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## Public Opinion Survey

# MARCH 2012 TOPLINE RESULTS

Nationwide telephone poll conducted March 10th-20th of both mobile and landline phones, 1200 adults, margin of error +/- 3%. Columns may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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### 1 GENDER

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Male   | 48%  |
| Female | 52%  |
| Total  | 100% |

### 2 REGION

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Northeast | 18%  |
| Midwest   | 22%  |
| South     | 36%  |
| West      | 23%  |
| Total     | 100% |

### 3 States, which of the following categories best describes your age?

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| 18 to 29    | 22%  |
| 30 to 44    | 26%  |
| 45 to 54    | 19%  |
| 55 to 64    | 16%  |
| 65 or Older | 17%  |
| Total       | 100% |

### 4 And again, for statistical purposes only, which of the following racial or ethnic groups best describes you?

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| White           | 65%  |
| Black           | 13%  |
| Hispanic        | 16%  |
| Asian           | 5%   |
| Native American | 1%   |
| Other           | 1%   |
| Total           | 100% |

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

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Strongly Approve      | 26%        |
| Somewhat Approve      | 22%        |
| Somewhat Disapprove   | 12%        |
| Strongly Disapprove   | 34%        |
| Don't Know/Refused    | 5%         |
| Total                 | 100%       |
| <i>Net Approve</i>    | <i>48%</i> |
| <i>Net Disapprove</i> | <i>46%</i> |

6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the economy?

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Strongly Approve      | 24%        |
| Somewhat Approve      | 20%        |
| Somewhat Disapprove   | 14%        |
| Strongly Disapprove   | 39%        |
| Don't Know/Refused    | 4%         |
| Total                 | 100%       |
| <i>Net Approve</i>    | <i>44%</i> |
| <i>Net Disapprove</i> | <i>53%</i> |

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

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Strongly Approve      | 3%         |
| Somewhat Approve      | 12%        |
| Somewhat Disapprove   | 23%        |
| Strongly Disapprove   | 55%        |
| Don't Know/Refused    | 6%         |
| Total                 | 100%       |
| <i>Net Approve</i>    | <i>15%</i> |
| <i>Net Disapprove</i> | <i>78%</i> |

8 As you know, President Obama is running for re-election. Will you definitely vote for him, consider voting for him, or definitely not vote for him?

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Definitely Vote for Him     | 30%  |
| Consider Voting for Him     | 21%  |
| Definitely Not Vote for Him | 45%  |
| Don't Know/Refused          | 4%   |
| Total                       | 100% |

9 Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for President Obama if Hillary Clinton were running as his vice president, or would it make no significant difference?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| More Likely        | 19%  |
| Less Likely        | 12%  |
| No Difference      | 66%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 2%   |
| Total              | 100% |

10 If you were voting today in the Republican presidential primary, whom would you vote for Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, or Newt Gingrich?

% GOP Only

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Mitt Romney                   | 39%   |
| Rick Santorum                 | 26%   |
| Ron Paul                      | 12%   |
| Newt Gingrich                 | 10%   |
| (Vol.) Other                  | 1%    |
| Undecided/ Don't Know/Refused | 10%   |
| (Vol.) Would Not Vote         | 1%    |
| Total                         | 100%  |
|                               | N=468 |

11 And, if the presidential election was held today and Barack Obama was the Democratic candidate and Mitt Romney was the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Barack Obama, the Democrat    | 46%  |
| Mitt Romney, the Republican   | 40%  |
| Other                         | 3%   |
| Undecided/ Don't Know/Refused | 6%   |
| Would Not Vote                | 5%   |
| Total                         | 100% |

12 And, if the presidential election was held today and Barack Obama was the Democratic candidate and Rick Santorum was the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Barack Obama, the Democrat    | 47%  |
| Rick Santorum, the Republican | 37%  |
| Other                         | 5%   |
| Undecided/ Don't Know/Refused | 6%   |
| Would Not Vote                | 5%   |
| Total                         | 100% |

13 And, if the presidential election was held today and Barack Obama was the Democratic candidate and Ron Paul was the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Barack Obama, the Democrat    | 47%  |
| Ron Paul, the Republican      | 37%  |
| Other                         | 5%   |
| Undecided/ Don't Know/Refused | 5%   |
| Would Not Vote                | 5%   |
| Total                         | 100% |

14 And, if the presidential election was held today and Barack Obama was the Democratic candidate, Mitt Romney was the Republican candidate, and Ron Paul was an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Barack Obama, the Democrat    | 41%  |
| Mitt Romney, the Republican   | 30%  |
| Ron Paul, the Independent     | 17%  |
| Other                         | 3%   |
| Undecided/ Don't Know/Refused | 6%   |
| Would Not Vote                | 3%   |
| Total                         | 100% |

15 And, if the presidential election was held today and Barack Obama was the Democratic candidate, Rick Santorum was the Republican candidate, and Ron Paul was an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Barack Obama, the Democrat    | 42%  |
| Rick Santorum, the Republican | 27%  |
| Ron Paul, the Independent     | 18%  |
| Other                         | 3%   |
| Undecided/ Don't Know/Refused | 6%   |
| Would Not Vote                | 3%   |
| Total                         | 100% |

16 Overall, are you satisfied, neutral, or dissatisfied with your health care? Is that strongly or somewhat?

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Very Satisfied          | 35%        |
| Somewhat Satisfied      | 23%        |
| Neutral                 | 16%        |
| Somewhat Dissatisfied   | 9%         |
| Very Dissatisfied       | 14%        |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 3%         |
| Total                   | 100%       |
| <i>Net Satisfied</i>    | <i>58%</i> |
| <i>Neutral</i>          | <i>16%</i> |
| <i>Net Dissatisfied</i> | <i>23%</i> |

|    |   |      |
|----|---|------|
| 17 | Are you and your family covered by health insurance?  |      |
|    | Yes   | 87%  |
|    | No  | 13%  |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 18 | Is that insurance provided through an employer, a plan you purchased yourself, through Medicare, Medicaid, or something else? |      |
|    | Employer-Provided   | 63%  |
|    | Individually Purchased  | 10%  |
|    | Medicare  | 17%  |
|    | Medicaid  | 6%   |
|    | Other   | 3%   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 1%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 19 | Do you have a choice of health insurance providers?   |      |
|    | Yes   | 55%  |
|    | No  | 42%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 3%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 20 | Have you ever shopped around for a less expensive or better auto insurance policy?  |      |
|    | Yes   | 65%  |
|    | No  | 33%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 2%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 21 | Would you like to have similar ability to shop around for a less expensive or better health insurance policy?                 |      |
|    | Yes   | 69%  |
|    | No  | 21%  |
|    | Vol. Already Do   | 6%   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 5%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |

22 Over the past decade, would you say the health care market has been very regulated, somewhat regulated, not very regulated, or not at all regulated by the government?

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Very Regulated       | 23%  |
| Somewhat Regulated   | 41%  |
| Not Very Regulated   | 18%  |
| Not at All Regulated | 11%  |
| Don't Know/Refused   | 8%   |
| Total                | 100% |

23 Would you say the health care market has been regulated too much, not enough, or about the right amount?

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Too Much               | 33%  |
| About the Right Amount | 18%  |
| Not Enough             | 39%  |
| Don't Know/Refused     | 10%  |
| Total                  | 100% |

24 How much would you say you know about the new health care law? A great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or very little?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| A Great Deal       | 9%   |
| Moderate Amount    | 39%  |
| Not Much           | 27%  |
| Very Little        | 23%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 3%   |
| Total              | 100% |

25 Given what you know about the new health care law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Very Favorable         | 10%  |
| Somewhat Favorable     | 22%  |
| Somewhat Unfavorable   | 18%  |
| Very Unfavorable       | 32%  |
| Don't Know/Refused     | 18%  |
| Total                  | 100% |
| <i>Net Favorable</i>   | 32%  |
| <i>Net Unfavorable</i> | 50%  |

26 Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law, or should they let it stand? Do you feel this way strongly or somewhat?

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Repeal - Feel Strongly       | 38%  |
| Repeal - Feel Somewhat       | 11%  |
| Let it Stand - Feel Somewhat | 14%  |
| Let it Stand - Feel Strongly | 22%  |
| Don't Know/Refused           | 15%  |
| Total                        | 100% |
| <i>Net Repeal</i>            | 49%  |
| <i>Net Let It Stand</i>      | 36%  |

27 Do you think Americans should or should not be required to have health insurance?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Should             | 43%  |
| Should Not         | 51%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 6%   |
| Total              | 100% |

28 Do you think it is constitutional or unconstitutional for Congress to require Americans to have health insurance?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Constitutional     | 30%  |
| Unconstitutional   | 62%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 8%   |
| Total              | 100% |

29 Do you think it would be constitutional or unconstitutional for Congress to require Americans to buy healthy foods, such as broccoli?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Constitutional     | 8%   |
| Unconstitutional   | 87%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 5%   |
| Total              | 100% |

30 The new health care law has a provision that prohibits health insurance companies from charging some customers higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions or medical history. Do you favor or oppose this provision?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Favor              | 52%  |
| Oppose             | 39%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 9%   |
| Total              | 100% |

|    |  |                   |                                   |
|----|--|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 31 | Suppose the effect of this pre-existing conditions provision were to increase taxes. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes in order for health insurance companies to not charge higher premiums based on medical history?  | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Yes  | 37%               | 47%                               |
|    | No   | 56%               | 48%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 8%                | 5%                                |
|    | Total  | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 32 | Suppose the effect of this pre-existing conditions provision were to increase wait times to see your doctor or specialist. Would you be willing to wait longer to see a doctor or specialist in order for health insurance companies to not charge higher premiums based on medical history? | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Yes  | 41%               | 51%                               |
|    | No   | 51%               | 43%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 8%                | 5%                                |
|    | Total  | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 33 | Suppose the effect of this pre-existing conditions provision were to increase premiums. Would you be willing to pay higher premiums in order for health insurance companies to not charge higher premiums based on medical history?  | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Yes  | 38%               | 46%                               |
|    | No   | 50%               | 45%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 11%               | 9%                                |
|    | Total  | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 34 | Suppose the effect of this pre-existing conditions provision were to lower health care quality. Would you be willing to have lower quality health care in order for health insurance companies to not charge higher premiums based on medical history?                                       | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Yes  | 15%               | 17%                               |
|    | No   | 76%               | 76%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 9%                | 7%                                |
|    | Total  | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 35 | As you may know, the new health care law requires employers with more than 50 employees to provide employees with health insurance or else pay a fine. Do you approve or disapprove of this provision?   |                   |                                   |
|    | Approve  | 56%               |                                   |
|    | Disapprove   | 39%               |                                   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 5%                |                                   |
|    | Total  | 100%              |                                   |



|    |   |                   |                                   |
|----|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 36 | Do you think this will cause employers to hire more workers, lay off workers, or will it not significantly impact employers' hiring decisions?  | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Hire More Workers   | 4%                | 6%                                |
|    | Lay Off Workers   | 47%               | 32%                               |
|    | Not Significantly Impact Hiring Decisions   | 39%               | 53%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 10%               | 9%                                |
|    | Total   | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 37 | Do you think this will cause employers to pay workers more, pay them less, or have no significant impact on workers' pay?   | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Pay Workers More  | 3%                | 4%                                |
|    | Pay Workers Less  | 58%               | 50%                               |
|    | No Significant Impact on Workers' Pay   | 29%               | 36%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 10%               | 9%                                |
|    | Total   | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 38 | Do you think the federal government should or should not have the authority to require employers to provide health insurance to their employees?  | % All Respondents | % Among Those Who Favor Provision |
|    | Should Have the Authority   | 50%               | 71%                               |
|    | Should Not Have the Authority   | 44%               | 23%                               |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 6%                | 6%                                |
|    | Total   | 100%              | 100%                              |
| 39 | Do you expect the new health care law will increase, decrease, or have no significant impact on innovation in health care and medical research?   |                   |                                   |
|    | Increase  | 24%               |                                   |
|    | Decrease  | 24%               |                                   |
|    | No Significant Impact   | 38%               |                                   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 14%               |                                   |
|    | Total   | 100%              |                                   |
| 40 | In your opinion, is it likely or unlikely that the new health care law will lead to government rationing of health care services, which means some forms of medical care would no longer be covered because they are too costly, not essential, or have too little chance of success. |                   |                                   |
|    | Very Likely   | 35%               |                                   |
|    | Somewhat Likely   | 19%               |                                   |
|    | Somewhat Unlikely   | 15%               |                                   |
|    | Very Unlikely   | 18%               |                                   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 13%               |                                   |
|    | Total   | 100%              |                                   |
|    | <i>Net Likely</i>   | 54%               |                                   |
|    | <i>Net Unlikely</i>   | 33%               |                                   |

|    |   |      |
|----|---|------|
| 41 | Would you prefer to buy health insurance through your employer, or would you prefer to receive the equivalent amount in pay so you could shop for and purchase your own health insurance plan?  |      |
|    | Buy Health Insurance Through Employer   | 41%  |
|    | Receive Equivalent in Pay and Purchase Health Insurance Individually  | 48%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 12%  |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 42 | If you were allowed buy health insurance from any health care provider in any state, do you think the price you pay for health insurance would...go up, stay the same, or go down?  |      |
|    | Go Up   | 24%  |
|    | Stay the Same   | 23%  |
|    | Go Down   | 43%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 10%  |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 43 | For people under 55, would you favor or oppose changing Medicare into a program that gives them a credit that can be used to purchase a private health insurance plan of their choice when they are eligible?                         |      |
|    | Strongly Favor  | 36%  |
|    | Somewhat Favor  | 29%  |
|    | Somewhat Oppose   | 8%   |
|    | Strongly Oppose   | 16%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 11%  |
|    | Total   | 100% |
|    | <i>Net Favor</i>  | 65%  |
|    | <i>Net Oppose</i>   | 24%  |
| 44 | If Medicare were changed to provide Americans with a credit that allowed them to shop for their own insurance, do you think the quality of health care that seniors and the disabled receive would improve, stay the same, or worsen? |      |
|    | Improve   | 34%  |
|    | Stay the Same   | 33%  |
|    | Worsen  | 23%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 11%  |
|    | Total   | 100% |

45 In thinking about the quality and cost of health care for government workers compared to private sector workers, do you think government employees receive better health care benefits, about the same health care benefits, or worse health care benefits?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Better             | 67%  |
| About the Same     | 22%  |
| Worse              | 4%   |
| Don't Know/Refused | 7%   |
| Total              | 100% |

46 Would you favor or oppose allowing healthy people under medical supervision to sell their organs to patients who need them for transplants?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Strongly Favor     | 34%  |
| Somewhat Favor     | 21%  |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 9%   |
| Strongly Oppose    | 25%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 10%  |
| Total              | 100% |
| <i>Net Favor</i>   | 55%  |
| <i>Net Oppose</i>  | 34%  |

47 Ok now, would you please rate on a scale of 1-7 the following things according to the level of trust you have in each in addressing your health care needs. With 7 indicating a high level of trust, 1 indicating a low level of trust, and 4 being neutral. The first one is...

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| AVERAGE SCORES                | Scale 1-7 |
| Yourself                      | 6.27      |
| Your Doctor                   | 5.95      |
| Your Pharmacist               | 5.65      |
| Your Hospital                 | 5.31      |
| Your Employer                 | 4.99      |
| Your Health Insurance Company | 4.55      |
| Your Government               | 3.10      |

47 cont. Ok now, would you please rate on a scale of 1-7 the following things according to the level of trust you have in each in addressing your health care needs. With 7 indicating a high level of trust, 1 indicating a low level of trust, and 4 being neutral. The first one is...

YOUR HOSPITAL

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 4%   |
| 2                       | 4%   |
| 3                       | 6%   |
| 4                       | 11%  |
| 5                       | 27%  |
| 6                       | 20%  |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 25%  |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 3%   |
| Total                   | 100% |

YOUR PHARMACIST

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 3%   |
| 2                       | 2%   |
| 3                       | 4%   |
| 4                       | 9%   |
| 5                       | 21%  |
| 6                       | 23%  |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 33%  |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 4%   |
| Total                   | 100% |

YOUR EMPLOYER

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 11%  |
| 2                       | 5%   |
| 3                       | 10%  |
| 4                       | 14%  |
| 5                       | 19%  |
| 6                       | 11%  |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 15%  |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 16%  |
| Total                   | 100% |

YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 10%  |
| 2                       | 8%   |
| 3                       | 11%  |
| 4                       | 16%  |
| 5                       | 23%  |
| 6                       | 12%  |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 15%  |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 5%   |
| Total                   | 100% |

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| YOURSELF                |      |
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 1%   |
| 2                       | 1%   |
| 3                       | 2%   |
| 4                       | 4%   |
| 5                       | 14%  |
| 6                       | 15%  |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 61%  |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 2%   |
| Total                   | 100% |

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| YOUR GOVERNMENT         |      |
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 34%  |
| 2                       | 10%  |
| 3                       | 15%  |
| 4                       | 15%  |
| 5                       | 14%  |
| 6                       | 4%   |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 5%   |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 3%   |
| Total                   | 100% |

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| YOUR DOCTOR             |     |
| 1 - No Trust at All     | 1%  |
| 2                       | 2%  |
| 3                       | 3%  |
| 4                       | 6%  |
| 5                       | 17% |
| 6                       | 24% |
| 7 - Great Deal of Trust | 43% |
| Don't Know/Refused      | 3%  |
| Total                   |     |

48 Would you favor or oppose replacing the current federal income tax system with a flat tax that eliminates all federal tax deductions and instead charges everyone the same tax rate?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Strongly Favor     | 35%  |
| Somewhat Favor     | 15%  |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 10%  |
| Strongly Oppose    | 31%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 8%   |
| Total              | 100% |
| <i>Net Favor</i>   | 50%  |
| <i>Net Oppose</i>  | 41%  |

|    |  |          |
|----|--|----------|
| 49 | (Among those who favor flat tax) If a flat tax were implemented, what percentage of their incomes do you think Americans should pay in federal taxes?  | Tax Rate |
|    | Average  | 14%      |
|    | Median   | 12%      |
| 50 | What percentage of Americans do you think paid no federal income taxes last year?  |          |
|    | Average  | 33%      |
|    | Median   | 30%      |
| 51 | For every dollar you pay in federal taxes, about how much of it do you think the government wastes?  |          |
|    | Average  | \$0.56   |
|    | Median   | \$0.50   |
| 52 | If Iran were close to being able to produce a nuclear weapon, would you favor or oppose the United States military attacking Iran to destroy or delay its nuclear program? Is that strongly or somewhat? |          |
|    | Strongly Favor   | 30%      |
|    | Somewhat Favor   | 18%      |
|    | Somewhat Oppose  | 15%      |
|    | Strongly Oppose  | 30%      |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 7%       |
|    | Total  | 100%     |
|    | <i>Net Favor</i>   | 48%      |
|    | <i>Net Oppose</i>  | 45%      |
| 53 | If you were told that a US attack on Iran would start a war that is similar in length and costs to the war in Iraq would you favor or oppose attacking Iran? Is that strongly or somewhat?               |          |
|    | Strongly Favor   | 20%      |
|    | Somewhat Favor   | 17%      |
|    | Somewhat Oppose  | 14%      |
|    | Strongly Oppose  | 42%      |
|    | Don't Know/Refused   | 7%       |
|    | Total  | 100%     |
|    | <i>Net Favor</i>   | 37%      |
|    | <i>Net Oppose</i>  | 56%      |

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:

54 Which of the following statements better describes your own views? The less government the better; or there are more things that government should be doing.

|   |      |
|---|------|
| The less government the better                        | 49%  |
| There are more things that government should be doing | 45%  |
| Don't Know/Refused                                    | 6%   |
| Total   | 100% |

55 Which of the following statements better describes your own views? The government should be doing more to regulate businesses; or, too often, government regulation of businesses does more harm than good.

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Government should be doing more to regulate businesses                  | 34%  |
| Too Often, government regulation of businesses does more harm than good | 57%  |
| Don't Know/Refused  | 9%   |
| Total   | 100% |

56 Which of the following statements better describes your own views? 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 today's complex economic problems                   | 45%  |
| Better able to handle problems within a free market with less gov't involvement | 49%  |
| Don't Know/Refused  | 6%   |
| Total   | 100% |

57 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?

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Government should promote traditional values               | 44%  |
| Government should not promote any particular set of values | 49%  |
| Don't Know/Refused   | 7%   |
| Total  | 100% |

|    |   |      |
|----|---|------|
| 58 | Some say the government should do more to protect morality in society. Others say government is getting too involved in the issue of morality. Which comes closer to your own view? |      |
|    | Government should do more to protect morality   | 30%  |
|    | Government is getting too involved in the issue of morality   | 61%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 9%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 59 | Thinking about your overall political philosophy, would you describe yourself as...conservative, moderate, liberal, libertarian, progressive, or something else?                    |      |
|    | Conservative  | 30%  |
|    | Moderate  | 32%  |
|    | Liberal   | 15%  |
|    | Libertarian   | 6%   |
|    | Progressive   | 7%   |
|    | Other   | 1%   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 10%  |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 60 | In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?   |      |
|    | Republican  | 28%  |
|    | Democrat  | 30%  |
|    | Independent   | 37%  |
|    | Other   | 1%   |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 4%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |
| 61 | Do you think of yourself as CLOSER to the Republican Party, Democratic Party, or what? {If SOME OTHER PARTY} Which party?   |      |
|    | Closer to Republican Party  | 28%  |
|    | Closer to Democratic Party  | 30%  |
|    | Other   | 4%   |
|    | Neither   | 36%  |
|    | Don't Know/Refused  | 2%   |
|    | Total   | 100% |



62 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what? {IF INDEPENDENT} Do you think of yourself as CLOSER to the Republican Party, Democratic Party, or what?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Democrat           | 41%  |
| Pure Independent   | 13%  |
| Republican         | 38%  |
| Other              | 3%   |
| Don't Know/Refused | 4%   |
| Total              | 100% |

63 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement or not? {IF NO} Did you ever consider yourself in the past to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Current Supporter | 30%  |
| Past Supporter    | 3%   |
| Not a Supporter   | 68%  |
| Total             | 100% |

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Occupy Wall Street movement or not? {IF NO} Did you ever consider yourself in the past to be a supporter of the Occupy Wall Street movement?

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Current Supporter | 27%  |
| Past Supporter    | 3%   |
| Not a Supporter   | 70%  |
| Total             | 100% |

Now, I am going to ask you some questions for demographic purposes only. These questions are completely anonymous and help us determine how people in different education levels, income levels, and more think about important matters. First...

64 What is your household income category? Please stop me when I reach your category.

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Less than \$25,000     | 17%  |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999   | 22%  |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999   | 18%  |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999   | 15%  |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 17%  |
| \$250,000 or More      | 3%   |
| Don't Know/Refused     | 8%   |
| Total                  | 100% |

65 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Less than High School Graduate | 4%   |
| High School Graduate           | 19%  |
| Some College                   | 35%  |
| College Graduate               | 26%  |
| Post Graduate Study/ Degree    | 14%  |
| Refused to Respond             | 2%   |
| Total                          | 100% |

66 Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Employed Full-Time | 40%  |
| Employed Part-Time | 11%  |
| Self-Employed      | 9%   |
| Homemaker          | 6%   |
| Retired            | 18%  |
| Student            | 5%   |
| Unemployed         | 8%   |
| Refused to Respond | 2%   |
| Total              | 100% |

67 {If Full-Time/Part-Time} Are you employed by local, state, or the federal government?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Yes                | 22%  |
| No                 | 78%  |
| Refused to Respond | <1%  |
| Total              | 100% |

68 {If Retired} Before retiring, did you primarily work as a public sector or private sector employee?

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Public Sector                 | 37%  |
| Private Sector                | 55%  |
| Both Public & Private         | 3%   |
| Self Employed                 | 3%   |
| Did Not Work Outside the Home | 1%   |
| Refused to Respond            | 1%   |
| Total                         | 100% |

69 What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or no religion?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Protestant         | 48%  |
| Catholic           | 23%  |
| Jewish             | 3%   |
| Muslim             | 1%   |
| Other              | 4%   |
| None               | 16%  |
| Refused to Respond | 7%   |
| Total              | 100% |

70 {If Protestant/Christian} Would you describe yourself as 'born-again' or evangelical?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Yes                | 58%  |
| No                 | 35%  |
| Don't Know/Refused | 7%   |
| Total              | 100% |

71 How often do you attend religious services? Would you say...

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Once a Week or More | 38%  |
| A Few Times a Month | 15%  |
| A Few Times a Year  | 23%  |
| Never               | 17%  |
| Refused to Respond  | 7%   |
| Total               | 100% |

72 Does your household use only a landline, only a cell phone, or do you have both?

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Landline Only      | 4%   |
| Cell Phone Only    | 27%  |
| Both               | 67%  |
| Refused to Respond | 2%   |
| Total              | 100% |

73 {If both} Do you primarily use a landline or a mobile phone?

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Primarily Landline   | 31%  |
| Primarily Cell Phone | 50%  |
| Use Both Equally     | 18%  |
| Refused to Respond   | <1%  |
| Total                | 100% |

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **MARCH 2012 POLL**

The Reason-Rupe March 2012 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 March 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2012. The margin of sampling error for this poll is  $\pm 3$  percent. Questions on the GOP presidential primary among Republicans and Independent-leaning Republicans have a sample size of 468, and a  $\pm 4.53$  percent margin of error. Interviews were conducted with respondents using both landline (704) and mobile phones (496, including 232 who had no landline telephone phone). (Note: Persons without either a landline or mobile phone could not be included in the random selection process). Landline respondents were randomly selected within households based on the adult who had the most recent birthday. The sample was weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, party identification, Census region, and based on the most recent US Census data. The sample also weighted to match current telephone usage patterns from the National Health Interview Survey.

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. Samples were provided by GENSY, Marketing Systems Group. Click [here](#) for full methodological details. NSON Opinion Strategy conducted the poll's fieldwork.

Values less than 1% are indicated as <1%. "VOL" indicates that a response was volunteered by respondents, not an explicitly offered choice. Columns may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

| PHONE TYPE | % Weighted | % Unweighted |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| Landline   | 53%        | 59%          |
| Cell Phone | 47%        | 41%          |
| Total      | 100%       | 100%         |

View [full methodology](#)