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		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 %
National Adults		53%	42%	5%
National Registered Voters		53%	42%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	21%	72%	7%
	Republican	84%	13%	3%
	Independent	60%	37%	4%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	13%	79%	8%
	Soft Democrats	32%	63%	5%
	Just Independents	70%	25%	6%
	Soft Republicans	79%	19%	2%
Political Ideology^	Strong Republicans	90%	8%	1%
	Very liberal-Liberal	21%	72%	7%
	Moderate	45%	51%	4%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	78%	19%	3%
	Northeast	48%	49%	3%
	Midwest	54%	43%	4%
	South	56%	39%	5%
Household Income	West	54%	39%	8%
	Less than \$50,000	56%	39%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	46%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	56%	38%	5%
	College graduate	48%	47%	4%
Race	White	58%	38%	4%
	African American	28%	62%	10%
	Latino	54%	41%	5%
Age	18 to 29	52%	46%	2%
	30 to 44	56%	37%	7%
	45 to 59	52%	44%	4%
	60 or older	53%	41%	5%
Age	Under 45	54%	41%	4%
	45 or older	53%	42%	5%
Gender	Men	57%	39%	4%
	Women	50%	44%	6%
Marital Status	Married	57%	38%	5%
	Not married	50%	46%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	40%	5%
	Cell Phone	49%	46%	5%

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		National Adults		
		In the coming year, do you feel you will be economically better off, about the same, or worse off than you are now?		
		Better off	About the same	Worse off
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		27%	40%	32%
National Registered Voters		25%	41%	34%
Party Identification^	Democrat	46%	44%	11%
	Republican	7%	38%	55%
	Independent	20%	43%	36%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	46%	46%	8%
	Soft Democrats	42%	46%	12%
	Just Independents	11%	48%	41%
	Soft Republicans	8%	41%	51%
	Strong Republicans	6%	29%	65%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	40%	51%	9%
	Moderate	30%	43%	28%
	Conservative-Very conservative	13%	35%	52%
Region	Northeast	21%	49%	29%
	Midwest	27%	40%	33%
	South	31%	36%	33%
	West	27%	41%	33%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	28%	38%	34%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	43%	29%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	39%	33%
	College graduate	25%	43%	31%
Race	White	18%	43%	40%
	African American	58%	35%	7%
	Latino	49%	34%	17%
Age	18 to 29	49%	39%	12%
	30 to 44	32%	43%	26%
	45 to 59	23%	39%	38%
	60 or older	17%	41%	42%
Age	Under 45	40%	41%	19%
	45 or older	20%	40%	40%
Gender	Men	30%	39%	32%
	Women	25%	42%	33%
Marital Status	Married	21%	42%	37%
	Not married	35%	39%	27%
Interview Type	Landline	24%	39%	37%
	Cell Phone	37%	44%	19%

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