

McClatchy-Marist Poll
National Survey
September 20, 2010

Nature of the Sample: 1,005 U.S. Residents

This survey of 1,005 United States residents was conducted on September 14th through September 16th. Residents 18 years of age and older were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 815 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

		Registered Voters		
		The Bush tax cuts expire on December 31st. Which statement comes closer to your view:		
		Congress should extend the tax cuts only for the middle class, but not for the top 2 percent, that is, households earnings \$250,000 or more	Congress should extend the tax cuts for everyone, including the top 2 percent, that is, households earning \$250,000 or more	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		49%	48%	3%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		48%	49%	3%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	41%	58%	1%
	Enthusiastic	50%	47%	2%
	Not enthusiastic	59%	36%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	70%	28%	2%
	Republican	33%	64%	4%
	Independent	47%	49%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		27%	71%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	65%	34%	1%
	Democrat women	74%	24%	2%
	Republican men	32%	66%	2%
	Republican women	33%	62%	5%
	Independent men	38%	59%	3%
	Independent women	57%	39%	4%
Ideology	Liberal	71%	28%	1%
	Moderate	55%	42%	2%
	Conservative	35%	61%	3%
Region	Northeast	57%	41%	3%
	Midwest	49%	49%	2%
	South	49%	47%	4%
	West	43%	55%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	43%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	51%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	51%	46%	3%
	College graduate	48%	50%	2%
Age	18 to 29	57%	41%	3%
	30 to 44	53%	46%	1%
	45 to 59	46%	52%	2%
	60 or older	47%	47%	6%
Gender	Men	44%	54%	2%
	Women	55%	42%	4%
Family Finances	Get better	47%	51%	2%
	Get worse	38%	57%	5%
	Stay about the same	55%	43%	3%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	38%	59%	4%
	The worst is behind us	64%	35%	1%
Do you think a household income of \$250,000 makes you wealthy, or not?	Yes	59%	38%	3%
	No	38%	60%	3%

September 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=815 MOE +/- 3.5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		USA Residents		
		Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Residents		80%	18%	2%
Registered Voters		81%	18%	1%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		82%	17%	1%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	81%	18%	1%
	Enthusiastic	80%	18%	2%
	Not enthusiastic	84%	15%	1%
Party ID	Democrat	73%	25%	2%
	Republican	85%	14%	1%
	Independent	86%	13%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		86%	13%	0%
Ideology	Liberal	76%	24%	0%
	Moderate	78%	20%	2%
	Conservative	86%	13%	1%
Region	Northeast	84%	15%	1%
	Midwest	72%	27%	1%
	South	82%	16%	2%
	West	82%	15%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	75%	22%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	85%	15%	0%
Education	Not college graduate	80%	18%	2%
	College graduate	82%	17%	1%
Age	18 to 29	77%	21%	2%
	30 to 44	79%	21%	0%
	45 to 59	82%	17%	1%
	60 or older	80%	15%	4%
Gender	Men	79%	20%	1%
	Women	81%	16%	3%
Family Finances	Get better	76%	23%	1%
	Get worse	92%	7%	1%
	Stay about the same	79%	18%	2%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	88%	11%	1%
	The worst is behind us	71%	27%	2%

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		USA Residents		
		When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:		
		The worst is yet to come	The worst is behind us	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Residents		52%	44%	4%
Registered Voters		53%	43%	4%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		53%	43%	4%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	57%	39%	4%
	Enthusiastic	47%	49%	4%
	Not enthusiastic	58%	37%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	37%	60%	3%
	Republican	68%	29%	3%
	Independent	55%	39%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		70%	26%	3%
Ideology	Liberal	38%	58%	4%
	Moderate	47%	48%	5%
	Conservative	63%	33%	4%
Region	Northeast	53%	43%	4%
	Midwest	51%	46%	3%
	South	51%	43%	6%
	West	53%	44%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	52%	43%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	47%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	57%	40%	4%
	College graduate	45%	51%	4%
Age	18 to 29	41%	55%	3%
	30 to 44	52%	46%	2%
	45 to 59	58%	39%	4%
	60 or older	53%	40%	6%
Gender	Men	53%	44%	4%
	Women	51%	44%	4%
Family Finances	Get better	39%	59%	2%
	Get worse	81%	16%	2%
	Stay about the same	48%	46%	6%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?		
		Economic conditions mostly inherited	Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		59%	35%	6%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		57%	39%	5%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	45%	50%	4%
	Enthusiastic	66%	27%	7%
	Not enthusiastic	65%	30%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	82%	15%	3%
	Republican	34%	59%	6%
	Independent	62%	32%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		34%	62%	4%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	84%	13%	2%
	Democrat women	80%	16%	4%
	Republican men	41%	55%	4%
	Republican women	27%	64%	9%
	Independent men	58%	37%	5%
	Independent women	65%	26%	8%
Ideology	Liberal	92%	7%	1%
	Moderate	71%	24%	5%
	Conservative	36%	57%	7%
Region	Northeast	64%	29%	7%
	Midwest	57%	39%	4%
	South	58%	36%	6%
	West	58%	37%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	61%	32%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	60%	36%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	56%	38%	6%
	College graduate	64%	31%	5%
Age	18 to 29	66%	33%	1%
	30 to 44	70%	28%	1%
	45 to 59	56%	36%	8%
	60 or older	52%	40%	8%
Gender	Men	59%	37%	4%
	Women	59%	34%	7%
Family Finances	Get better	75%	20%	5%
	Get worse	40%	51%	9%
	Stay about the same	59%	37%	4%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	46%	48%	6%
	The worst is behind us	75%	20%	5%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		41%	56%	3%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		40%	57%	2%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	34%	64%	2%
	Enthusiastic	48%	50%	2%
	Not enthusiastic	39%	56%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	77%	20%	3%
	Republican	9%	89%	2%
	Independent	37%	59%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		16%	83%	0%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	73%	24%	3%
	Democrat women	81%	17%	2%
	Republican men	13%	83%	4%
	Republican women	4%	95%	1%
	Independent men	32%	65%	4%
	Independent women	43%	54%	3%
Ideology	Liberal	81%	17%	2%
	Moderate	47%	49%	3%
	Conservative	20%	78%	2%
Region	Northeast	46%	52%	2%
	Midwest	42%	55%	3%
	South	40%	57%	2%
	West	38%	57%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	50%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	59%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	55%	4%
	College graduate	41%	57%	2%
Age	18 to 29	58%	42%	0%
	30 to 44	48%	51%	1%
	45 to 59	38%	59%	3%
	60 or older	33%	62%	5%
Gender	Men	37%	59%	3%
	Women	45%	53%	2%
Family Finances	Get better	62%	36%	2%
	Get worse	18%	79%	3%
	Stay about the same	40%	57%	3%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	23%	74%	2%
	The worst is behind us	65%	33%	3%

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		USA Residents		
		In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?		
		Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Residents		30%	18%	52%
Registered Voters		26%	21%	53%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		25%	22%	53%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	28%	24%	48%
	Enthusiastic	27%	17%	57%
	Not enthusiastic	23%	22%	54%
Party ID	Democrat	36%	14%	50%
	Republican	20%	25%	56%
	Independent	21%	23%	56%
Tea Party Supporters		22%	30%	48%
Ideology	Liberal	39%	12%	50%
	Moderate	26%	17%	57%
	Conservative	21%	27%	52%
Region	Northeast	37%	15%	48%
	Midwest	25%	17%	58%
	South	30%	19%	51%
	West	28%	21%	51%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	18%	49%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	16%	56%
Education	Not college graduate	32%	17%	51%
	College graduate	27%	21%	53%
Age	18 to 29	51%	7%	42%
	30 to 44	36%	16%	48%
	45 to 59	30%	19%	51%
	60 or older	8%	27%	65%
Gender	Men	33%	18%	48%
	Women	26%	18%	55%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	22%	29%	49%
	The worst is behind us	39%	7%	54%

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		Registered Voters	
		Do you think a household income of \$250,000 makes you wealthy, or not?	
		Yes	No
		Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		55%	45%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		53%	47%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	47%	53%
	Enthusiastic	61%	39%
	Not enthusiastic	58%	42%
Party ID	Democrat	67%	33%
	Republican	46%	54%
	Independent	54%	46%
Tea Party Supporters		43%	57%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	69%	31%
	Democrat women	65%	35%
	Republican men	48%	52%
	Republican women	44%	56%
	Independent men	54%	46%
	Independent women	54%	46%
Ideology	Liberal	61%	39%
	Moderate	67%	33%
	Conservative	45%	55%
Region	Northeast	55%	45%
	Midwest	61%	39%
	South	49%	51%
	West	59%	41%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	63%	37%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	49%
Education	Not college graduate	61%	39%
	College graduate	47%	53%
Age	18 to 29	66%	34%
	30 to 44	55%	45%
	45 to 59	52%	48%
	60 or older	55%	45%
Gender	Men	56%	44%
	Women	55%	45%
Family Finances	Get better	54%	46%
	Get worse	51%	49%
	Stay about the same	58%	42%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	52%	48%
	The worst is behind us	60%	40%

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