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Interview dates: February 2-6, 2012
Interviews: 1,033 adults; 881 registered voters
503 Democrats; 405 Republicans; 125 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 3.1 for all adults; ± 3.3 for registered voters; ± 4.4 for Democrats;
 ± 4.9 for Republicans; ± 9.6 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, February 2012

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from February 2nd – 6th, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,033 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>
2/2-6/12	32	62	7
1/5-9/12	32	63	5
12/8-12/11	27	69	5
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



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	<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</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>
2/2-6/12	23	13	13	2	13	6	30	*	48	49	3.9
1/5-9/12	21	12	14	3	16	5	28	1	47	49	3.9
12/8-12/11*	21	17	9	4	7	10	32	1	47	48	3.9
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



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>
2/2-6/12	79	19	42	51	13	86						
1/5-9/12	77	19	45	44	12	87						
12/8-12/11*	77	19	34	51	15	83						
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						



CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION COVERAGE

3. The 2012 elections are next year. 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? (ASK ALL UNSURE/DK/OTHER: If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?)

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]

	Democrats	Republicans	(Other party)	(Not voting)	(DK/NS)
2/2-6/12	46	44	1	3	6
1/5-9/12	48	44	2	1	5
12/8-12/11	48	42	1	2	7
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? (ASK ALL 'UNSURE/DK/OTHER': Would you lean toward Obama or toward [CANDIDATE]?)

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N = 6,500]						Obama lead over Republican Candidate	
	Barack Obama	[Republican candidate]	Wouldn't vote (VOL)	None / Other (VOL)	DK / Ref (VOL)		
Mitt Romney	2/2-6/12	48	42	3	5	3	+6
	1/5-9/12	48	43	1	4	4	+5
	12/8-12/11	48	40	3	6	3	+8
	10/31-11/3/11	43	44	2	5	5	-1
	9/8-12/11	49	43	2	4	3	+6
	5/5-9/11	48	40	1	6	4	+8
Newt Gingrich	2/2-6/12	50	38	3	6	2	+12
	1/5-9/12	53	38	3	4	2	+15
	12/8-12/11	51	38	3	5	4	+13

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

5. If the 2012 Republican presidential primaries were being held today, for whom of the following would you vote?

ALL INDEPENDENTS & REPUBLICANS [n = c. 500]

	Mitt Romney	Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Rick Santorum	(Wouldn't vote)	(None/other)	(DK/REF)
2/2-6/12	28	16	22	16	2	5	12
1/5-9/12	29	17	17	12	1	4	9
12/8-12/11	18	25	12	4	*	6	10
10/6-10/11	21	7	12	NA	3	9	13
6/3-6/11	18	4	8	NA	1	30	18



REPUBLICANS ONLY [n = c. 400]

	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Newt Gingrich</u>	<u>Ron Paul</u>	<u>Rick Santorum</u>	<u>(Wouldn't vote)</u>	<u>(None/other)</u>	<u>(DK/REF)</u>
2/2-6/12	29	19	21	18	1	3	10
1/5-9/12	30	20	16	13	1	2	7
12/8-12/11	18	28	12	4	0	4	8
10/6-10/11	23	7	13	NA	2	7	13
6/3-6/11	20	6	7	NA	1	30	13

6. Regardless of your personal preference, if the Republican Presidential Primaries came down to these two candidates, for which one would you vote?

	<u>2/2-6/12</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Newt Gingrich</u>	<u>(DK/REF)</u>
Republicans & Independents (n~500)	1/5-9/12	50	37	13
	2/2-6/12	54	35	11
Republicans only (n~400)	1/5-9/12	53	40	6
	2/2-6/12	56	36	8

7. Have you heard about the results from the following elections?

	<u>All Registered voters</u>	<u>Republicans only</u>
The Republican caucuses in Iowa	65	63
The Republican primary in New Hampshire	65	64
The Republican primary in South Carolina	64	63
The Republican primary in Florida	71	72

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	78
No	21
(Not sure)	*

- B. 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	17
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	19
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	7
Lean Republican	17
Independent (No lean)	15
Initial Democrats	28
Total Democrats	47
Initial Republicans	21
Total Republicans	38



C. 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	9	3	5	20
Identify with them	11	5	12	19
Identify with them a little	29	24	26	37
Do not identify with them at all	44	63	45	20
(DK/NS)	5	5	12	4
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	49	32	43	76