

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,249 National Adults**

This survey of 1,249 adults was conducted July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 2.8$  percentage points. There are 1,053 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		84%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	35%
	Republican	n/a	30%
	Independent	n/a	35%
	Other	n/a	1%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	24%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	11%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Just Independents	n/a	10%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	10%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	11%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	18%
	Other	n/a	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	8%
	Liberal	n/a	21%
	Moderate	n/a	35%
	Conservative	n/a	24%
	Very conservative	n/a	13%
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	21%
Gender	Men	49%	47%
	Women	51%	53%
Age	Under 45	47%	42%
	45 or older	53%	58%
Age	18 to 29	22%	18%
	30 to 44	25%	23%
	45 to 59	26%	29%
	60 or older	26%	29%
Race	White	62%	65%
	African American	11%	12%
	Latino	15%	13%
	Other	11%	10%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	23%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	47%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	53%
Education	Not college graduate	59%	57%
	College graduate	41%	43%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	35%	36%
	White - College Graduate	28%	31%
	Non-White - Not College Graduate	24%	22%
	Non-White - College Graduate	12%	11%
Marital Status	Married	47%	50%
	Not married	53%	50%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	45%
	Cell phone	58%	55%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted July 5th through July 9th, 2016, n=1249 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=1053 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		51%	43%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	90%	6%	4%
	Republican	10%	84%	6%
	Independent	50%	45%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	94%	3%	4%
	Soft Democrats	82%	13%	5%
	Just Independents	34%	59%	7%
	Soft Republicans	16%	77%	7%
	Strong Republicans	7%	89%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		27%	73%	0%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	90%	9%	0%
	Moderate	58%	36%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	78%	5%
Region	Northeast	60%	35%	5%
	Midwest	49%	46%	5%
	South	48%	47%	5%
	West	53%	40%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	41%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	43%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	45%	6%
	College graduate	56%	41%	3%
Race	White	41%	54%	5%
	African American	88%	11%	1%
	Latino	64%	30%	6%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	35%	60%	5%
	White - College Graduate	49%	47%	4%
Age	18 to 29	68%	24%	7%
	30 to 44	54%	39%	7%
	45 to 59	48%	49%	3%
	60 or older	42%	53%	5%
Age	Under 45	61%	32%	7%
	45 or older	45%	51%	4%
Gender	Men	46%	50%	4%
	Women	56%	37%	6%
Marital Status	Married	46%	49%	6%
	Not married	59%	39%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	45%	49%	5%
	Cell phone	56%	39%	5%

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August 2015	47%	47%	7%
March 2015	46%	50%	4%
December 2014	43%	52%	5%
October 2014	46%	51%	3%
August 2014	40%	52%	8%
July 2014	40%	49%	11%
April 2014	45%	52%	3%
February 2014	42%	52%	5%
December 2013	43%	53%	4%
September 2013	44%	47%	9%
July 2013	41%	48%	11%
April 2013	50%	46%	4%
March 2013	45%	48%	7%
December 2012	50%	44%	6%
November 2012	50%	46%	4%
July 2012	47%	47%	6%
March 2012	48%	47%	5%
November 2011	43%	50%	7%
September 2011	39%	52%	9%
August 2011	44%	46%	10%
June 2011	45%	47%	8%
April 2011	44%	49%	6%
January 2011	48%	43%	9%
December 2010	42%	50%	8%
November 23, 2010	45%	48%	7%
October 28, 2010	48%	43%	9%
October 8, 2010	43%	50%	7%
September 22, 2010	45%	50%	5%
June 30, 2010	44%	45%	11%
March 31, 2010	46%	43%	11%
February 8, 2010	44%	47%	9%
December 8, 2009	46%	44%	10%
October 14, 2009	53%	41%	6%
August 12, 2009	55%	35%	10%
June 8, 2009	56%	32%	12%
April 27, 2009	55%	31%	14%
April 8, 2009	56%	30%	14%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		20%	72%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	9%	84%	7%
	Republican	37%	56%	8%
	Independent	16%	76%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	10%	84%	6%
	Soft Democrats	12%	79%	9%
	Just Independents	11%	79%	10%
	Soft Republicans	24%	69%	7%
	Strong Republicans	43%	49%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		32%	63%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	7%	87%	5%
	Moderate	16%	76%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	31%	61%	9%
Region	Northeast	22%	69%	9%
	Midwest	16%	75%	10%
	South	20%	72%	8%
	West	22%	71%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	20%	70%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	19%	74%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	22%	68%	10%
	College graduate	14%	82%	4%
Race	White	20%	72%	8%
	African American	28%	62%	10%
	Latino	21%	72%	7%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	25%	66%	10%
	White - College Graduate	13%	82%	4%
Age	18 to 29	22%	68%	9%
	30 to 44	21%	74%	5%
	45 to 59	18%	72%	10%
	60 or older	19%	72%	9%
Age	Under 45	22%	71%	7%
	45 or older	19%	72%	10%
Gender	Men	20%	75%	5%
	Women	19%	69%	12%
Marital Status	Married	18%	75%	8%
	Not married	20%	73%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	22%	67%	11%
	Cell phone	18%	76%	6%

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April 2016	21%	73%	7%
November 2015	23%	70%	7%
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March 2015	33%	61%	6%
December 2014	28%	66%	6%
October 2014	24%	71%	5%
August 2014	22%	68%	10%
April 2014	26%	69%	5%
February 2014	22%	72%	6%
December 2013	22%	74%	4%
July 2013	22%	66%	12%
April 2013	24%	71%	6%
March 2013	26%	68%	7%
December 2012	26%	67%	7%
March 2012	31%	62%	8%
November 2011	23%	70%	7%
September 2011	26%	67%	8%
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		37%	55%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	70%	21%	9%
	Republican	9%	88%	3%
	Independent	29%	61%	10%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	77%	15%	9%
	Soft Democrats	51%	38%	10%
	Just Independents	22%	62%	16%
	Soft Republicans	10%	86%	5%
	Strong Republicans	8%	91%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		22%	76%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	66%	26%	8%
	Moderate	35%	56%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	16%	78%	6%
Region	Northeast	41%	47%	12%
	Midwest	32%	59%	8%
	South	36%	58%	6%
	West	39%	52%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	49%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	59%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	55%	9%
	College graduate	40%	54%	6%
Race	White	30%	65%	6%
	African American	65%	28%	7%
	Latino	52%	37%	11%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	25%	69%	6%
	White - College Graduate	35%	60%	5%
Age	18 to 29	49%	44%	7%
	30 to 44	37%	53%	10%
	45 to 59	34%	57%	9%
	60 or older	31%	61%	8%
Age	Under 45	42%	49%	9%
	45 or older	32%	59%	9%
Gender	Men	30%	65%	5%
	Women	42%	46%	12%
Marital Status	Married	32%	60%	8%
	Not married	42%	51%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	53%	10%
	Cell phone	37%	56%	7%

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?			
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
July 2016	37%	55%	9%
April 2016	36%	59%	6%
November 2015	38%	55%	7%
August 2015	28%	60%	12%
March 2015	30%	64%	6%
December 2014	27%	65%	9%
October 2014	33%	61%	6%
August 2014	32%	59%	9%
April 2014	32%	63%	5%
February 2014	33%	60%	7%
December 2013	33%	64%	3%
July 2013	33%	57%	10%
April 2013	32%	62%	6%
March 2013	31%	62%	7%
December 2012	35%	58%	7%
March 2012	34%	59%	7%
November 2011	28%	65%	7%
September 2011	30%	63%	7%
August 2011	35%	55%	11%
June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%

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		National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
		Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		25%	68%	7%
National Registered Voters		25%	70%	6%
Party Identification <sup>^</sup>	Democrat	47%	44%	8%
	Republican	6%	92%	2%
	Independent	18%	77%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	51%	40%	9%
	Soft Democrats	35%	56%	8%
	Just Independents	10%	87%	3%
	Soft Republicans	6%	92%	2%
	Strong Republicans	6%	92%	2%
Tea Party Supporters <sup>^</sup>		19%	79%	2%
Political Ideology <sup>^</sup>	Very liberal-Liberal	48%	46%	6%
	Moderate	24%	70%	5%
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Region	Northeast	30%	62%	9%
	Midwest	25%	70%	6%
	South	21%	73%	6%
	West	29%	64%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	66%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	25%	71%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	23%	70%	7%
	College graduate	29%	64%	6%
Race	White	19%	75%	6%
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	Latino	40%	50%	10%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	16%	78%	7%
	White - College Graduate	24%	71%	5%
Age	18 to 29	29%	64%	7%
	30 to 44	27%	68%	5%
	45 to 59	24%	69%	7%
	60 or older	22%	71%	7%
Age	Under 45	28%	66%	6%
	45 or older	23%	70%	7%
Gender	Men	25%	68%	7%
	Women	25%	68%	7%
Marital Status	Married	21%	73%	5%
	Not married	30%	63%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	24%	67%	9%
	Cell phone	26%	69%	6%

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In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
July 2016	25%	68%	7%
April 2016	27%	68%	5%
November 2015	36%	59%	6%
August 2015	34%	60%	6%
March 2015	36%	59%	4%
December 2014	31%	64%	6%
October 2014	35%	61%	4%
August 2014	28%	64%	8%
April 2014	32%	64%	3%
February 13, 2014	33%	64%	3%
February 5, 2014	30%	63%	8%
December 2013	30%	66%	4%
July 2013	30%	60%	11%
April 2013	38%	58%	4%
March 2013	35%	60%	5%
December 2012	40%	55%	5%
March 2012	43%	53%	4%
November 2011	25%	70%	4%
September 2011	22%	73%	5%
August 2011	21%	70%	10%
June 2011	32%	59%	9%
April 2011	31%	64%	5%
January 2011	41%	47%	12%
December 2010	34%	58%	8%
November 23, 2010	41%	53%	6%
October 28, 2010	38%	52%	10%
September 22, 2010	41%	56%	3%
July 6, 2010	37%	56%	7%
March 31, 2010	43%	53%	4%
February 8, 2010	38%	54%	8%
December 8, 2009	46%	46%	8%
October 14, 2009	47%	47%	6%
August 12, 2009	50%	42%	8%
June 8, 2009	50%	40%	10%
April 27, 2009	44%	44%	12%
April 15, 2009	49%	40%	11%
November 2007	23%	67%	10%
May 2007	26%	65%	9%
February 2007	29%	63%	8%
December 2006	31%	60%	9%
October 2006	33%	58%	9%
February 2006	34%	61%	5%
October 2005	31%	62%	7%
May 2005	38%	56%	6%
February 2005	47%	48%	5%
October 21, 2004	42%	55%	3%
October 07, 2004	39%	53%	8%
September 2004	38%	52%	10%
August 2004	40%	48%	12%
July 2004	37%	52%	11%
April 2004	43%	51%	6%
March 2004	43%	52%	5%
November 2003	45%	48%	7%
April 2003	55%	34%	11%
January 2003	42%	48%	10%
October 2002	45%	46%	9%
April 2002	60%	32%	8%
January 2002	60%	30%	10%
March 2001	41%	44%	15%
January 2001	56%	32%	12%

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		National Adults		
		In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?		
		Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		28%	17%	56%
National Registered Voters		26%	17%	57%
Party Identification^	Democrat	35%	7%	58%
	Republican	17%	22%	61%
	Independent	26%	20%	53%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	38%	6%	56%
	Soft Democrats	27%	12%	61%
	Just Independents	28%	24%	48%
	Soft Republicans	18%	26%	56%
	Strong Republicans	19%	20%	60%
Tea Party Supporters^		23%	22%	55%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	27%	9%	63%
	Moderate	31%	14%	56%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	22%	58%
Region	Northeast	36%	9%	55%
	Midwest	22%	21%	57%
	South	31%	18%	51%
	West	21%	17%	63%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	26%	19%	55%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	13%	55%
Education	Not college graduate	26%	19%	55%
	College graduate	29%	12%	59%
Race	White	18%	19%	63%
	African American	48%	11%	41%
	Latino	41%	10%	49%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	15%	22%	63%
	White - College Graduate	20%	13%	67%
Age	18 to 29	42%	6%	52%
	30 to 44	32%	15%	53%
	45 to 59	24%	20%	55%
	60 or older	14%	22%	64%
Age	Under 45	37%	11%	52%
	45 or older	19%	21%	59%
Gender	Men	31%	17%	52%
	Women	24%	16%	60%
Marital Status	Married	25%	17%	59%
	Not married	29%	16%	55%
Interview Type	Landline	19%	21%	61%
	Cell phone	34%	14%	53%

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September 2015	34%	13%	52%
December 2014	32%	17%	51%
October 2014	30%	17%	54%
February 2014	35%	11%	54%
July 2013	29%	19%	52%
March 2013	26%	26%	48%
March 2012	32%	14%	55%
November 2011	22%	19%	59%
September 2011	28%	17%	55%
August 2011	25%	26%	49%
July 2011	28%	20%	52%
April 2011	27%	25%	48%
December 2010	29%	19%	52%
September 21, 2010	30%	18%	52%
June 9, 2010	33%	15%	52%
April 15, 2009	28%	22%	50%
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		National Adults		
		Do you think future generations will be better off, worse off, or about the same financially as people are now?		
		Better off	Worse off	About the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		19%	57%	24%
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	Republican	9%	72%	19%
	Independent	16%	61%	24%
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	Just Independents	14%	69%	17%
	Soft Republicans	9%	70%	21%
	Strong Republicans	12%	72%	16%
Tea Party Supporters^		15%	69%	16%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	28%	47%	26%
	Moderate	16%	56%	28%
	Conservative-Very conservative	14%	68%	18%
Region	Northeast	17%	56%	27%
	Midwest	18%	59%	23%
	South	21%	57%	22%
	West	20%	54%	26%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	22%	55%	23%
	\$50,000 or more	18%	55%	26%
Education	Not college graduate	18%	58%	24%
	College graduate	20%	57%	23%
Race	White	14%	63%	22%
	African American	38%	40%	21%
	Latino	30%	36%	34%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	13%	64%	23%
	White - College Graduate	16%	62%	22%
Age	18 to 29	24%	51%	25%
	30 to 44	20%	53%	27%
	45 to 59	17%	62%	21%
	60 or older	16%	59%	24%
Age	Under 45	22%	52%	26%
	45 or older	16%	61%	23%
Gender	Men	20%	57%	23%
	Women	19%	56%	25%
Marital Status	Married	17%	59%	24%
	Not married	21%	56%	23%
Interview Type	Landline	16%	60%	24%
	Cell phone	22%	54%	24%

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