The Reason-Rupe September 2013 Poll interviewed 1,013 adults on both mobile (509) and landline (504) phones, including 262 respondents without landlines from September 4–8, 2013 from all 50 states and the District of Columbia using live telephone interviews. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7%. Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) conducted the survey. Interviews were done in English by Braun Research, Incorporated. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies. When feasible, answer choices within questions were rotated or randomized. For more methodological information, please visit http://reason.com/reason-rupe-poll-methodology. Don’t know/Refused responses are voluntary. Due to rounding, accumulated responses may not total 100%.

The poll questionnaire, crosstabs, and analysis can be found at reason.com/poll
1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?
   - Right direction ........................................ 28%
   - Wrong direction ......................................... 61%
   - Neither (VOL.) ........................................... 7%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 3%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
   - Approve .................................................. 43%
   - Disapprove ............................................... 51%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 6%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?
   - Approve .................................................. 35%
   - Disapprove ............................................... 58%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 7%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?
   - Approve .................................................. 22%
   - Disapprove ............................................... 72%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 7%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

50. Do you think U.S. airstrikes against Syria are necessary or NOT necessary to protect America’s credibility and national security?
   - Necessary ................................................. 26%
   - Not necessary ............................................. 64%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 9%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

51. Would you say President Obama’s handling of foreign policy has been (better) or (worse) than former President George W. Bush’s handling of foreign policy, or are they about the same?
   - Better ....................................................... 32%
   - Worse ....................................................... 32%
   - About the same .......................................... 32%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 3%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

52. As you may know, some Republicans in Congress such as Senator Rand Paul generally oppose U.S. military intervention overseas, including military action against Syria. Does this make you view the Republican Party (more favorably), (less favorably), or make no difference either way?
   - More favorably .......................................... 21%
   - Less favorably ............................................ 16%
   - No difference either way ............................... 60%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 3%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%

[Questions 5-47 embargoed for future release]

READ TO ALL: Turning to Syria, where the government is believed to have used chemical weapons to kill civilians...

48. Do you think it is (wise) or (unwise) for the United States to launch airstrikes on Syria without the support of the United Nations or Great Britain?
   - Wise ....................................................... 17%
   - Unwise ..................................................... 74%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 8%
   - Total ..................................................... 100%

49. When it comes to launching U.S. military action around the world, would you say the political establishment in Washington D.C. is (more likely to favor military action than you are), (less likely to favor military action than you are), or about the same?
   - More likely ................................................ 47%
   - Less likely ................................................ 17%
   - About the same ......................................... 30%
   - DK/Refused ............................................... 5%
   - Total ...................................................... 100%
ROTATE QUESTIONS 53 AND 54

53. Which comes closer to your own opinion?
   - “The less government the better” ........... 51%
   - “There are more things government should be doing” ......................... 44%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 5%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

54. Which comes closer to your own opinion?
   - “We need a strong government to handle today’s complex economic problems”...... 43%
   - “People would be better able to handle today’s problems within a free market with less government involvement” ............ 51%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 5%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

55. 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 .......... 47%
    - Should not favor any particular set of values ........................................... 46%
    - DK/Refused ........................................ 6%
    - Total .............................................. 100%

56. GENDER
   - Male .............................................. 50%
   - Female.............................................. 50%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

57. AGE
   - 18-24 .............................................. 13%
   - 25-34 .............................................. 14%
   - 35-44 .............................................. 17%
   - 45-54 .............................................. 19%
   - 55-64 .............................................. 16%
   - 65+ ................................................. 16%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 5%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

58. Race/Ethnicity
   - White .................................................. 65%
   - African-American ............................. 12%
   - Hispanic ......................................... 13%
   - Other .............................................. 7%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 4%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

59. Which of the following BEST describes your current employment status?
   - Employed Full-Time .......................... 41%
   - Employed Part-Time .......................... 10%
   - Small business owner or self-employed .... 6%
   - Taking care of home and family .......... 6%
   - Retired ............................................ 19%
   - Student ............................................ 6%
   - Unemployed ...................................... 5%
   - Disabled (VOL.) ................................. 3%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

60. Are you employed by local, state, or the federal government? (ASK IF EMPLOYED FULL- OR PART-TIME)
   - Public Sector Worker ......................... 18%
   - Private Sector Worker ........................ 79%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total .............................................. 100%

61. Which of these statements best describes you?
   - Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address ........................................... 79%
   - Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed, OR.................................................. 5%
   - Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address? .......................... 13%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 3%
   - Total .............................................. 100%
62. In politics today, do you consider yourself a:
- Republican ................................................. 23%
- Democrat .................................................. 29%
- Independent ............................................. 38%
- Or what? ................................................. 7%
- DK/Refused ............................................... 3%
- Total ....................................................... 100%

63. Party Identification (DERIVED, Independent Leaners Sorted)
- Democrat .................................................. 29%
- Independent-Lean Democrat .................. 14%
- Independent ............................................. 16%
- Independent-Lean Republican .............. 15%
- Republican ............................................... 23%
- DK/Refused ............................................... 4%
- Total ....................................................... 100%

64. Thinking about your overall political philosophy, would you describe yourself as:
- Conservative .............................................. 30%
- Moderate .................................................. 22%
- Liberal ..................................................... 16%
- Libertarian ............................................... 8%
- Progressive ............................................... 5%
- Or something else? ................................. 13%
- DK/Refused ............................................... 6%
- Total ....................................................... 100%

65. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?
- Supporter .................................................. 27%
- Not a supporter ........................................... 60%
- DK/Refused ............................................... 13%
- Total ....................................................... 100%

66. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?
- High school or less .................................... 41%
- Some college ............................................ 31%
- College .................................................... 15%
- Post-Grad ................................................ 10%
- Independent ............................................ 3%
- Total ....................................................... 100%

67. What is your household income category?
- <$30,000 ..................................................... 23%
- $30,000 but less than $45,000 ............... 16%
- $45,000 but less than $60,000 ............... 16%
- $60,000 but less than $75,000 ............... 11%
- $75,000 but less than $90,000 ............... 7%
- $90,000 but less than $110,000 .......... 6%
- $110,000 but less than $150,000 ......... 5%
- $150,000 but less than $250,000 ....... 3%
- $250,000 or more ................................. 3%
- Independent ............................................ 11%
- DK/Refused ............................................... 11%
- Total ....................................................... 100%

68. Thinking about 10 years from now, what do you expect your annual household income to approximately be? (OPEN-END)
- <$30,000 ..................................................... 7%
- $30,000 but less than $45,000 ............... 15%
- $45,000 but less than $60,000 ............... 12%
- $60,000 but less than $75,000 ............... 8%
- $75,000 but less than $90,000 ............... 6%
- $90,000 but less than $110,000 ........... 9%
- $110,000 but less than $150,000 ....... 4%
- $150,000 but less than $250,000 ....... 5%
- $250,000 or more ................................. 8%
- Independent ............................................ 25%
- DK/Refused ............................................... 25%
- Total ....................................................... 100%
69. (Compared to Current Income for under 55)
Thinking about 10 years from now, what do you expect your annual household income to approximately be?
  - Expect lower income ........................................ 14%
  - Expect same income ....................................... 20%
  - Expect higher income ..................................... 65%
  - DK/Refused ..................................................... 25%
  - Total ................................................................... 100%

70. Region
  - Northeast.......................................................... 18%
  - Midwest........................................................... 22%
  - South............................................................... 37%
  - West................................................................. 23%
  - Total................................................................... 100%

71. Community Type
  - Rural................................................................. 18%
  - Suburban.......................................................... 48%
  - Urban............................................................... 33%
  - Total................................................................... 100%