The Reason-Rupe February 2013 Poll interviewed 1,002 adults on both mobile (502) and landline (500) phones, including 253 respondents without landlines, from February 21 to 25, 2013. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3.8%. Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) conducted the survey. Interviews were done in English by Princeton Data Source, LLC. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies. When feasible, answer choices within questions were rotated. For more methodological information, please visit http://reason.com/reason-rupe-pole-methodology.

The poll questionnaire, crosstabs, and analysis can be found at reason.com/poll
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
   - Approve .................................................. 51%
   - Disapprove .............................................. 43%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 6%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
   - Approve .................................................. 47%
   - Disapprove .............................................. 49%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 4%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?
   - Approve .................................................. 14%
   - Disapprove .............................................. 77%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 8%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

4. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?
   - Right direction ........................................ 35%
   - Wrong direction ....................................... 59%
   - Neither .................................................. 3%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 4%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

5. President Obama won’t be running in the next presidential election in 2016. Thinking ahead, who would you MOST like to see run for president in 2016? (OPEN)
   - Hillary Clinton ....................................... 22%
   - Chris Christie ......................................... 3%
   - Marco Rubio ........................................... 3%
   - Joe Biden ............................................... 2%
   - Mitt Romney .......................................... 1%
   - Paul Ryan .............................................. 1%
   - Other .................................................... 14%
   - Don't know/Refused (VOL) .......................... 53%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

6. In thinking about your own children or the next generation of Americans, which of the following concerns you the most?
   - Terrorism and war ..................................... 7%
   - Gun violence .......................................... 13%
   - A weak economy and lack of jobs ............ 45%
   - Government debt and deficits ................ 17%
   - Environmental problems ......................... 7%
   - Or something else .................................. 8%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 2%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

7. The federal minimum wage is $7.25 per hour. Do you favor or oppose President Obama’s proposal to raise the minimum wage to $9 per hour?
   - Favor .................................................... 66%
   - Oppose ............................................... 30%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 3%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

8. What about if raising the minimum wage caused some employers to lay off workers? Would you favor or oppose raising the minimum wage?
   - Favor .................................................... 37%
   - Oppose ............................................... 56%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 6%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

9. Do you think raising the minimum wage would (reduce) the number of jobs, (increase) the number of jobs, or have no impact on the number of jobs?
   - Reduce the number of jobs ....................... 42%
   - Increase the number of jobs .................... 13%
   - Have no impact on the number of jobs ...... 41%
   - DK/Refused .............................................. 5%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%
10. How much do you think the minimum wage could be before many businesses hire fewer workers or consider laying off workers, because they can’t afford to pay it? (OPEN)
   - Median ................................................. $9.00
   - $1-5 ................................................. 2%
   - $6-10 .............................................. 59%
   - $11-15 .......................................... 11%
   - $16-99 ........................................... 2%
   - No Limit ........................................... 1%
   - DK/Refused ...................................... 25%
   - Total ............................................. 100%

11. Is your overall opinion of the US Postal Service: very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?
   - Net favorable .................................. 80%
   - Net unfavorable ............................ 17%
   - Very favorable ............................... 28%
   - Mostly favorable ........................... 52%
   - Mostly unfavorable ...................... 11%
   - Very unfavorable ............................ 6%
   - Never heard of .............................. <1%
   - Can’t rate ....................................... 1%
   - Refused ......................................... 1%
   - Total ............................................. 100%

12. Is your overall opinion of FedEx: very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?
   - Net favorable ............................... 78%
   - Net unfavorable ............................ 9%
   - Very favorable ............................... 26%
   - Mostly favorable ........................... 52%
   - Mostly unfavorable ...................... 6%
   - Very unfavorable ............................ 3%
   - Never heard of .............................. 1%
   - Can’t rate ....................................... 10%
   - Refused ......................................... 3%
   - Total ............................................. 100%

13. Is your overall opinion of UPS: very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?
   - Net favorable .................................. 84%
   - Net unfavorable ............................ 9%
   - Very favorable ............................... 31%
   - Mostly favorable ........................... 53%
   - Mostly unfavorable ...................... 6%
   - Very unfavorable ............................ 3%
   - Never heard of .............................. <1%
   - Can’t rate ....................................... 6%
   - Refused ......................................... 2%
   - Total ............................................. 100%

14. If UPS or FedEx took over the delivery of the mail currently delivered to your address by the U.S. Postal Service, do you think the quality and speed of mail service would improve, worsen or remain the same?
   - Improve ......................................... 26%
   - Worsen ......................................... 22%
   - Remain the same ............................ 47%
   - Depends on carrier ........................ 1%
   - DK/Refused ..................................... 5%
   - Total ............................................. 100%

15. In just a few words, what does the term “economic opportunity” mean to you? (OPEN; ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE) (Some respondents provided up to three answers, Percentages Sum to More than 100%)

   % of Respondents Who Mentioned...
   - Jobs: More/Better/Security/Opportunity ..... 40%
   - Provide/Make Money ........................ 28%
   - Economy: Growth/Improve Economy ....... 11%
   - Future: Positive/Better; American Dream ... 10%
   - Equal Opportunity/Freedom ............... 9%
   - Business: Chance to Start/Grow a Business ... 5%
   - Hard Work/Make It Yourself ................ 4%
   - Education ...................................... 3%
   - Less Gov't Regulation/Taxes ................ 1%
16. In just a few words, what does the term “Crony Capitalism” mean to you? (OPEN; ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE) (Some respondents provided up to three answers, Percentages Sum to More than 100%) % of Respondents Who Mentioned...

- Political Favoritism .................................................. 27%
- Corruption/Bribery/Fraud ............................................ 13%
- Bad/Wrong/False/Not Good For US .......................... 12%
- Big Business Influencing Govt .............................. 11%
- Rich Influencing Govt .............................................. 11%
- Against Public Interest ............................................. 8%
- Old: People, Politicians, Ideas ............................... 7%
- Politicians Helping Themselves ............................... 6%
- What We Have Now .................................................. 4%
- Greed/Selfishness ..................................................... 4%
- Democrats/President Obama ................................. 4%
- Controlled By The Few ............................................ 4%
- Republicans ........................................................... 2%

17. When you hear the term “ObamaCare,” what one or two words come to mind? (OPEN; ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

- Net positive .......................................................... 35%
- Net negative .......................................................... 48%
- A bad thing/idea/Strong negative comment .......... 22%
- A good thing/idea ...................................................... 11%
- Better/Expanded Health Care .................................. 8%
- Socialized Medicine/Mandates ................................ 8%
- Health Care For All/Universal ................................. 7%
- Expensive/Higher Costs/Premiums ....................... 7%
- Affordable/Free Health Care .................................. 5%
- Was Needed/Will Help ............................................. 4%
- Concern/Fear/Scary/Confusing .............................. 4%
- Health Insurance ..................................................... 3%
- Waste/Unnecessary/Inefficient ............................. 3%
- Higher taxes ........................................................... 2%
- Needs Improvement/Lower quality ....................... 2%
- Other ................................................................. 15%
- Total ...................................................................... 100%

18. Overall, given what you know about the health care law, would you say that country is (better off) with the health care law, (worse off) with the health care law, or has the health care law made no difference either way?

- Better off .............................................................. 31%
- Worse off ............................................................... 37%
- Made no difference ................................................ 24%
- Too early to tell (Vol.) ............................................. 2%
- DK/Refused ........................................................... 6%
- Total ...................................................................... 100%

19. Do you think the health care law has made it (easier) for you to afford health care coverage, made it (harder) for you to afford health care coverage, or made no impact on your ability to afford health care coverage?

- Easier ...................................................................... 13%
- Harder ..................................................................... 26%
- Made no impact ....................................................... 58%
- Don't have health care coverage (Vol.) .............. <1%
- DK/Refused ........................................................... 2%
- Total ...................................................................... 100%

20. Are you, yourself now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL]

- Covered by health insurance .............................. 82%
- Not covered by health insurance ...................... 18%
- DK/Refused ........................................................... <1%
- Total ...................................................................... 100%
21. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse’s employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?
   - Plan through your/your spouse's employer... 54%
   - Plan you purchased yourself....................... 10%
   - Medicare.............................................. 20%
   - Medicaid/Medi-CAL................................ 7%
   - Some other government program............... 3%
   - Somewhere else .................................... 3%
   - Plan through parent............................... 2%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 1%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

22. Next, do you think it is constitutional or unconstitutional for the president of the United States to order the killing of American citizens who are suspected of being terrorists?
   - Constitutional ...................................... 31%
   - Unconstitutional ................................... 57%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 12%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

23. The government has used unmanned military aircraft, or drones, to kill American citizens who are suspected of being terrorists. When it comes to the use of drones, how concerned are you that the government may abuse its power... a lot, some, not too much or not at all?
   - A lot .................................................... 32%
   - Some ................................................... 27%
   - Not too much ....................................... 19%
   - Not at all............................................. 17%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 5%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

24. If your local police department is using drones, how much do you worry that they might invade your privacy...a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?
   - A lot ..................................................... 40%
   - Some ................................................... 20%
   - Not too much ...................................... 18%
   - Not at all............................................. 21%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 1%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

25. If a drone flew over your house and was recording you and your property without your permission, do you think you should have the right to destroy it, or not?
   - Yes ...................................................... 47%
   - No......................................................... 47%
   - Depends ............................................. 1%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 4%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

26. In your view, does immigration (help grow) the U.S. economy, (hurt) the U.S. economy, or not make much impact on the U.S. economy?
   - Help grow .......................................... 40%
   - Hurt ................................................... 40%
   - Not make much impact............................ 14%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 5%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

27. And, in your view, does increasing the number of immigrants in the U.S. take jobs away from native-born Americans, or not?
   - Takes jobs from native-born.................... 55%
   - Does not take jobs from native-born......... 42%
   - No difference (Vol.)............................... 1%
   - DK/Refused.......................................... 3%
   - Total .................................................. 100%
28. In your view, do immigrants come to the United States primarily (to find jobs and improve their lives) or primarily (to try to obtain government services and welfare benefits)?
   - To find jobs and improve their lives .......... 41%
   - To try to obtain govt services and benefits .... 44%
   - Both (Vol.) ........................................ 12%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

29. Do you favor or oppose requiring employers to check with a federal government database that verifies the legal immigration status of any job applicant they are considering hiring, including both native-born and foreign-born applicants?
   - Favor .................................................. 79%
   - Oppose ............................................... 17%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 4%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

30. Would you favor or oppose this verification requirement if your name has to be kept in the federal database?
   - Favor .................................................. 65%
   - Oppose ............................................... 28%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 7%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

31. Would you favor or oppose this requirement if business owners have to pay $150 to verify the legal status of every worker they are considering hiring?
   - Favor .................................................. 37%
   - Oppose ............................................... 58%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 5%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

32. Currently, the federal government limits the number of visas available for highly skilled workers to 85,000 per year, which is less than the number American companies request. Do you think this cap on visas for highly skilled workers, like engineer and doctors, should be raised, lowered, kept the same, or removed?
   - Removed ............................................ 11%
   - Raised ............................................... 29%
   - Kept the same .................................... 44%
   - Lowered ............................................ 11%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 6%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

33. The US government also caps the number of temporary work visas given to low skilled workers at 66,000 per year, which is less than what American companies request. Do you think this cap on visas for low-skilled workers who work in landscaping, construction, and other fields, should be raised, lowered, kept the same, or removed?
   - Removed ............................................ 9%
   - Raised ............................................... 31%
   - Kept the same .................................... 43%
   - Lowered ............................................ 13%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

34. Which comes closest to your view about unauthorized immigrants who are currently living in the United States?
   - They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually be allowed to apply for citizenship if they meet requirements .......... 55%
   - They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., but not be allowed to apply for citizenship .......... 4%
   - They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. temporarily as guest workers, and then be sent back to their home countries .......... 11%
   - They should be deported back to their home countries ........................................ 27%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total .................................................. 100%
35. Do you think the sale of soft drinks larger than 16 ounces in theaters, restaurants and other venues should be allowed or not allowed?
   - Allowed .............................................. 71%
   - Not allowed ........................................ 26%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 3%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

36. Do you think banning large servings of soda is an effective way to fight obesity, or not?
   - Effective .............................................. 28%
   - Not effective ....................................... 68%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 3%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

37. Some people say caffeinated beverages marketed as 'energy drinks' are dangerous to consumers. Do you think energy drinks should be allowed, or not allowed?
   - Allowed .............................................. 59%
   - Not allowed ....................................... 34%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 7%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

38. Do you think most energy drinks have more caffeine per ounce than coffee, less caffeine per ounce than coffee, or about the same amount of caffeine per ounce as:
   - More caffeine than coffee .............. 61%
   - Less caffeine than coffee .............. 3%
   - About the same amount of caffeine .... 25%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 12%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

39. The Federal Trade Commission recently required the manufacturer of the malt beverage Four Loko to put a statement on each can indicating that the drink contains 4.7 servings of alcohol. Do you think this labeling change will...
   - Encourage consumers to drink less ........ 14%
   - Encourage consumers to drink more .... 17%
   - Have no impact on the amount drank .... 63%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 7%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

40. Which of the following things would most upset you?
   - The cancellation of this year’s Major League Baseball season ........................................ 10%
   - The cancellation of American Idol .......... 2%
   - The cancellation of the current session of Congress, [OR] .......................................... 33%
   - None of these would upset you? ........... 54%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 1%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

41. Please tell me which comes closer to your own opinion:
   - The less government the better [or] ....... 46%
   - There are more things government should be doing ............................................... 48%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 6%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

42. Please tell me which comes closer to your own opinion:
   - We need a strong government to handle today’s complex economic problems [or] ....... 47%
   - People would be better able to handle today’s problems within a free market with less government involvement .......... 49%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 5%
   - Total ................................................. 100%
43. 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?
   - Gov’t should promote traditional values … 47%
   - Gov’t should not favor particular values … 48%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 6%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

44. What is your gender?
   - Male .................................................. 49%
   - Female ................................................ 51%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

45. What is your age?
   - 18-24 .................................................. 13%
   - 25-34 .................................................. 16%
   - 35-44 .................................................. 17%
   - 45-54 .................................................. 19%
   - 55-64 .................................................. 16%
   - 65+ ...................................................... 17%
   - DK/Ref .................................................. 2%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

46. Thinking about your overall political philosophy, would you describe yourself as:
   - Conservative ...................................... 30%
   - Moderate .......................................... 23%
   - Liberal .............................................. 16%
   - Libertarian ........................................ 4%
   - Progressive ........................................ 7%
   - Something else .................................... 15%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 6%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

47. In politics today, do you consider yourself a...
   - Republican ...................................... 23%
   - Democrat .......................................... 34%
   - Independent ...................................... 34%
   - Or what ............................................. 6%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

48. {Asked of Independents} Do you LEAN more towards the...?
   - Republican Party .................................. 33%
   - Democratic Party .................................. 34%
   - Independent/Don’t Lean to Either Party ...... 22%
   - Other Party ......................................... 3%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 9%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

49. Party Identification (DERIVED)
   - Democrat .......................................... 34%
   - Independent-Lean Democrat ................ 15%
   - Independent ...................................... 10%
   - Independent-Lean Republican ............. 14%
   - Republican ........................................ 23%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 4%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

50. In just a few words, why do you consider yourself...Republican/Lean Republican, Democratic/Lean Democratic (OPEN)
   - GOP: Represents my beliefs .................. 27%
   - GOP: Conservative ................................ 15%
   - GOP: Economic philosophy/small govt ...... 14%
   - GOP: Aligned with moral values ........... 9%
   - GOP: Don’t like the Democrats/Obama .... 9%
   - GOP: Born and raised ............................ 8%
   - GOP: Believe in Constitution ............... 2%
   - GOP: Don’t believe In giving away free stuff .... 2%
   - GOP: Other reason ............................... 14%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

   - Dem: Represents my beliefs .................. 25%
   - Dem: Born and raised ............................ 18%
   - Dem: Represents the people .................. 16%
   - Dem: Don’t like the Republicans ............ 13%
   - Dem: Taking care of people .................. 10%
   - Dem: Liberal ....................................... 3%
   - Dem: Believe in govt’t involvement ....... 1%
   - Dem: Other reason ............................... 14%
   - Total ................................................... 100%
51. In just a few words, why do you consider yourself an Independent in politics? (OPEN)
   - Ind: Agree/disagree with both .................. 30%
   - Ind: Have own beliefs ............................... 18%
   - Ind: Neither party trustworthy ................... 18%
   - Ind: Choose best person for job ................. 12%
   - Ind: Don't care about politics .................... 8%
   - Ind: Don't vote party line ......................... 6%
   - Ind: Other ............................................. 7%
   - Total ................................................. 100%

52. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement or not?
   - Supporter .............................................. 21%
   - Not a supporter ...................................... 67%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 12%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

53. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?
   - < High School ........................................... 8%
   - High School .......................................... 33%
   - Some College ......................................... 31%
   - College ................................................ 17%
   - Post-Grad .............................................. 10%
   - Don't Know ............................................ 1%
   - Total .................................................... 100%

54. Race/Ethnicity
   - White ................................................... 66%
   - African American ................................... 12%
   - Hispanic ............................................... 13%
   - Other ................................................... 7%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 2%
   - Total .................................................... 100%

55. What is your household income category?
   - Less than $30,000 per year ....................... 27%
   - $30,000 but less than $45,000 .................... 14%
   - $45,000 but less than $60,000 .................... 15%
   - $60,000 but less than $75,000 .................... 11%
   - $75,000 but less than $90,000 .................... 6%
   - $90,000 but less than $110,000 ................... 6%
   - $110,000 but less than $150,000 .................. 7%
   - $150,000 but less than $250,000 .................. 5%
   - More than $250,000 ................................ 2%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 8%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

56. Thinking about 10 years from now, what do you expect your annual household income to approximately be? (OPEN)
   - < $30,000 per year ................................. 5%
   - $30,000-$45,000 ................................. 12%
   - $45,000-$60,000 ................................. 12%
   - $60,000-$75,000 ................................. 11%
   - $75,000-$90,000 ................................. 7%
   - $90,000-$110,000 .............................. 10%
   - $110,000-$150,000 ............................ 5%
   - $150,000-$250,000 ............................ 7%
   - $250,000+ ........................................ 6%
   - DK/Refused ......................................... 25%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

57. Expected Future Income Mobility (DERIVED)
   - Expect Lower Income ........................... 13%
   - Expect Same Income ......................... 21%
   - Expect Higher Income .................... 66%
   - Total .................................................. 100%
58. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?
   - Employed full time ........................................ 41%
   - Employed part time ........................................ 10%
   - Small business owner ....................................... 7%
   - Taking care of home and family ........................... 6%
   - Retired ......................................................... 19%
   - Student ........................................................... 6%
   - Unemployed .................................................... 9%
   - Disabled (VOL) ................................................ 2%
   - DK/Refused .................................................... <1%
   - Total ........................................................... 100%

59. Are you a public or private sector worker?
   (Among Employed)
   - Public sector worker .......................................... 16%
   - Private sector worker ......................................... 84%
   - Total ........................................................... 100%

60. What is your religious preference?
   - Protestant ...................................................... 49%
   - Catholic ........................................................ 20%
   - Jewish ............................................................ 2%
   - Muslim ........................................................... 1%
   - Other ............................................................. 8%
   - No Religion ..................................................... 18%
   - DK/Refused .................................................... 3%
   - Total ........................................................... 100%

61. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?
   - Once a Week (or more) ........................................ 37%
   - A few times a month .......................................... 16%
   - A few times a year ............................................ 26%
   - Never? ............................................................ 19%
   - DK/Refused .................................................... 2%
   - Total ........................................................... 100%

62. What is your geographic region?
   - Northeast ........................................................ 18%
   - Midwest ......................................................... 23%
   - South ............................................................. 37%
   - West ............................................................... 22%
   - Total ........................................................... 100%