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Interview dates: July 5-9, 2012
Interviews: 1,154 adults; 885 registered voters
542 Democrats; 439 Republicans; 173 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 3.0 for all adults; ± 3.4 for registered voters; ± 4.3 for Democrats;
 ± 4.8 for Republicans; ± 7.6 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, July 2012

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from July 5-9, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,154 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>
7/5-9/12	36	58	5
6/7-11/12	32	63	5
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



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	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
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>
7/5-9/12	24	12	12	4	10	5	32	1	48	47	3.9
6/7-11/12	23	14	11	1	14	4	32	1	47	50	3.9
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
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>
7/5-9/12	80	16	41	41	10	88						
6/7-11/12	80	19	35	55	12	87						
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						



3. When it comes to the following issues, please tell me what grade you would give President Obama for his performance. Let's use the same grades they use in school -- A, B, C, D, or F. [FIRST TIME, READ:] What grade would you give President Obama for his performance when it comes to (INSERT)? [REMAINING TIMES, READ:] How about [INSERT ISSUE]?"

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Satisfactory (A/B)</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory (D/F)</u>
The economy and jobs								
7/5-9/2012	12	22	19	14	32	0	35	45
5/5-9/2011	10	25	24	15	26	1	34	41
1/7-1/11/2010	14	25	21	14	24	0	40	39
12/3-12/6/09	15	20	19	18	27	0	36	45
7/30-8/3/09	21	26	17	13	21	2	47	34
4/2-6/09	21	25	20	12	18	2	47	30
2/6-9/09	29	24	18	12	14	4	53	26
Diplomacy								
7/5-9/2012	24	21	23	12	16	4	45	28
5/5-9/2011	24	26	21	11	13	4	51	25
1/7-1/11/2010	30	21	21	12	13	3	51	25
12/3-12/6/09	28	26	21	11	13	1	54	25
7/30-8/3/09	32	25	21	10	9	2	57	19
4/2-6/09	35	26	19	8	9	3	61	17
2/6-9/09	34	28	19	8	5	6	63	13
Terrorism								
7/5-9/2012	30	22	21	11	14	3	51	25
5/5-9/2011	31	27	18	10	13	1	59	22
1/7-1/11/2010	18	25	21	13	21	2	43	35
12/3-12/6/09	18	24	22	14	18	3	43	32
7/30-8/3/09	23	25	23	12	11	6	48	23
4/2-6/09	22	27	21	10	15	5	49	25
2/6-9/09	26	25	22	9	10	8	50	20
The war in Iraq								
7/5-9/2012	22	24	22	11	19	2	46	30
5/5-9/2011	18	22	27	15	16	2	41	30
1/7-1/11/2010	14	26	27	13	18	2	40	32
12/3-12/6/09	16	23	26	15	19	2	38	34
7/30-8/3/09	23	26	24	11	12	4	49	23
4/2-6/09	20	30	24	11	12	4	49	23
2/6-9/09	26	25	21	10	11	7	51	21
The war in Afghanistan								
7/5-9/2012	18	23	24	15	18	3	41	32
5/5-9/2011	16	24	29	14	15	2	40	29
1/7-1/11/2010	12	26	26	14	20	2	38	34
12/3-12/6/09	14	23	24	16	22	2	37	38
7/30-8/3/09	20	25	27	11	11	6	45	22
4/2-6/09	20	32	26	10	9	4	51	19
2/6-9/09	23	24	23	8	12	9	47	20
Health care								
7/5-9/2012	25	19	14	10	31	1	44	41
5/5-9/2011	19	21	19	12	28	1	40	40
1/7-1/11/2010	21	19	19	12	28	1	40	39
12/3-12/6/09	22	19	16	12	30	1	40	42
7/30-8/3/09	23	21	18	11	25	2	44	36
4/2-6/09	22	27	22	10	15	4	50	25
2/6-9/09	30	24	22	8	9	8	53	17



	A	B	C	D	F	Not sure	Satis- factory (A/B)	Unsatis- factory (D/F)
Education								
7/5-9/2012	20	26	22	14	15	3	46	29
5/5-9/2011	21	26	26	13	11	3	47	24
1/7-1/11/2010	24	27	23	12	10	4	51	22
12/3-12/6/09	23	26	24	11	11	5	49	22
7/30-8/3/09	26	26	23	12	8	5	52	20
4/2-6/09	27	29	23	7	8	6	57	15
2/6-9/09	33	28	21	6	5	6	61	11
Energy independence								
7/5-9/2012	14	23	23	14	21	4	37	35
5/5-8/2011	14	22	24	14	22	4	36	36
1/7-1/11/2010	15	26	28	12	16	3	41	28
12/3-12/6/09	18	23	26	13	16	4	41	29
7/30-8/3/09	23	24	22	15	12	4	47	27
4/2-6/09	24	30	20	10	12	4	54	22
2/6-9/09	28	29	21	7	8	7	56	15

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION COVERAGE

4. 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)
7/5-9/12	44	48	--	2	6
6/7-11/12	47	44	2	2	5
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

6. 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]

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>	<u>Obama lead over Romney</u>
7/5-9/12	49	43	1	4	3	+6
6/7-11/12	45	44	2	6	3	+1
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

HEALTHCARE REFORM

7. As of right now, do you favor or oppose the healthcare reform bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in 2010?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>[Don't know]</u>	<u>Favor – Oppose</u>
7/5-9/12	45	48	7	-3
6/7-11/12	45	44	12	+1
4/1-5/10	44	45	11	-1
2/26-28/10	41	47	11	-6
1/28-31/10	37	51	12	-14
10/29-11/1/09	39	49	12	-10
10/1-5/09	40	42	18	-2
8/27-31/09	40	45	15	-5



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	77
No	23
(Not sure)	1

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?

	All	RV only
Strongly Democrat	19	20
Moderately Democrat	11	11
Lean Democrat	17	15
Strongly Republican	12	15
Moderately Republican	10	11
Lean Republican	16	16
Independent (No lean)	15	13
Initial Democrats	30	31
Total Democrats	47	46
Initial Republicans	22	26
Total Republicans	38	42

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

	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Identify with them strongly	10	5	3	20
Identify with them	9	4	2	17
Identify with them a little	29	23	29	35
Do not identify with them at all	47	63	56	23
(DK/NS)	5	5	10	4
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	48	32	34	72

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

	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Identify with them strongly	9	14	5	4
Identify with them	9	14	5	4
Identify with them a little	32	32	37	29
Do not identify with them at all	45	35	44	59
(DK/NS)	6	5	10	4
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	48	60	47	37