

Interviews: 800 Adults, including 240 cell phone only respondents

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Study #14039
NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey

48 Male
52 Female

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 800 interviews among Adults is $\pm 3.46\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are?
(IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24.....	11
25-29.....	6
30-34.....	12
35-39.....	7
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	8
50-54.....	11
55-59.....	8
60-64.....	9
65-69.....	5
70-74.....	5
75 and over.....	7
Not sure/refused	-

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11
No, not Hispanic	88
Not sure/refused	1

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	74
Black	12
Asian	1
Other	5
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused	2

Q3 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

			10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	9/13	7/13	6/13	High 9/01	Low 10/17- 20/08+
Headed in the right direction.....	1/14	12/13	22	14	30	29	32	72	12
Off on the wrong track	63	64	70	78	62	61	59	11	78
Mixed (VOL)	5	5	4	4	5	6	6	11	7
Not sure.....	4	2	4	4	3	4	3	6	3

	4/13	2/13	1/13	12/12	10/12+	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+
	31	32	35	41	41	40	39
	61	59	57	53	53	53	55
	5	6	4	3	4	5	4
	3	3	4	3	2	2	2

	8/12+	7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	3/12	1/12
	32	32	31	33	33	33	30
	61	60	61	58	59	58	61
	4	5	5	5	6	5	5
	3	3	3	4	2	4	4

	12/11	11/11	10/11	8/11	7/11	6/11	5/11	4/11	2/11	1/11
	22	19	17	19	25	29	36	28	31	35
	69	73	74	73	67	62	50	63	60	56
	6	5	5	5	5	6	10	6	6	5
	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	4

	12/10	11/10	10/28- 30/10+	10/14- 18/10+	9/10	8/26- 30/10	8/5- 9/10	6/10	5/6- 11/10	3/10
	28	32	31	32	32	30	32	29	34	33
	63	58	60	59	59	61	58	62	56	59
	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6	5
	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	3

	1/23 - 25/10	1/10- 14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09	1/09
	32	34	33	36	39	39	42	43	41	26
	58	54	55	52	48	49	46	43	44	59
	7	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	9	9
	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	6	6

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Q4 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

			10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	9/13	8/13	7/13	6/13	4/13	High 4/09	Low 10/25- 28/13
Approve.....	<u>1/14</u>	<u>12/13</u>	42	47	45	44	45	48	47	61	42
Disapprove.....	43	43	51	48	50	48	50	47	48	30	51
Not sure	6	3	7	5	5	8	5	5	5	9	7
	<u>2/13</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>12/12</u>	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>9/26- 30/12+</u>	<u>9/12- 16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>4/12</u>
	50	52	53	49	49	50	48	49	47	48	49
	45	44	43	48	48	48	49	48	48	46	46
	5	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	5	6	5
	<u>3/12</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>
	50	48	46	44	44	44	47	49	52	49	48
	45	46	48	51	51	51	48	46	41	45	46
	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	6
	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>8/5- 9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/20- 23/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>
	53	45	47	45	47	46	45	47	45	48	50
	41	48	47	50	49	49	49	48	48	45	44
	6	7	6	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	6
	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>
	48	50	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60
	47	44	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26
	5	6	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14

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Q5 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

										<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>
	<u>1/14*</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/13</u>
Approve	13	12	14	12	13	13	18	22	20	61	12
Disapprove ...	81	83	81	82	80	82	74	70	73	28	83
Not sure	6	5	5	6	7	5	8	8	7	11	5
		<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>8/5- 9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>
		22	20	21	21	22	21	17	21	22	24
		69	73	71	72	73	72	77	67	68	65
		9	7	8	7	5	7	6	12	10	11
	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>
	22	24	29	28	31	23	21	12	13	15	15
	66	63	57	58	54	68	69	79	78	73	75
	12	13	14	14	15	9	10	9	9	12	10
	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>
	13	18	23	31	20	29	29	41	40	46	39
	79	70	65	53	65	56	53	40	42	41	45
	8	12	12	16	15	15	18	19	18	13	16
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/94</u>
	42	40	54	47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33
	39	44	29	34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54
	19	16	17	19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13

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* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q6 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
Barack Obama¹						
January 2014	23	19	13	14	30	1
December 2013	22	20	11	13	33	1
October 25-28, 2013	24	17	13	13	32	1
October 7-9, 2013	26	21	11	11	30	1
September 2013	25	20	12	16	26	1
July 2013	28	20	12	14	26	-
May 30-June 2, 2013	28	19	13	12	28	-
April 2013	30	17	10	15	27	1
February 2013	31	18	11	14	26	-
January 2013	31	21	11	11	26	-
December 2012	37	16	9	14	24	-
October 2012+	34	15	8	12	31	-
September 26-30, 2012+	37	15	6	11	31	-
September 12-16, 2012+	35	13	9	11	31	1
August 2012+	31	17	8	13	30	1
July 2012+	33	16	8	11	32	-
June 2012	29	19	14	11	27	-
May 2012	32	17	10	12	29	-
April 2012	30	18	13	13	26	-
March 2012	28	21	14	12	25	-
January 2012	28	22	10	14	25	1
December 2011	22	23	13	15	27	-
November 2011	26	19	15	13	27	-
October 2011	23	23	14	12	28	-
August 2011	24	20	12	14	30	-
June 2011	27	22	14	13	24	-
May 2011	33	21	14	13	18	1
April 2011	28	22	14	13	23	-
February 2011	28	21	15	15	20	1
January 2011	29	23	15	14	18	1
December 2010	25	23	14	14	24	-
November 2010	28	21	12	13	26	-
October 28-30, 2010+	29	18	12	15	27	-
September 2010	29	18	12	14	27	-
August 26-30, 2010	26	20	12	14	27	1
June 2010	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010	28	19	15	14	24	-
March 2010	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	29	23	14	14	20	-
December 2009	29	21	13	15	22	-
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-
September 2009	38	18	11	14	19	-
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-
April 2009	45	19	12	10	13	1
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3
Barack Obama						
<i>High</i>						
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Presidential Term Low</i>						
October 25-28, 2013	24	17	13	13	32	1
<i>All-time Obama Low</i>						
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40

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Q6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Democratic Party¹						
January 2014.....	10	27	22	20	20	1
December 2013.....	10	26	19	20	24	1
October 25-28, 2013.....	15	22	21	18	22	2
October 7-9, 2013.....	14	25	18	20	20	3
September 2013.....	13	27	22	20	18	-
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	14	25	22	19	18	2
February 2013.....	18	23	22	17	19	1
January 2013.....	17	27	17	19	19	1
December 2012.....	21	23	19	16	19	2
October 2012+.....	21	21	17	17	23	1
September 26-30, 2012+.....	21	21	17	17	22	2
August 2012+.....	19	23	16	17	23	2
July 2012+.....	17	23	20	17	23	-
June 2012.....	14	23	25	18	19	1
May 2012.....	17	22	19	21	19	1
April 2012.....	15	24	21	19	19	1
March 2012.....	15	23	24	18	18	2
January 2012.....	15	23	23	21	18	-
December 2011.....	9	23	25	23	19	1
November 2011.....	15	25	22	18	19	1
October 2011.....	12	25	19	20	22	2
August 2011.....	11	22	21	19	25	2
June 2011.....	13	25	21	19	20	2
May 2011.....	15	26	22	18	17	2
April 2011.....	12	26	22	18	21	1
January 2011.....	15	24	25	19	16	1
December 2010.....	9	28	20	18	23	2
November 2010.....	14	26	18	18	23	1
October 28-30, 2010+.....	16	23	17	19	23	2
October 14-18, 2010+.....	14	24	16	19	26	1
September 2010.....	15	22	20	20	22	1
August 26-30, 2010.....	11	25	19	19	24	2
August 5-9, 2010.....	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010.....	11	24	21	20	24	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010.....	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010.....	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010.....	11	27	20	18	23	1
December 2009.....	10	25	19	19	26	1
October 2009.....	14	28	20	14	22	2
September 2009.....	14	27	18	17	22	2
July 2009.....	13	29	19	17	20	2
June 2009.....	19	26	16	16	21	2
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1
<i>High</i>						
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2
<i>Low</i>						
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2

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Q6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Republican Party¹						
January 2014	5	19	28	22	25	1
December 2013	6	20	22	26	25	1
October 25-28, 2013	6	16	24	23	30	1
October 7-9, 2013	7	17	21	24	29	2
September 2013	7	21	27	23	21	1
May 30-June 2, 2013	8	24	26	18	23	1
February 2013	8	21	24	20	26	1
January 2013	6	20	24	24	25	1
December 2012	9	21	23	18	27	2
October 2012+	15	21	20	18	25	1
September 26-30, 2012+	14	24	18	18	25	1
August 2012+	12	24	18	16	29	1
July 2012+	11	23	22	18	25	1
June 2012	10	21	23	18	26	2
May 2012	9	23	23	19	24	2
April 2012	11	22	23	19	24	1
March 2012	8	24	23	19	24	2
January 2012	8	23	24	19	25	1
December 2011	6	21	23	23	25	2
November 2011	9	21	23	18	26	3
October 2011	11	22	21	18	26	2
August 2011	8	24	21	23	23	1
June 2011	8	22	24	23	21	2
May 2011	8	24	22	21	23	2
April 2011	7	24	24	22	22	1
January 2011	7	27	24	21	19	2
December 2010	11	27	23	17	20	2
November 2010	11	23	24	20	19	3
October 28-30, 2010+	12	22	24	18	23	1
October 14-18, 2010+	8	23	25	19	23	2
September 2010	8	23	25	21	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	7	23	25	22	21	2
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010	6	24	26	23	19	2
May 20-23, 2010	10	23	26	21	19	1
May 6-11, 2010	8	22	26	22	20	2
March 2010	6	25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010	7	25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010	7	23	27	24	18	1
December 2009	5	23	27	24	19	2
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2
September 2009	5	23	27	22	21	2
July 2009	9	19	29	21	20	2
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2
April 2009	7	22	25	22	22	2
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3
<i>High</i>						
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3
<i>Low</i>						
October 25-28, 2013	6	16	24	23	30	1

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Q6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
Chris Christie						
January 2014	7	15	28	18	11	21
October 25-28, 2013	9	24	24	10	7	26
May 30-June 2, 2013	12	29	22	8	4	25
February 2013	12	24	20	10	2	32
August 2012+	11	17	21	10	9	32
June 2011	10	13	19	7	7	44

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SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES – BY D/S (POSITIVE – NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Barack Obama	42	44	-2
The Democratic Party	37	40	-4
Chris Christie	22	29	-7
The Republican Party.....	24	47	-23

Q7 And, looking ahead, what word or short phrase would you use to describe how you feel about where America is headed in the next year? **

Positive words and phrases	27
Right direction.....	9
Hopeful	4
Improving.....	4
Moving forward	3
Economic growth	3
Optimistic.....	2
Positive (General)	2
Slowly growing.....	1
Negative words and phrases	62
Downhill.....	13
Wrong track	12
No change/stagnant	6
Disaster/hard times	5
Declining economy/jobs	4
Bankruptcy/increased debt/spending	4
Parties undermining each other/no compromise	3
Concerned	3
Obamacare will have negative consequences.....	3
Nervous	2
Disappointed.....	2
Worried.....	1
Trouble	1
Going nowhere while Obama is in office	1
Civil unrest/divided	1
Politicians are out for themselves/need to be replaced ...	1
Neutral/Mixed words and phrases	7
Uncertain	4
Okay	2
Neutral (General)	1
Other	2
None/ NA	1
Don't know.....	4
Refused	-

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

SUMMARY OF POSITIVE, NEGATIVE, AND NEUTRAL RESPONSES

	<u>1/14</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>1/11</u>
Positive words and phrases	27	33	32	35
Negative words and phrases.....	62	58	46	47
Neutral words and phrases	7	4	8	13

JANUARY 2013	
Positive words and phrases	33
Improving/right direction.....	20
Hopeful	10
Economy improving.....	3
Good leadership.....	1
Negative words and phrases	58
Downhill	16
Wrong track.....	12
Economy declining/in recession	5
Cautious/concerned	5
Debt	4
Bogged down by politics/government.....	3
Uncertainty.....	3
Nothing is changing.....	2
Infighting	2
In need of more jobs	2
Moving towards Communism	2
Fiscal cliff	2
We're not addressing our problems.....	1
Bankruptcy	1
Healthcare is threatened	1
Disappointed	1
China/outsourcing	1
Neutral/Mixed words and phrases	4
Facing bigger challenges ahead	2
Same	2
Other	3
Don't know/refused	3

JANUARY 2012	
Positive words and phrases	32
Improving/right direction.....	23
Hopeful	7
Economy improving	2
Negative words and phrases	46
Wrong track	23
Uncertainty	7
Economy declining.....	5
Cautious	3
Facing bigger challenges ahead	2
Change.....	2
Debt.....	1
Bogged down by politics/government	1
Create jobs	1
Infighting	1
Neutral/Mixed words and phrases	8
Same	4
Things are fine the way they are	1
Election outcome/depends on election.....	1
Corporate/globalization.....	1
Major turning point.....	1
Other	8
Don't know/refused	5

JANUARY 2011	
Positive words and phrases	35
Hopeful/optimistic/positive.....	14
Right direction.....	12
Improving/seeing progress.....	3
Slowly improving/it's going to take time to see change.....	3
Cautiously optimistic	2
Economy is improving	1
Negative words and phrases	47
Wrong direction.....	11
Downhill	9
Uncertain	6
Bad/negative.....	4
National debt/recession	4
Bankrupt	2
Disaster	2
Economic uncertainty/economy not improving	2
Unemployment/not enough jobs	2
Difficult/challenging	2
Scary/worried.....	2
Concerned	1
Neutral/Mixed words and phrases	13
Same/don't see things changing much.....	7
We need help/need a lot of work/change	3
Politicians need to work together to get things done	3
Other (VOL)	4
Don't know/refused (VOL)	1

Q8 And, which one or two of the following words would you say best describes the state of our nation today?

RESPONSES RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENT

Divided.....	37
Troubled	23
Deteriorating	21
Recovering	19
Broken	14
Hopeful	13
Strong.....	3
None of these (VOL)	-
Other (VOL)	-
Not sure	-

Now, thinking about this November's elections...

Q9 What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>1/14+</u>	<u>12/13+</u>	<u>10/25- 28/13+</u>	<u>10/7- 9/13+</u>	<u>9/13+</u>	<u>7/13+</u>	<u>6/13+</u>	<u>10/12+</u>		
Republican-controlled Congress	43	44	41	39	43	44	42	43		
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	45	42	45	47	46	44	45	45		
Not sure.....	12	14	14	14	11	12	13	12		
	<u>9/26- 30/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12+</u>	<u>5/12+</u>	<u>4/12+</u>	<u>3/12+</u>	<u>1/12+</u>	<u>12/11+</u>	
	43	42	45	44	43	44	41	41	43	
	47	47	46	45	44	46	46	47	45	
	10	11	9	11	13	10	13	12	12	
	<u>11/11+</u>	<u>10/11+</u>	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>10/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10+</u>	<u>8/5- 9/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/20- 23/10+</u>
	43	41	47	44	44	44	43	42	45	44
	46	45	41	44	46	44	43	43	43	43
	11	14	12	12	10	12	14	15	12	13
	<u>5/6- 11/10+</u>	<u>3/10+</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10+</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08+</u>
	44	42	42	41	41	38	40	39	39	36
	44	45	44	41	43	46	43	46	48	48
	12	13	14	18	16	16	17	15	13	16
	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>
	36	37	36	36	33	34	35	37	35	37
	49	50	47	49	52	49	49	46	47	52
	15	13	17	15	15	17	16	17	18	11
	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>
	39	38	38	39	37	38	38	37	39	40
	48	48	49	45	50	47	46	48	48	45
	13	14	13	16	13	15	16	15	13	15
	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>
	40	43	42	42	41	42	42	42	43	42
	47	44	46	44	44	45	43	42	42	42
	13	13	12	14	15	13	15	16	15	16
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>
	43	42	44	42	40	39	39	42	41	37
	41	41	40	40	44	41	43	41	40	43
	16	17	16	18	16	20	18	17	19	20
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
	41	40	41	39	41	40	41	41	45	44
	43	39	40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
	16	21	19	21	22	18	22	20	16	18

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now, moving on...

Q10 Which of the following best describes how you feel about how Barack Obama will do during the rest of his second term (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP) -- optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>1/14</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>1/13</u> ¹	<u>12/12</u> ²	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>9/12+</u>	<u>4/12+</u>	<u>8/11+</u>
Optimistic and confident	16	17	24	30	27	23	20	23
Satisfied and hopeful	24	27	27	23	23	27	29	23
Uncertain and wondering	26	22	21	17	13	11	16	14
Pessimistic and worried	33	34	27	30	37	39	34	40
Not sure	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-

¹ In January 2013, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about Barack Obama will do during his second term..."

² Prior December 2012, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about Barack Obama being reelected as president..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q11 Compared to when Barack Obama became President—do you think that the country is (ROTATE) – better off, worse off – or in about the same place?

	<u>1/14</u>	<u>9/26- 30/12+</u>	<u>9/12- 16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>8/10</u>
Better off	31	37	38	31	31
Worse off	39	40	41	42	40
Same place	29	23	21	27	28
Not sure	1	-	-	-	1

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q12 Would you say President Obama does or does not have a clear agenda on what he is proposing to do on major issues facing the country? **

Does have a clear agenda	51
Does not have a clear agenda	43
Mixed (VOL)	2
Not sure	4

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, thinking about something slightly different...

Q13 As President Obama prepares to deliver his State of the Union address, there are many important issues facing the country. I'm going to list some of these issues. Recognizing that all these issues may be important but that not every single one can be a top priority for the President and Congress, for each one please tell me whether you think it should be an absolute priority for the Obama administration and THIS year's Congress, it is something that can be delayed until next year, or something that you think the Obama administration and Congress should not pursue.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ABSOLUTE PRIORITY FOR THIS YEAR

	Absolute Priority For This Year	Can Be Delayed Until Next Year	Should Not Be Pursued	Not Sure
Creating jobs*	91	4	4	-
Reducing the federal budget deficit				
January 2014**	74	21	3	2
January 2006	66	26	4	4
Ensuring all children have access to pre-school education**	63	22	14	1
Addressing Iran's nuclear program				
January 2014**	60	23	12	5
January 2006	64	22	11	3
Closing corporate tax loopholes*	59	30	8	3
Withdrawing almost all combat troops from Afghanistan*	57	30	10	3
Reforming Social Security and Medicare	56	26	16	2
Fix and keep the new health care law	54	15	27	4
Increasing the minimum wage**	51	30	18	1
Using federal aid dollars to encourage colleges to offer affordable tuition*	49	32	19	-
Reforming the nation's intelligence system so there is greater oversight and limits placed upon what type of information can be collected in this country*	49	36	13	2
Reducing income inequality between the rich and poor	45	26	27	2
Passing new immigration legislation				
January 2014	39	42	17	2
January 2006	47	41	9	3
Enacting pension and entitlement reform				
January 2014**	38	44	12	6
January 2006	43	47	7	3
Addressing the issue of climate change**	27	41	29	3

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, thinking about just one of these issues...

Q14 When it comes to reducing income inequality between the rich and poor do you want to see the government (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP) -- more involved than it currently is, as involved as it currently is, less involved than it currently is, or not involved at all -- in this issue?

Government more involved	37
As involved as is	14
Government less involved	21
Not involved	25
Not sure	3

Now, switching topics...

Q15a Do you think President Obama (ROTATE) -- will be too inflexible in dealing with Republicans in Congress, will be too quick to give in to Republicans in Congress, -- or will he strike the right balance in dealing with Republicans in Congress?

	<i>Barack Obama/ Republican Congress</i>		<i>George Bush/ Democratic Congress</i>	<i>Bill Clinton/ Republican Congress</i>
	<u>1/14*</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/07¹</u>	<u>1/95²</u>
Too inflexible	39	26	50	17
Too quick to give in	13	15	7	20
Right balance	41	55	37	55
Not sure.....	7	4	6	8

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In January 2007, the question was stated "Do you think President Bush will be too inflexible in dealing with the Democratic Congress, will be too quick to give in to the Democratic Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with the Democratic Congress?"

² In January 1995, the question was stated "Do you think President Clinton will be too inflexible in dealing with the Republican Congress, will be too quick to give in to the Republican Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with the Republican Congress?"

Q15b Do you think Republicans in Congress (ROTATE) -- will be too inflexible in dealing with President Obama, will be too quick to give in to President Obama, -- or will they strike the right balance in dealing with President Obama?

	<i>Republican Congress/ Barack Obama</i>			<i>Democratic Congress/ George Bush</i>	<i>Republican Congress/ Bill Clinton</i>
	<u>1/14**</u>	<u>7/13¹</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/07²</u>	<u>1/95³</u>
Too inflexible	51	56	55	38	47
Too quick to give in	17	18	8	8	4
Right balance	25	19	32	48	43
Not sure.....	7	7	5	6	6

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ In July 2013, the question was stated "Do you think Republicans in Congress are too inflexible in dealing with President Obama, are too quick to give in to President Obama, or are they strike striking the right balance in dealing with President Obama?"

² In January 2007, the question was stated "Do you think the Democratic Congress will be too inflexible in dealing with President Bush, will be too quick to give in to the Democratic Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with President Bush?"

³ In January 1995, the question was stated "Do you think the Democratic Congress will be too inflexible in dealing with the President Clinton, will be too quick to give in to the Republican Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with President Clinton?"

Now, turning to the economy...

Q16 How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today -- are you (ROTATE TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP) very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

						5/6-				High	Low
	<u>1/14</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>10/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>		<u>9/98</u>	<u>2/09</u>
Very satisfied.....	2	4	3	3	2	2	1	2		31	1
Somewhat satisfied	26	32	24	17	16	17	15	17		55	6
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	37	35	32	31	34	36	33	31		10	22
Very dissatisfied	34	29	40	48	48	45	50	49		3	70
Not sure.....	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1		1	1
		<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	
		2	2	1	2	1	2	2	5	10	
		21	11	11	16	6	8	12	27	33	
		35	31	33	30	22	25	28	28	32	
		41	56	54	52	70	65	58	40	25	
		1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
		6	3	4	2	4	6	4	5	18	
		45	33	27	32	42	44	43	47	57	
		30	38	37	41	39	33	39	32	18	
		18	25	31	24	14	15	13	15	6	
		1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	
		29	23	26	27	31	18	13	10	13	
		52	53	54	55	55	52	52	51	45	
		12	17	13	12	10	20	23	27	27	
		6	7	6	5	3	8	10	10	13	
		1	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	
		<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
		9	7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	
		51	49	43	43	39	37	39	40	41	
		27	30	32	38	37	38	35	37	38	
		11	12	18	14	19	19	21	18	15	
		2	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q17 When it comes to your own financial situation today -- are you (ROTATE TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP) very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	<u>1/14</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 1/09</u>
Very satisfied.....	16	16	12	17	15	26	15
Somewhat satisfied	45	47	43	47	41	52	41
Somewhat dissatisfied	22	20	23	21	22	14	22
Very dissatisfied	17	17	22	14	22	7	22
Not sure.....	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
		<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>7/02</u>
		17	21	19	17	18	16
		42	46	50	44	40	47
		20	17	18	21	23	24
		21	16	13	17	19	13
		-	-	1	1	-	-
		<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>
		19	21	25	21	22	25
		50	50	51	53	50	51
		19	17	13	14	18	13
		12	11	10	11	10	10
		-	1	1	1	-	1
	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>
	26	20	19	16	17	16	13
	52	51	49	50	48	50	48
	14	16	17	20	20	21	24
	7	12	14	13	14	12	14
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now, thinking about something else for a moment....

Q18 I'm going to mention a number of groups of people and for each one, please tell me how well the economy works for that type of person. When it comes to (READ ITEM) -- does the economy work very well, fairly well, just somewhat well, not that well, or not well at all? (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY WELL

	TOTAL Very/Fairly Well	Very Well	Fairly Well	Somewhat Well	Not That Well	Not Well at All	Not Sure
The wealthy **	81	68	13	10	3	3	3
Men	53	19	34	31	8	3	5
You and your family	37	10	27	40	13	9	1
Women	33	8	25	39	18	7	3
The middle class	22	4	18	37	24	16	1
Those living in poverty * ...	13	5	8	13	24	48	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now as you may know, Barack Obama's health care plan was passed by Congress and signed into law in 2010...

Q19 From what you have heard about the new health care law, do you think it is (ROTATE) – a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so. (If Good idea/Bad idea, ask:) And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

	<u>1/14</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>10/25- 28/13</u>	<u>10/7- 9/13</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>
Total Good idea.....	34	34	37	38	31	34	37
Strongly	27	27	28	31	24	26	28
Not so strongly	7	7	9	7	7	8	9
Total Bad idea	48	50	47	43	44	47	49
Not so strongly	6	7	4	5	6	6	6
Strongly	42	43	43	38	38	41	43
Do not have an opinion ..	17	16	14	17	24	18	13
Not sure	1	-	2	2	1	1	1

	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>4/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/6- 10/10</u> ¹
Total Good idea.....	40	35	36	34	39	36	38	38
Strongly	31	25	27	23	29	25	28	28
Not so strongly	9	10	9	11	10	11	10	10
Total Bad idea	44	41	45	41	39	46	46	44
Not so strongly	5	6	6	8	5	5	7	6
Strongly	39	35	39	33	34	41	39	38
Do not have an opinion ..	15	22	17	24	21	16	15	17
Not sure	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1

	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>
Good idea.....	36	31	33	32	38	39	36	36	33	33
Bad idea	48	46	46	47	42	41	42	42	32	26
Do not have an opinion ..	15	22	18	17	16	17	17	17	30	34
Not sure	1	1	3	4	4	3	5	5	5	7

¹ Prior to May 2010, the question did not ask "And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now, thinking about another topic...

Q20 If a law passed in your state that allowed adults to purchase small quantities of marijuana for their own personal use from regulated, state-licensed businesses would you (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP) -- actively support such a law, be in favor but not actively support it, be opposed to it but not actively try to have it overturned, or be opposed to such a law and actively work to overturn it?

Actively support	24
Favor but not actively support it.....	31
Opposed but not actively try to have it overturned.....	24
Opposed and actively work to overturn it.....	19
Not sure	2

And, switching topics again...

Q21 Have you seen or heard a lot, some, or nothing at all about New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's staff being involved in creating traffic jams around the busy George Washington Bridge for political reasons?

	1/22- 25/14	1/12- 14/14 ¹
A lot	48	39
Some	31	32
Nothing at all	20	30
Not sure	1	-

¹ Trend data from a January 12-14, 2014 survey conducted by NBC News/Marist

Q22 Governor Christie has said he had nothing to do with creating these traffic jams around the bridge and that it was the poor judgment of staff whom he has fired. Do you think Governor Christie is (ROTATE) -- mostly telling the truth or mostly not telling the truth?

	1/22- 25/14	1/12- 14/14 ¹
Mostly telling the truth.....	42	44
Mostly not telling the truth.....	44	33
Not sure	14	23

¹ Trend data from a January 12-14, 2014 survey conducted by NBC News/Marist

Now, thinking about something else...

QX1 When it comes to Edward Snowden, the former government contractor who released information about how government agencies collect intelligence data to media outlets, do you support or oppose what he did? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.^

Support what Snowden did.....	23
Oppose what Snowden did.....	37
Do not have opinion.....	39
Not sure	1

^ Asked of 517 respondents 1/23-1/25

Q23-Q26 Held for later release

I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote [LANDLINE: at this address; CELL: in (state from Q1x)]?

Registered.....	84
Not registered.....	16
Not sure.....	-

QF1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, or someone else?+

Total Yes, Voted	
Voted for Barack Obama	44
Voted for Mitt Romney	33
Voted for someone else.....	7
Not sure	5
No, Did Not Vote.....	11
Not sure	-
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.	

QF2 Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?(RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a stay-at-home mom or dad, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>	60
Professional, manager	24
White-collar worker	20
Blue-collar worker	16
Farmer, rancher	-
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>	39
Student	5
Stay at home mom/dad.....	5
Retired	23
Unemployed, looking for work.....	6
Other.....	-
Not sure	1

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	1
Some high school	6
High school graduate	23
Some college, no degree.....	19
Vocational training/2-year college	12
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	22
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11
Doctoral/law degree	4
Not sure/refused	-

QF4a Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	18
Not very strong Democrat	11
Independent/lean Democrat	12
Strictly Independent.....	20
Independent/lean Republican.....	15
Not very strong Republican	7
Strong Republican.....	12
Other (VOL).....	3
Not sure.....	2

Now, thinking about something else...

QF4b Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	<u>1/14+</u>	<u>12/13+</u>	<u>10/25- 28/13+</u>	<u>10/7- 9/13+</u>	<u>9/13+</u>	<u>7/13+</u>
Yes	24	24	22	20	21	21
No	65	67	70	70	67	67
Depends (VOL)	3	2	3	2	3	3
Not sure	8	7	5	8	9	9

	<u>6/13+</u>	<u>2/13+</u>	<u>1/13+</u>	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>9/26- 30/12+</u>
	24	20	23	24	25
	65	64	63	64	66
	3	4	4	3	2
	8	12	10	9	7

	<u>9/12- 16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12+</u>	<u>5/12+</u>
	22	26	25	24	30
	65	63	65	64	60
	4	3	2	3	2
	9	8	7	9	8

	<u>4/12+</u>	<u>3/12+</u>	<u>1/12+</u>	<u>12/11+</u>	<u>11/11+</u>
	25	28	27	27	25
	64	63	66	65	69
	2	2	2	3	2
	9	7	5	5	4

	<u>10/11+</u>	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>5/11+</u>	<u>4/11+</u>	<u>2/11+</u>
	26	27	26	26	25	29
	64	62	63	62	67	61
	3	4	3	2	3	3
	7	7	8	10	5	7

	<u>1/11+</u>	<u>12/10+</u>	<u>11/10+</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>
	27	29	30	28	30	28
	62	61	59	61	59	61
	3	3	4	3	2	3
	8	7	7	8	10	8

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

QF5 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	10
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate.....	37
Somewhat conservative.....	20
Very conservative	15
Not sure	2

QF6 If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	6
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	9
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	8
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	8
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	10
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	12
More than \$100,000	22
Not sure/refused	7