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Interview dates: October 31 – November 3, 2011
Interviews: 1,106 adults; 937 registered voters
529 Democrats; 465 Republicans; 112 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 2.9 for all adults; ± 3.2 for registered voters; ± 4.3 for Democrats;
 ± 4.5 for Republicans; ± 9.3 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, November 2011

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from October 31st through Nov 3rd, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,106 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 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. Responses are based on the full sample of adults unless otherwise noted.*

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?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
10/31-11/3/11	25	70	5
10/6-10/11	21	74	5
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



Q1 CONTINUED

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
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 approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Lean toward approval</u>	<u>Still have mixed feelings</u>	<u>Lean toward disapproval</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>	TOTAL Approve	TOTAL Disapprove	Mean Rating
10/31-11/3/11*	22	18	9	2	7	10	32	*	49	50	3.9
10/6-10/11*	20	17	10	3	6	10	34	*	47	50	3.8
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

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APPROVAL BY PARTY ID

	DEMOCRATS:		INDEPENDENTS:		REPUBLICANS:	
	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove
10/31-11/3/11*	77	22	39	53	17	82
10/6-10/11*	74	23	44	49	9	90
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

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CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION COVERAGE

3. I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

- 3a. (ASK ALL UNSURE/DK/OTHER): If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

BASE: 937 REGISTERED VOTERS

	Democrats	Republicans	(Other party)	(Not voting)	(DK/NS)
10/31-11/3/11	48	43	1	2	6
10/6-10/11	48	40	2	2	8



PRESIDENTIAL HEAD-TO-HEAD

4. 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]?
BASE: 937 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	10/31-11/3/11	43	44	2	5	5
	9/8-12/11	49	43	2	4	3
	5/5-9/11	48	40	1	6	4
Herman Cain	10/31-11/3/11	46	41	2	6	5
Rick Perry	10/31-11/3/11	47	41	2	6	4
	9/8-12/11	50	42	1	3	4

ORGANIZED LABOR

5. Now thinking of labor unions and organized labor, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion: "Organized labor has an important role to play in American workplaces" OR "Labor unions have too much power and should be less involved in American work"? Do you agree with that statement strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Strongly important role to play	26	38	30	9
Somewhat important role to play	25	29	34	17
Somewhat too much power	18	15	12	24
Strongly too much power	25	13	15	43
Mix of both	2	2	2	3
(DK/REF)	5	4	7	4
TOTAL: Role to play	51	66	64	26
TOTAL: Too much power	43	28	27	67

DEFICIT AND SPENDING

SPLIT SAMPLE Q6a/Q6b

- 6a. When it comes to voting in next year's elections how important will a candidate's efforts to reduce U.S. budget deficits be in your decision?
BASE = 543

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Very important	62	52	59	72
Somewhat important	29	35	23	23
Not very important	5	7	2	3
Not important at all	3	4	8	2
(DK/REF)	1	1	8	0
TOTAL: Important	90	88	82	96
TOTAL: Not important	8	11	10	4



- 6b. When it comes to voting in next year's elections how important will a candidate's efforts to create jobs be in your decision?
BASE = 563

	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very important	77	78	64	84
Somewhat important	18	18	26	12
Not very important	2	3	1	1
Not important at all	2	1	5	2
(DK/REF)	1	*	4	1
TOTAL: Important	95	96	90	96
TOTAL: Not important	4	4	6	3

7. Do you feel the stimulus bills that Congress has approved in recent years helped the economy or just created debt?

	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Helped the economy	28	44	20	13
Just created debts	62	45	63	82
Mix of both	4	5	6	3
(DK/REF)	5	5	11	3

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	77
No	23
(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	21
Moderately Democrat	9
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	8
Lean Republican	16
Independent (No lean)	15
Initial Democrats	31
Total Democrats	47
Initial Republicans	22
Total Republicans	38



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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Identify with them strongly	12	5	7	23
Identify with them	9	7	6	14
Identify with them a little	29	24	27	35
Do not identify with them at all	44	61	40	24
(DK/NS)	6	5	19	3

4. To what extent, if at all, do you personally identify with the ideals of the Occupy Wall Street or We Are The 99% movement?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Identify with them strongly	16	25	18	5
Identify with them	12	18	8	7
Identify with them a little	23	27	17	21
Do not identify with them at all	42	25	45	62
(DK/NS)	6	5	13	5

- 3/4. Identification with Tea Party or OWS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Identify with Tea Party only	16	3	7	35
Identify with OWS only	23	35	19	9
Identify with both	6	8	6	3
Do not identify with either	56	54	67	53