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Interview dates: June 7-11, 2012  
Interviews: 1,099 adults; 848 registered voters  
517 Democrats; 418 Republicans; 165 Independents  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.0$  for all adults;  $\pm 3.4$  for registered voters;  $\pm 4.3$  for Democrats;  
 $\pm 4.8$  for Republicans;  $\pm 7.6$  for Independents (based on all adults)

**Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, June 2012**

**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

*These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from June 7-11, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,099 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 2.9 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 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. Responses are based on the full sample of adults unless otherwise noted.*

**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?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
6/7-11/12	32	63	5
5/3-7/12	35	57	8
4/12-15/12	35	60	5
3/8-11/12	37	59	4
2/2-6/12	32	62	7
1/5-9/12	32	63	5
12/8-12/11	27	69	5
10/31-11/3/11	25	70	5
10/6-10/11	21	74	5
9/8-12/11	25	68	7
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



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	Right Direction	Wrong Track	(Not Sure)
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?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approval	Still have mixed feelings	Lean toward disapproval	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	(Not sure)	<b>TOTAL Approve</b>	<b>TOTAL Disapprove</b>	Mean Rating
6/7/11/12	23	14	11	1	14	4	32	1	47	50	3.9
5/3-7/12	25	14	11	2	14	6	27	2	50	47	4.1
4/12-15/12	26	12	11	2	13	6	30	1	49	49	4
3/8-11/12	26	12	11	2	12	7	29	*	50	48	4
2/2-6/12	23	13	13	2	13	6	30	*	48	49	3.9
1/5-9/12	21	12	14	3	16	5	28	1	47	49	3.9
12/8-12/11*	21	17	9	4	7	10	32	1	47	48	3.9
10/31-11/3/11*	22	18	9	2	7	10	32	*	49	50	3.9
10/6-10/11*	20	17	10	3	6	10	34	*	47	50	3.8
9/8-12/11	22	12	13	2	14	6	28	2	47	48	3.9
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>		<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u>		<u>REPUBLICANS:</u>	
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
6/7-11/12	80	19	35	55	12	87
5/3-7/12	83	16	48	40	10	89
4/12-15/12	82	16	37	57	12	86
3/8-11/12	81	18	42	54	14	84
2/2-6/12	79	19	42	51	13	86
1/5-9/12	77	19	45	44	12	87
12/8-12/11*	77	19	34	51	15	83
10/31-11/3/11*	77	22	39	53	17	82
10/6-10/11*	74	23	44	49	9	90
9/8-12/11	77	19	42	43	13	86
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



**CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION COVERAGE**

3. The 2012 elections are next year. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live? *(ASK ALL UNSURE/DK/OTHER: If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?)*

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>(Other party)</u>	<u>(Not voting)</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
6/7-11/12	47	44	2	2	5
5/3-7/12	46	44	1	3	5
4/12-15/12	42	41	3	5	9
3/8-11/12	47	43	2	1	7
2/2-6/12	46	44	1	3	6
1/5-9/12	48	44	2	1	5
12/8-12/11	48	42	1	2	7
10/31-11/3/11	48	43	1	2	6
10/6-10/11	48	40	2	2	8

**PRESIDENTIAL HEAD-TO-HEAD**

4. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>	<u>Obama lead over Romney</u>
6/7-11/12	45	44	2	6	3	<b>+1</b>
5/3-7/12	49	42	2	6	2	<b>+7</b>
4/12-15/12	47	43	3	3	4	<b>+4</b>
3/8-11/12	52	41	2	3	2	<b>+11</b>
2/2-6/12	48	42	3	5	3	<b>+6</b>
1/5-9/12	48	43	1	4	4	<b>+5</b>
12/8-12/11	48	40	3	6	3	<b>+8</b>
10/31-11/3/11	43	44	2	5	5	<b>-1</b>
9/8-12/11	49	43	2	4	3	<b>+6</b>
5/5-9/11	48	40	1	6	4	<b>+8</b>



5. Who's stronger on the following issues?

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

		<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Both equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
Healthcare	6/7-11/12	51	38	2	6	3
	5/3-7/12	51	37	1	5	6
Jobs and the economy	6/7-11/12	43	46	2	4	5
	5/3-7/12	45	43	1	5	6
Taxes	6/7-11/12	42	44	1	4	7
	5/3-7/12	46	40	2	4	8
Medicare	6/7-11/12	46	37	2	7	8
	5/3-7/12	49	35	1	5	9
Social Security	6/7-11/12	45	38	1	7	9
	5/3-7/12	46	36	2	6	10
Immigration	6/7-11/12	40	41	2	7	10
	5/3-7/12	39	40	1	6	14
The war on terror	6/7-11/12	52	33	2	6	7
	5/3-7/12	51	31	3	6	8
Afghanistan	6/7-11/12	51	30	2	7	9
	5/3-7/12	51	28	2	7	12

**GOVERNMENT IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY**

[ROTATE Q6-9 AND Q10-11]

6. Since the recession started in 2008, do you think the U.S. Congress has generally helped the U.S. economy recover OR done more harm than good to the economy?

[IF "HELPED THE US ECONOMY RECOVER" IN Q6, ASK Q7]

7. How much do you think the U.S. Congress has helped the U.S. economy recover?

[IF "DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD TO THE ECONOMY" IN Q6, ASK Q8]

8. How much harm do you think the U.S. Congress has done to the U.S. economy?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Helped a great deal	2	4	1	1
Helped a fair amount	9	13	10	4
Helped only a little	10	12	4	10
Harmed a great deal	35	32	33	39
Harmed a fair amount	28	27	23	31
Harmed only a little	7	6	7	8
[Don't know]	8	6	22	5
<b>TOTAL helped the US economy recover</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL done more harm than good to the economy</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>79</b>



[Base "helped the US economy recover" N=236]

9a. Who do you think is more responsible for the U.S. Congress helping the U.S. economy recover?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Republicans in Washington	37	20	36	76
Democrats in Washington	53	74	35	15
[Don't know]	10	7	30	9

[Base "done more harm than good to the economy" N=774]

9b. Who do you think is more responsible for the U.S. Congress doing more harm than good to the economy?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Republicans in Washington	44	81	28	11
Democrats in Washington	42	11	28	79
[Don't know]	14	8	45	10

10. Since the recession started in 2008, do you think President Obama has generally helped the U.S. economy recover OR done more harm than good to the economy?

[IF "HELPED THE US ECONOMY RECOVER" IN Q10, ASK Q11]

11. How much do you think President Obama has helped the U.S. economy recover?

[IF "DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD TO THE ECONOMY" IN Q10, ASK Q12]

12. How much harm do you think President Obama has done to the U.S. economy?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Helped a great deal	10	18	5	3
Helped a fair amount	29	47	26	7
Helped only a little	11	15	9	8
Harmed a great deal	25	7	14	51
Harmed a fair amount	15	7	20	22
Harmed only a little	4	3	3	7
[Don't know]	6	3	21	2
<b>TOTAL helped the US economy recover</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL done more harm than good to the economy</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>80</b>



**HEALTHCARE REFORM**

13. As of right now, do you favor or oppose the healthcare reform bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in 2010?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>[Don't know]</u>
6/7-11/12	45	44	12
4/1-5/10	44	45	11
2/26-28/10	41	47	11
1/28-31/10	37	51	12
10/29-11/1/09	39	49	12
10/1-5/09	40	42	18
8/27-31/09	40	45	15

[ASK IF OPPOSE IN Q13, N=479]

14. You said you are opposed to the healthcare reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. Is that because...? You favor healthcare reform overall but think the current proposals don't go far enough to reform healthcare OR You oppose healthcare reform overall and think the current proposals go too far in reforming healthcare

	<u>Don't go far enough</u>	<u>Oppose reform overall</u>	<u>[DK]</u>
6/7-11/12	22	68	10
4/1-5/10	33	60	7
2/26-28/10	37	54	10

15. Thinking again about the elections this November, if your member of Congress were to run on a platform of repealing the healthcare bill recently passed into law, would that make you...[READ LIST]

		<u>All</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Rep.</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
Much more likely to vote for them	6/7-11/12	26	16	19	42	29
	4/1-5/10	27	15	20	45	29
Somewhat more likely to vote for them	6/7-11/12	27	26	29	28	26
	4/1-5/10	23	18	25	28	23
Somewhat less likely to vote for them	6/7-11/12	17	21	13	14	16
	4/1-5/10	15	19	16	9	13
Much less likely to vote for them	6/7-11/12	22	32	16	11	23
	4/1-5/10	27	42	22	12	27
(Not sure	6/7-11/12	8	5	23	5	7
	4/1-5/10	8	7	17	5	7
<i>Top2Box (More likely)</i>	6/7-11/12	53	42	48	70	55
	4/1-5/10	50	33	45	73	52
<i>Low2Box (Less likely)</i>	6/7-11/12	39	53	29	25	39
	4/1-5/10	42	61	37	21	41



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	77
No	22
(Not sure)	1

B. 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 toward the Republican Party?
- d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	18
Moderately Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	16
Independent (No lean)	15
<b>Initial Democrats</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Initial Republicans</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>38</b>

C. To what extent, if at all, do you personally identify with the ideals of the Tea Party movement?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Identify with them strongly	10	4	8	19
Identify with them	10	4	4	20
Identify with them a little	28	24	21	35
Do not identify with them at all	47	65	51	24
(DK/NS)	5	3	16	3
<b>TOTAL: Identify at least a little</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>74</b>