THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLEGROUND 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: 24%
- Unsure: 10%
- Wrong track: 67%
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Q1
In thinking about the past few months and leaders in Washington solving problems, do you think that things have gotten better, gotten worse, stayed the same over the past few months?
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: 43%
- Undecided: 16%
- Democratic: 41%
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?
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: 29%
- Undecided: 17%
- New person a chance: 54%
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: 41%
- Unsure: 5%
- Disapprove: 54%
How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?
Whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President, what is your impression of Barack Obama as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?

- Approve: 61%
- Unsure: 10%
- Disapprove: 29%
I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

Here is the first one:

- **The economy**: 40% Approve, 3% Unsure, 57% Disapprove
- **Solving problems**: 43% Approve, 3% Unsure, 55% Disapprove
- **Working with Congress**: 40% Approve, 3% Unsure, 56% Disapprove
- **The federal budget and spending**: 33% Approve, 4% Unsure, 63% Disapprove
- **Jobs**: 43% Approve, 3% Unsure, 54% Disapprove
- **Taxes**: 41% Approve, 6% Unsure, 53% Disapprove
How would you rate the job Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

- **Approve**: 9% (10/31/2013), 14% (1/16/2014)
- **Unsure**: 4% (10/31/2013), 4% (1/16/2014)
- **Disapprove**: 87% (10/31/2013), 81% (1/16/2014)
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% (10/31/2013), 47% (1/16/2014)
- Unsure: 11% (10/31/2013), 9% (1/16/2014)
- Disapprove: 50% (10/31/2013), 44% (1/16/2014)
As you may already know, in December Congress passed and the President signed a law to fund the federal government for two years. Have you seen, read or heard anything about this federal budget deal?

Yes: 47%
Unsure: 2%
No: 51%
Thinking about what you have seen, read or heard about this budget deal, has it made you more likely or less likely to vote for your Member of Congress?

(If “Yes” in Q21, Asked of N=479, or 47.4% of Sample)

- More likely: 36%
- Unsure: 10%
- No difference: 12%
- Less likely: 42%
And, based on what you know, do you think this deal was more of a step in the right direction or giving up on key principles?

(If “Yes” in Q21, Asked of N=479, or 47.4% of Sample)

- 42% Step in the right direction
- 49% Giving up on key principles
- 1% Other
- 7% Unsure/Refused

Q23
In general, do you favor or oppose the Affordable Care Act, which is also called Obamacare?

- Favor: 43% (1/31/2013) vs. 53% (1/16/2014)
- Unsure: 4% vs. 3%
- Oppose: 41% (1/31/2013) vs. 56% (1/16/2014)
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%
- Combo/Other: 1%
- None: 2%
- Unsure/Refused: 6%

January 12-16, 2014/ N=1,000 Registered “likely” voters / ±3.1% M.O.E.
Do you think that the national economy has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?

- Gotten better: 35%
- Gotten worse: 42%
- Stayed the same: 23%
- Unsure/Refused: 1%
Do you think that your personal economic situation has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?

- Gotten better: 22%
- Gotten worse: 36%
- Stayed the same: 40%
- Combo/Other: 1%
- Unsure/Refused: 1%
How big of a problem would you say that income inequality is? Would you say it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

- Big problem: 49%
- Somewhat of a problem: 30%
- Not much of a problem: 8%
- Not a problem at all: 9%
- Unsure/Refused: 4%
What do you think would be the best way to make sure that everyone can move up economically? Would you say it is reducing the gap between the wealthiest Americans and the rest of the country or cutting taxes and removing unnecessary regulations?

- Closing the gap: 43%
- Cutting taxes/removing regulations: 45%
- Combo/Other: 4%
- None: 3%
- Unsure/Refused: 5%
What is the likelihood that you will actually watch the speech live from the floor of the House of Representatives? Are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely at all to watch President Obama’s speech?

- Extremely Likely: 23%
- Very Likely: 24%
- Somewhat Likely: 18%
- Not at all Likely: 33%
- Unsure/Refuse: 1%
Still thinking about the State of the Union speech, how important do you think this year’s speech will be? Would you say this will be extremely important, very important, somewhat important or not very important speech?

- Extremely Important: 18%
- Very Important: 24%
- Somewhat Important: 26%
- Not at all Important: 31%
- Unsure/Refuse: 2%
And, in thinking about the State of the Union speech that President Obama will give this year, do you think the nation needs to hear a list of detailed policy proposals to address our problems or an inspirational speech that will bring us together as a nation?

- Detailed policy proposals: 56%
- Inspirational speech: 27%
- Both: 8%
- Neither: 4%
- Unsure/Refuse: 5%
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- **Taxes**: 66% Very Important, 26% Somewhat Important, 6% Not at all Important, 2% Unsure
- **The Federal deficit**: 72% Very Important, 19% Somewhat Important, 7% Not at all Important, 2% Unsure
- **The new healthcare law**: 66% Very Important, 19% Somewhat Important, 13% Not at all Important, 2% Unsure
- **The role of government in our lives**: 53% Very Important, 31% Somewhat Important, 13% Not at all Important, 2% Unsure