

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,140 National Adults

This survey of 1,140 adults was conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014 by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with the McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. 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 ± 2.9 percentage points. There are 923 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.2 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		81%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	34%
	Republican	n/a	28%
	Independent	n/a	37%
	Other	n/a	1%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	21%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	14%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Just Independents	n/a	11%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	12%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	16%
	Other	n/a	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	7%
	Liberal	n/a	17%
	Moderate	n/a	35%
	Conservative	n/a	31%
	Very conservative	n/a	10%
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	21%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	36%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	64%
Gender	Men	49%	46%
	Women	51%	54%
Age	Under 45	44%	37%
	45 or older	56%	63%
Age	18 to 29	23%	17%
	30 to 44	21%	21%
	45 to 59	29%	32%
	60 or older	27%	30%
Race	White	67%	71%
	African American	11%	12%
	Latino	14%	12%
	Other	7%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	17%
	Midwest	22%	22%
	South	37%	38%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	49%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	51%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	58%
	College graduate	40%	42%
Marital Status	Married	46%	50%
	Not married	54%	50%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	61%
	Cell phone	45%	39%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=1140 MOE +/- 2.9 percentage points.

National Registered Voters: n=923 MOE +/- 3.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling race relations?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		44%	47%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	67%	23%	10%
	Republican	17%	77%	6%
	Independent	44%	45%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	79%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	71%	17%	12%
	Moderate	51%	40%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	26%	68%	6%
Region	Northeast	47%	41%	11%
	Midwest	46%	45%	9%
	South	46%	46%	8%
	West	33%	55%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	43%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	55%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	48%	13%
	College graduate	52%	43%	5%
Race	White	38%	54%	9%
	Non-white	57%	30%	13%
Age	Under 45	43%	41%	16%
	45 or older	43%	51%	6%
Gender	Men	37%	53%	10%
	Women	49%	41%	9%
Marital Status	Married	41%	55%	4%
	Not married	48%	37%	15%
Interview Type	Landline	45%	46%	9%
	Cell phone	42%	48%	10%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=495 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		National Adults				
		How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat blacks and whites equally: A great deal of confidence, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?				
		A great deal of confidence	A fair amount	Just some	Very little confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		41%	30%	11%	16%	3%
National Registered Voters		44%	29%	10%	16%	2%
Party Identification^	Democrat	33%	30%	13%	22%	2%
	Republican	59%	27%	5%	6%	3%
	Independent	40%	30%	11%	17%	1%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	27%	32%	15%	24%	2%
	Soft Democrats	36%	30%	13%	20%	1%
	Just Independents	39%	30%	11%	18%	3%
	Soft Republicans	54%	25%	8%	11%	3%
	Strong Republicans	63%	32%	3%	2%	1%
Tea Party Supporters^		54%	25%	8%	11%	1%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	60%	27%	6%	5%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	56%	28%	6%	8%	3%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	26%	29%	15%	28%	2%
	Moderate	43%	29%	11%	15%	2%
	Conservative-Very conservative	55%	27%	7%	10%	2%
Region	Northeast	37%	35%	8%	17%	3%
	Midwest	46%	25%	13%	15%	2%
	South	38%	32%	11%	16%	3%
	West	45%	27%	10%	15%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	30%	11%	21%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	29%	11%	12%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	28%	11%	16%	3%
	College graduate	40%	32%	10%	15%	3%
Race	White	49%	28%	10%	11%	2%
	African American	22%	28%	15%	35%	0%
	Latino	31%	32%	13%	21%	3%
Race	White	49%	28%	10%	11%	2%
	Non-white	25%	33%	14%	26%	3%
Age	18 to 29	32%	31%	14%	20%	3%
	30 to 44	39%	23%	16%	20%	2%
	45 to 59	45%	32%	8%	12%	2%
	60 or older	47%	31%	6%	12%	4%
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		National Adults				
		How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to gain the trust of local residents: A great deal of confidence, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?				
		A great deal of confidence	A fair amount	Just some	Very little confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		43%	31%	12%	13%	2%
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	Latino	35%	31%	15%	17%	2%
Race	White	50%	31%	11%	8%	1%
	Non-white	29%	33%	13%	23%	2%
Age	18 to 29	33%	35%	17%	14%	2%
	30 to 44	36%	31%	13%	19%	1%
	45 to 59	50%	29%	11%	9%	1%
	60 or older	49%	32%	7%	9%	3%
Age	Under 45	34%	33%	15%	16%	1%
	45 or older	49%	30%	9%	9%	2%
Gender	Men	42%	30%	11%	15%	2%
	Women	44%	32%	12%	11%	2%
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		National Adults				
		How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to protect you from violent crime: A great deal of confidence, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?				
		A great deal of confidence	A fair amount	Just some	Very little confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		45%	33%	9%	12%	1%
National Registered Voters		47%	32%	9%	11%	1%
Party Identification^	Democrat	41%	36%	9%	12%	2%
	Republican	56%	31%	9%	5%	0%
	Independent	46%	29%	10%	14%	0%
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	Soft Democrats	40%	40%	9%	10%	1%
	Just Independents	53%	16%	12%	18%	1%
	Soft Republicans	50%	28%	12%	10%	0%
	Strong Republicans	62%	29%	5%	4%	0%
Tea Party Supporters^		52%	26%	10%	12%	0%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	54%	28%	10%	8%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	54%	29%	10%	7%	0%
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	West	41%	36%	9%	12%	2%
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	\$50,000 or more	49%	34%	10%	7%	0%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	31%	10%	15%	1%
	College graduate	47%	35%	10%	7%	1%
Race	White	49%	32%	9%	9%	1%
	African American	30%	31%	12%	26%	1%
	Latino	36%	41%	9%	12%	1%
Race	White	49%	32%	9%	9%	1%
	Non-white	35%	35%	11%	17%	1%
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	30 to 44	37%	36%	12%	16%	0%
	45 to 59	52%	26%	10%	12%	0%
	60 or older	51%	32%	6%	9%	2%
Age	Under 45	36%	38%	11%	14%	1%
	45 or older	52%	29%	8%	10%	1%
Gender	Men	45%	31%	10%	14%	1%
	Women	45%	35%	9%	10%	1%
Marital Status	Married	52%	30%	9%	9%	1%
	Not married	39%	35%	10%	15%	1%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	30%	8%	11%	1%
	Cell phone	39%	36%	11%	13%	1%

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		National Adults			
		From what you know about the protests around the country over incidents like the police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri, do you think that the continued protests are mostly bringing attention to these issues in:			
		A positive way	A negative way	Or not really having any impact at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		21%	62%	12%	4%
National Registered Voters		21%	64%	12%	4%
Party Identification^	Democrat	34%	48%	15%	2%
	Republican	8%	80%	6%	6%
	Independent	19%	66%	12%	3%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	46%	36%	15%	2%
	Soft Democrats	25%	58%	14%	4%
	Just Independents	10%	67%	18%	5%
	Soft Republicans	12%	81%	6%	1%
	Strong Republicans	6%	79%	7%	9%
Tea Party Supporters^		14%	75%	7%	3%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	9%	83%	4%	4%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	10%	79%	8%	4%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	35%	53%	10%	2%
	Moderate	24%	59%	14%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	11%	74%	11%	4%
Region	Northeast	25%	60%	8%	7%
	Midwest	19%	62%	16%	3%
	South	20%	65%	11%	3%
	West	24%	59%	14%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	22%	58%	14%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	68%	10%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	18%	63%	14%	5%
	College graduate	25%	63%	10%	2%
Race	White	18%	68%	10%	4%
	African American	43%	35%	20%	2%
	Latino	19%	59%	18%	4%
Race	White	18%	68%	10%	4%
	Non-white	29%	50%	18%	3%
Age	18 to 29	22%	57%	16%	4%
	30 to 44	22%	59%	17%	2%
	45 to 59	18%	69%	9%	4%
	60 or older	22%	63%	10%	5%
Age	Under 45	22%	58%	16%	3%
	45 or older	20%	66%	10%	4%
Gender	Men	22%	60%	14%	4%
	Women	21%	64%	11%	4%
Marital Status	Married	20%	67%	11%	3%
	Not married	23%	59%	14%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	21%	64%	10%	6%
	Cell phone	23%	60%	15%	2%

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		National Adults		
		A grand jury did not bring criminal charges against a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri for shooting an unarmed black teenager. From what you know, do you think the federal government should or should not bring civil rights charges against the police officer?		
		Should	Should not	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		34%	57%	9%
National Registered Voters		31%	61%	8%
Party Identification^	Democrat	50%	40%	11%
	Republican	10%	84%	6%
	Independent	32%	62%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	59%	28%	13%
	Soft Democrats	43%	51%	6%
	Just Independents	30%	56%	14%
	Soft Republicans	13%	82%	5%
		8%	88%	5%
Tea Party Supporters^		20%	78%	2%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	7%	91%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	13%	80%	7%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	50%	40%	10%
	Moderate	31%	62%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	73%	7%
Region	Northeast	32%	59%	10%
	Midwest	32%	58%	10%
	South	34%	58%	8%
	West	39%	55%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	46%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	23%	70%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	53%	9%
	College graduate	29%	64%	7%
Race	White	23%	68%	9%
	African American	75%	14%	11%
	Latino	50%	44%	6%
Race	White	23%	68%	9%
	Non-white	56%	35%	8%
Age	18 to 29	52%	40%	8%
	30 to 44	39%	54%	7%
	45 to 59	25%	67%	8%
	60 or older	26%	64%	10%
Age	Under 45	46%	47%	7%
	45 or older	25%	66%	9%
Gender	Men	31%	62%	6%
	Women	37%	52%	11%
Marital Status	Married	22%	69%	8%
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	Cell phone	40%	53%	7%

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		National Adults		
		When the news of the grand jury's decision to not bring criminal charges against the police officer was announced, the teenager's stepfather addressed the crowd that had gathered using swear words. He has since apologized. Do you think he should or should not be charged with inciting the riots which followed?		
		Should	Should not	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		29%	64%	7%
National Registered Voters		31%	63%	6%
Party Identification^	Democrat	24%	70%	6%
	Republican	38%	54%	8%
	Independent	30%	66%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	22%	72%	6%
	Soft Democrats	24%	70%	6%
	Just Independents	29%	63%	8%
	Soft Republicans	38%	57%	5%
	Strong Republicans	40%	52%	9%
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National Adults			
A grand jury in New York City also did not bring criminal charges against a white police officer who used a choke hold in an arrest of a black man who died. Do you think these two grand jury decisions in Ferguson and New York City are just individual cases or a problem with the justice system when it comes to police officers and race.			
Problem with the justice system when it comes to police officers and race			
	Just individual cases		Unsure
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45 to 59	60%	35%	5%
60 or older	55%	35%	10%
Age Under 45	47%	49%	4%
45 or older	58%	35%	7%
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		National Adults		
		Overall, do you think it helps or hurts race relations in this country that the president of the United States is African American?		
		Helps	Hurts	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		43%	33%	24%
National Registered Voters		43%	34%	23%
Party Identification^	Democrat	46%	28%	26%
	Republican	35%	49%	16%
	Independent	46%	30%	24%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	53%	27%	20%
	Soft Democrats	48%	26%	26%
	Just Independents	38%	29%	33%
	Soft Republicans	38%	42%	20%
	Strong Republicans	33%	51%	16%
Tea Party Supporters^		31%	49%	19%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	27%	55%	18%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	41%	40%	19%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	51%	23%	26%
	Moderate	48%	31%	21%
	Conservative-Very conservative	34%	44%	22%
Region	Northeast	54%	28%	18%
	Midwest	43%	36%	21%
	South	40%	37%	23%
	West	39%	29%	32%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	33%	25%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	35%	18%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	35%	27%
	College graduate	50%	32%	19%
Race	White	44%	35%	21%
	African American	33%	42%	25%
	Latino	46%	25%	29%
Race	White	44%	35%	21%
	Non-white	42%	31%	27%
Age	18 to 29	49%	28%	23%
	30 to 44	40%	35%	24%
	45 to 59	44%	37%	20%
	60 or older	38%	33%	29%
Age	Under 45	45%	31%	24%
	45 or older	41%	35%	24%
Gender	Men	44%	34%	22%
	Women	42%	33%	26%
Marital Status	Married	40%	37%	24%
	Not married	46%	31%	23%
Interview Type	Landline	39%	36%	25%
	Cell phone	48%	30%	23%

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