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**AMERICAN VOTERS REJECT GOP SHUTDOWN STRATEGY 3-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
DEMS UP 9 POINTS IN 2014 CONGRESSIONAL RACES**

American voters oppose 72 – 22 percent Congress shutting down the federal government to block implementation of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

Voters also oppose 64 – 27 percent blocking an increase in the nation’s debt ceiling as a way to stop Obamacare, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

American voters are divided on Obamacare, with 45 percent in favor and 47 percent opposed, but they are opposed 58 – 34 percent to Congress cutting off funding for the health care law to stop its implementation.

Republicans support the federal government shutdown by a narrow 49 – 44 percent margin, but opposition is 90 – 6 percent among Democrats and 74 – 19 percent among independent voters.

President Barack Obama gets a negative 45 – 49 percent overall job approval rating, compared to his 46 – 48 percent score August 2.

American voters disapprove 74 – 17 percent of the job Republicans in Congress are doing, their lowest score ever, and disapprove 60 – 32 percent of the job Democrats are doing.

“Americans are certainly not in love with Obamacare, but they reject decisively the claim by Congressional Republicans that it is so bad that it’s worth closing down the government to stop it,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“President Barack Obama enters this standoff over the budget with an edge over Congressional Republicans in the voters’ eyes.”

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American voters trust President Obama more than Republicans in Congress on a number of issues:

- 63 – 26 percent on helping low income families;
- 51 – 38 percent on helping the middle class;
- 47 – 38 percent on handling health care;
- 47 – 42 percent on handling the economy.

Voters are divided on the federal budget deficit as 43 percent trust Obama and 42 percent trust Republicans. On gun policy, Republicans get 45 percent to Obama's 42 percent.

Gridlock in Washington is mainly because Republicans are determined to block any Obama initiative, 55 percent of voters say, while 33 percent blame Obama's lack of skill.

In another question, 28 percent of voters blame Republicans for gridlock, while 10 percent blame Democrats and 58 percent blame both equally.

2014 Congressional Races

Looking at the 2014 Congressional races, voters pick a generic Democrat over a generic Republican candidate 43 – 34 percent, the widest Democratic margin measured so far.

“On almost all questions, voters see President Obama as more reasonable, and better able to handle the issues,” Brown said. “But it is not because the president is beloved. He remains under water in job approval and is tied with Congressional Republicans on who best handles the budget deficit. Voters are angry at almost everyone in Washington over their inability to keep the trains running, but they are madder at the Republicans than the Democrats.

“In general, the Republican brand is down as evidenced by the Democrats' unusually large lead in the so called generic ballot. But we have 13 months before an election can translate this public opinion edge into electoral gains and in politics that amount of time is forever.”

Iran Approval

Voters approve 48 – 40 percent of the way Obama is handling Iran, but disapprove 53 – 41 percent of his handling foreign policy overall, similar to his all-time worst disapproval of 52 – 40 percent July 11. Voters disapprove 51 – 41 percent of his handling of Syria.

From September 23 – 29, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,497 registered voters 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 Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, 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	34%	87%	3%	30%	36%	32%	41%	7%	30%	
Democratic	43	3	86	32	39	46	36	79	51	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	2	2	7	6	1	3	3	5	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	6	3	1	2	-	1	
DK/NA	17	8	9	26	15	19	18	10	14	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republican	7%	24%	64%	28%	42%	38%	23%	35%	37%	37%
Democratic	81	46	17	49	36	43	46	42	44	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	4	4	4	3	3	6	4	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	1	2	2	2	7	2	1	1
DK/NA	8	23	15	17	17	14	18	18	15	17

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							
	High				Low			
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 12	May 30	May 01	Apr 03	Oct 01	May 30
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
Republican	34	36	34	38	37	35	34	38
Democratic	43	40	39	38	41	43	43	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1
DK/NA	17	19	21	20	19	18	17	20

3. 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%	9%	83%	36%	44%	46%	37%	90%	49%	
Disapprove	49	89	12	55	50	47	57	6	44	
DK/NA	6	2	5	9	5	7	6	4	7	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	76%	51%	19%	50%	39%	47%	45%	43%	49%	43%
Disapprove	20	40	78	42	58	50	46	51	46	51
DK/NA	5	8	4	9	3	3	9	6	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			
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 30	May 01	Jun 04	Oct 06
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2009*	2011
Approve	45	46	44	45	48	59	41
Disapprove	49	48	48	49	45	31	55
DK/NA	6	6	8	6	8	10	4

4. 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	17%	38%	6%	13%	17%	16%	19%	8%	16%	
Disapprove	74	56	89	76	76	72	73	80	76	
DK/NA	9	6	5	11	6	12	9	12	8	
	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%	25%	17%	17%	14%	17%	16%	16%	18%
Disapprove	89	77	61	72	77	82	71	74	78	70
DK/NA	4	7	14	11	6	4	12	9	6	11

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

	APPROVE.....							
	High Low							
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 12	May 30	May 01	Mar 31	Oct 01	
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2011*	2013	
Approve	17	19	19	24	24	34	17	
Disapprove	74	73	71	67	67	55	74	
DK/NA	9	8	10	9	8	11	9	

5. 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	32%	6%	62%	24%	32%	33%	27%	62%	34%	
Disapprove	60	91	32	64	63	56	66	27	55	
DK/NA	8	3	6	12	5	11	7	12	11	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	60%	34%	12%	38%	27%	29%	37%	29%	33%	34%
Disapprove	34	56	81	53	67	66	53	62	60	58
DK/NA	6	10	7	9	6	5	11	9	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							
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 12	May 30	May 01	Mar 4	Nov 23	
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2009	2011*	
Approve	32	31	29	30	31	45	24	
Disapprove	60	61	62	60	60	45	69	
DK/NA	8	7	9	11	9	10	7	

6. 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%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	-
Smwht satisfied	23	6	39	20	23	23	19	38	32
Smwht dissatisfied	34	27	38	33	31	36	31	43	38
Very dissatisfied	41	64	21	44	43	39	47	16	27
DK/NA	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	3

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Smwht satisfied	31	29	11	24	18	24	31	24	19	22
Smwht dissatisfied	41	38	24	35	37	30	38	35	35	26
Very dissatisfied	26	29	62	39	43	45	30	39	44	49
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	2

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+SMWHT SAT	
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 30	May 01	High	Low
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	Dec 11	Nov 13
						2001	2008
Very satisfied	2	2	3	6	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	23	26	28	26	25	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	34	29	29	26	35	19	38
Very dissatisfied	41	41	40	42	37	10	44
DK/NA	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%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	7%	4%
Most of the time	14	7	23	9	16	12	12	20	17
Some of the time	51	49	55	49	44	57	50	53	54
Hardly ever	31	41	16	38	36	27	34	16	24
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	3	2	2	4	1

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Almost all the time	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%	7%	1%	2%	2%
Most of the time	23	15	7	16	8	16	19	13	14	10
Some of the time	50	55	47	48	60	47	41	53	51	53
Hardly ever	23	25	43	30	30	35	28	32	32	31
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	4

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?

							ALMST+MOST....	
							High	Low
	Oct 01	Jul 12	May 30	Jul 22	Mar 24		Mar 24	May 30
	2013	2013	2013	2010	2010		2010	2013
Almost all the time	3	2	3	2	2		2	3
Most of the time	14	14	12	16	17		17	12
Some of the time	51	46	47	50	50		50	47
Hardly ever	31	37	36	31	30		30	36
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	1		1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	54%	19%	89%	49%	53%	56%	47%	90%	59%
No	41	76	9	45	44	39	48	9	37
DK/NA	4	5	1	6	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+
Yes	86%	62%	25%	58%	48%	61%	48%	55%	59%	51%
No	13	32	70	38	49	37	48	42	38	41
DK/NA	1	5	5	4	3	2	4	2	3	7

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

							YES.....	
							High	Low
	Oct 01	Jul 11	May 30	Sep 01	Jan 13		Jan 13	May 30
	2013	2013	2013	2011	2011		2011	2013
Yes	54	50	49	58	63		63	49
No	41	44	47	37	31		31	47
DK/NA	4	5	5	6	6		6	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	53%	20%	84%	46%	51%	54%	46%	91%	52%
No	45	79	15	50	46	43	52	8	46
DK/NA	3	2	2	4	3	2	3	1	1

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	76%	59%	30%	57%	49%	51%	62%	54%	52%	45%
No	21	38	68	40	50	48	34	45	45	51
DK/NA	3	3	2	3	1	2	5	1	2	5

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

	YES.....						
				High		Low	
	Oct 01	Jul 11	May 30	Jul 11	Apr 19	Jan 13	Oct 05
	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2010	2011
Yes	53	52	53	59	60	66	49
No	45	46	45	39	36	32	49
DK/NA	3	3	2	3	4	2	2

18. 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	54%	18%	90%	49%	52%	57%	47%	92%	59%
No	42	79	9	45	45	40	50	6	35
DK/NA	3	3	1	6	4	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	86%	64%	24%	60%	49%	55%	56%	54%	58%	49%
No	11	33	72	37	50	41	35	44	41	47
DK/NA	3	3	4	3	1	3	9	2	1	5

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

	YES.....						
				High		Low	
	Oct 01	Jul 11	May 30	Jul 11	Apr 19	Nov 12	Jul 11
	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2008	2013
Yes	54	52	53	56	57	70	52
No	42	45	45	41	39	22	45
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	4	7	3

Q19-23. Summary table - Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling...?

	App	Dis
Terrorism	52%	42%
Iran	48	40
Economy	44	52
Syria	41	51
Foreign policy	41	53

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	44%	9%	79%	36%	44%	44%	36%	86%	48%	
Disapprove	52	88	16	60	53	52	60	12	48	
DK/NA	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	2	5	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	76%	47%	19%	50%	37%	44%	43%	42%	47%	44%
Disapprove	22	46	79	46	60	52	54	55	48	52
DK/NA	2	7	2	4	3	4	3	3	5	4

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

	APPROVE.....						
	High		Low				
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 01	Jul 11	Mar 04	Oct 06
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2009	2011*
Approve	44	42	41	41	40	57	32
Disapprove	52	54	55	53	55	33	64
DK/NA	4	4	4	6	4	10	4

20. 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%	11%	71%	33%	40%	41%	34%	72%	52%	
Disapprove	53	85	22	61	56	50	60	14	45	
DK/NA	7	4	7	7	4	9	6	14	3	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	67%	47%	17%	44%	35%	44%	39%	37%	45%	41%
Disapprove	29	46	77	49	58	53	54	57	49	51
DK/NA	5	7	7	7	7	3	7	5	7	8

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

	APPROVE.....						
	High		Low				
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 01	Jul 11	Apr 29	Jul 11
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2009	2013
Approve	41	44	40	47	47	57	40
Disapprove	53	50	52	43	44	32	52
DK/NA	7	6	8	10	9	11	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	52%	22%	79%	46%	54%	49%	46%	83%	53%	
Disapprove	42	73	15	46	41	43	48	11	42	
DK/NA	6	5	5	9	5	8	6	6	5	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	75%	59%	30%	53%	48%	57%	44%	56%	54%	47%
Disapprove	22	34	65	39	46	40	48	41	39	43
DK/NA	4	7	6	8	6	2	8	3	7	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?
(* Post Bin Laden Death)

	APPROVE.....						
	High		Low				
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 01	Nov 03	May 05	Jan 13
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2011	2011*	2010
Approve	52	54	52	55	66	67	48
Disapprove	42	39	43	38	28	27	44
DK/NA	6	6	6	8	6	7	8

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Syria?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	41%	17%	66%	37%	41%	41%	35%	69%	48%	
Disapprove	51	77	26	57	55	47	58	17	43	
DK/NA	8	7	8	7	4	12	7	14	9	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	65%	43%	23%	44%	40%	43%	28%	41%	48%	42%
Disapprove	29	49	69	46	55	54	62	53	47	47
DK/NA	6	7	8	10	5	3	10	6	6	11

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Syria?

	Oct 01	Jul 11	May 01
	2013	2013	2013
Approve	41	33	37
Disapprove	51	48	35
DK/NA	8	19	27

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Iran?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	48%	21%	76%	41%	49%	47%	43%	72%	48%	
Disapprove	40	71	12	46	42	39	45	12	44	
DK/NA	12	9	12	13	9	14	12	16	8	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	72%	54%	26%	49%	48%	50%	41%	48%	53%	46%
Disapprove	18	35	61	38	43	41	48	43	36	38
DK/NA	9	11	13	13	9	9	11	10	11	16

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Iran?

	Oct 01 2013	Nov 23 2011	Apr 22 2010	Oct 07 2009
Approve	48	46	44	45
Disapprove	40	38	43	39
DK/NA	12	16	13	17

Q24-28. Summary table - Who do you trust to do a better job..., President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Obama	Reps in Congress
Helping low income families	63%	26%
Helping the middle class	51	38
Handling health care	47	38
Handling economy	47	42
Handling federal budget deficit	43	42
Handling gun policy	42	45

24. Who do you trust to do a better job - handling the economy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama	47%	9%	84%	39%	45%	48%	39%	90%	45%	
Reps in Congress	42	86	9	43	42	43	50	5	43	
DK/NA	11	6	6	18	13	9	11	5	12	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	82%	50%	20%	54%	39%	46%	44%	47%	51%	44%
Reps in Congress	13	36	71	35	53	42	41	44	39	45
DK/NA	5	14	10	11	8	12	15	9	10	11

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				
	Oct 01 2013	Aug 02 2013	Jul 11 2013	May 30 2013	Mar 07 2013	Nov 02 2011	Oct 06 2011*
Obama	47	45	44	43	44	48	41
Reps in Congress	42	39	38	43	40	39	43
DK/NA	11	16	18	14	15	12	16

25. Who do you trust to do a better job - handling gun policy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama	42%	7%	76%	33%	38%	45%	35%	80%	37%	
Reps in Congress	45	84	12	50	50	40	52	7	51	
DK/NA	14	8	11	18	12	15	13	12	12	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	75%	44%	17%	47%	36%	45%	33%	41%	45%	42%
Reps in Congress	15	40	72	39	54	44	53	47	43	41
DK/NA	10	16	11	14	10	11	14	12	12	17

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling gun policy, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Oct 01 2013	Mar 07 2013	Feb 07 2013
Obama	42	42	45
Reps in Congress	45	44	43
DK/NA	14	14	12

26. Who do you trust to do a better job - handling health care, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama	47%	8%	85%	41%	46%	48%	39%	89%	49%	
Reps in Congress	38	81	7	36	39	36	45	3	36	
DK/NA	15	11	9	23	14	16	16	8	15	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	84%	53%	17%	52%	43%	47%	53%	46%	47%	45%
Reps in Congress	11	29	67	32	46	37	33	40	37	40
DK/NA	5	18	16	16	11	16	14	14	16	15

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling health care, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress? (*Low also 42% Jan 2010 & Mar 2010)

	BETTER PRES...						
	High		Low				
	Oct 01 2013	Mar 07 2013	Feb 11 2013	Mar 03 2011	Nov 17 2010	Jul 1 2009	Apr 21 2010*
Obama	47	46	48	46	44	53	42
Reps in Congress	38	41	40	43	45	33	39
DK/NA	15	13	12	12	10	14	19

27. Who do you trust to do a better job - handling the federal budget deficit, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama	43%	6%	80%	33%	42%	44%	36%	84%	44%	
Reps in Congress	42	84	11	43	43	41	48	9	43	
DK/NA	15	10	9	24	15	15	16	8	12	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY									
	Lib	Mod	Con	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
				<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	75%	46%	18%	51%	35%	42%	40%	42%	47%	41%
Reps in Congress	13	37	68	36	52	43	40	43	41	42
DK/NA	11	17	14	13	13	15	20	15	12	17

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling the federal budget deficit, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress? (* High also 44% Feb 2012)

	BETTER PRES...									
	High Low									
	Oct 01	Mar 07	Feb 11	Feb 23	Jun 09	Feb 11	Jun 09			
	2013	2013	2013	2012	2011	2013*	2011			
Obama	43	41	44	44	39	44	39			
Reps in Congress	42	43	42	46	46	42	46			
DK/NA	15	16	15	10	15	15	15			

28. Who do you trust to do a better job - helping the middle class, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama	51%	10%	89%	43%	49%	52%	43%	92%	55%	
Reps in Congress	38	81	6	39	41	36	45	3	35	
DK/NA	11	9	6	17	11	12	12	5	10	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY									
	Lib	Mod	Con	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
				<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	89%	56%	20%	56%	46%	49%	54%	50%	51%	48%
Reps in Congress	8	30	69	32	49	40	32	41	37	41
DK/NA	4	14	10	12	6	11	14	9	11	12

29. Who do you trust to do a better job - helping low income families, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama	63%	30%	93%	61%	60%	65%	57%	94%	67%	
Reps in Congress	26	59	3	23	27	25	30	2	27	
DK/NA	11	11	4	15	13	10	13	4	6	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY									
	Lib	Mod	Con	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
				<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama	90%	73%	35%	64%	62%	66%	69%	63%	66%	55%
Reps in Congress	6	17	50	24	30	25	17	27	25	30
DK/NA	4	11	14	13	8	9	14	9	9	15

30. 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	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	
Good	23	8	33	25	26	21	22	33	25	
Not so good	44	40	50	40	41	46	43	50	37	
Poor	31	50	15	33	32	31	34	13	37	
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Good	36	26	12	24	19	27	23	24	25	20
Not so good	49	49	37	42	45	48	52	42	43	42
Poor	14	24	50	32	34	25	24	32	31	34
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	3

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

	EXLNT+GOOD....						
	High		Low				
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 30	May 02	Dec 10	Mar 04
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2003	2009
Excellent	-	1	2	2	-	3	-
Good	23	25	27	24	17	37	3
Not so good	44	40	41	40	45	42	28
Poor	31	33	30	34	36	16	68
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

31. 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	31%	15%	49%	26%	35%	27%	29%	40%	33%	
Worse	24	39	12	22	24	25	26	13	30	
The same	44	45	38	51	40	48	44	45	35	
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Better	48%	37%	15%	31%	29%	36%	32%	31%	33%	28%
Worse	12	15	41	26	20	19	27	21	25	26
The same	39	47	44	41	51	45	41	48	42	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	3

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				
	Oct 01	Aug 02	Jul 11	May 30	May 02	Jan 18	Oct 06
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2011	2011*
Better	31	34	35	34	32	36	11
Worse	24	25	22	25	24	20	44
The same	44	40	43	40	43	43	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

32. Do you think President Obama is doing too much, too little or about the right amount to compromise with the Republican leaders in Congress on important issues?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Too much	11%	2%	18%	11%	11%	11%	10%	16%	11%	
Too little	50	80	20	55	51	48	58	11	41	
About right	32	13	53	27	31	33	26	59	35	
DK/NA	7	5	9	7	7	7	6	14	13	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Too much	26%	8%	4%	10%	11%	14%	11%	15%	10%	7%
Too little	20	46	74	43	59	53	49	52	48	48
About right	50	40	14	38	26	31	32	27	36	36
DK/NA	5	6	8	10	5	2	8	6	7	9

TREND: Do you think President Obama is doing too much, too little or about the right amount to compromise with the Republican leaders in Congress on important issues?

	Oct 01 2013	Jul 12 2013
Too much	11	11
Too little	50	53
About right	32	29
DK/NA	7	6

33. Do you think the Republican leaders in Congress are doing too much, too little or about the right amount to compromise with President Obama on important issues?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Too much	11%	21%	4%	10%	14%	8%	10%	10%	18%	
Too little	68	42	88	69	65	70	66	82	65	
About right	15	30	5	15	15	16	18	6	10	
DK/NA	6	7	3	7	6	6	6	2	7	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Too much	7%	4%	20%	9%	13%	13%	10%	13%	11%	8%
Too little	86	76	47	69	68	71	69	66	69	68
About right	3	15	24	16	17	12	13	16	16	17
DK/NA	3	5	9	6	3	3	8	4	4	7

TREND: Do you think the Republican leaders in Congress are doing too much, too little or about the right amount to compromise with President Obama on important issues?

	Oct 01 2013	Jul 12 2013
Too much	11	9
Too little	68	68
About right	15	17
DK/NA	6	6

34. Who do you blame for gridlock in Washington, Democrats, Republicans, or both equally?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democrats	10%	27%	3%	7%	12%	9%	12%	3%	7%	
Republicans	28	5	54	20	28	28	24	50	25	
Both equally	58	64	40	70	57	59	61	39	61	
DK/NA	4	4	4	2	3	4	3	8	6	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Democrats	2%	5%	22%	7%	12%	13%	2%	11%	13%	13%
Republicans	62	26	8	29	25	32	19	25	31	32
Both equally	34	65	66	60	60	52	72	62	53	50
DK/NA	1	4	4	4	2	3	7	2	3	5

TREND: Who do you blame for gridlock in Washington, Democrats, Republicans or both equally?

	Oct 01 2013	Jul 12 2013	Mar 25 2010	Feb 11 2010
Democrats	10	10	14	12
Republicans	28	23	16	17
Both equally	58	64	67	67
DK/NA	4	3	3	3

35. Which comes closer to your point of view; there is gridlock in Washington mainly because President Obama lacks the personal skills to convince leaders of Congress to work together, or there is gridlock in Washington mainly because Republicans in Congress are determined to block any President Obama initiative?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Obama lacks skills	33%	65%	8%	35%	32%	34%	38%	10%	32%	
Republicans block	55	21	86	51	55	55	50	82	59	
DK/NA	12	14	6	14	13	11	12	8	9	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Obama lacks skills	7%	26%	57%	31%	38%	30%	24%	33%	34%	37%
Republicans block	87	63	27	59	51	58	62	53	57	53
DK/NA	6	11	16	11	11	12	14	14	9	11

TREND: Which comes closer to your point of view; there is gridlock in Washington mainly because President Obama lacks the personal skills to convince leaders of Congress to work together, or there is gridlock in Washington mainly because Republicans in Congress are determined to block any President Obama initiative?

	Oct 01 2013	Jul 12 2013
Obama lacks skills	33	35
Republicans block	55	51
DK/NA	12	14

36. 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	45%	9%	80%	37%	43%	46%	37%	79%	53%	
Oppose	47	86	11	54	52	43	55	11	37	
DK/NA	8	5	9	9	5	11	7	10	9	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	82%	49%	17%	50%	39%	45%	53%	44%	45%	40%
Oppose	12	40	78	40	55	50	43	48	47	50
DK/NA	6	11	5	10	6	4	3	8	8	10

37. Do you support or oppose Congress cutting off funding of the health care law as a way to stop it from being put into place?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	34%	68%	10%	33%	38%	31%	39%	11%	28%	
Oppose	58	23	84	58	57	59	52	86	65	
DK/NA	8	9	6	9	5	10	9	3	7	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	8%	24%	62%	29%	41%	39%	29%	37%	34%	33%
Oppose	90	67	29	63	53	57	67	56	57	57
DK/NA	3	9	9	8	6	4	4	6	9	11

38. Do you support or oppose Congress shutting down major activities of the federal government as a way to stop the health care law from being put into place?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	22%	49%	6%	19%	25%	19%	25%	9%	23%	
Oppose	72	44	90	74	70	73	69	84	70	
DK/NA	6	7	4	7	4	8	6	7	8	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	4%	13%	43%	18%	29%	24%	18%	24%	24%	20%
Oppose	94	83	47	75	68	72	79	69	73	71
DK/NA	2	4	9	6	4	4	3	7	3	9

39. Do you support or oppose Congress holding back on increasing the nation's borrowing limit, which could result in a default, as a way to stop the health care law from being put into place?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	27%	52%	6%	30%	32%	23%	32%	7%	23%	
Oppose	64	39	86	62	63	66	61	80	67	
DK/NA	8	9	8	8	5	11	7	13	10	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	7%	22%	48%	24%	31%	33%	29%	29%	27%	25%
Oppose	89	69	44	67	63	63	63	66	66	61
DK/NA	4	8	8	9	6	5	8	5	7	14

40. As you may know, automatic cuts in the federal budget, known as sequestration, went into effect on March 1st. All in all, do you think the sequestration is a good thing or a bad thing for the country, or don't you know enough about it to say?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Good thing	18%	32%	5%	20%	26%	11%	20%	5%	14%	
Bad thing	31	23	40	30	33	29	32	22	28	
Don't know enough	50	44	54	48	40	59	46	72	56	
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Good thing	6%	14%	30%	9%	23%	28%	10%	21%	19%	15%
Bad thing	53	28	20	27	34	40	24	30	34	33
Don't know enough	39	56	49	64	42	31	65	49	45	50
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	2

41. To help reduce the federal budget deficit, do you think government spending on food stamps that go to low income families should be cut or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Cut	28%	52%	11%	29%	30%	27%	33%	13%	19%	
No/Not cut	66	40	85	66	66	66	62	83	72	
DK/NA	5	8	4	5	4	7	5	4	9	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Cut	10%	23%	47%	22%	34%	33%	24%	29%	28%	30%
No/Not cut	88	72	47	73	61	63	73	67	67	61
DK/NA	2	5	7	5	5	4	3	4	5	9

51. What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies, that they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties, or that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Gone too far	43%	41%	36%	51%	54%	33%	46%	22%	40%	
Not gone far enough	40	45	44	32	32	48	37	56	52	
DK/NA	17	14	19	17	14	19	17	22	8	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Gone too far	51%	38%	46%	39%	45%	52%	64%	47%	42%	27%
Not gone far enough	32	45	40	47	40	31	28	37	43	50
DK/NA	16	17	14	14	15	17	9	16	15	23

TREND: What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies, that they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties or that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country?

	Oct 01 2013	Aug 02 2013	Jul 10 2013	Jan 14 2010
Gone too far	43	46	45	25
Not gone far enough	40	39	40	63
DK/NA	17	15	15	12

52. How likely do you think it is that in the near future there will be a terrorist attack in the United States causing large numbers of lives to be lost; very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Very likely	28%	37%	21%	30%	28%	29%	29%	25%	26%	
Smwht likely	44	47	47	43	41	47	45	36	50	
Not very likely	17	12	22	16	20	15	18	21	12	
Not likely at all	6	3	6	6	7	5	4	12	7	
DK/NA	4	1	4	5	4	5	3	7	5	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY			ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very likely	17%	26%	38%	33%	25%	23%	18%	30%	26%	35%
Smwht likely	48	44	44	41	49	47	34	42	51	45
Not very likely	25	19	11	14	19	22	29	17	16	12
Not likely at all	5	7	4	6	5	5	8	9	3	3
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	1	3	11	1	3	5

TREND: How likely do you think it is that in the near future there will be a terrorist attack in the United States causing large numbers of lives to be lost? Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all? (* Post Bin Laden Death)

	Oct 01 2013	May 05 2011*	Jan 14 2010	Jul 28 2005	May 5 2004	Feb 21 2002	Dec 10 2001
Very likely	28	22	35	40	26	31	31
Somewhat likely	44	41	43	45	50	49	43
Not very likely	17	27	16	10	16	14	17
Not likely at all	6	7	4	4	5	3	7
DK/NA	4	4	2	1	3	4	3

53. Do you support or oppose a plan to avert a United States military strike on Syria by having international monitors take control of the Syrian government's chemical weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	71%	64%	78%	71%	76%	65%	73%	58%	66%	
Oppose	19	24	12	19	18	19	17	21	27	
DK/NA	11	12	10	10	5	16	10	21	7	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	81%	76%	61%	66%	77%	79%	63%	72%	77%	68%
Oppose	13	15	24	21	16	17	32	19	14	16
DK/NA	6	8	15	14	7	4	5	10	9	16

54. If the Syrian government refuses to allow international monitors to take control of its chemical weapons, would you support or oppose U.S. military strikes against Syria, using cruise missiles launched from U.S. naval ships?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	41%	42%	47%	37%	44%	38%	41%	42%	47%	
Oppose	49	49	42	55	49	50	51	41	41	
DK/NA	10	8	11	8	7	12	9	16	12	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	44%	45%	37%	43%	41%	40%	26%	45%	42%	42%
Oppose	47	46	54	47	51	55	66	47	49	43
DK/NA	9	9	9	10	7	6	8	7	9	15

58. Do you consider yourself part of the Tea Party movement or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	12%	26%	1%	12%	15%	10%	14%	4%	8%	
No	83	68	95	85	81	86	83	92	76	
DK/NA	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	16	
	POLITICAL PHILSPHY ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Lib	Mod	Con	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	3%	3%	27%	12%	15%	10%	14%	11%	14%	13%
No	94	94	67	83	83	85	78	86	82	84
DK/NA	3	2	5	5	2	4	7	4	4	4