THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLEGROUNDB POLL

A national survey of 1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters
Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

- Right direction: 19%
- Unsure: 8%
- Wrong track: 73%
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Q1
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

- Republican: 41%
- Undecided: 15%
- Democratic: 44%
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Do you think your Member of Congress has performed their job well enough to deserve re-election, or do you think it's time to give a new person a chance?

- Deserves re-election: 26%
- Undecided: 16%
- New person a chance: 58%
Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for Congress to focus on. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important.

- The Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: 2%
- Illegal immigration: 2%
- Taxes: 2%
- Terrorism and homeland security: 2%
- Education: 7%
- Health care costs: 7%
- Government spending and the budget deficit: 18%
- The economy: 13%
- Gas and energy prices: 1%
- Medicare and Social Security: 6%
- Jobs: 8%
- Inability of Washington to solve problems: 26%
- Combo: 5%
- Other: 1%
- Unsure: 1%
And what would you say is the next most important problem?
*(If choice made in Q4, Asked of N=947 or 93.6% of Sample)*

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How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

Approve: 45%
Unsure: 3%
Disapprove: 52%
How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?
How would you rate the job Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

- Approve: 9%
- Unsure: 4%
- Disapprove: 87%
How would you rate the job your Member of Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

- Approve: 39%
- Unsure: 11%
- Disapprove: 50%
Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so.

**Barack Obama**

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Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people have said are important to them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who will better handle this issue -- Republicans in Congress or Democrats in Congress. Here is the first one:

- Jobs: 43% for Republicans, 4% for unsure, 45% for Democrats
- The economy: 45% for Republicans, 4% for unsure, 41% for Democrats
- Taxes: 49% for Republicans, 5% for unsure, 40% for Democrats
- Health care: 40% for Republicans, 3% for unsure, 48% for Democrats
- Social Security: 39% for Republicans, 5% for unsure, 48% for Democrats
- Federal budget deficit: 48% for Republicans, 5% for unsure, 36% for Democrats
- Getting Washington working again: 33% for Republicans, 6% for unsure, 39% for Democrats

Q13-19
In thinking about the national economy, how would you rate the national economy?

- Excellent/Good: 13%
- Fair: 44%
- Poor: 42%
- Unsure: 1%
In thinking about your personal economic situation, how would you rate your personal economic situation?

- Excellent/Good: 53%
- Fair: 35%
- Poor: 12%
- Unsure: 1%

Q21
In general, do you favor or oppose the Affordable Care Act, which is also called Obamacare?

- Favor: 43%
- Unsure: 4%
- Oppose: 53%
Do you think that the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, went too far, did not go far enough, or was about right?

- Too far: 49%
- Not far enough: 23%
- Was about right: 21%
Have you seen, read or heard anything about the rollout and beginning of the enrollment period for the Affordable Health Care Act?

- Yes: 77%
- Unsure: 1%
- No: 22%
Thinking about what you have seen, read or heard about this rollout, has it made you more likely or less likely to be favorable toward the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, or hasn’t it made any difference?

*(If choice made in Q24, Asked of N=775, or 76.6% of Sample)*
And, over the past few weeks have you or anyone in your family attempted to shop for health insurance on the new health care exchange websites like healthcare dot gov?

- Yes: 16%
- Unsure: 1%
- No: 83%
Based on what you know, who do you think was most responsible for the government shutdown? Would you say it was: Republicans in Congress, or President Obama and the Democrats in Congress?

50%

35%

8%

Republicans in Congress

President Obama and the Democrats in Congress

All
And, do you think that the Republicans most responsible for the government shutdown were: Tea Party supporters in Congress, or other Republicans in Congress?

*(If choice made in Q27, Asked of N=505, or 50% of Sample)*

- **58%** in favor of Tea Party supporters in Congress
- **26%** in favor of other Republicans in Congress
- **6%** for all categories combined
Would you say that this shutdown made you more likely or less likely to vote for your Member of Congress or does it not make any difference to your vote?

- More likely: 22%
- Unsure: 4%
- No Difference: 47%
- Less Likely: 27%
Have you seen, read, or heard that the deal to end the government shutdown only provides funding through January 15th?

Yes: 82%
Unsure: 1%
No: 18%
Does this information make you more likely or less likely to vote to re-elect your Member of Congress, or does this not make any difference?

- More likely: 14%
- Unsure: 4%
- No Difference: 52%
- Less Likely: 30%