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Interview dates: August 4-8, 2011
Interviews: 1,055 adults; 885 registered voters
488 Democrats; 412 Republicans; 155 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 3.0 for all adults; ± 3.1 for registered voters; $\pm 4.4\%$ for Democrats;
 ± 4.7 for Republicans; ± 6.6 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, August 4-8, 2011

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from August 4th through 8th, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,055 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos via live telephone interviewing on landlines and cell phones. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled.

All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish. Please note that throughout this document, figures based on Independent voters are indicative only due to very small sample size. Figures marked by an asterisk () indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.*

POLITICAL TRACKER

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
8/4-8/11	21	73	5
7/8-11/11	31	63	6
6/3-6/11	35	60	5
5/5-9/11	38	56	6
4/7-10/11	25	69	6
3/3-6/11	31	64	5
2/4-7/11	38	57	5
1/7-10/11	36	59	6
12/2-5/10	29	62	9
10/28-31/10	33	62	5
10/7-11/10	31	63	6
9/16-19/10	33	61	5
8/19-22/10	31	62	7
7/22-25/10	34	60	6
6/10-13/10	33	61	6
5/6-9/10	34	60	6
4/1-5/10	40	54	5
2/26-28/10	34	60	6
1/28-31/10	37	57	5
1/7-11/10	39	55	6
12/3-6/09	36	60	4
10/29-11/1/09	38	57	4
10/1-5/09	40	56	5
8/27-31/09	40	54	6
7/30-8/3/09	46	48	6
7/9-13/09	40	54	6
6/4-8/09	52	42	6
4/30-5/3/09	55	38	7
4/2-6/09	45	48	7
3/5-9/09	44	48	8
2/6-9/09	42	50	8



2. a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE, ASK b. IF MIXED FEELINGS/DK/REF, ASK c
 b. Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?
 c. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	<u>Strongly</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>toward</u> <u>approval</u>	<u>Still have</u> <u>mixed</u> <u>feelings</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>toward</u> <u>disapproval</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>disapprove</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Mean</u> <u>Rating</u>
8/4-8/11	20	11	13	2	15	8	29	1	45	52	3.8
7/8-11/11	22	14	13	3	13	6	27	1	49	46	4.0
6/3-6/11	24	14	13	2	14	6	26	2	50	46	4.1
5/5-9/11	26	14	9	3	15	7	24	1	49	47	4.1
4/7-10/11	20	12	15	3	12	9	28	1	46	49	3.8
3/3-6/11	23	13	14	3	13	7	26	1	49	47	4.0
2/4-7/11	23	14	14	2	16	5	25	1	51	46	4.1
1/7-10/11	24	13	13	3	15	7	25	*	50	47	4.1
12/2-5/10	23	11	11	6	12	8	26	2	45	46	4.0
10/28-31/10	26	10	9	3	14	6	31	1	45	51	3.9
10/7-11/10	22	10	10	3	14	9	31	1	43	53	3.7
9/16-19/10	24	12	10	2	14	4	31	2	47	50	3.9
8/19-22/10	20	13	12	2	16	7	29	1	45	52	3.8
7/22-25/10	24	12	13	2	12	6	31	1	48	48	3.9
6/10-13/10	23	13	14	4	14	4	26	1	50	45	4.1
5/6-9/10	20	17	15	3	13	4	27	1	52	43	4.1
4/1-5/10	25	16	10	2	14	5	27	1	51	46	4.1
2/26-28/10	25	18	11	2	13	7	25	1	53	44	4.2
1/28-31/10	22	13	14	3	13	6	27	1	50	46	4
1/7-11/10	27	15	11	2	12	5	28	0	52	45	4.1
12/3-6/09	25	12	12	2	15	6	27	1	49	49	4
10/29-1/1/09	23	17	14	2	14	4	25	1	53	43	4.2
10/1-5/09	30	12	14	3	12	5	23	1	56	40	4.4
8/27-31/09	31	16	9	3	8	3	28	1	56	40	4.4
7/30-8/3/09	32	17	9	4	8	5	24	1	58	37	4.5
7/9-13/09	29	17	11	3	11	6	22	1	57	38	4.4
6/4-8/09	40	14	10	3	9	7	16	1	64	32	4.9
4/30-5/3/09	40	17	8	2	9	3	19	1	65	31	4.9
4/2-6/09	35	18	9	4	9	4	20	0	63	33	4.7
3/5 -9/09	39	15	10	5	8	5	17	1	65	29	4.9
2/6- 9/09	38	19	13	3	10	4	12	1	69	26	5.1



APPROVAL BY PARTY ID

	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> Approve	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> Disapprove	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> Approve	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> Disapprove	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> Approve	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> Disapprove
8/4-8/11	71	27	47	44	9	88
7/8-11/11	83	14	39	51	15	82
6/3-6/11	78	18	44	46	18	80
5/5-9/11	82	15	41	48	17	80
4/7-10/11	73	23	37	53	17	80
3/3-6/11	80	16	37	53	15	82
2/4-7/11	79	19	47	47	18	81
1/7-10/11	77	20	50	45	17	80
12/2-5/10	71	22	42	37	12	83
10/28-31/10	76	22	42	49	13	82
10/7-11/10	70	27	41	48	14	83
9/16-19/10	78	20	47	37	11	87
8/19-22/10	74	24	37	53	11	86
7/22-25/10	76	21	52	41	14	84
6/10-13/10	82	15	47	39	13	84
5/6-9/10	84	14	40	47	18	80
4/1-5/10	84	14	40	50	16	83
2/26-28/10	80	18	54	42	23	75
1/28-31/10	79	19	53	31	19	79
1/7-11/10	81	17	49	46	18	80
12/3-6/09	77	21	41	55	16	81
10/29-1/1/09	82	15	45	41	21	78
10/1-5/09	86	12	47	41	18	80
8/27-31/09	88	10	54	37	18	78
7/30-8/3/09	82	15	57	34	24	70
7/9-13/09	84	13	50	36	24	73
6/4-8/09	89	10	58	31	27	67
4/30-5/3/09	95	4	56	34	29	67
4/2-6/09	91	6	57	21	26	72
3/5-9/09	89	8	58	31	29	66
2/6-9/09	92	6	70	19	34	60



ECONOMY

3. Has the U.S. economy turned the corner on the current crisis, is the worst yet to come, or have things stabilized but not yet begun to improve?

	<u>Turned the corner</u>	<u>Worst yet to come</u>	<u>Stabilized but not yet improved</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
8/4-8/11	6	47	43	5
6/10-13/10	12	34	49	5
2/26-28/10	11	31	55	3
1/28-31/10	10	28	57	5
1/7-11/10	11	30	56	3
12/3-6/09	8	35	54	2
10/29-1/1/09	7	32	59	2
10/1-5/09	11	31	55	3
8/27-31/09	11	35	49	4
7/30-8/3/09	9	32	56	3
7/9-13/09	6	39	49	5
6/4-8/09	9	37	48	6
4/30-5/3/09	10	38	48	4
4/2-6/09	8	36	52	4
3/5 -9/09	3	57	35	4
2/6- 9/09	7	54	35	4

DEBT DEAL

4. Do you feel more positive or more negative towards each of the following as a result of the deal recently reached in Washington to raise the federal government debt ceiling? How about towards [INSERT ITEM], do you feel more positive or negative towards [INSERT ITEM] or has it made no difference? [PROMPT WITH] Is that strongly or somewhat.

	<u>Strongly positive</u>	<u>Somewhat positive</u>	<u>Makes no difference</u>	<u>Somewhat negative</u>	<u>Strongly negative</u>	<u>DK/NS</u>	<u>Total positive</u>	<u>Total negative</u>	<u>NET (pos-neg)</u>
Democrats	13	18	26	17	23	3	31	40	-9
Republicans	8	17	24	19	30	3	24	49	-25
President Barack Obama	19	17	21	17	25	2	36	42	-6
House Speaker John Boehner	5	15	32	16	21	10	20	37	-17
The Tea Party	10	13	26	13	29	9	23	42	-19

5. Based on everything you've heard or seen, do you think this debt ceiling deal is a good thing or a bad thing for the United States? Is that very or somewhat?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dems</u>	<u>Repubs</u>	<u>Indeps</u>
Very good	7	10	6	2
Somewhat good	31	37	27	24
Somewhat bad	27	24	30	27
Very bad	26	20	33	26
(DK/NS)	9	8	5	21
Total good	38	47	32	26
Total bad	53	45	63	53



ECONOMIC STIMULUS

6. Which of the following actions, if any, do you think the government should undertake to stimulate the national economy? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

	Total	Dems	Repubs	Indeps
Cut government spending	49	38	64	47
Raise taxes on wealthy individuals	46	61	26	48
Invest in new infrastructure projects	34	41	25	38
Cut taxes for everyone	27	23	31	31
Extend financial aid to states	25	33	16	23
Extend unemployment benefits	25	32	17	22
Extend the payroll tax cut	20	20	23	17
(DK/NS)	4	2	4	9

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes	78
No	21
(Not sure)	1

2. PARTY IDENTIFICATION

- a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? IF "DEMOCRAT" ASK Qb. IF "REPUBLICAN" ASK Qc. IF "INDEP." / "NONE" ASK Qd.
- b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	17
Moderately Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	15
Strongly Republican	10
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	17
Independent (No lean)	16
Initial Democrats	31
Total Democrats	46
Initial Republicans	21
Total Republicans	38