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EARLY LOOK AT 2016 GOP FIELD SHOWS 5-WAY HORSE RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; NEW JERSEY'S CHRISTIE HAS JUST 14%

There is no front-runner now for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, leaving a five-way horse race with no candidate above 19 percent among Republican voters, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie, who ran better than other Republicans against top Democrats in a March 7 survey of all American voters by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, gets only 14 percent of Republican voters today.

Florida U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio gets 19 percent of Republican voters, with 17 percent for U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, 15 percent for U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and 10 percent for former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Other contenders are at 3 percent or less.

The March 7 poll of all American voters, pitting Vice President Joseph Biden, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton or New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo against Christie, Ryan or Rubio showed Christie was the second most popular leader, topping Biden and Cuomo but trailing Clinton.

"Three years before the nominating process, the Republicans have no clear favorite," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "Sen. Marco Rubio benefits from his exposure giving the GOP response to the State of the Union while Congressman Paul Ryan is known as the Republican vice presidential candidate. But history tells us being the running-mate on a losing ticket does not help one's presidential chances. The last three Republicans in that spot were Sarah Palin, Jack Kemp and Dan Quayle, while the Democrats in that role were John Edwards, Joe Lieberman and Lloyd Bentsen."

Republican voters say 59 - 23 percent that they prefer someone with experience as a governor, rather than a senator as their party's nominee.

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"History indicates that Republicans who win the White House tend to be former governors and there are several thinking about running for the White House in 2016," said Brown. "New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie is obviously the best known at this point, and Jeb Bush makes the top five, but Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell barely register in this survey."

Among all American voters, the Democratic Party is less disliked than the GOP: the Democrats get a negative 38-44 percent favorability, compared to a negative 28-52 percent for the Republicans. The Tea Party gets a negative 24-43 percent.

Voters also give Republicans in Congress a negative 19-71 percent job approval, compared to a negative 34-59 percent for the Democrats in Congress.

"The Republican brand is essentially in the toilet these days, but it's worth remembering the Democrats faced a similar situation in the late 1980s and got their house in order and returned to power in short order," said Brown.

The Republican Party can do a better job handling the federal deficit, American voters say 43 - 36 percent, while the Democrats will do a better job 49 - 37 percent on health care, 49 - 28 percent on same-sex marriage, and 42 - 38 percent on immigration. Voters are divided almost evenly on which party can do a better job on the economy, taxes and gun control.

Among the most important issues in deciding how they will vote for Congress, 40 percent of American voters list the economy/jobs, with 20 percent listing the budget or budget deficit, 20 percent listing health care, 9 percent citing gun issues and 8 percent listing taxes.

President Barack Obama gets a 49 – 45 percent job approval rating.

"President Barack Obama got a post-election bounce to 53 – 40 percent in a December Quinnipiac University poll. Then he dropped into mid-40s splits as the budget battle with Congress took its toll," Brown said. "Now he may be inching up again."

From March 26 – April 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,711 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points. The survey includes 712 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percent. 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 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 Democratic SMONE ELSE(VOL) WLDN'T VOTE(VOL) | 35% 43 2 2 | 82% 3 1 - | 2% 87 - 1 | 33% 33 4 2 | 40% 38 2 2 | 32% 47 2 1 | 43% 35 2 2 | 5% 78 1 - | 24% 53 2 3 |
| DK/NA | 18 WHITE. | 14 | 10 | 27 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 18 |
| | COLLEG | _ | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Republican | 36% | 47% | 53% | 47% | 46% | 41% | 61% | 44% | 45% |
| Democratic | 40 | 33 | 25 | 32 | 32 | 39 | 17 | 33 | 35 |
| SMONE ELSE(VOL) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| WLDN'T VOTE(VOL) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| DK/NA | 21 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 17 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Republican | 31% | 37% | 30% | 39% | 42% | 26% | 39% | 39% | |
| Democratic | 44 | 42 | 49 | 40 | 40 | 54 | 38 | 41 | |
| SMONE ELSE(VOL) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | |
| WLDN'T VOTE(VOL) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | |
| DK/NA | 21 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 18 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

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? (2011 wording referenced "2012 election", *High also 40% Mar 2011, Feb 2012)

| | | | | | REPUBLI | CAN |
|--------|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | High | Low |
| Apr 03 | Jul 11 | Apr 19 | Feb 22 | Nov 23 | Jul 11 | Nov 02 |
| 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012* | 2011 |
| | | | | | | |
| 35 | 40 | 39 | 40 | 36 | 40 | 34 |
| 43 | 43 | 40 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 42 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 18 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 15 | 19 |
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2. (If Republican or Republican Leaner) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were: Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, Scott Walker, Chris Christie, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul, and Bob McDonnell for whom would you vote?

| | REPUBL | EPUBLICAN | LEANERS | |
|------------------|--------|-----------|---------|--|
| | Tot | Men | Wom | |
| | | | | |
| Bush | 10% | 9% | 12% | |
| Rubio | 19 | 19 | 19 | |
| Ryan | 17 | 16 | 17 | |
| Walker | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Christie | 14 | 17 | 11 | |
| Jindal | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Paul | 15 | 18 | 11 | |
| McDonnell | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| SMONE ELSE(VOL) | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| WLDN'T VOTE(VOL) | _ | _ | _ | |
| DK/NA | 18 | 14 | 23 | |

3. (If Republican or Republican Leaner) If you had to choose, would you prefer that the Republican party nominate for President a candidate with experience as a governor or experience as a United States Senator?

| | REPUBL | ICANS/R | EPUBLICAN | LEANERS |
|----------|-------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | Tot | Men | Wom | |
| | 50 0 | 600 | 5 7 0 | |
| Governor | 59% | 60% | 57% | |
| Senator | 23 | 21 | 25 | |
| DK/NA | 18 | 19 | 18 | |

4. 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 | 49% | 8% | 89% | 44% | 42% | 56% | 40% | 90% | 65% |
| Disapprove | 45 | 88 | 8 | 46 | 51 | 39 | 54 | 6 | 28 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Approve | 47% | 37% | 29% | 39% | 36% | 44% | 20% | 40% | 42% |
| Disapprove | 50 | 56 | 66 | 56 | 58 | 50 | 75 | 54 | 54 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Approve | 52% | 48% | 55% | 46% | 48% | 61% | 46% | 46% | |
| Disapprove | 43 | 45 | 39 | 51 | 49 | 34 | 49 | 48 | |
| DK/NA | 4 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | |

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

| | | | | | | APPROVE | |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| | | | | | | High | Low |
| | Apr 03 | Mar 07 | Feb 08 | Dec 06 | Jul 11 | Jun 04 | Oct 06 |
| | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2009* | 2011 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Approve | 49 | 45 | 46 | 53 | 45 | 59 | 41 |
| Disapprove | 45 | 46 | 45 | 40 | 49 | 31 | 55 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 4 |

5. 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% | 34% | 9% | 19% | 18% | 20% | 18% | 14% | 28% |
| Disapprove | 71 | 57 | 83 | 70 | 74 | 69 | 73 | 75 | 58 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 14 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | SE DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Approve | 14% | 21% | 24% | 22% | 18% | 19% | 24% | 21% | 18% |
| Disapprove | 80 | 69 | 66 | 71 | 74 | 72 | 63 | 71 | 74 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| | COLLEG | GE DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Approve Disapprove | 16% 78 | 20% 68 | 19% 69 | 23% 70 | 16% 81 | 22% 65 | 18% 74 | 17% 73 | |
| DK/NA | 5 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 10 | |

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, **Low also 19% Nov 2011, Feb 2013)

| | Apr 03 2013 | Mar 07 2013 | Feb 08 2013 | Dec 06 2012 | Jul 11 2012 | APPROVE High Mar 31 2011* | Low Apr 03 2013** |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Approve | 19 | 20 | 19 | 23 | 24 | 34 | 19 |
| Disapprove | 71 | 71 | 72 | 69 | 68 | 55 | 71 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 10 |

6. 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 Disapprove DK/NA | 34% 59 7 | 4% 90 6 | 68% 27 6 | 26% 65 9 | 28% 67 5 | 39% 52 9 | 26% 67 7 | 67% 24 9 | 45% 46 8 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | GE DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Approve | 26% | 26% | 19% | 29% | 21% | 31% | 16% | 26% | 30% |
| Disapprove | 68 | 67 | 74 | 66 | 74 | 61 | 77 | 68 | 65 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Approve | 31% | 35% | 40% | 31% | 28% | 46% | 31% | 30% | |
| Disapprove | 62 | 57 | 51 | 64 | 67 | 47 | 63 | 62 | |
| DK/NA | 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | |

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 |
| | Apr 03 | Mar 07 | Feb 08 | Dec 06 | Jul 11 | Mar 4 | Nov 23 |
| | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2009 | 2011* |
| | | | | | | | |
| Approve | 34 | 32 | 33 | 37 | 29 | 45 | 24 |
| Disapprove | 59 | 60 | 59 | 54 | 62 | 45 | 69 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 7 |

7. 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 | 2% | 1% | 6% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 6% | 3% |
| Smwht satisfied | 28 | 11 | 47 | 26 | 24 | 31 | 22 | 51 | 42 |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 31 | 27 | 31 | 33 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 29 |
| Very dissatisfied | 38 | 61 | 15 | 40 | 41 | 35 | 44 | 11 | 25 |
| DK/NA | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | WHITE | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLE | GE DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Very satisfied | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Smwht satisfied | 26 | 20 | 16 | 20 | 19 | 24 | 14 | 22 | 26 |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 34 | 30 | 30 | 34 | 32 | 31 | 22 | 36 | 24 |
| Very dissatisfied | 38 | 47 | 51 | 42 | 45 | 44 | 63 | 40 | 48 |
| DK/NA | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| | COLLE | GE DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Very satisfied | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 3% | |
| Smwht satisfied | 30 | 27 | 30 | 28 | 27 | 39 | 25 | 25 | |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 34 | 29 | 30 | 28 | 38 | 30 | 34 | 28 | |
| Very dissatisfied | 34 | 40 | 36 | 42 | 32 | 29 | 37 | 44 | |
| DK/NA | 1 | 1 | 1 | _ | 1 | _ | 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?

| | | | | | | VERY+SM | WHT SAT |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | High | Low |
| | Apr 03 | Mar 07 | Feb 08 | Dec 06 | Jul 11 | Dec 11 | Nov 13 |
| | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2001 | 2008 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Very satisfied | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 2 |
| Smwht satisfied | 28 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 25 | 47 | 14 |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 31 | 28 | 28 | 26 | 29 | 19 | 38 |
| Very dissatisfied | 38 | 46 | 40 | 38 | 41 | 10 | 44 |
| DK/NA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

8. Is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

| enoug | gii about it: | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| | - | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
| Favo | rable | 28% | 63% | 7% | 23% | 33% | 25% | 33% | 12% | 26% |
| Unfa | vorable | 52 | 23 | 73 | 54 | 51 | 53 | 51 | 53 | 51 |
| | t hrd enough | 17 | 12 | 18 | 19 | 13 | 20 | 13 | 31 | 22 |
| REFUS | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| | | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Favo | rable | 27% | 36% | 42% | 33% | 36% | 30% | 47% | 34% | 37% |
| Unfav | vorable | 63 | 46 | 44 | 48 | 50 | 53 | 36 | 50 | 49 |
| Hvn't | t hrd enough | 8 | 16 | 12 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 12 |
| REFUS | = | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Favo | rable | 25% | 30% | 26% | 30% | 31% | 28% | 29% | 28% | |
| Unfav | vorable | 63 | 47 | 49 | 56 | 59 | 46 | 55 | 54 | |
| Hvn't | t hrd enough | 9 | 20 | 23 | 12 | 7 | 27 | 13 | 14 | |
| REFUS | = | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | _ | 3 | 3 | |

TREND: Is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about it? (*Low also 25% Jul 2009)

| | | | | | | FAVORAB: | LE |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| | | | | | | High | Low |
| | Apr 03 | Jul 11 | Apr 19 | Feb 22 | Nov 23 | Nov 22 | Oct 8 |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009* |
| | | | | | | | |
| Favorable | 28 | 33 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 40 | 25 |
| Unfavorable | 52 | 50 | 49 | 53 | 54 | 45 | 53 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 17 | 14 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 18 |
| REFUSED | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |

9. Is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

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| Favorable | 38% | 6% | 73% | 31% | 33% | 42% | 33% | 63% | 39% |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| Unfavorable | 44 | 81 | 10 | 47 | 52 | 38 | 52 | 12 | 33 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 15 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 22 | 24 |
| REFUSED | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Favorable | 41% | 29% | 24% | 31% | 29% | 37% | 17% | 32% | 31% |
| Unfavorable | 49 | 54 | 63 | 53 | 58 | 47 | 68 | 53 | 56 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 7 | 14 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 10 |
| REFUSED | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Favorable | 46% | 34% | 38% | 41% | 40% | 45% | 35% | 36% | |
| Unfavorable | 44 | 45 | 37 | 50 | 51 | 31 | 48 | 49 | |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 6 | 18 | 23 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 13 | 12 | |
| REFUSED | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | |

TREND: Is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about it?

| | | | | | | FAVORAB | LE |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| | | | | | | High | Low |
| | Apr 03 | Jul 11 | Apr 19 | Feb 22 | Nov 23 | Nov 12 | Apr 21 |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2008 | 2010 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Favorable | 38 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 35 | 55 | 32 |
| Unfavorable | 44 | 50 | 46 | 49 | 51 | 35 | 52 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 15 | 11 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 12 |
| REFUSED | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |

10. Is your opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Нѕр |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| Favorable | 24% | 44% | 7% | 22% | 29% | 19% | 27% | 7% | 24% |
| Unfavorable | 43 | 18 | 64 | 44 | 43 | 43 | 42 | 52 | 32 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 32 | 35 | 28 | 33 | 27 | 36 | 30 | 40 | 43 |
| _ | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| REFUSED | 2 | 2 | 1 | Ţ | 2 | Τ | 2 | 1 | Τ |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Favorable | 25% | 27% | 35% | 26% | 30% | 23% | 44% | 25% | 29% |
| Unfavorable | 59 | 34 | 33 | 39 | 42 | 42 | 24 | 42 | 41 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 14 | 37 | 31 | 33 | 26 | 33 | 30 | 32 | 29 |
| REFUSED | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| KEFOSED | 1 | ۷ | ۷ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | т | _ |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Favorable | 23% | 24% | 21% | 25% | 25% | 20% | 25% | 25% | |
| Unfavorable | 60 | 35 | 36 | 49 | 55 | 38 | 45 | 44 | |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 16 | 39 | 41 | 25 | 19 | 41 | 29 | 28 | |
| REFUSED | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 1/11 00110 | 4 | 4 | 4 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |

TREND: Is your opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about it?

| | Apr 03 2013 | Nov 23 2011 | Nov 03 2011 | Sep 01 2011 | Nov 17 2010 | FAVORAB High Nov 17 2010 | LE Low Apr 03 2013 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Favorable | 24 | 29 | 31 | 29 | 34 | 34 | 24 |
| Unfavorable | 43 | 42 | 45 | 42 | 38 | 38 | 43 |
| Hvn't hrd enough | 32 | 28 | 24 | 29 | 26 | 26 | 32 |
| REFUSED | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

11. Do you think the Democratic party cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Нѕр |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Yes | 53% | 24% | 86% | 47% | 48% | 59% | 47% | 82% | 65% |
| No | 44 | 74 | 13 | 49 | 50 | 38 | 50 | 15 | 31 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| | WHITE. COLLEG Yes | E DEG No | | Cath | Men | Wom | BornAg Yes | nEv No | Mltry HsHld |
| Yes | 56% | 43% | 40% | 49% | 42% | 52% | 32% | 49% | 46% |
| No | 42 | 54 | 58 | 47 | 56 | 45 | 64 | 49 | 52 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | COLLEG Yes | E DEG No | ANNUAL <50K | HSHOLD 50-100 | | AGE IN 18-34 | YRS 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Yes | 59% | 51% | 56% | 51% | 57% | 66% | 51% | 48% | |
| No | 39 | 46 | 41 | 46 | 42 | 33 | 46 | 48 | |
| DK/NA | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |

12. Do you think the Republican party cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| Yes | 37% | 73% | 11% | 35% | 40% | 35% | 43% | 16% | 32% |
| No | 59 | 24 | 86 | 60 | 57 | 60 | 54 | 78 | 61 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Yes | 44% | 43% | 51% | 47% | 45% | 41% | 55% | 45% | 43% |
| No | 54 | 54 | 45 | 50 | 53 | 55 | 43 | 51 | 54 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | |
| Yes | 41% | 36% | 31% | 40% | 50% | 37% | 40% | 36% | |
| No | 58 | 59 | 65 | 58 | 47 | 60 | 57 | 59 | |
| DK/NA | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | |

13a. What is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? COMBINED WITH: 13b. And what is the next most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (Note: Percentages add to more than 100%)

| | Tot |
|---|--|
| Economy total Economy Jobs/Unemployment Cost of living Poverty | 40% 24 14 1 |
| Budget total Budget/Deficit Budget (spending) | 20% 16 4 |
| Healthcare total Healthcare(general) Healthcare(ObamaCare-drop) Medicare | 20% 15 2 3 |
| Gun Issues | 9% |
| Taxes total Taxes(general) Taxes(other/specific) | 8% 7 1 |
| Education total Education(general) Education(other/specific) | 7% 6 1 |
| Constitution/Rights total Civil liberties/Equal rights Constitution | 5% 3 2 |
| Immigration Foreign affairs Gay issues/Gay marriage Abortion/Contraception Environment Military Issues/Benefits Social security Terrorism/National security War Economic Inequality Elderly issues Entitlements | 5 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 |
| Government too big Gas prices Moral issues Middle class Women's issues Social Issues(general) Social services(general) | 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| Bipartisan/Willing to compromise Party/Political Philosophy Cares about the people/The country Honesty/Integrity/Keeps promises Gets things done Experience/Record New/Not political insider | 4 3 3 2 1 1 |
| Other DK/NA | 10 10 |

14. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - the economy, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|------------------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-----|--------|
| Democratic party | 40% | 4% | 78% | 34% | 37% | 44% | 33% | 74% | 46% |
| Republican party | 42 | 89 | 8 | 39 | 46 | 38 | 49 | 11 | 31 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 11 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEGI | E DEG | | | | | BornAgr | ıEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Democratic party | 38% | 31% | 24% | 31% | 30% | 36% | 19% | 32% | 33% |
| Republican party | 47 | 50 | 60 | 53 | 53 | 46 | 68 | 51 | 50 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 10 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 11 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| | COLLEGI | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | Q13 |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Econmy |
| Democratic party | 42% | 39% | 45% | 39% | 36% | 48% | 37% | 39% | 44% |
| Republican party | 42 | 41 | 36 | 46 | 49 | 35 | 44 | 43 | 40 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 10 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 10 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 6 |

15. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - health care, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|--------|
| Democratic Party | 49% | 7% | 87% | 45% | 44% | 53% | 40% | 888 | 63% |
| Republican Party | 37 | 83 | 5 | 33 | 42 | 33 | 46 | 3 | 24 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 8 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Democratic Party | 48% | 37% | 28% | 41% | 39% | 42% | 22% | 39% | 42% |
| Republican Party | 40 | 48 | 58 | 47 | 48 | 44 | 64 | 46 | 45 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 8 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | Q13 |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | HlthCr |
| Democratic Party | 53% | 47% | 53% | 47% | 48% | 60% | 45% | 45% | 50% |
| Republican Party | 35 | 39 | 34 | 41 | 41 | 32 | 41 | 39 | 40 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 |

16. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - the federal budget deficit, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Нѕр |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----|--------|
| Democratic Party | 36% | 2% | 73% | 28% | 32% | 40% | 30% | 69% | 38% |
| Republican Party | 43 | 89 | 8 | 43 | 48 | 38 | 49 | 14 | 34 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 12 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 15 |
| DK/NA | 9 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 13 |
| | WHITE. | | | | | | | | |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | | | | | BornAg | nEv | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Democratic Party | 32% | 29% | 20% | 32% | 27% | 33% | 18% | 28% | 29% |
| Republican Party | 49 | 49 | 59 | 53 | 53 | 46 | 67 | 50 | 50 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 12 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 13 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | | _ | | YRS | | Q13 |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Budget |
| Democratic Party | 36% | 36% | 41% | 34% | 34% | 45% | 34% | 34% | 23% |
| Republican Party | 45 | 42 | 35 | 49 | 51 | 38 | 45 | 43 | 61 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) | 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 4 |

17. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - immigration issues, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Democratic Party Republican Party | 42% 38 | 7% 74 | 78% 11 | 35% 36 | 40% 42 | 43% 35 | 35% 43 | 66% 20 | 54% 32 |
| NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 9 11 | 10 | 4 7 | 13 16 | 10 | 9 13 | 10 12 | 5 8 | 7 6 |
| | WHITECOLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv MJ | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 45% 38 8 | 31% 45 11 13 | 27% 49 10 14 | 33% 48 10 10 | 35% 45 11 9 | 36% 40 9 14 | 22% 57 11 10 | 32% 44 11 13 | 35% 43 12 9 |
| | COLLEG Yes | E DEG No | ANNUAL <50K | HSHOLD 50-100 | _ | AGE IN 18-34 | YRS 35-54 | | Q13 Immgrt |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 50% 33 9 8 | 38% 41 9 12 | 43% 37 8 12 | 44% 39 9 8 | 45% 41 7 8 | 49% 37 7 | 39% 42 10 9 | 40% 36 10 14 | 38% 39 21 2 |

18. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - gun control, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 40% 42 8 10 | 8% 79 6 8 | 73% 12 6 9 | 34% 42 12 12 | 35% 50 7 9 | 45% 35 9 11 | 35% 47 8 9 | 63% 16 9 12 | 46% 39 7 9 |
| | WHITE COLLEGE DEG Born | | | | | | | | Mltry |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 44% 41 9 6 | 31% 50 8 11 | 25% 56 7 12 | 37% 48 7 8 | 30% 54 6 9 | 40% 41 10 9 | 18% 67 5 10 | 35% 46 10 9 | 34% 51 7 8 |
| | COLLEG | E DEG | ANNUAL | HSHOLD | INC | AGE IN | YRS | | Q13 |
| | Yes | No | <50K | 50-100 | >100K | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | GunIss |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 47% 38 9 6 | 37% 44 8 11 | 41% 39 8 11 | 38% 49 6 7 | 47% 41 7 5 | 44% 46 4 6 | 38% 43 11 7 | 40% 38 8 14 | 32% 58 7 3 |
| | Gun HsHld | | | | | | | | |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 28% 56 9 8 | | | | | | | | |

19. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - taxes, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 41% 41 8 9 | 5% 86 6 4 | 78% 8 6 8 | 35% 40 13 12 | 37% 48 9 6 | 45% 35 8 11 | 35% 48 8 | 71% 9 8 11 | 52% 31 8 9 |
| | WHITE. | nEv | Mltry | | | | | | |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | HsHld |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 39% 46 8 | 33% 50 9 8 | 26% 59 7 7 | 35% 49 9 7 | 31% 55 8 6 | 39% 42 8 10 | 22% 66 6 | 34% 47 10 8 | 34% 49 8 |
| | COLLEG Yes | E DEG No | ANNUAL <50K | HSHOLD 50-100 | | AGE IN 18-34 | YRS 35-54 | 55+ | Q13 Taxes |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 43% 41 8 8 | 41% 42 9 | 48% 35 8 9 | 39% 47 7 7 | 38% 49 6 7 | 48% 38 5 8 | 40% 42 10 8 | 39% 43 8 10 | 32% 53 6 9 |

20. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling - the issue of same-sex marriage, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

| | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk | Hsp | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 49% 28 8 14 | 21% 56 9 14 | 74% 9 5 12 | 48% 26 10 16 | 48% 30 8 13 | 51% 27 8 15 | 48% 31 8 14 | 58% 17 7 19 | 50% 31 8 11 | |
| | WHITE. | E DEG | | | | | BornAgnEv | | | |
| | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Men | Wom | Yes | No | | |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 58% 24 8 11 | 42% 34 9 15 | 35% 42 8 15 | 50% 28 7 14 | 45% 33 8 14 | 49% 29 9 13 | 23% 53 8 16 | 49% 27 9 14 | | |
| | COLLEGE DEG Yes No | | ANNUAL <50K | HSHOLD 50-100 | _ | AGE IN 18-34 | YRS | 55+ | | |
| Democratic Party Republican Party NO DIFF (VOL) DK/NA | 59% 22 8 11 | 45% 31 8 15 | 48% 28 8 16 | 50% 32 6 12 | 60% 24 7 10 | 66% 26 3 5 | 50% 31 7 12 | 39% 28 11 22 | | |