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Interview dates: July 8-11, 2011
Interviews: 1,173 adults; 989 registered voters
508 Democrats; 444 Republicans; 221 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, July 8-11, 2011

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from July 8th through 11th, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,173 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

- 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>
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>
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>DEMOCRATS:</u>		<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u>		<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u>		<u>REPUBLICANS:</u>		<u>REPUBLICANS:</u>	
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
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						

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM

3. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the US today?

	<u>7/8- 11/11</u>	<u>10/28- 31/10</u>	<u>10/7- 11/10</u>	<u>7/22- 25/10</u>	<u>4/1- 5/10</u>	<u>1/7- 11/2010</u>	<u>10/1- 5/09</u>	<u>2/5- 9/09</u>
ECONOMY (NET)	51	47	49	48	47	48	46	76
Economy (unspecified)	28	24	26	28	25	28	33	50
Unemployment, lack of jobs	22	22	22	19	21	19	12	20
Other economy issues	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET) (excl. Econ)	34	28	27	24	29	31	34	11
Government spending /deficit/budget	14	8	7	4	-	-	-	-
Political Leaders	9	7	2	8	6	7	4	1
Healthcare	4	4	3	3	8	9	14	2
Morality	3	3	6	4	4	3	3	3
Energy Crisis	1	*	*	2	1	-	-	-
Education	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	1
Crime/Drugs	1	2	2	0	0	-	1	-
Environment	*	*	1	0	0	-	1	-
Other Domestic Issues	1	1	6	1	7	10	8	2
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)	5	9	8	9	11	14	10	7
War (Subnet)	1	3	4	5	5	7	5	4
- War with Iraq / Iraq	*	*	0	0	0	1	1	1
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	*	3	4	5	5	6	4	3
Immigration	1	3	3	4	3	1	1	1
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	1	1	*	0	1	4	1	1
Other foreign affairs issues	1	1	*	1	1	1	2	1
OTHER	6	6	7	10	5	5	5	5
Nothing	1	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
(Not sure)	3	10	9	9	8	2	2	1

**DEBT DEAL**

4. As you may know, Congress will be voting in August about whether to raise the US' debt limit again. If Congress does not raise the debt limit, it will mean the federal government will have to stop paying some services.

If this happens, which of the following do you think the Government should stop paying first?

5. And which should they stop paying next?

	<u>Q4</u> <u>1st choice</u>	<u>Q5</u> <u>2nd choice</u>	<u>Q4/5</u> <u>Combined</u>
International creditors like banks	36	23	58
Government departments like education and agriculture	12	18	28
Members of the US military	9	8	16
(Vol) salaries of politicians	7	4	10
Medicare and Medicaid recipients	4	7	10
Social Security recipients	4	7	10
(Vol) Foreign aid	2	2	3
(Vol) Welfare	1	1	2
(Vol) Stop tax breaks (for wealthy)	1	*	1
(Vol) Government employees	1	1	1
Cut unnecessary departments/programs	0	1	1
Support for illegal immigrants	*	*	1
Raise the debt ceiling	*	*	*
Other	4	6	9
Nothing	2	2	2
(DK/NS)	16	19	12

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

[REPUBLICAN AND INDEPENDENT VOTERS ONLY, N=556]

6. Who do you think would make a better candidate for the Republican nomination for President, Michelle Bachmann or Mitt Romney?

	<u>ALL</u> <u>REPUBLICANS &</u> <u>INDEPENDENTS</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS</u> <u>ONLY</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS</u> <u>ONLY</u>
Michelle Bachmann	23	25	17
Mitt Romney	40	43	27
Other	4	3	6
Nothing	1	1	2
DK/NS	32	28	49



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	77
No	22
(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	18
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	14
Strongly Republican	12
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	14
Independent (No lean)	21
Initial Democrats	29
Total Democrats	43
Initial Republicans	22
Total Republicans	36