

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,297 National Adults

This survey of 1,297 adults was conducted March 29th through March 31st, 2016 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.7 percentage points. There are 1,066 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 444 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. There are 497 Democrats and Democratic leaning independents. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 4.7 percentage points and ± 4.4 percentage points, respectively. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters	
		Col %	Col %	
National Adults		100%		
National Registered Voters		82%	100%	
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	34%	
	Republican	n/a	30%	
	Independent	n/a	35%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	21%	
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	13%	
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%	
	Just Independents	n/a	8%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	13%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	15%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	15%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
	Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	7%
		Liberal	n/a	17%
Moderate		n/a	36%	
Conservative		n/a	29%	
Very conservative		n/a	10%	
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	22%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	38%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	62%	
Gender	Men	49%	47%	
	Women	51%	53%	
Age	Under 45	47%	44%	
	45 or older	53%	56%	
Age	18 to 29	22%	18%	
	30 to 44	26%	26%	
	45 to 59	27%	27%	
	60 or older	26%	29%	
Race	White	62%	66%	
	African American	11%	12%	
	Latino	14%	11%	
	Other	12%	10%	
Region	Northeast	18%	18%	
	Midwest	22%	23%	
	South	37%	38%	
	West	23%	21%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	44%	
	\$50,000 or more	52%	56%	
Education	Not college graduate	61%	58%	
	College graduate	39%	42%	
Marital Status	Married	50%	54%	
	Not married	50%	46%	
Interview Type	Landline	42%	45%	
	Cell phone	58%	55%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 29th through March 31st, 2016, n=1297 MOE +/- 2.7 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=1066 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		50%	46%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	85%	11%	4%
	Republican	11%	86%	3%
	Independent	48%	47%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	93%	6%	2%
	Soft Democrats	75%	17%	8%
	Just Independents	45%	53%	3%
	Soft Republicans	17%	79%	4%
	Strong Republicans	6%	93%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	76%	4%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	7%	90%	4%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	17%	80%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	85%	11%	4%
	Moderate	58%	37%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	76%	4%
Region	Northeast	54%	41%	5%
	Midwest	47%	49%	3%
	South	46%	48%	6%
	West	55%	42%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	38%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	50%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	48%	6%
	College graduate	54%	43%	3%
Race	White	38%	58%	4%
	African American	89%	5%	5%
	Latino	71%	23%	6%
Age	18 to 29	68%	28%	3%
	30 to 44	54%	40%	6%
	45 to 59	44%	52%	4%
	60 or older	39%	57%	4%
Age	Under 45	60%	35%	5%
	45 or older	41%	55%	4%
Gender	Men	44%	52%	4%
	Women	54%	41%	5%
Marital Status	Married	40%	56%	4%
	Not married	61%	34%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	48%	5%
	Cell phone	51%	44%	4%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted March 29th through March 31st, 2016, n=1066 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

National Registered Voters			
Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?			
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
April 2016	50%	46%	5%
November 2015	48%	48%	4%
August 2015	47%	47%	7%
March 2015	46%	50%	4%
December 2014	43%	52%	5%
October 2014	46%	51%	3%
August 2014	40%	52%	8%
July 2014	40%	49%	11%
April 2014	45%	52%	3%
February 2014	42%	52%	5%
December 2013	43%	53%	4%
September 2013	44%	47%	9%
July 2013	41%	48%	11%
April 2013	50%	46%	4%
March 2013	45%	48%	7%
December 2012	50%	44%	6%
November 2012	50%	46%	4%
July 2012	47%	47%	6%
March 2012	48%	47%	5%
November 2011	43%	50%	7%
September 2011	39%	52%	9%
August 2011	44%	46%	10%
June 2011	45%	47%	8%
April 2011	44%	49%	6%
January 2011	48%	43%	9%
December 2010	42%	50%	8%
November 23, 2010	45%	48%	7%
October 28, 2010	48%	43%	9%
October 8, 2010	43%	50%	7%
September 22, 2010	45%	50%	5%
June 30, 2010	44%	45%	11%
March 31, 2010	46%	43%	11%
February 8, 2010	44%	47%	9%
December 8, 2009	46%	44%	10%
October 14, 2009	53%	41%	6%
August 12, 2009	55%	35%	10%
June 8, 2009	56%	32%	12%
April 27, 2009	55%	31%	14%
April 8, 2009	56%	30%	14%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		21%	73%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	8%	83%	9%
	Republican	34%	61%	5%
	Independent	23%	71%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	6%	88%	6%
	Soft Democrats	13%	77%	10%
	Just Independents	22%	72%	6%
	Soft Republicans	34%	61%	5%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	32%	63%	5%
	Tea Party Supporters	32%	63%	6%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	31%	65%	4%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	35%	59%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	7%	88%	5%
	Moderate	21%	71%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	29%	66%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	74%	8%
	Midwest	20%	74%	6%
	South	21%	73%	6%
	West	24%	68%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	23%	70%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	74%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	22%	69%	9%
	College graduate	19%	78%	3%
Race	White	19%	75%	6%
	African American	19%	75%	6%
	Latino	20%	66%	13%
Age	18 to 29	33%	57%	10%
	30 to 44	17%	76%	7%
	45 to 59	20%	74%	5%
	60 or older	18%	77%	5%
Age	Under 45	23%	68%	8%
	45 or older	19%	76%	5%
Gender	Men	21%	73%	6%
	Women	21%	72%	7%
Marital Status	Married	19%	75%	6%
	Not married	23%	70%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	18%	75%	6%
	Cell phone	23%	70%	7%

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National Registered Voters			
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?			
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
April 2016	21%	73%	7%
November 2015	23%	70%	7%
August 2015	19%	68%	13%
March 2015	33%	61%	6%
December 2014	28%	66%	6%
October 2014	24%	71%	5%
August 2014	22%	68%	10%
April 2014	26%	69%	5%
February 2014	22%	72%	6%
December 2013	22%	74%	4%
July 2013	22%	66%	12%
April 2013	24%	71%	6%
March 2013	26%	68%	7%
December 2012	26%	67%	7%
March 2012	31%	62%	8%
November 2011	23%	70%	7%
September 2011	26%	67%	8%
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		36%	59%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	70%	24%	6%
	Republican	7%	88%	5%
	Independent	27%	68%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	79%	16%	5%
	Soft Democrats	52%	42%	7%
	Just Independents	19%	74%	7%
	Soft Republicans	9%	85%	5%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	6%	92%	3%
	Tea Party Supporters	16%	79%	6%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	4%	93%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	10%	84%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	66%	31%	3%
	Moderate	34%	59%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	77%	5%
Region	Northeast	42%	51%	7%
	Midwest	31%	63%	6%
	South	37%	59%	3%
	West	33%	58%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	42%	52%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	62%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	34%	58%	7%
	College graduate	37%	59%	4%
Race	White	27%	68%	6%
	African American	72%	25%	3%
	Latino	49%	42%	10%
Age	18 to 29	49%	43%	8%
	30 to 44	36%	60%	4%
	45 to 59	33%	61%	6%
	60 or older	29%	66%	5%
Age	Under 45	41%	53%	6%
	45 or older	31%	63%	6%
Gender	Men	30%	64%	5%
	Women	40%	53%	6%
Marital Status	Married	29%	67%	5%
	Not married	44%	49%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	58%	6%
	Cell phone	35%	59%	6%

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August 2015	28%	60%	12%
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October 2014	33%	61%	6%
August 2014	32%	59%	9%
April 2014	32%	63%	5%
February 2014	33%	60%	7%
December 2013	33%	64%	3%
July 2013	33%	57%	10%
April 2013	32%	62%	6%
March 2013	31%	62%	7%
December 2012	35%	58%	7%
March 2012	34%	59%	7%
November 2011	28%	65%	7%
September 2011	30%	63%	7%
August 2011	35%	55%	11%
June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%

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		National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
		Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		27%	68%	5%
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Party Identification^	Democrat	47%	49%	4%
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	Strong Republicans	7%	92%	2%
Tea Party Supporters^		15%	83%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	8%	90%	3%
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Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	42%	54%	4%
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October 2014	35%	61%	4%
August 2014	28%	64%	8%
April 2014	32%	64%	3%
February 13, 2014	33%	64%	3%
February 5, 2014	30%	63%	8%
December 2013	30%	66%	4%
July 2013	30%	60%	11%
April 2013	38%	58%	4%
March 2013	35%	60%	5%
December 2012	40%	55%	5%
March 2012	43%	53%	4%
November 2011	25%	70%	4%
September 2011	22%	73%	5%
August 2011	21%	70%	10%
June 2011	32%	59%	9%
April 2011	31%	64%	5%
January 2011	41%	47%	12%
December 2010	34%	58%	8%
November 23, 2010	41%	53%	6%
October 28, 2010	38%	52%	10%
September 22, 2010	41%	56%	3%
July 6, 2010	37%	56%	7%
March 31, 2010	43%	53%	4%
February 8, 2010	38%	54%	8%
December 8, 2009	46%	46%	8%
October 14, 2009	47%	47%	6%
August 12, 2009	50%	42%	8%
June 8, 2009	50%	40%	10%
April 27, 2009	44%	44%	12%
April 15, 2009	49%	40%	11%
November 2007	23%	67%	10%
May 2007	26%	65%	9%
February 2007	29%	63%	8%
December 2006	31%	60%	9%
October 2006	33%	58%	9%
February 2006	34%	61%	5%
October 2005	31%	62%	7%
May 2005	38%	56%	6%
February 2005	47%	48%	5%
October 21, 2004	42%	55%	3%
October 07, 2004	39%	53%	8%
September 2004	38%	52%	10%
August 2004	40%	48%	12%
July 2004	37%	52%	11%
April 2004	43%	51%	6%
March 2004	43%	52%	5%
November 2003	45%	48%	7%
April 2003	55%	34%	11%
January 2003	42%	48%	10%
October 2002	45%	46%	9%
April 2002	60%	32%	8%
January 2002	60%	30%	10%
March 2001	41%	44%	15%
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