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Interview dates: May 3-7, 2012
Interviews: 1,131 adults; 959 registered voters
559 Democrats; 471 Republicans; 101 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 2.9 for all adults; ± 3.2 for registered voters; ± 4.1 for Democrats;
 ± 4.5 for Republicans; ± 9.8 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, May 2012

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from May 3rd – 7th, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,131 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 2.9 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>
5/3-7/12	35	57	8
4/12-15/12	35	60	5
3/8-11/12	37	59	4
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>
5/3-7/12	25	14	11	2	14	6	27	2	50	47	4.1
4/12-15/12	26	12	11	2	13	6	30	1	49	49	4
3/8-11/12	26	12	11	2	12	7	29	*	50	48	4
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



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	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
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

	DEMOCRATS:		DEMOCRATS:		INDEPENDENTS:		INDEPENDENTS:		REPUBLICANS:		REPUBLICANS:	
	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove
5/3-7/12	83	16	48	40	10	89						
4/12-15/12	82	16	37	57	12	86						
3/8-11/12	81	18	42	54	14	84						
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)
5/3-7/12	46	44	1	3	5
4/12-15/12	42	41	3	5	9
3/8-11/12	47	43	2	1	7
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 Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Wouldn't vote (VOL)	None / Other (VOL)	DK / Ref (VOL)	Obama lead over Republican Candidate
5/3-7/12	49	42	2	6	2	+7
4/12-15/12	47	43	3	3	4	+4
3/8-11/12	52	41	2	3	2	+11
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

5. Who's stronger on the following issues?

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Both equally	Neither	(DK/NS)
Healthcare	51	37	1	5	6
Jobs and the economy	45	43	1	5	6
Taxes	46	40	2	4	8
Medicare	49	35	1	5	9
Social Security	46	36	2	6	10
Immigration	39	40	1	6	14
The war on terror	51	31	3	6	8
Afghanistan	51	28	2	7	12



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	77
No	23
(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 toward the Republican Party?
- d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	20
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	7
Lean Republican	19
Independent (No lean)	15
Initial Democrats	31
Total Democrats	47
Initial Republicans	19
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	12	5	4	25
Identify with them	10	4	8	18
Identify with them a little	24	20	27	29
Do not identify with them at all	48	67	49	24
(DK/NS)	6	6	12	4
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	46	29	39	72