



REASON-RUPE Public Opinion Survey

FALL 2011 TOPLINE RESULTS

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1. How would you rate the job performance of President Obama? Would you say you approve or disapprove of his performance?

Strongly Approve	24.3
Somewhat Approve	22.5
Somewhat Disapprove	14.4
Strongly Disapprove	33.6
Don't Know	5.2
Total	100.0
<i>Net Approve</i>	<i>46.8</i>
<i>Net Disapprove</i>	<i>48.0</i>

2. How would you rate the job performance of Congress? Would you say you approve or disapprove of Congress's job performance?

Strongly Approve	3.3
Somewhat Approve	10.7
Somewhat Disapprove	20.3
Strongly Disapprove	60.5
Don't Know	5.2
Total	100.0
<i>Net Approve</i>	<i>14.0</i>
<i>Net Disapprove</i>	<i>80.8</i>

27. If the Tea Party ran its own candidate against President Obama and the Republican nominee in the 2012 presidential election, would you consider voting for him or her?

Yes	36.7
No	49.0
Don't Know	14.3
Total	100.0

Nationwide telephone poll of both mobile and landline phones, 1200 adults, margin of error +/- 3%. Columns may not add up to 100% due to rounding error.

41. As you may know, President Obama has announced that he is running for re-election in 2012. Would you say you will definitely vote for him, you will consider voting for him, or you definitely will not vote for him?

Definitely Vote for Him	25.4
Consider Voting for Him	28.8
Definitely Not Vote for Him	42.0
Don't Know	3.7
Total	100.0

42. OPEN: If you could choose any American, who would you like to see run for president in 2012? (*top vote getters*)

President Obama	16.9
Hillary Clinton	6.2
Rick Perry	4.5
Mitt Romney	3.7
Sarah Palin	3.1
Ron Paul	2.3
Colin Powell	1.9
Mike Huckabee	1.4
Chris Christie	1.3
Donald Trump	1.3
Warren Buffet	1.3
Bill Clinton	1.1
Newt Gingrich	1.1
Michele Bachmann	1.0

43. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	91.3
No	8.5
Refused	0.3
Total	100.0

44. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

Republican	24.8
Democrat	31.1
Independent	38.0
Other	1.5
Don't Know/ Refused	4.6
Total	100.0

{If INDEPENDENT} 44a. Do you think of yourself as CLOSER to the Republican Party, Democratic Party, or some other party? {If SOME OTHER PARTY} Which party?

Closer to Republican Party	26.6
Closer to Democratic Party	32.4
Other	1.0
Neither	35.6
Don't Know/ Refused	4.4
Total	100.0

DERIVED: Party Identification with Leaners

1. Democrat	31.1
2. Leans Democrat	12.5
3. Pure Independent	13.5
4. Leans Republican	11.8
5. Republican	24.8
8. Don't Know	6.3
Total	100.0

45. {If 44: Republican OR 44: Independent AND 44a: Closer to Republican Party} If you were voting today in the 2012 Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you favor?

Mitt Romney	19.6
Rick Perry	18.2
Sarah Palin	11.8
Rudy Giuliani	8.3
Michele Bachmann	7.6
Ron Paul	7.3
Herman Cain	3.7
Newt Gingrich	3.3
Tim Pawlenty	1.7
Jon Huntsman	1.2
Rick Santorum	0.9
Gary Johnson	0.3
Undecided/ Don't Know/ Refused	16.1
Total	100.0

46. Would you consider voting for an independent or third party candidate for president in 2012?

Yes	52.9
No	25.0
Maybe	18.7
Don't Know/ Refused	3.5
Total	100.0

47. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose an independent or third party candidate who described him or herself as “conservative on economic issues” *and* “liberal on social issues”?

Support Strongly	17.6
Support Somewhat	29.9
Oppose Somewhat	12.1
Oppose Strongly	24.5
Don't Know	15.9
Total	100.0
<i>Net Support</i>	<i>47.5</i>
<i>Net Oppose</i>	<i>36.6</i>

I am going to read you two statements. After I read both statements, please tell me which comes closer to your own opinion. You might agree to some extent with both, but we want to know which one is closer to your own views:

48. Some people say that “people get ahead by their own hard work”; others say “that lucky breaks or help from other people are more important”. Which do you think is more important?

Hard Work	80.5
Luck/ Help from Other People	14.6
Don't Know	4.9
Total	100.0

49. Some people say that “people generally get rich at the expense of others”; others say “that wealth can grow so there’s enough for everyone”. Which better describes your own views?

Get Rich at Expense of Others	46.1
Wealth Can Grow/ Enough for Everyone	48.2
Don't Know	5.8
Total	100.0

50. If you had to choose only one of these two values to teach your kids, which would it be? “To work hard and be self-reliant”; OR, “to learn how to share with others”

Work Hard and Be Self-Reliant	63.4
Learn How to Share with Others	29.0
Don't Know/ Refused	7.7
Total	100.0

I am going to read you two statements. After I read both statements, please tell me which comes closer to your own opinion. You might agree to some extent with both, but we want to know which one is closer to your own views:

51. “The less government the better”; OR, “there are more things that government should be doing”.

Less Government the Better	47.6
More Things Government Should Be Doing	45.3
Don't Know	7.2
Total	100.0

52. “The government should be doing more to regulate businesses”; OR, “Too often, government regulation of businesses does more harm than good”.

Government to Do More to Regulate Businesses	38.0
Regulation of Businesses Does More Harm than Good	54.3
Don't Know	7.6
Total	100.0

53. “We need a strong government to handle today’s complex economic problems”; OR, “People would be better able to handle today’s problems within a free market with less government involvement”.

Strong Government to Handle Complex Economic Problems	48.0
Free Market with Less Government Involvement	45.9
Don't Know	6.1
Total	100.0

54. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view?

Should Promote Traditional Values	46.1
Should Not Promote Any Particular Set of Values	48.9
Don't Know	5.1
Total	100.0

55. Thinking about your overall political philosophy, would you describe yourself as...conservative, moderate, liberal, libertarian, progressive, or something else?

Conservative	30.8
Moderate	30.0
Liberal	14.6
Libertarian	3.8
Progressive	8.9
Other	1.3
Don't Know/ Refused	10.7
Total	100.0

DERIVED: Ideological Landscape Average
(from Role of Government Questions 51-54)

1. Liberal	27.6
2. Libertarian	24.1
3. Conservative	28.4
4. Communitarian	20.0
Total	100.0

56. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement or not?

Yes	28.0
No	62.7
Don't Know	9.3
Total	100.0

{If 56: NO} Did you ever consider yourself in the past to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	5.6
No	93.5
Don't Know	0.9
Total	100.0

DERIVED: Tea Party Supporter

1. TP Supporter	28.0
2. Past TP Supporter	3.5
3. Not TP Supporter	58.6
5. Don't Know	9.9
Total	100.0

57 GENDER

Male	48.0
Female	52.0
Total	100.0

58 AGE GROUP

18 to 29	16.7
30 to 44	29.2
45 to 54	20.8
55 to 64	20.8
65 or Older	12.5
Total	100.0

59 RACE/ETHNICITY

White	65.0
Black	13.0
Hispanic/ Latino	16.0
Asian	4.5
Native American	0.7
Other	0.8
Total	100.0

60 ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Less than \$25,000	14.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	18.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15.7
\$100,000 to \$199,999	15.0
\$200,000 or More	4.5
Don't Know/ Refused	11.4
Total	100.0

61 LEVEL OF EDUCATION

Less than High School Graduate	2.9
High School Graduate	20.9
Some College	30.4
College Graduate	25.4
Post Graduate	15.5
Refused	4.9
Total	100.0

62 EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Employed Full-Time	40.0
Employed Part-Time	8.1
Self-Employed	8.7
Homemaker	7.4
Retired	16.9
Student	4.6
Unemployed	9.7
Refused	4.6
Total	100.0

CENSUS REGION

Northeast	18.4
Midwest	22.1
South	36.4
West	23.1
Total	100.0

63 MARITAL STATUS

Married	56.2
Live with a Partner	2.0
Single	22.5
Divorced/ Separated	9.4
Widowed	4.8
Refused	5.1
Total	100.0

64 ARE YOU, OR IS ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY, A MEMBER OF A UNION?

Yes	21.4
No	74.1
Refused	4.6
Total	100.0

65 RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE

Protestant	41.6
Catholic	25.1
Jewish	1.6
Muslim	0.9
Other	5.4
No Religion	15.1
Refused	10.3
Total	100.0

66 HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES?

Once a Week or More	34.8
A Few Times a Month	15.9
A Few Times a Year	20.8
Never	18.3
Refused	10.2
Total	100.0

METHODOLOGY

Q3 FALL 2011 POLL

The Reason-Rupe Q3 2011 poll collected a nationally representative sample of 1200 respondents, aged 18 and older from all 50 states and the District of Columbia using live telephone interviews from August 9th-18th 2011. The margin of sampling error for this poll is ± 3 percent. The margin of error for the GOP presidential race numbers is $\pm 4.79\%$. Interviews were conducted with respondents using both landline (790) and mobile phones (410). Landline respondents were randomly selected within households based on the adult who had the most recent birthday. Sample was weighted by gender, age, ethnicity, and Census region, based on the most recent US Census data. The sampling frame included landline and mobile phone numbers generated using Random Digit Dialing (RDD) methods and randomly selected numbers from a directory-listed sample. Click [here](#) for full methodological details. NSON Opinion Strategy conducted the poll's fieldwork

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