



1146 19th St., NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 463-7300

Interview dates: September 8-12, 2011
Interviews: 1,134 adults; 932 registered voters
522 Democrats; 481 Republicans; 131 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, September 8-12, 2011
NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from September 8th through 12th, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,134 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

1. 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>
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
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



	Right Direction	Wrong Track	(Not Sure)
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)	TOTAL Approve	TOTAL Disapprove	Mean Rating
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>Approve</u>	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>
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



TRUST IN MAJOR INSTITUTIONS

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means "completely distrust" and 10 means "completely trust" how much do you trust or distrust the following?

		Trust (8-10)	Lukewarm trust (6-7)	Mild distrust (4-5)	Distrust (1-3)	Mean
Media	9/8-12/11	15	18	31	36	4.6
	9/1996	13	NA	NA	33	NA
Federal government	9/8-12/11	18	21	28	31	4.9
	9/1996	11	NA	NA	34	NA
Local government	9/8-12/11	24	29	29	18	5.7
	9/1996	13	NA	NA	25	NA
U.S. Military	9/8-12/11	68	16	10	5	8.0
	9/1996	46	NA	NA	9	NA
Local police	9/8-12/11	52	21	15	11	7.1
	9/1996	45	NA	NA	12	NA
Church/ religious community	9/8-12/11	57	15	15	12	7.2
	9/1996	66	NA	NA	7	NA
Friends/ acquaintances	9/8-12/11	68	13	12	6	7.8
	9/1996	70	NA	NA	5	NA
Employers	9/8-12/11	30	32	26	10	6.3
	9/1996	41	NA	NA	10	NA
Banks/ Financial institutions	9/8-12/11	21	23	29	26	5.3
	9/1996	27	NA	NA	14	NA
Federal Reserve	9/8-12/11	21	22	30	24	5.4
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S Congress	9/8-12/11	12	18	30	38	4.4
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
President Barack Obama	9/8-12/11	37	17	16	30	5.7
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

EMPLOYMENT

4. Which of the following events would be worse than losing your job [IF NECESSARY, PROMPT WITH: If you don't have a job, you can use your imagination]? Would [INSERT ITEM] be worse than losing your job? How about [NEXT ITEM]?

	All Adults			Currently employed full-time		
	Yes	No	(DK/NS)	Yes	No	(DK/NS)
Suffering a major illness	75	23	1	74	25	--
Finding out you have cancer	79	19	2	79	21	--
Getting a divorce	53	44	2	58	41	1
Being the victim of crime	56	40	4	49	47	4
Being in a natural disaster	71	28	1	67	33	1
A death in the family	76	22	2	76	23	1
Terrorist attack in the US	79	20	1	72	27	1
Being embarrassed on national TV	25	73	2	18	82	1
Your favorite team lose the national championship	5	94	1	5	94	1



5a. Are you currently unemployed and looking for work?

Yes	18
No	82
(DK/NS)	1

5b. Is someone in your immediate family or close circle of friends currently unemployed and looking for work?

Yes	47
No	53
(DK/NS)	--

5c. Is someone in your wider circle of friends or acquaintances currently unemployed and looking for work?

Yes	64
No	35
(DK/NS)	--

PRESIDENTIAL MATCH-UP

Q5. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and [INSERT CANDIDATE BELOW AND ROTATE LIST], the Republican, for whom would you vote? IF THEY SAY 'UNSURE/DK', PROMPT: Would you lean toward Obama or toward [CANDIDATE]?

All Adults

		<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>[Republican candidate]</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
Mitt Romney	9/8-12/11	51	39	2	5	4
	5/5-9/11	51	38	2	6	3
Jon Huntsman	9/8-12/11	52	34	3	5	6
	5/5-9/11	51	30	3	8	8
Michelle Bachmann	9/8-12/11	54	34	2	5	5
	5/5-9/11	54	33	3	5	5
Rick Perry	9/8-12/11	51	39	2	3	5
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ron Paul	9/8-12/11	51	38	2	5	4
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Registered Voters

		<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>[Republican candidate]</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
Mitt Romney	9/8-12/11	49	43	2	4	3
	5/5-9/11	48	40	1	6	4
Jon Huntsman	9/8-12/11	51	37	2	5	5
	5/5-9/11	50	30	2	9	9
Michelle Bachmann	9/8-12/11	54	36	2	5	4
	5/5-9/11	53	33	2	6	5
Rick Perry	9/8-12/11	50	42	1	3	4
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ron Paul	9/8-12/11	49	42	2	4	3
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	74
No	25
(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	23
Moderately Democrat	9
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	17
Independent (No lean)	13
Initial Democrats	32
Total Democrats	48
Initial Republicans	22
Total Republicans	39

3. And to what extent, if at all, do you personally identify with the ideals of the Tea Party movement?
Would you say...?

Identify with them strongly	10
Identify with them	12
Identify with them a little	31
Do not identify with them at all	43
(DK/NS)	4
Strong identify	22
Total identify	53