

**RESURGENT REPUBLIC
NATIONAL SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS
FUNDAMENTALS OF THE 2012 ELECTION**

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Hello, this is _____ with North Star Opinion Research, a national public opinion research company. We're talking with people in your area today about some issues facing the country. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).

FOR CELL PHONE SAMPLE:

CELL 1. Have I reached you on a cell phone?

YES GO TO QUESTION CELL 2
NO THANK AND TERMINATE

CELL 2. Are you in a place right now where you can safely take the survey?

YES GO TO QUESTION A
NO SCHEDULE CALLBACK
NOT WILLING TO TAKE SURVEY THANK AND TERMINATE
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED SCHEDULE CALLBACK OR TERM

A. Are you registered to vote in the county in which you live?

YES GO TO QUESTION C
NO GO TO QUESTION B

B. Is there anyone else in your household who is registered to vote in your county?

YES May I speak with that person please? GO TO INTRO
NO THANK AND CLOSE

C. How likely would you say you are to vote in the elections for President and Congress this year: absolutely certain, very likely, somewhat likely, or not too likely?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN	74%	76%	70%	77%	76%
VERY LIKELY	21%	20%	21%	20%	19%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	5%	4%	9%	3%	5%

Political Environment and Role of Government

1. Would you say that America today is or is not moving forward?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
IS MOVING FORWARD.....	39%	9%	35%	65%	40%
IS NOT MOVING FORWARD	54%	86%	58%	27%	54%
DON'T KNOW	7%	5%	7%	8%	6%

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2. Which of the following types of issues are most likely to affect your vote for President and Congress this year (ROTATE: economic issues like jobs and unemployment; fiscal issues like taxes, spending, deficits, and debt; social issues like abortion and gay marriage; or national security issues like terrorism and Afghanistan)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
ECONOMIC ISSUES	53%	49%	56%	56%	53%
FISCAL ISSUES.....	23%	31%	23%	17%	20%
SOCIAL ISSUES	12%	12%	10%	14%	13%
NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES	5%	4%	6%	6%	6%
NONE/OTHER/DON'T KNOW.....	6%	4%	5%	7%	8%

I would like to read several aspects of life in America today. Compared to January 2009 when President Obama took office, would you say each one is better than it was, worse than it was, or about the same as it was then (RANDOMIZE):

		BETTER	WORSE	ABOUT THE SAME	DON'T KNOW
3. America's economy	ALL	26%	51%	21%	1%
	REP	3%	88%	9%	0%
	IND	21%	56%	21%	2%
	DEM	49%	19%	31%	1%
	BAT	29%	48%	22%	1%
4. The federal government's financial situation	ALL	14%	57%	26%	3%
	REP	1%	90%	8%	1%
	IND	8%	65%	24%	3%
	DEM	30%	26%	41%	4%
	BAT	16%	53%	26%	4%
5. Your own financial situation	ALL	25%	30%	44%	1%
	REP	12%	45%	42%	1%
	IND	23%	34%	42%	1%
	DEM	38%	15%	45%	1%
	BAT	28%	28%	43%	1%
6. The federal government's ability to solve problems	ALL	16%	54%	28%	2%
	REP	2%	84%	13%	1%
	IND	8%	59%	31%	2%
	DEM	33%	27%	37%	4%
	BAT	17%	52%	29%	2%
7. America's standing in the world	ALL	26%	44%	28%	2%
	REP	3%	77%	20%	0%
	IND	21%	50%	27%	2%
	DEM	50%	14%	34%	3%
	BAT	28%	41%	28%	4%
8. America's safety from terrorists	ALL	39%	20%	38%	3%
	REP	10%	45%	43%	2%
	IND	35%	16%	44%	4%
	DEM	67%	5%	26%	2%
	BAT	41%	23%	35%	2%

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9. Would you say that our country currently is or is not in a recession?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
IS IN RECESSION	68%	85%	69%	54%	67%
IS NOT IN RECESSION	26%	11%	26%	40%	27%
DON'T KNOW	6%	4%	5%	7%	6%

10. Which of the following statements about fairness comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a. Fairness is making sure the wealthy pay their fair share by increasing their taxes, eliminating loopholes, and giving up special deductions.
- b. Fairness is making sure everyone pays their fair share, and no one gets bailouts, preferential treatment, or special favors from political cronies.

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MAKE WEALTHY PAY FAIR SHARE	34%	24%	32%	46%	36%
EVERYONE PAYS FAIR SHARE.....	58%	67%	58%	49%	56%
DON'T KNOW	8%	9%	9%	5%	9%

11. Which of the following statements about the role of government comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a. Government policies should promote fairness by narrowing the gap between rich and poor, making the rich pay their fair share, and reducing income inequality.
- b. Government policies should promote opportunity by fostering job growth, encouraging entrepreneurs, and allowing hardworking people to keep more of what they earn.

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
PROMOTE FAIRNESS	36%	17%	34%	52%	36%
PROMOTE OPPORTUNITY.....	58%	77%	61%	40%	58%
DON'T KNOW	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%

12. On a scale of one to ten, with one being "not at all enthusiastic" and ten being "extremely enthusiastic," how enthusiastic are you about voting in the Presidential election this November?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
ONE	5%	3%	10%	3%	4%
TWO.....	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
THREE.....	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%
FOUR.....	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
FIVE.....	7%	4%	13%	4%	7%
SIX.....	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%
SEVEN.....	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%
EIGHT.....	12%	14%	11%	12%	11%
NINE.....	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%
TEN.....	51%	59%	36%	58%	58%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Name IDs

I would like to read you a list of names of people and groups and have you tell me, for each one, whether you've heard of that person or group and, if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them. If you haven't heard of the person or group, just say so (RANDOMIZE):

IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Would that be very (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) or just somewhat (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE)?

		<i>VERY FAV</i>	<i>SMWHT FAV</i>	<i>SMWHT UNFAV</i>	<i>VERY UNFAV</i>	<i>NO OPINION</i>	<i>NEVER HEARD OF</i>
13. Joe Biden	ALL	20%	22%	17%	30%	7%	4%
	REP	2%	7%	21%	59%	7%	3%
	IND	9%	24%	25%	31%	8%	3%
	DEM	45%	32%	7%	6%	6%	4%
	BAT	22%	21%	16%	29%	7%	5%
	ALL	42%			47%		
	REP	9%			80%		
	IND	33%			56%		
	DEM	77%			13%		
	BAT	43%			45%		
14. Barack Obama	ALL	33%	15%	13%	36%	3%	0%
	REP	2%	5%	17%	75%	1%	0%
	IND	18%	21%	19%	36%	6%	0%
	DEM	71%	20%	4%	4%	1%	0%
	BAT	36%	14%	13%	34%	3%	0%
	ALL	48%			49%		
	REP	7%			92%		
	IND	39%			55%		
	DEM	91%			8%		
	BAT	50%			47%		
15. Mitt Romney	ALL	20%	24%	16%	34%	6%	1%
	REP	49%	39%	5%	4%	3%	0%
	IND	13%	32%	18%	28%	8%	0%
	DEM	2%	7%	22%	63%	4%	2%
	BAT	22%	23%	15%	35%	4%	1%
	ALL	44%			50%		
	REP	88%			9%		
	IND	45%			46%		
	DEM	9%			85%		
	BAT	45%			50%		

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		<i>VERY FAV</i>	<i>SMWHT FAV</i>	<i>SMWHT UNFAV</i>	<i>VERY UNFAV</i>	<i>NO OPINION</i>	<i>NEVER HEARD OF</i>
16. Paul Ryan	ALL	23%	16%	12%	23%	13%	13%
	REP	53%	22%	4%	2%	10%	10%
	IND	19%	21%	11%	17%	16%	16%
	DEM	3%	6%	21%	46%	11%	12%
	BAT	25%	13%	12%	26%	12%	12%
	ALL	39%			35%		
	REP	75%			6%		
	IND	40%			28%		
	DEM	9%			67%		
	BAT	38%			38%		
	17. Republicans in Congress	ALL	11%	25%	21%	32%	10%
REP		27%	50%	12%	5%	6%	0%
IND		6%	27%	24%	24%	16%	2%
DEM		2%	4%	25%	61%	6%	2%
BAT		12%	24%	21%	35%	8%	1%
ALL		36%			53%		
REP		77%			17%		
IND		33%			48%		
DEM		6%			86%		
BAT		36%			56%		
18. Democrats in Congress		ALL	17%	25%	20%	28%	9%
	REP	1%	6%	29%	56%	6%	1%
	IND	5%	23%	24%	31%	15%	2%
	DEM	40%	41%	9%	4%	5%	1%
	BAT	18%	25%	19%	28%	9%	1%
	ALL	42%			48%		
	REP	7%			85%		
	IND	28%			55%		
	DEM	81%			13%		
	BAT	43%			47%		

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President Obama's Image and the 2012 Election

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY APPROVE	29%	3%	15%	62%	29%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	20%	5%	26%	27%	22%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	11%	13%	16%	5%	8%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE.....	38%	77%	41%	5%	38%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
APPROVE	49%	8%	41%	89%	51%
DISAPPROVE	49%	90%	57%	10%	46%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY APPROVE	24%	3%	11%	53%	26%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	22%	4%	26%	34%	23%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	9%	10%	13%	6%	8%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE.....	42%	82%	47%	5%	40%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%
APPROVE	46%	7%	37%	87%	49%
DISAPPROVE	51%	92%	60%	11%	48%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%

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21. If the election for President were being held today and the candidates for President and Vice President are (ROTATE: Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republicans, and Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats), for which candidates would you vote?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
IF ROMNEY/RYAN OR OBAMA/BIDEN, ASK: Would that be definitely (Romney-Ryan/Obama-Biden), or just probably (Romney-Ryan/Obama-Biden)?	DEFROMNEY/RYAN..... 38%	86%	34%	3%	37%
	PROB ROMNEY/RYAN..... 6%	6%	8%	3%	7%
	LEAN ROMNEY/RYAN..... 1%	1%	3%	0%	1%
	DEF OBAMA/BIDEN..... 39%	3%	26%	81%	41%
	PROB OBAMA/BIDEN..... 6%	2%	9%	8%	6%
IF REFUSED OR UNDECIDED, ASK: Which way do you lean as of today, toward (ROMNEY: Romney-Ryan or Obama-Biden)?	LEAN OBAMA/BIDEN..... 1%	0%	2%	1%	1%
	ANOTHER CAND(VOL)..... 1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	UNDECIDED..... 7%	3%	15%	3%	6%
	REFUSED..... 1%	0%	2%	1%	1%
	ROMNEY/RYAN..... 45%	93%	45%	6%	45%
	OBAMA/BIDEN..... 46%	5%	37%	90%	48%
	ANOTHER CAND..... 1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	UNDECIDED..... 7%	3%	15%	3%	6%
	REFUSED..... 1%	0%	2%	1%	1%

22. Do you think Barack Obama deserves reelection as President, or do you think it is time to give someone else a chance?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
DESERVES REELECTION.....	44%	3%	35%	86%	48%
TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.....	51%	95%	57%	10%	47%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	5%	2%	8%	3%	5%

23. Overall, do you think Barack Obama is (ROTATE FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT: very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative) in his political beliefs?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
VERY LIBERAL.....	39%	73%	41%	12%	40%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL.....	23%	12%	23%	32%	27%
MODERATE.....	18%	5%	17%	31%	18%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE.....	8%	2%	10%	10%	5%
VERY CONSERVATIVE.....	4%	4%	2%	7%	3%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	8%	5%	8%	8%	8%

24. Overall, do you think Mitt Romney is (ROTATE FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT: very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative) in his political beliefs?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
VERY LIBERAL.....	4%	1%	4%	6%	4%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL.....	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%
MODERATE.....	15%	19%	19%	9%	13%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE.....	38%	54%	38%	26%	38%
VERY CONSERVATIVE.....	26%	18%	20%	38%	29%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	12%	4%	13%	16%	12%

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25. If the 2012 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the (ROTATE: Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	40%	87%	38%	3%	41%
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	44%	3%	31%	91%	46%
DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES (VOL.).....	6%	5%	11%	3%	4%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	10%	5%	21%	3%	9%

Health Care Reform

26. Overall, do you support or oppose the health care reform law that passed in 2010?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) or just somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY SUPPORT	27%	3%	14%	57%	28%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	16%	5%	20%	22%	15%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	10%	13%	13%	6%	10%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	37%	72%	41%	5%	36%
DON'T KNOW	10%	7%	13%	10%	11%
SUPPORT	43%	8%	34%	79%	43%
OPPOSE	47%	85%	54%	11%	46%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	10%	7%	13%	10%	11%

27. Since the health care reform law was passed in 2010, have your health care costs gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
GONE UP	39%	58%	45%	18%	36%
GONE DOWN	5%	3%	2%	10%	8%
STAYED THE SAME	51%	35%	47%	66%	51%
DON'T KNOW	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%

28. Do you think the health care reform law will help the economy, hurt the economy, or have no effect on the economy?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
HELP	25%	5%	18%	49%	27%
HURT	45%	82%	49%	12%	43%
NO EFFECT	19%	7%	21%	28%	19%
DON'T KNOW	10%	5%	12%	11%	11%

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I would like to read you a pair of statements about Medicare reform and have you tell me which one you agree with more. *IF ANSWERED, ASK*: Do you strongly agree with that statement or somewhat agree with that statement?

<i>STRONG</i>	<i>SMWHT</i>	<i>NOT SURE/</i>	<i>SMWHT</i>	<i>STRONG</i>
<i>AGREE</i>	<i>AGREE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>	<i>AGREE</i>	<i>AGREE</i>
<i>STM A</i>	<i>STM A</i>	<i>(VOL)</i>	<i>STM B</i>	<i>STM B</i>

Reforming Medicare

SPLIT SAMPLE

29a. Congressman A says we should not balance the budget on the backs of our seniors. We need to cut back federal spending, but Medicare should be off limits. Republican plans to privatize Medicare are a Trojan Horse that will end Medicare as we know it.	ALL	22%	18%	14%	30%	15%
	REP	10%	14%	12%	42%	23%
	IND	13%	21%	14%	37%	16%
	DEM	41%	21%	13%	16%	9%
	BAT	20%	19%	15%	27%	19%

Congressman B says Medicare will go broke if we do nothing because of all the retiring baby boomers. By giving people age 55 and under the choice of joining traditional Medicare or using Medicare dollars to buy a private health insurance plan, we can preserve and protect this important program for current recipients and future generations.		CONG A		CONG B
	ALL	40%		45%
	REP	24%		65%
	IND	34%		53%
	DEM	62%		25%
	BAT	39%		46%

29b. Congressman A says we should not balance the budget on the backs of our seniors. We need to cut back federal spending, but Medicare should be off limits. Republican plans to privatize Medicare are a Trojan Horse that will end Medicare as we know it.	ALL	19%	22%	19%	19%	21%
	REP	11%	15%	13%	22%	39%
	IND	15%	22%	23%	23%	16%
	DEM	29%	30%	18%	13%	10%
	BAT	18%	25%	18%	16%	23%

Congressman B says President Obama acknowledged three years ago that Medicare would go bankrupt if no changes were made. But since then he cut 700 billion dollars out of Medicare to fund his new health care law. Obama has made it more difficult to preserve and protect Medicare for current recipients and future generations.		CONG A		CONG B
	ALL	41%		40%
	REP	26%		61%
	IND	37%		39%
	DEM	59%		23%
	BAT	43%		39%

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Jobs and the Economy

30. Since President Obama took office, do you think government regulations have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
INCREASED	49%	71%	51%	30%	50%
DECREASED	7%	6%	6%	8%	7%
STAYED THE SAME	38%	19%	35%	57%	37%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	6%	4%	8%	5%	6%

31. Which possibility concerns you more: (ROTATE: that the federal government has too few regulations to hold private businesses accountable, or that the federal government has too many regulations that make it harder to create jobs)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
TOO FEW	33%	13%	26%	57%	36%
TOO MANY	57%	86%	60%	30%	52%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	10%	2%	14%	13%	12%

I would like to read you a pair of statements about economic policy and have you tell me which one you agree with more. *IF ANSWERED, ASK:* Do you strongly agree with that statement or somewhat agree with that statement?

<i>STRONG AGREE STM A</i>	<i>SMWHT AGREE STM A</i>	<i>NOT SURE/ DON'T KNOW (VOL)</i>	<i>SMWHT AGREE STM B</i>	<i>STRONG AGREE STM B</i>
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Obama's Economic Plan

32. Congressman A says that President Obama's economic plan is working and we need to stay the course.	ALL	25%	16%	4%	11%	45%
Unemployment is going down, more jobs are being created, we've taken steps to reduce the deficit, and economic conditions are improving for most of the country.	REP	3%	2%	2%	12%	82%
	IND	15%	16%	5%	15%	50%
	DEM	51%	28%	4%	6%	11%
	BAT	27%	15%	5%	10%	43%

Congressman B says that President Obama's economic plan is not working and we need to try something else.		CONG A			CONG B
Unemployment remains at record levels, job creation is poor, federal spending is out of control, and much of the country is still in recession.	ALL	41%			56%
	REP	5%			94%
	IND	31%			65%
	DEM	79%			17%
	BAT	42%			53%

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Government Taxes and Spending

33. Which do you think is a higher priority for the federal government right now (ROTATE: spending more to help the economy recover, or spending less to reduce the budget deficit)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
SPENDING MORE TO HELP ECONOMY	36%	18%	27%	58%	40%
SPENDING LESS TO REDUCE DEFICIT	57%	78%	63%	34%	53%
DON'T KNOW	7%	3%	10%	8%	7%

34. As you may know, federal law requires most individuals who receive welfare assistance from the federal government to work, search for work, or seek additional job training. Do you support or oppose that law?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) or just somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY SUPPORT	55%	56%	53%	56%	62%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	24%	21%	27%	25%	19%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	8%	11%	8%	5%	6%
DON'T KNOW	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%
 SUPPORT	 79%	 77%	 80%	 81%	 81%
OPPOSE	14%	18%	12%	13%	12%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%

35. If the federal government raises taxes, do you think the new revenue will go primarily to (ROTATE: more spending or reducing the deficit)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MORE SPENDING	62%	83%	69%	41%	59%
REDUCING DEFICIT	28%	13%	23%	45%	30%
DON'T KNOW	10%	4%	8%	14%	11%

36. If the federal government raises taxes, do you think it will effect (ROTATE: just the wealthy, or the wealthy and the middle class)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
JUST WEALTHY	18%	11%	12%	28%	18%
WEALTHY AND MIDDLE CLASS	72%	83%	79%	59%	73%
DON'T KNOW	10%	6%	9%	12%	9%

37. Some people have proposed cutting the corporate income tax rate from 35 to 25 percent, and eliminating business tax deductions and credits to offset the cost. Do you think that is a good idea or a bad idea?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
GOOD IDEA	40%	47%	46%	32%	41%
BAD IDEA	40%	33%	37%	49%	40%
DON'T KNOW	19%	20%	17%	18%	19%

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38. What do you think is the maximum percentage that the federal government should take in taxes from any family that makes more than \$250,000 per year (ROTATE FRONT TO BACK; BACK TO FRONT: ten percent, twenty percent, thirty percent, forty percent, fifty percent, sixty percent, or seventy percent or more)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
TEN.....	13%	17%	12%	10%	14%
TWENTY.....	22%	29%	23%	16%	21%
THIRTY.....	31%	27%	32%	33%	32%
FORTY.....	12%	10%	10%	15%	12%
FIFTY.....	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%
SIXTY.....	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
SEVENTY OR MORE.....	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	14%	11%	16%	15%	14%

I would like to read you a pair of statements about tax policy and have you tell me which one you agree with more. *IF ANSWERED, ASK:* Do you strongly agree with that statement or somewhat agree with that statement?

<i>STRONG AGREE STM A</i>	<i>SMWHT AGREE STM A</i>	<i>NOT SURE/ DON'T KNOW (VOL)</i>	<i>SMWHT AGREE STM B</i>	<i>STRONG AGREE STM B</i>
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Tax Increases on the Wealthy

39. Congressman A says we need to raise taxes on the wealthy. We must have more tax revenue if we are ever going to reduce the deficit and make the wealthy pay their fair share.	ALL	27%	10%	6%	16%	41%
	REP	7%	3%	2%	16%	73%
	IND	19%	10%	9%	19%	43%
	DEM	51%	15%	6%	15%	13%
	BAT	28%	11%	5%	16%	39%

	CONG A	CONG B
Congressman B says we will never tax our way out of the deficit. The way to reduce the deficit is to restrain government spending and reform our tax code to generate more economic growth.	ALL	57%
	REP	89%
	IND	62%
	DEM	28%
	BAT	55%

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Energy

I would like to read you a pair of statements about energy policy and have you tell me which one you agree with more. *IF ANSWERED, ASK:* Do you strongly agree with that statement or somewhat agree with that statement?

		<i>STRONG AGREE STM A</i>	<i>SMWHT AGREE STM A</i>	<i>NOT SURE/ DON'T KNOW (VOL)</i>	<i>SMWHT AGREE STM B</i>	<i>STRONG AGREE STM B</i>
Obama's Energy Plan						
40. Congressman A says President Obama's energy policies have been good for the country. He has increased domestic oil production, while steering the country toward greater reliance on renewable sources of energy like solar and wind to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.	ALL	28%	18%	7%	12%	35%
	REP	4%	4%	4%	19%	69%
	IND	19%	21%	12%	14%	35%
	DEM	56%	26%	5%	6%	7%
	BAT	29%	18%	8%	10%	35%
Congressman B says President Obama's energy policies have been bad for the country. They have caused gasoline prices to double since he became President, he blocked the Keystone pipeline, and he supported new regulations that make it more difficult and expensive to produce domestic energy like oil, natural gas, and clean coal.		CONG A		CONG B		
	ALL	46%		47%		
	REP	8%		88%		
	IND	40%		49%		
	DEM	82%		13%		
	BAT	47%		45%		

Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

41. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

		ALL	BAT
IF "REP" OR "DEM", ASK:			
Would you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	STRONG REP	25%	27%
	NOT-SO-STRONG REP	5%	5%
	IND LEAN REP	9%	7%
	IND/NO PREF	14%	12%
IF "IND," ASK:	IND LEAN DEM.....	7%	8%
Do you think of yourself as closer to the (ROTATE: Republican or Democratic Party)?	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM.....	6%	6%
	STRONG DEM.....	31%	33%
	REFUSED.....	4%	2%

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42. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
VERY CONSERVATIVE	19%	42%	10%	10%	18%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	26%	40%	31%	13%	24%
MODERATE	25%	12%	38%	24%	27%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	17%	3%	11%	33%	18%
VERY LIBERAL	9%	2%	5%	18%	10%
NO OPINION	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%

43. Would you please stop me when I read the last level of education you completed?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	16%	17%	10%	21%	14%
SOME COLLEGE	26%	27%	30%	21%	25%
COLLEGE GRAD	35%	42%	38%	29%	37%
GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL	20%	13%	19%	25%	20%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%

44. Are you married, single, divorced, or widowed?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MARRIED	63%	73%	62%	56%	64%
SINGLE	20%	13%	22%	23%	21%
DIVORCED	9%	6%	8%	10%	7%
WIDOWED	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%

45. Would you say the area where you live is urban, suburban, small town, or rural?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
URBAN	25%	18%	21%	34%	21%
SUBURBAN	31%	30%	33%	32%	34%
SMALL TOWN	22%	28%	21%	18%	26%
RURAL	18%	22%	20%	12%	14%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	4%	2%	4%	5%	5%

46. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
18 TO 24	5%	4%	7%	3%	4%
25 TO 29	8%	9%	9%	7%	10%
30 TO 39	21%	22%	25%	17%	20%
40 TO 49	22%	24%	24%	19%	23%
50 TO 64	27%	23%	22%	35%	26%
65 OR OLDER	17%	18%	13%	19%	18%

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47. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
\$25,000 OR LESS	13%	9%	14%	16%	13%
\$25,000 TO \$50,000	17%	19%	15%	18%	18%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	18%	14%	23%	18%	18%
\$75,000 TO \$100,000	17%	18%	13%	19%	18%
\$100,000 TO \$150,000	14%	16%	13%	12%	12%
\$150,000 TO \$250,000	4%	6%	4%	4%	7%
\$250,000 OR MORE.....	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%
REFUSED	13%	14%	14%	10%	12%

48. Is your religious background Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or something else? (IF SOMETHING ELSE OR UNCLEAR RESPONSE ASK: Is that a Christian religion or not?)

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
PROTESTANT	27%	39%	25%	20%	28%
CATHOLIC	27%	24%	26%	29%	26%
OTHER CHRISTIAN.....	18%	20%	16%	19%	18%
JEWISH	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN	11%	6%	14%	13%	9%
AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST.....	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
NONE.....	7%	5%	8%	7%	8%
DON'T KNOW (DNR)	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%
REFUSED (DNR).....	5%	3%	7%	4%	6%

49. Would you call yourself an evangelical Christian or not?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES	32%	42%	23%	30%	31%
NO	63%	53%	71%	68%	65%
DON'T KNOW (DNR)	4%	5%	6%	2%	4%
REFUSED (DNR).....	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Note: Results are based on 574 respondents.

50. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES/HISPANIC.....	9%	5%	9%	13%	6%
NO/WHITE	74%	91%	80%	57%	75%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	13%	2%	5%	28%	15%
NO/ASIAN.....	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
NO/OTHER	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%
REFUSED	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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51. Gender (from observation):

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MALE	46%	44%	55%	39%	46%
FEMALE.....	54%	56%	45%	61%	54%

52. Finally, in what state do you live?

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

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