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Interview dates: Sept 7-10, 2012
Interviews: 1,089 adults; 942 registered voters, 873 likely voters
572 Democrats; 439 Republicans; 78 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 3.1 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, September 2012
NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from Sept 7-10, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,089 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.*

POLITICAL TRACKER

1. 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>
9/7-10/12	39	55	6
8/2-6/12	31	64	5
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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	Right Direction	Wrong Track	(Not Sure)
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>
9/7-10/12	29	12	9	2	9	4	34	1	50	46	4.0
8/2-6/12	26	11	11	2	9	5	34	1	49	48	3.9
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>INDEPENDENTS:</u>		<u>REPUBLICANS:</u>	
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
9/7-10/12	88	10	39	48	8	91
8/2-6/12	86	13	37	49	10	88
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



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]

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>(Other party)</u>	<u>(Not voting)</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
9/7-10/12	49	43	--	1	6
8/2-6/12	46	46	1	2	5
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

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?

LIKELY VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 800]

	<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>
9/7-10/12	48	45	0	3	4	+3

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>
9/7-10/12	47	43	2	4	4	+4
8/2-6/12	49	42	2	4	4	+7
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



5. Who's stronger on the following issues?

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]

		<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Both equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
Healthcare	9/7-10/12	51	37	1	5	6
	8/2-6/12	53	36	1	5	5
	6/7-11/12	51	38	2	6	3
	5/3-7/12	51	37	1	5	6
Jobs and the economy	9/7-10/12	44	44	2	5	5
	8/2-6/12	46	44	1	4	5
	6/7-11/12	43	46	2	4	5
	5/3-7/12	45	43	1	5	6
Taxes	9/7-10/12	45	42	1	4	7
	8/2-6/12	49	38	1	4	8
	6/7-11/12	42	44	1	4	7
	5/3-7/12	46	40	2	4	8
Immigration	9/7-10/12	42	43	1	4	11
	8/2-6/12	42	41	1	6	10
	6/7-11/12	40	41	2	7	10
	5/3-7/12	39	40	1	6	14
The war on terror	9/7-10/12	49	35	2	5	8
	8/2-6/12	50	35	2	5	8
	6/7-11/12	52	33	2	6	7
	5/3-7/12	51	31	3	6	8
Foreign policy	9/7-10/12	48	37	1	3	11
	8/2-6/12	51	35	2	3	8
	4/12-15/12	47	35	2	9	7
National security	9/7-10/12	46	41	2	4	7
	8/2-6/12	47	38	1	4	9
	4/12-15/12	49	37	1	6	7
Family values	9/7-10/12	44	43	6	2	4
	8/2-6/12	48	40	5	2	5
	4/12-15/12	47	39	1	6	5
Leadership	9/7-10/12	46	43	1	5	5
	4/12-15/12	49	41	1	5	4
Representing change	9/7-10/12	51	39	1	4	5
	4/12-15/12	49	39	1	6	5
Medicare	9/7-10/12	50	37	1	3	8
	6/7-11/12	46	37	2	7	8
	5/3-7/12	49	35	1	5	9
Social Security	9/7-10/12	46	39	1	4	10
	6/7-11/12	45	38	1	7	9
	5/3-7/12	46	36	2	6	10
Afghanistan	9/7-10/12	49	31	2	6	13
	6/7-11/12	51	30	2	7	9
	5/3-7/12	51	28	2	7	12



REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS

6. Did you watch the Republican or Democratic Conventions that occurred over the last two weeks?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>RVs</u>
Yes – watched DNC	57	64	45	54	62
Yes – saw reporting on DNC	25	25	19	29	27
Yes – watched RNC	56	49	41	70	61
Yes – saw reporting on RNC	24	22	17	28	25
No	27	27	39	22	21
(DK/NS)	1	--	5	--	1
Total any convention	72	73	56	78	78

[ONLY RESPONDENTS WHO SAW CONVENTION OR REPORTING; N=859]

7. Which, if any, of the following 2012 convention speeches have you watched?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>RVs</u>
President Barack Obama	71	87	70	53	72
Michelle Obama, Barack Obama's wife	65	78	70	48	65
Vice President Joe Biden	49	65	26	37	51
Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney	69	57	71	82	69
Republican Vice Presidential Nominee Paul Ryan	59	51	50	71	63
Ann Romney, Mitt Romney's wife	55	48	45	66	58
Former President Bill Clinton	67	84	45	54	69



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	78
No	21
(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	23	24
Moderately Democrat	8	9
Lean Democrat	15	14
Strongly Republican	14	17
Moderately Republican	10	11
Lean Republican	14	14
Independent (No lean)	15	12
Initial Democrats	32	33
Total Democrats	47	47
Initial Republicans	24	28
Total Republicans	38	42

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

Identify with them strongly	9
Identify with them	12
Identify with them a little	30
Do not identify with them at all	42
(DK/NS)	6
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	52

- 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?

Identify with them strongly	9
Identify with them	8
Identify with them a little	27
Do not identify with them at all	48
(DK/NS)	7
TOTAL: Identify at least a little	45