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**OBAMA APPROVAL PLUNGE LEVELS OFF,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
HIKE MINIMUM WAGE, EXTEND JOBLESS BENEFITS, VOTERS SAY**

After a plunge which saw his job approval rating drop from 46 – 48 percent in August to a negative 38 – 57 percent December 10, his all-time lowest score, President Barack Obama has stopped the drop, but not started the rebound, with a negative 41 – 53 percent job approval in a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

Women go negative 44 – 49 percent, unchanged from last month. Men are negative 36 – 58 percent, compared to 31 – 64 percent last month, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Negative approval is 9 – 86 percent among Republicans and 35 – 58 percent among independent voters. Democrats approve 81 – 15 percent.

The 2014 congressional races are tied as 38 percent of American voters say they would back a Republican candidate, while 37 percent would back a Democrat.

Voters want Republicans to take the U.S. Senate 46 – 42 percent, with independent voters going for the GOP 45 – 40 percent. Looking at the House of Representatives, 46 percent want Republicans to keep control and 44 percent want Democratic control.

“The President returns to chilly Washington DC from his Hawaii holidays to a slightly warmer reception from American voters,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“It’s too early to call it a comeback, but the 2014 midterm election year begins a bit better than 2013 ended for President Obama. His approval is right above the 40 percent mark – a red line for any president. He still has terrible scores for his handling of healthcare and other issues that mean most to Americans, but the bleeding seems to have stopped.”

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American voters say 49 – 46 percent that President Obama is not honest and trustworthy and say 51 – 46 percent that he is not a strong leader. They are divided 50 – 48 percent on whether he cares about their needs and problems.

Obama gets a negative 35 – 61 percent approval rating for handling health care. His ratings for handling other issues are:

- Negative 39 – 58 percent on the economy;
- Negative 34 – 60 percent on the federal budget;
- Positive 52 – 41 percent for handling terrorism;
- Negative 41 – 51 percent for handling foreign policy.

Minimum Wage and Jobless Benefits

American voters support 71 – 27 percent raising the minimum wage. Republican support is 52 – 45 percent. Given several options:

- 33 percent of voters say increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour;
- 18 percent say increase it from the current \$7.25 per hour to something less than \$10.10;
- 18 percent say increase it to more than \$10.10 per hour;
- 27 percent say don't increase the minimum wage.

Raising the minimum wage will lead businesses to cut jobs, voters say 50 – 45 percent, with Republicans seeing job cuts 68 – 29 percent and Democrats saying no 65 – 29 percent. Independent voters expect job cuts 51 – 45 percent.

Voters also support 58 – 37 percent extending unemployment benefits for three months. Support is 83 – 13 percent among Democrats and 54 – 41 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 54 – 42 percent.

If a candidate for Congress supports extending jobless benefits, 33 percent are more likely to vote for that candidate, with 24 percent less likely and 40 percent who say it won't affect their vote. A candidate who supports raising the minimum wage wins 41 percent “more likely” support, with 18 percent “less likely” and 39 percent saying “no difference.”

From January 4 – 7, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,487 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or for the Democratic candidate in your district?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Republican	38%	89%	1%	31%	44%	32%	43%	7%	36%	
Democratic	37	2	87	28	31	42	31	74	40	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	-	6	3	2	2	2	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	8	
DK/NA	21	8	11	33	20	22	22	16	14	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republican	7%	29%	67%	30%	43%	48%	27%	40%	42%	38%
Democratic	76	37	15	41	36	31	39	36	35	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	4	2	1	5	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	2
DK/NA	13	30	14	23	18	17	25	21	20	21

TREND: If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or for the Democratic candidate in your district?

	DEMOCRATIC ADVANTAGE						
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 13	Oct 01	Aug 02	High	Low
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	Oct 01	Dec 10
						2013	2013
Republican	38	41	39	34	36	34	41
Democratic	37	38	39	43	40	43	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	3	4	3	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
DK/NA	21	16	18	17	19	17	16

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	41%	9%	81%	35%	36%	44%	32%	87%	48%	
Disapprove	53	86	15	58	58	49	61	8	43	
DK/NA	7	5	3	7	6	7	6	5	9	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	77%	46%	15%	44%	36%	38%	42%	45%	37%	36%
Disapprove	17	45	82	49	58	56	43	51	59	58
DK/NA	6	9	2	7	6	6	15	4	3	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (* High also 59% Mar 2009)

	APPROVE.....						
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Aug 02	High	Low
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	Jun 04	Dec 10
						2009*	2013
Approve	41	38	39	45	46	59	38
Disapprove	53	57	54	49	48	31	57
DK/NA	7	6	7	6	6	10	6

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	19%	37%	12%	13%	22%	17%	19%	17%	27%	
Disapprove	73	53	85	81	74	73	74	80	70	
DK/NA	7	10	3	6	5	10	8	3	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	7%	16%	31%	19%	19%	20%	18%	23%	16%	19%
Disapprove	88	76	63	75	74	75	65	71	78	75
DK/NA	5	8	5	7	7	5	16	6	5	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? (* High also 34% Mar 3 2011, Mar 2010)

	APPROVE.....									
	High Low									
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 13	Oct 01	Aug 02	Mar 31	Oct 01			
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2011*	2013			
Approve	19	19	20	17	19	34	17			
Disapprove	73	74	73	74	73	55	74			
DK/NA	7	7	8	9	8	11	9			

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	29%	6%	64%	24%	26%	32%	24%	62%	32%	
Disapprove	64	91	30	68	69	59	70	30	61	
DK/NA	7	3	6	8	4	9	6	9	6	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	58%	32%	13%	31%	28%	27%	34%	31%	24%	28%
Disapprove	34	61	83	61	68	68	52	63	70	66
DK/NA	8	7	4	8	5	5	14	6	6	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (* Low also 24% Sep 2011, Oct 2011)

	APPROVE.....									
	High Low									
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 13	Oct 01	Aug 02	Mar 4	Nov 23			
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2009	2011*			
Approve	29	27	30	32	31	45	24			
Disapprove	64	67	62	60	61	45	69			
DK/NA	7	6	7	8	7	10	7			

5. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%
Smwht satisfied	24	12	44	18	23	24	19	41	37
Smwht dissatisfied	31	27	31	35	30	33	33	27	28
Very dissatisfied	43	61	19	45	45	41	47	24	35
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	4	1

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	2%
Smwht satisfied	38	27	10	25	22	20	28	26	19	21
Smwht dissatisfied	35	39	24	26	33	40	37	30	30	30
Very dissatisfied	23	33	64	45	43	38	34	40	49	47
DK/NA	1	-	2	2	1	-	1	2	1	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Aug 02	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	High	Low
						Dec 11	Nov 13
						2001	2008
Very satisfied	1	2	2	2	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	24	22	19	23	26	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	31	30	31	34	29	19	38
Very dissatisfied	43	46	47	41	41	10	44
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	3	2

7. If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States Senate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Republican Party	46%	92%	3%	45%	53%	38%	51%	7%	49%
Democratic Party	42	1	91	40	37	48	36	83	45
DK/NA	12	7	5	15	10	14	13	10	7

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republican Party	9%	39%	74%	36%	53%	57%	34%	48%	50%	47%
Democratic Party	82	45	19	49	39	36	43	43	40	42
DK/NA	8	16	7	15	9	7	23	9	10	11

TREND: If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States Senate?

	Jan 08	Dec 10
	2014	2013
Republican Party	46	47
Democratic Party	42	42
DK/NA	12	11

8. If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Republican Party	46%	92%	4%	45%	53%	38%	52%	8%	47%	
Democratic Party	44	4	93	41	37	51	37	87	46	
DK/NA	10	3	3	14	9	11	11	5	8	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republican Party	9%	37%	76%	36%	50%	58%	39%	45%	52%	46%
Democratic Party	85	47	19	51	40	37	41	47	41	46
DK/NA	6	16	5	12	10	4	20	8	8	8

TREND: If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013
Republican Party	46	47
Democratic Party	44	42
DK/NA	10	11

9. Would you say that Barack Obama - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	46%	13%	86%	43%	42%	51%	38%	93%	48%	
No	49	84	10	53	55	44	58	5	41	
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	3	5	4	3	11	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	81%	53%	20%	51%	40%	46%	44%	49%	44%	45%
No	15	43	77	44	54	53	46	47	54	51
DK/NA	5	4	3	4	6	2	11	4	2	4

TREND: Would you say that Barack Obama is honest and trustworthy or not? (* Low also 44% Nov 2013)

	YES.....						
	High		Low				
	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013	Nov 12 2013	Oct 01 2013	Jul 11 2013	Jan 13 2011	Dec 10 2013*
Yes	46	44	44	54	50	63	44
No	49	52	52	41	44	31	52
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	5	6	4

10. Would you say that Barack Obama - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	46%	18%	82%	41%	42%	50%	38%	85%	62%	
No	51	80	16	56	55	47	59	12	32	
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	6	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	77%	53%	21%	51%	42%	42%	55%	51%	40%	40%
No	18	44	78	45	56	57	37	48	58	57
DK/NA	5	3	1	5	2	1	8	1	2	3

TREND: Would you say that Barack Obama has strong leadership qualities or not?

	YES.....						
	High		Low				
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Jul 11	Jan 13	Jan 08
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2010	2014
Yes	46	47	48	53	52	66	46
No	51	51	50	45	46	32	51
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	3	2	3

11. Would you say that Barack Obama - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	50%	19%	87%	47%	44%	56%	42%	93%	58%	
No	48	79	13	51	55	42	56	7	42	
DK/NA	2	2	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	83%	58%	23%	54%	47%	46%	57%	52%	45%	46%
No	16	39	76	44	52	53	42	47	53	51
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	1	2	3

TREND: Would you say that Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	YES.....						
	High		Low				
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Jul 11	Nov 12	Dec 10
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2008	2013
Yes	50	48	49	54	52	70	48
No	48	49	48	42	45	22	49
DK/NA	2	3	3	3	3	7	3

12. Which of the following do you think should be the most important priority for President Obama and Congress in 2014: the economy, the federal budget deficit, health care, taxes, gun policy, immigration issues, or something else?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Economy	39%	42%	41%	39%	41%	37%	40%	38%	32%
Deficit	23	28	11	26	25	21	25	8	20
Health care	16	12	23	13	11	20	14	21	21
Taxes	4	3	3	4	5	2	4	4	4
Gun policy	3	1	4	3	2	3	3	2	6
Immigration	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	8	10
Something else	9	8	10	10	10	9	9	13	6
DK/NA	2	1	3	1	-	3	1	5	2

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Economy	39%	42%	37%	43%	38%	36%	31%	40%	39%	44%
Deficit	13	22	30	18	27	29	19	24	27	19
Health care	21	16	12	17	12	15	20	13	15	14
Taxes	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	4
Gun policy	5	2	2	2	3	2	2	4	2	3
Immigration	5	5	6	6	5	4	6	6	4	5
Something else	12	7	8	8	9	9	16	8	9	7
DK/NA	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	3

TREND: Which of the following do you think should be the most important priority for President Obama and Congress in 2014; the economy, the federal budget deficit, health care, taxes, gun policy, immigration issues, or something else?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013
Economy	39	41
Deficit	23	22
Health care	16	14
Taxes	4	4
Gun policy	3	3
Immigration	5	5
Something else	9	8
DK/NA	2	3

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	39%	7%	76%	36%	36%	41%	31%	83%	43%
Disapprove	58	89	21	62	61	54	65	16	50
DK/NA	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	1	7

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	75%	41%	16%	43%	33%	36%	42%	41%	35%	37%
Disapprove	22	53	83	54	63	60	49	57	63	60
DK/NA	2	6	1	3	4	4	9	2	3	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
 (* Low also 32% Sep 2011)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Aug 02	Mar 04	Oct 06	
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2009	2011*	
Approve	39	37	38	44	42	57	32	
Disapprove	58	59	59	52	54	33	64	
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	10	4	

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - health care?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	35%	6%	71%	31%	31%	39%	28%	77%	41%	
Disapprove	61	93	24	66	66	57	68	22	57	
DK/NA	4	1	5	3	3	4	4	1	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	SHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	67%	41%	12%	38%	33%	32%	38%	36%	35%	33%
Disapprove	29	55	86	57	65	66	57	62	62	62
DK/NA	3	4	2	5	2	2	5	3	3	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care?

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Jul 11	Feb 23	Jul 02	Dec 10	
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2012	2009	2013	
Approve	35	34	36	43	40	46	34	
Disapprove	61	62	60	52	56	42	62	
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	5	13	4	

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the federal budget?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	34%	7%	71%	29%	31%	36%	27%	82%	39%	
Disapprove	60	89	24	66	64	58	69	14	53	
DK/NA	6	4	5	5	5	6	5	4	8	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	SHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	62%	39%	14%	39%	29%	30%	33%	35%	33%	33%
Disapprove	30	54	85	54	67	66	56	61	64	60
DK/NA	8	7	1	7	4	4	11	4	4	7

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the federal budget?

	Jan 08	Nov 12
	2014	2013
Approve	34	32
Disapprove	60	62
DK/NA	6	6

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	52%	25%	81%	53%	52%	53%	46%	84%	59%	
Disapprove	41	69	15	41	44	39	46	13	38	
DK/NA	6	6	4	6	5	8	8	3	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	79%	61%	30%	51%	54%	54%	52%	60%	50%	44%
Disapprove	16	33	64	42	40	42	34	37	46	47
DK/NA	5	6	6	7	6	4	13	3	4	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?

	APPROVE.....								
	High Low								
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Aug 02	May 05	Jan 13		
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2011	2010		
Approve	52	50	52	52	54	67	48		
Disapprove	41	41	42	42	39	27	44		
DK/NA	6	8	6	6	6	7	8		

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	41%	12%	74%	40%	39%	43%	36%	75%	39%	
Disapprove	51	83	18	52	55	47	56	21	52	
DK/NA	8	5	7	7	6	10	8	3	9	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	71%	50%	17%	42%	38%	42%	45%	42%	39%	38%
Disapprove	21	41	78	47	53	55	39	52	56	52
DK/NA	8	9	5	11	8	3	16	6	5	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	APPROVE.....								
	High Low								
	Jan 08	Dec 10	Nov 12	Oct 01	Aug 02	Apr 29	Nov 12		
	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2009	2013		
Approve	41	42	38	41	44	57	38		
Disapprove	51	49	53	53	50	32	53		
DK/NA	8	9	9	7	6	11	9		

18. Do you think that in general the Obama administration has been competent in running the government, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	43%	13%	82%	38%	38%	48%	36%	85%	49%	
No	55	86	17	59	60	50	63	13	46	
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	5	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	80%	50%	15%	47%	39%	38%	47%	45%	40%	40%
No	19	47	84	51	59	58	52	52	59	58
DK/NA	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	2

TREND: Do you think that in general the Obama administration has been competent in running the government, or don't you think so?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013	Nov 12 2013
Yes	43	40	43
No	55	56	53
DK/NA	2	3	3

19. Do you think President Barack Obama is paying enough attention to what his administration is doing, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	45%	20%	72%	43%	42%	47%	39%	78%	47%	
No	50	74	24	52	54	46	54	19	51	
DK/NA	6	6	5	5	4	7	7	3	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	73%	46%	28%	45%	46%	42%	48%	48%	42%	36%
No	24	46	68	49	49	54	40	48	52	58
DK/NA	3	8	4	6	5	4	11	4	5	6

TREND: Do you think President Barack Obama is paying enough attention to what his administration is doing, or don't you think so?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013	Nov 12 2013
Yes	45	41	43
No	50	52	51
DK/NA	6	6	6

20. Would you support or oppose raising the national minimum wage, which is now \$7.25 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	71%	52%	93%	69%	65%	76%	68%	91%	74%	
Oppose	27	45	6	28	33	21	29	8	26	
DK/NA	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	-	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	92%	80%	49%	78%	63%	66%	67%	70%	70%	76%
Oppose	5	17	48	20	34	31	29	27	29	22
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	2	2

TREND: Would you support or oppose raising the national minimum wage, which is now \$7.25 an hour?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013
Support	71	69
Oppose	27	27
DK/NA	3	4

21. (If support q20) Do you think that the minimum wage should be \$10.10 an hour, should be less than \$10.10 an hour, or should be more than \$10.10 an hour? (* Subgroup size less than 75, additional caution should be taken when interpreting findings of this group because of the large margin of error)

	SUPPORTS INCREASE Q20.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*	
Exactly \$10.10	47%	49%	46%	49%	42%	50%	46%	53%	46%	
Less than \$10.10	25	35	15	29	30	22	29	11	23	
More than \$10.10	26	14	37	20	27	26	23	36	32	
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29*	30-49	50-64	65+
Exactly \$10.10	50%	49%	42%	48%	49%	45%	60%	46%	44%	43%
Less than \$10.10	13	28	37	25	25	27	23	25	26	26
More than \$10.10	36	22	21	27	22	26	14	28	29	28
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	4	1	3	1	1	3

TREND: (If support) Do you think that the minimum wage should be \$10.10 an hour, should be less than \$10.10 an hour, or should be more than \$10.10 an hour?

	SUPPORTS INCREASE	
	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013
Exactly \$10.10	47	42
Less than \$10.10	25	23
More than \$10.10	26	32
DK/NA	2	3

21a. (COMBINED Q20 & Q21) Would you support or oppose raising the national minimum wage, which is now \$7.25 an hour? IF SUPPORT: Do you think that the minimum wage should be \$10.10 an hour, should be less than \$10.10 an hour, or should be more than \$10.10 an hour?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Increase to \$10.10	33%	26%	43%	34%	27%	38%	31%	48%	34%
Increase < \$10.10	18	18	14	20	19	17	20	10	17
Increase > \$10.10	18	7	34	14	17	20	15	33	23
Oppose increase	27	45	6	28	33	21	29	8	26
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	3	5	4	1	-

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Increase to \$10.10	46%	39%	21%	37%	31%	30%	40%	32%	31%	32%
Increase < \$10.10	12	22	18	19	16	18	15	18	18	20
Increase > \$10.10	33	17	10	21	14	17	9	19	20	22
Oppose increase	5	17	48	20	34	31	29	27	29	22
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	6	4	6	4	3	4

TREND: (COMBINED) Would you support or oppose raising the national minimum wage, which is now \$7.25 an hour? IF SUPPORT: Do you think that the minimum wage should be \$10.10 an hour, should be less than \$10.10 an hour, or should be more than \$10.10 an hour?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 10 2013
Increase to \$10.10	33	29
Increase < \$10.10	18	16
Increase > \$10.10	18	22
Oppose increase	27	27
DK/NA	4	6

22. Do you think raising the minimum wage will lead businesses to cut jobs or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	50%	68%	29%	51%	53%	48%	52%	37%	50%
No	45	29	65	45	44	47	43	59	47
DK/NA	4	3	6	5	4	5	4	4	3

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	33%	44%	65%	47%	55%	50%	49%	54%	50%	48%
No	62	50	32	48	41	47	49	43	44	46
DK/NA	5	5	3	5	4	3	2	3	5	6

23. Do you think Congress should or should not approve a 3 month extension of unemployment benefits for people who are currently out of work?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Should	58%	42%	83%	54%	55%	62%	53%	89%	69%	
Should not	37	54	13	41	42	32	42	9	28	
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	3	6	5	2	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Should	80%	62%	44%	67%	55%	46%	58%	55%	58%	65%
Should not	17	33	51	29	40	50	38	40	38	30
DK/NA	2	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	5

24. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	40%	9%	80%	35%	35%	45%	32%	88%	49%	
Oppose	56	89	16	61	61	51	63	11	48	
DK/NA	4	2	4	4	4	5	5	1	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	75%	46%	15%	44%	38%	37%	42%	42%	37%	38%
Oppose	21	50	82	51	60	60	53	55	59	55
DK/NA	4	4	3	6	2	3	5	3	3	7

TREND: Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Jan 08 2014	Dec 11 2013	Nov 12 2013	Oct 01 2013
Support	40	39	39	45
Oppose	56	57	55	47
DK/NA	4	4	6	8

25. If a candidate for Congress supports - extending unemployment benefits, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
More likely	33%	18%	58%	29%	30%	36%	30%	61%	32%	
Less likely	24	40	6	25	29	19	28	3	17	
No difference	40	41	31	44	38	42	40	29	45	
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	3	3	2	6	5	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	57%	35%	19%	43%	27%	25%	30%	29%	32%	45%
Less likely	8	17	40	18	28	33	21	25	25	24
No difference	35	45	38	37	43	40	49	43	41	28
DK/NA	-	3	3	2	2	2	-	3	2	4

26. If a candidate for Congress supports - the 2010 health care law passed by President Obama and Congress, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
More likely	29%	6%	63%	22%	24%	34%	25%	56%	34%	
Less likely	43	77	8	47	49	37	51	7	35	
No difference	26	15	28	29	25	26	22	35	29	
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	61%	32%	8%	30%	29%	27%	29%	28%	29%	30%
Less likely	11	37	69	37	49	52	29	43	50	46
No difference	27	29	20	29	21	20	41	26	20	20
DK/NA	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	4

27. If a candidate for Congress supports - a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
More likely	27%	13%	44%	25%	26%	28%	24%	27%	46%	
Less likely	38	52	22	41	41	35	41	29	18	
No difference	31	31	30	30	29	33	31	39	31	
DK/NA	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	49%	28%	13%	25%	29%	32%	33%	28%	24%	26%
Less likely	15	35	54	40	37	33	25	33	44	45
No difference	35	33	30	32	30	30	39	36	29	22
DK/NA	1	4	4	3	3	4	4	2	3	7

TREND If a candidate for Congress supports a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference? (*for that candidate)

	Jan 08 2014	May 31 2013*
More likely	27	26
Less likely	38	24
No difference	31	44
DK/NA	4	5

28. If a candidate for Congress supports - raising the national minimum wage, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More likely	41%	22%	64%	38%	37%	44%	36%	68%	47%
Less likely	18	35	3	17	25	12	20	4	14
No difference	39	42	30	43	37	41	42	24	37
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	3

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28. (cont'd) If a candidate for Congress supports - raising the national minimum wage, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	63%	46%	22%	50%	34%	33%	44%	37%	39%	46%
Less likely	3	10	36	13	22	23	19	16	21	18
No difference	33	42	40	34	43	42	37	46	39	31
DK/NA	1	2	2	3	1	2	-	1	1	5

29. If a candidate for Congress - is associated with the Tea Party, would you be more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More likely	21%	39%	4%	20%	26%	16%	24%	7%	19%
Less likely	41	14	66	44	39	42	39	58	31
No difference	36	47	25	34	34	38	36	29	46
DK/NA	3	1	4	2	1	4	2	7	4

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	3%	11%	43%	20%	24%	17%	22%	17%	27%	20%
Less likely	73	51	13	38	40	47	34	42	40	43
No difference	24	35	42	38	35	35	43	39	32	32
DK/NA	1	2	3	3	1	-	1	2	1	5

30. If a candidate for Congress - supports President Obama, would you be more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More likely	28%	5%	65%	20%	24%	32%	23%	69%	32%
Less likely	43	80	6	44	49	37	51	5	27
No difference	28	14	29	34	27	30	26	26	40
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	64%	28%	9%	32%	26%	24%	26%	27%	28%	31%
Less likely	8	34	74	36	47	50	29	42	49	49
No difference	27	38	17	32	26	27	44	31	23	20
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1

TREND: (President George W. Bush) If a candidate for Congress supports President George W. Bush, does that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or doesn't it make a difference?

	PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH		
	Aug 29	Mar 2	Dec 6
	2006	2006	2005
More likely	21	16	16
Less likely	38	37	37
No difference	41	45	45
DK/NA	1	1	2

33. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the chances that President Obama and the Republicans in Congress will work together on important issues?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Optimistic	35%	25%	52%	30%	32%	38%	28%	65%	54%	
Pessimistic	62	73	45	67	66	59	69	29	45	
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY									
	Lib	Mod	Con	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
				<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Optimistic	38%	40%	27%	40%	32%	30%	44%	35%	31%	32%
Pessimistic	60	58	71	56	66	69	50	63	66	65
DK/NA	2	2	3	3	3	1	6	2	2	3