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## AMERICAN VOTERS 4-1 WANT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR IRS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; BUT FIXING ECONOMY IS MORE IMPORTANT, VOTERS SAY 3-1

American voters say 76 - 17 percent, including 63 - 30 percent among Democrats, that a special prosecutor should be appointed to investigate charges the Internal Revenue Service targeted conservative groups, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

President Barack Obama gets a negative 45 - 49 percent job approval rating, compared to 48 - 45 percent positive in a May 1 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, conducted before the IRS allegations surfaced.

The president's biggest drop is among independent voters, who give him a negative 37 - 57 percent score, compared to a negative 42 - 48 percent May 1. He gets a negative 9 - 86 percent from Republicans and a positive 87 - 8 percent from Democrats, both virtually unchanged. Women approve 49 - 45 percent while men give a negative 40 - 54 percent score.

Americans are divided 49 - 47 percent on whether Obama is honest and trustworthy, down from 58 - 37 percent, the last time Quinnipiac University asked the question September 1, 2011.

Support for an independent prosecutor to probe the IRS issue is 88 - 6 percent among Republicans and 78 - 17 percent among independent voters, 78 - 17 percent among men and 74 - 18 percent among women.

"There is overwhelming bipartisan support for a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "Voters apparently don't like the idea of Attorney General Eric Holder investigating the matter himself, perhaps because they don't exactly think highly of him. Holder gets a negative 23 - 39 percent job approval rating."

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American voters say 43 - 32 percent that congressional criticism of the Obama Administration's handling of the terrorist attack in Libya is 'just politics.' Voters say 44 - 33percent, however, that members of Congress who criticize the way the Obama Administration handled the IRS are raising 'legitimate concerns.' Criticism of the Justice Department's seizure of journalists' phone records also raises 'legitimate concerns,' voters say 37 - 24 percent.

Of the three controversies, 44 percent of voters see the IRS probe as the most important, with 24 percent citing Benghazi and 15 percent picking the AP records seizure.

But voters say 73 - 22 percent that dealing with the economy and unemployment is a higher priority than investigating these three issues.

"The fact that voters say 34 - 25 percent that the economy is getting better also may be a reason the president's job approval numbers have not dropped further," Brown added.

American voters disapprove 66 - 24 percent of the job the IRS is doing.

A total of 68 percent of American voters are "somewhat dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" with the way things are going in the nation today, while 32 percent are "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied." Voters also have negative opinions of political parties:

- 47 42 percent unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party;
- 50 35 percent unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party;
- 38 28 percent unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party.

Only 3 percent of voters trust the federal government to do the right thing almost all the time, while 12 percent say they trust it most of the time; 47 percent say some of the time and 36 percent hardly ever. That compares to results of a Quinnipiac University poll in July 2010, four months before the Republican sweep that year on the back of anti-government sentiment, when 2 percent said almost always, 16 percent said most of the time; 50 percent said some of the time and 31 percent said hardly ever.

"All of these investigations may be having a negative effect on voters' willingness to trust the federal government.to do the right thing," said Brown.

From May 22 - 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,419 registered voters with a margin of error of +/-2.6 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

For more information, visit <u>http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling</u>, call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

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) DK/NA	38% 38 3 1 20	87% 2 2 - 10	90 - 1 9	36% 23 5 3 33	45% 33 4 1 17	32% 43 2 1 22	45% 31 2 1 21	8% 81 1 1 10	31% 48 2 4 15
	WHITE. COLLEG Yes		 Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAg Yes	nEv No	Mltry HsHld
Republican Democratic SMONE ELSE(VOL) WLDN'T VOTE(VOL) DK/NA	39% 40 2 - 19	48% 26 3 1 23	56% 23 3 1 18	39% 34 3 1 24	54% 23 4 1 18	37% 37 1 1 24	63% 15 3 1 18	46% 30 2 1 21	43% 33 5 1 17
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	-	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-6	
Republican Democratic SMONE ELSE(VOL) WLDN'T VOTE(VOL) DK/NA	37% 43 2 1 17	39% 36 3 2 21	33% 43 3 2 19	42% 36 1 1 20	45% 35 3 1 16	31% 39 6 1 23	39% 37 2 3 19	39% 41 2 - 18	41% 35 3 1 20

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? (\*High also 40% Mar 2011, Feb 2012)

						REPUBLI	CAN
			- 00		- 10	High	Low
	May 30 2013	May 01 2013	Apr 03 2013	Jul 11 2012	Apr 19 2012	Jul 11 2012*	Nov 02 2011
Republican	38	37	35	40	39	40	34
Democratic	38	41	43	43	40	43	42
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	3	3	2	1	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
DK/NA	20	19	18	15	17	15	19

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 45% 98 87% 37% 40% 49% 37% 90% 57% 49 8 57 54 45 57 8 Disapprove 86 33 DK/NA 6 5 5 6 6 6 6 2 10 WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv Mltry Yes No Cath HsHld Prot Men Wom Yes No 50% 30% 27% 39% 33% 40% 17% 38% 38% Approve 47 68 56 52 78 58 58 Disapprove 63 63 7 DK/NA 4 7 5 5 4 5 4 4 ANNUAL HSHOLD INC COLLEGE DEG AGE IN YRS..... 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+ <50K Yes No 41% 49% 43% 40% 48% 44% 47% Approve 52% 39% 55 53 39 Disapprove 44 52 46 52 48 55 4 7 6 4 4 14 4 5 6 DK/NA HEARD OR READ ABOUT BENGHZ IRS AP Q30 Q35 Q41 43% 40% Approve 44% 51 55 Disapprove 51 5 5 DK/NA 4 TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (\*High also 59% Mar 2009) APPROVE..... Hiqh Low May 30 May 01 Apr 03 Mar 07 Feb 08 Jun 04 Oct 06 2013 2013 2013 2013 2013 2009\* 2011 Approve 45 48 49 45 46 59 41 Disapprove 49 45 45 46 45 31 55 DK/NA 6 8 6 9 9 10 4 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 46% 12% 19% 26% 22% 25% 30% Approve 24% 13% 67 45 84 70 67 67 84 Disapprove 65 59 DK/NA 9 10 4 11 7 12 10 3 11 WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG BornAqnEv Mltry Yes No Prot Cath Men Wom Yes No HsHld Approve 19% 29% 31% 25% 28% 23% 35% 26% 28% 74 60 61 66 65 65 54 67 65 Disapprove 7 9 7 12 11 7 7 DK/NA 11 8 COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS..... <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+ No Yes 27% 24% 21% 23% 29% 20% Approve 18% 24% 24% 66 75 73 70 53 71 63 69 65 Disapprove

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DK/NA

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)

	May 30 2013	May 01 2013	Apr 03 2013	Mar 07 2013	Feb 08 2013	APPROVE High Mar 31 2011*	Low Apr 03 2013**
Approve	24	24	19	20	19	34	19
Disapprove	67	67	71	71	72	55	71
DK/NA	9	8	10	9	8	11	10

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 Disapprove	30% 60	8% 86	61% 29	20% 68	26% 66	33% 54	23% 67	63% 26	40% 47
DK/NA	11	6	10	12	8	13	10	10	13
	WHITE.							•••	
	COLLEG	E DEG					BornAg	nEv	Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	29%	19%	18%	25%	19%	26%	12%	24%	27%
Disapprove	63	69	75	66	74	61	78	69	66
DK/NA	8	11	8	9	7	13	10	8	7
	COLLEG	E DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve Disapprove	31% 60	29% 60	33% 54	27% 67	25% 68	36% 48	27% 61	31% 62	25% 64
DISAPPIOVE DK/NA	9	11	13	6	6	40 17	13	7	11

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

	May 30 2013	May 01 2013	Apr 03 2013	Mar 07 2013	Feb 08 2013	APPROVE High Mar 4 2009	Low Nov 23 2011*
Approve	30	31	34	32	33	45	24
Disapprove	60	60	59	60	59	45	69
DK/NA	11	9	7	8	9	10	7

13. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	48%	9%	90%	42%	44%	52%	39%	91%	64%
Unfavorable	49	87	7	56	55	43	57	7	31
Hvn't hrd enough	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	1
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

						FAVORABLE		
						High	Low	
	May 30	Feb 08	Jul 11	Apr 19	Feb 22	Nov 12	Oct 05	
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2008	2011	
Favorable	48	51	45	45	47	67	42	
Unfavorable	49	46	48	49	48	19	53	
Hvn't hrd enough	2	2	4	3	2	11	3	
REFUSED	1	2	4	3	2	3	3	

14. 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	6%	2%	11%	4%	6%	6%	2%	22%	14%
Smwht satisfied	26	11	48	18	25	26	22	48	30
Smwht dissatisfied	26	24	26	29	25	26	27	20	24
Very dissatisfied	42	63	13	49	42	42	48	10	32
DK/NA	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
	May 30	May 01	Apr 03	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 11	Nov 13
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2001	2008
Very satisfied	6	2	2	2	3	21	2
Smwht satisfied	26	25	28	23	28	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	26	35	31	28	28	19	38
Very dissatisfied	42	37	38	46	40	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	2

15. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right; almost all of the time, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Almost all the time	3%	1%	6%	_	2%	4%	18	7%	10%
Most of the time	12	6	23	9	12	12	9	35	16
Some of the time	47	47	55	43	44	51	48	44	49
Hardly ever	36	46	15	48	41	32	41	14	26
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	-

TREND: How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right; almost all of the time, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?

	May 30 2013	Jul 22 2010	Mar 24 2010	Feb 11 2010
Almost all the time	3	2	2	2
Most of the time	12	16	17	16
Some of the time	47	50	50	54
Hardly ever	36	31	30	27
DK/NA	1	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	42%	5%	86%	33%	37%	46%	36%	81%	46%
Unfavorable	47	88	5	52	54	41	54	11	34
Hvn't hrd enough	8	4	7	11	7	9	8	7	15
REFUSED	3	2	2	3	2	4	3	1	5

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

						FAVORABLE	
						High	Low
	May 30	Apr 03	Jul 11	Apr 19	Feb 22	Nov 12	Apr 21
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2008	2010
Favorable	42	38	37	37	37	55	32
Unfavorable	47	44	50	46	49	35	52
Hvn't hrd enough	8	15	11	15	11	6	12
REFUSED	3	3	2	2	3	4	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
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Favorable	35%	74%	6%	34%	39%	32%	41%	10%	23%
Unfavorable	50	18	78	50	50	51	46	72	56
Hvn't hrd enough	11	6	13	12	8	14	10	17	19
REFUSED	3	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	2

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

						FAVORAE	BLE
						High	Low
	May 30	Apr 03	Jul 11	Apr 19	Feb 22	Nov 22	Oct 8
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2010	2009*
Favorable	35	28	33	33	32	40	25
Unfavorable	50	52	50	49	53	45	53
Hvn't hrd enough	11	17	14	16	12	13	18
REFUSED	3	3	3	3	3	3	4

18. 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	Hsp
Favorable	28%	52%	6%	27%	35%	21%	31%	12%	20%
Unfavorable	38	11	61	40	37	38	35	54	40
Hvn't hrd enough	33	34	33	32	27	39	32	34	40
REFUSED	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	-	-

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

						FAVORABLE		
						High	Low	
	May 30	Apr 03	Nov 23	Nov 03	Sep 01	Nov 17	Apr 03	
	2013	2013	2011	2011	2011	2010	2013	
Favorable	28	24	29	31	29	34	24	
Unfavorable	38	43	42	45	42	38	43	
Hvn't hrd enough	33	32	28	24	29	26	32	
REFUSED	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	49%	15%						92%	
No	47	80	8	56	51	43	54	8	34
DK/NA	5	5	2	5	4	6	5	-	6

TREND: Would you say that Barack Obama is honest and trustworthy or not?

	May 30 2013	Sep 01 2011	Jan 13 2011	-	Jan 13 2010
Yes	49	58	63	55	56
No	47	37	31	38	37
DK/NA	5	6	6	6	7

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes No	53% 45		87% 11		50% 49			95% 5	62% 35
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	-	3

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

						YES	
						High	Low
	May 30	Jul 11	Apr 19	Oct 05	Sep 01	Jan 13	Oct 05
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2011	2010	2011
Yes	53	59	60	49	50	66	49
No	45	39	36	49	48	32	49
DK/NA	2	3	4	2	3	2	2

21. 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	53%	20%	90%	46%	50%	55%	45%	91%	70%
No	45	20% 76	9	40% 51	47	42	40° 53	7	26
DK/NA	3	4	1	3	3	3	3	2	4
DR/ NA	5	7	T	5	5	J	J	Z	7
	WHITE.								
	COLLEG	E DEG					BornAg	gnEv M	ltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No H	sHld
Yes	56%	39%	35%	47%	41%	48%	26%	44%	45%
No	42	58	62	50	57	49	70	53	51
DK/NA	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	3
	COLLEG	F DFC		HSHOLD	TNC	ACF IN	IVRQ		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100		18-29	30-44		65+
	162	NO	<00N	30-100	>100K	10-29	30-44	40-04	0.51
Yes	59%	50%	56%	51%	50%	65%	52%	53%	44%
No	39	47	41	46	49	32	46	44	53
DK/NA	2	3	3	4	-	4	2	3	3
TREND: Would you say you or not?	that B	arack O	bama ca:	res abo	ut the :		and prob		people like
							ligh	Low	
	May 30	Jul 1	1 Apr	19 Feb	22 Oc		lign Jov 12	May 30	
	2013	2012	2012				2008	2013	
					•				
Yes	53	56	57	58	54	7	0	53	
No	45	41	39	40	43	2	22	45	
DK/NA	3	3	4	2	3		7	3	
22. Who do you trust Republicans in Congr		a bette	r job ha	andling	the ec	onomy,	Preside	ent Obam	a or the
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Нѕр
Obama	43%	48	89%	35%	39%	47%	35%	89%	55%
Reps in Congress	43	85	6	45	48	38	50	8	34
DK/NA	14	11	5	19	13	15	15	4	11
	COLLEG			HSHOLD					
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Obama	48%	41%	47%	41%	38%	49%	418	45%	37%
Reps in Congress	403 40	413 44	475 39	413 46	50 50	49% 35	413 44	43	47
DK/NA									
	11	15	14	12	11	15	15	12	15

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling the economy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress? (\* Low also 41% Jul 2010, Jun 2011)

						OBAMA	
						High	Low
	May 30	Mar 07	Feb 11	Apr 20	Feb 23	Nov 02	Oct 06
	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2011	2011*
Obama	43	44	47	43	46	48	41
Reps in Congress	43	40	41	43	41	39	43
DK/NA	14	15	12	15	13	12	16

23. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	28	_	48	18	2%	2%	1%	6%	6%
Good	24	12	43	18	23	25	20	42	35
Not so good	40	43	38	39	41	39	42	37	27
Poor	34	46	13	41	33	34	36	14	32
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	-
	COLLEG	E DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Excellent	1%	2%	18	2%	_	4%	1%	28	1%
Good	30	21	23	27	26	25	22	26	20
Not so good	42	39	37	40	45	35	43	40	40
Poor	20	37	38	30	27	36	32	31	37
1001	26	57	50	30	21	30	52	J T	57

TREND: Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	May 30 2013	May 02 2013	Feb 11 2013	Jul 12 2012	Feb 23 2012	EXLNT+G High Dec 10 2003	GOOD Low Mar 04 2009
Excellent	2	-	1	1	1	3	-
Good	24	17	19	13	13	37	3
Not so good	40	45	41	45	43	42	28
Poor	34	36	38	41	43	16	68
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	_

24. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	34%	16%	57%	29%	36%	32%	30%	56%	39%
Worse	25	33	10	28	22	27	27	10	17
The same	40	50	33	42	41	40	42	33	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	-
	COLLE	GE DEG	ANNUAL	_ HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS		
	COLLE Yes	GE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	-	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
Better					-	-			
Better Worse	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
	Yes 46%	No 28%	<50K 29%	50-100 37%	>100K 40%	18-29 36%	30-44 30%	45-64 36%	65+ 32%

TREND: Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? (\* Low also 11% Sep 2011)

						BETTER.	
						High	Low
	May 30	May 02	Feb 11	Feb 23	Oct 06	Jan 18	Oct 06
	2013	2013	2013	2012	2011	2011	2011*
Better	34	32	34	35	11	36	11
Worse	25	24	28	26	44	20	44
The same	40	43	37	38	44	43	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Holder is handling his job as United States Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	23% 39 38	12% 58 30	41% 13 46	18% 47 35	23% 49 28	23% 29 48	18% 43 39	48% 12 40	39% 29 32
	HEARD AP Q41	OR READ	) ABOUT						
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	24% 52 24								

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	24% 66 9	13% 80 6	42% 44 14	19% 74 7	24% 70 6	25% 63 12	22% 69 9	37% 49 14	35% 57 7
	HEARD IRS Q35	OR REAL	d about						
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	22% 70 8								

30. Some members of Congress criticized the way the Obama administration handled the attack in Benghazi, Libya. How much have you heard or read about this; a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A lot	51%	58%	41%	56%	61%	43%	54%	41%	41%
A little	38	35	42	35	31	44	36	39	44
Nothing at all	11	7	16	9	8	13	9	20	13
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	3
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	COLLE	GE DEG	Drot		Mon	Mom	BornA	2	Mltry
			Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornA Yes	.gnEv No	Mltry HsHld
A lot	COLLE	GE DEG			Men 63%	Wom 46%		2	
A lot A little	COLLE Yes	GE DEG No	Prot	Cath	-	-	Yes	No	HsHld
	COLLE Yes 65%	GE DEG No 48%	Prot 58%	Cath	63%	46%	Yes 55%	No 55%	HsHld 61%

31. Do you think those members of Congress are raising legitimate concerns, or are they just playing politics, or haven't you heard enough about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	32% 43 24 1	55% 25 20 1	8% 59 31 2	38% 43 18 1	39% 43 16 1	26% 42 30 1	38% 41 20 1	10% 48 42 -	19% 43 35 2
		GE DEG No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornA Yes	gnEv No	Mltry HsHld
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	39% 46 13 2	37% 39 23 1	44% 39 16 1	35% 40 23 1	46% 42 11 1	31% 41 27 1	48% 35 16 1	36% 41 22 1	41% 43 15 2
	HEARD BENGHA Q30	OR READ AZI	) ABOUT						
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	36% 45 18 1								

32. Would you describe the Benghazi matter as a scandal or not, or haven't you heard enough about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A scandal	39%	60%	15%	42%	44%	34%	43%	14%	30%
Not a scandal	27	12	41	26	29	26	27	31	21
Hvn't hrd enough	34	27	43	31	27	40	29	54	48
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	WHITE.								
	COLLEG	E DEG					BornAc	nEv	Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
A scandal	40%	45%	50%	44%	47%	39%	56%	43%	48%
Not a scandal	40	21	21	25	28	26	13	26	20
Hvn't hrd enough	20	34	29	29	24	34	30	30	31
REFUSED	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1
	heard bengha Q30	OR READ ZI	) ABOUT						

A scandal	43%
Not a scandal	30
Hvn't hrd enough	27
REFUSED	1

33. Do you think the Obama administration deliberately misled the American people about the events surrounding the death of the American ambassador to Libya, or do you believe the Obama administration shared the facts with the American people as they became available?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	46% 40 13	78% 12 10	13% 72 16	53% 34 13	52% 37 11	41% 43 16	53% 34 13	12% 77 11	32% 48 20
	WHITE.								
	COLLEG	E DEG					BornAg	nEv	Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	45% 43 12	57% 29 14	62% 26 12	51% 39 10	59% 29 12	48% 37 14	71% 17 12	54% 34 12	56% 35 9
	heard bengha Q30	OR READ ZI	ABOUT						

Deliber	ately	misled	50%
Shared	facts		40
DK/NA			10

TREND: Do you think the Obama administration deliberately misled the American people about the events surrounding the death of the American ambassador to Libya, or do you believe the Obama administration shared the facts with the American people as they became available?

	May 30 2013	Dec 05 2012
Deliberately misled	46	41%
Shared facts	40	47
DK/NA	13	12

34. How much do you blame Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for the death of the American ambassador to Libya; do you blame her a lot, a little or not at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A lot A little Not at all DK/NA	22% 26 45 7	40% 36 16 7	3% 14 78 5	25% 29 39 7	39		25% 27 40 7	5% 16 74 5	15% 28 50 6
	WHITE. COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	 Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAg Yes	nEv No	Mltry HsHld
A lot A little Not at all DK/NA	18% 28 50 3	29% 27 35 10	32% 30 31 7	26% 25 39 9	32% 28 34 6	20% 27 44 9	36% 31 26 7	25% 30 36 8	33% 24 37 6
	heard bengha Q30	OR READ Azi	) ABOUT						
A lot A little Not at all DK/NA	24% 29 42 5								

35. It's been disclosed that the IRS singled out some conservative political groups for extra questions about their tax status. How much have you heard or read about this; a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A lot A little	46% 33	49% 32	37% 40	52% 30	53% 29	40% 37	48% 34	35% 32	39% 34
Nothing at all DK/NA	20 1	19 1	23	19 -	17 1	23 1	18	33	24 2
	COLLE Yes	GE DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	-	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	 65+
A lot	59%								

36. Some members of Congress have criticized the way the Obama administration handled this situation with the IRS. Do you think those members of Congress are raising legitimate concerns, or are they just playing politics, or haven't you heard enough about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	44% 33 23 1	60% 19 19 1	21% 50 27 1	52% 27 21 -	50% 32 17 1	38% 34 28 -	48% 30 22 1	22% 49 28 1	34% 37 29 1
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	-	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	48% 38 13 1	41% 31 27 1	35% 33 31 1	49% 36 14 1	58% 31 11 -	32% 34 34 -	39% 31 28 1	49% 32 19 -	47% 35 17 1
	HEARD IRS Q35	OR READ	ABOUT						
Legitimate concerns	52%								

	520
Playing politics	37
Hvn't hrd enough	10
REFUSED	1

37. Would you describe the situation with the IRS as a scandal or not, or haven't you heard enough about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A scandal Not a scandal	53% 18	74% 6	29% 31	57% 17	61% 19	46% 18	56% 18	32% 21	50% 18
Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	28 1	20	39 1	26 1	20	35 1	25 1	46 -	32 -
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
A scandal Not a scandal Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	57% 27 16 1	51% 15 34 1	45% 15 39 1	60% 24 15 1	63% 22 15 -	50% 16 33 -	51% 17 32 -	53% 20 26 -	56% 19 23 3
	HEARD IRS Q35	OR READ	ABOUT						

A scandal	63%
Not a scandal	21
Hvn't hrd enough	15
REFUSED	1

38. Do you think the Obama administration deliberately misled the American people about the situation with the IRS, or do you believe the Obama administration shared the facts with the American people as they became available?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	40% 45 15	68% 19 12	10% 75 15	47% 39 14	47% 42 11	34% 48 18	46% 39 15	11% 80 9	27% 53 20
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	36% 52 12	42% 42 16	35% 47 17	43% 48 9	48% 42 10	37% 50 13	34% 45 21	43% 47 10	45% 38 17
	HEARD IRS Q35	OR READ	ABOUT						

Deliberately	misled	45%
Shared facts		47
DK/NA		9

39. Do you think the targeting of conservative groups by the Internal Revenue Service was a decision made by civil service employees at the IRS or a decision made by the Obama administration?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Civil srvc employees		24%	68%	41%	45%	44%	41%	65%	52%
Obama administration		55	13	40	40	31	38	16	30
DK/NA		20	19	20	15	24	21	19	18
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
Civil srvc employees		40%	44%	47%	51%	48%	48%	45%	38%
Obama administration		39	34	35	35	34	29	37	40
DK/NA		21	22	18	15	19	23	18	22

HEARD OR READ ABOUT IRS Q35

Civil srvc employees 48% Obama administration 37 DK/NA 14 40. Do you think an independent special prosecutor should or should not be appointed to investigate the situation with the IRS?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Should be appointed Should not DK/NA	76% 17 7	88% 6 6	63% 30 7	78% 17 6	78% 17 6	74% 18 8	77% 17 6	68% 25 7	76% 15 9
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100		AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	65+
Should be appointed Should not DK/NA	68% 26 6	79% 13 7	77% 14 9	74% 22 4	76% 21 3	78% 16 6	78% 15 7	78% 18 4	70% 19 11
	HEARD IRS Q35	OR READ	ABOUT						

Should	be	appointed	76%
Should	not	-	19
DK/NA			5

41. The Associated Press, sometimes referred to as the AP, reported classified information about U.S. anti-terrorism efforts and prosecutors have obtained the AP's phone records through a court order. How much have you heard or read about this; a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A lot	26%	28%	15%	33%	34%	19%	28%	13%	21%
A little	37	37	42	33	38	36	38	33	30
Nothing at all	37	34	43	33	28	44	34	53	46
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
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		GE DEG	••••	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •		BornA	.gnEv	Mltry
			Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornA Yes	.gnEv No	Mltry HsHld
A lot	COLLE	GE DEG			Men 34%	Wom 22%		2	-
A lot A little	COLLE Yes	GE DEG No	Prot	Cath	-	-	Yes	No	HsHld
	COLLE Yes 35%	GE DEG No 24%	Prot 30%	Cath 27%	34%	22%	Yes 29%	No 29%	HsHld 33%

42. Some members in Congress have criticized the way the Obama administration handled this situation with the AP. Do you think those members in Congress are raising legitimate concerns, or are they just playing politics, or haven't you heard enough about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	37% 24 39 -	52% 12 35 1	16% 37 47 -	44% 21 34 1	43% 25 31 -	30% 23 46 1	41% 21 38 -	22% 33 45 -	21% 35 43 2
	WHITE. COLLEG Yes				 Men	Wom	BornAg Yes	nEv No	Mltry HsHld
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	45% 22 32 1	39% 20 40 -	46% 20 34 1	38% 19 43 -	49% 22 28 -	34% 20 45 -	49% 15 36 -	39% 21 39 1	41% 27 31 -
	HEARD AP Q41	OR READ	ABOUT						
Legitimate concerns Playing politics Hvn't hrd enough	53% 29 18								

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43. Would you describe the situation with the AP as a scandal or not, or haven't you heard enough about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A scandal Not a scandal Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	31% 14 54 1	42% 7 50 1	15% 19 65 1	35% 14 50 2	35% 18 46 1	27% 11 62 1	33% 13 53 1	13% 17 69 1	30% 18 52 -
		GE DEG No	 Prot	 Cath	 Men	 Wom	BornA Yes	gnEv No	Mltry HsHld
A scandal Not a scandal Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	34% 21 45 1	33% 9 57 1	37% 10 52 2	34% 10 55 -	37% 16 45 1	29% 10 60 1	41% 5 53 1	32% 13 54 1	37% 12 50 2
	HEARD AP Q41	OR READ	D ABOUT						
A scandal Not a scandal Hvn't hrd enough REFUSED	44% 21 35 1								

44. Do you think the Obama administration deliberately misled the American people about the situation with the AP, or do you believe the Obama administration shared the facts with the American people as they became available?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	36% 38 26	60% 16 25	9% 65 26	43% 31 26	42% 36 22	31% 39 30	40% 33 27	12% 70 18	33% 36 31
	WHITE COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv M								
	COLLEG	E DEG					BornAc	gnEv	Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	34% 39 28	44% 30 26	49% 27 24	37% 38 25	46% 30 24	36% 35 29	59% 19 22	36% 36 28	46% 31 23
	HEARD OR READ ABOUT AP Q41								
Deliberately misled Shared facts DK/NA	47% 37 16								

45. Do you believe the government has the right to investigate media organizations when the government suspects there has been a leak that jeopardizes national security or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes No DK/NA	72% 22 6	74% 22 5	78% 14 7	66% 29 5	70% 24 6	74% 21 6	72% 22 5	80% 12 8	71% 27 2	
				•••••				••••	Mltry	
	COLLEC			BornAgnEv						
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld	
Yes	70%	74%	72%	78%	70%	74%	71%	76%	75%	
No	25	21	22	18	25	20	23	19	20	
DK/NA	5	6	6	4	5	6	6	5	5	
	HEARD OR READ ABOUT AP Q41									
Yes No DK/NA	70% 25 5									

46. Which of these three situations do you believe is the most important to the nation: Benghazi, the IRS, or the AP?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Benghazi	24%	31%	18%	24%	23%	25%	27%	16%	17%
IRS	44	47	41	44	49	40	42	51	54
AP	15	8	23	14	14	15	15	13	15
NONE (VOL)	5	2	6	7	6	5	5	5	7
DK/NA	12	12	11	11	8	15	11	15	6
	WHITE. COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAg Yes	nEv No	Mltry HsHld
Benghazi	29%	26%	30%	30%	25%	28%	35%	26%	26%
IRS	39	43	43	38	48	36	43	40	47
AP	20	13	12	15	14	16	8	14	13
NONE (VOL)	6	4	4	5	5	5	1	6	4
DK/NA	6	14	12	13	7	15	13	13	11
	COLLEG Yes	E DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS 30-44	45-64	
Benghazi	28%	22%	17%	31%	31%	16%	26%	29%	19%
IRS	40	46	50	42	41	52	46	41	43
AP	20	13	14	17	16	22	11	15	13
NONE (VOL)	7	5	5	4	7	4	6	5	6
DK/NA	6	14	15	6	5	6	12	10	18

47. What do you think should be the higher priority investigating these issues or dealing with the economy and unemployment?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Investigating issues Economy/Unemployment		34% 60	8% 89	24% 72	24% 72	20% 75	23% 72	14% 83	17% 82	
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	5	5	6	3	1	
	WHITE. COLLEG	 E DEG					BornAg	 nEv	Mltry	
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld	
Investigating issues		25%	28%	218	25%	218	34%	22%	26%	
Economy/Unemployment DK/NA	75 6	70 6	65 7	71 8	70 5	73 6	60 6	71 7	67 7	
	0	0	,	0	9	0	0	,	1	
	COLLEG	E DEG	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE			AGE IN	N YRS			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	4 65+	
Investigating issues	19%	23%	18%	23%	26%	7%	22%	24%	26%	
Economy/Unemployment	76	72	77	72	72	91	75	70	65	
DK/NA	5	5	5	5	2	2	3	5	9	