



Ipsos Poll conducted for the National Treasury Employees Union, August 2012

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for NTEU from Aug 2-6, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,000 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 3.1 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.*

GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

- Do you think the federal government should commit more or less resources and manpower to each of the following.

	<u>Food safety</u>	<u>Border security</u>	<u>Veterans' assistance</u>	<u>Nuclear safety</u>	<u>Ensuring safety of medical devices</u>
More	69	72	86	58	66
Less	15	17	5	21	17
Kept the same	15	8	6	15	13
(DK/NS)	2	3	2	5	4

- Do you think the following statements are true or false?

- Wealthy Americans should pay their fair share towards deficit reduction and economic recovery

True	77
False	18
(DK/NS)	5

- Federal government employees have already contributed \$75 billion towards deficit reduction and economic recovery through a two-year pay freeze and increased retirement contributions.

True	40
False	42
(DK/NS)	17

- Congress should raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans before cutting funding for public services such as food and drug safety and border security

True	67
False	29
(DK/NS)	3



3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. The federal government should hire the most highly qualified persons to fill jobs

Agree	84
Disagree	13
(DK/NS)	3

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	79
No	20
(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?

	<u>All</u>	<u>RV only</u>
Strongly Democrat	20	21
Moderately Democrat	11	11
Lean Democrat	16	14
Strongly Republican	15	17
Moderately Republican	9	11
Lean Republican	17	18
Independent (No lean)	11	8
Initial Democrats	31	32
Total Democrats	47	47
Initial Republicans	25	28
Total Republicans	42	45

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	14	4	9	27
Identify with them	12	4	10	20
Identify with them a little	25	20	16	32
Do not identify with them at all	44	66	47	18
(DK/NS)	6	6	18	2
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	50	28	35	77

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?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Identify with them strongly	9	13	9	4
Identify with them	9	14	5	5
Identify with them a little	27	31	22	24
Do not identify with them at all	48	35	48	64
(DK/NS)	6	6	16	4
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	46	59	36	32