



THE AP-GfK POLL

December, 2014

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A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: December 4-8 2014

Number of interviews, adults: 1,010

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

**Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.
For more information, see <http://www.ap-gfcpoll.com>.*

CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the ...

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/15-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/15-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25- 29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/13	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19- 23/12
Right direction	33	31	31	31	34	33	32	28	37	37	35	34	22	36	38	42	41	40	41
Wrong direction	66	68	69	69	66	67	68	72	62	62	64	66	78	56	53	50	50	51	51
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	8	8	9	8	8
Refused/Not answered	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,000 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839

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 CUR3/
 CUR3A/3AA
 CUR3B.

Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

[IF "APPROVE"] Would you say you approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

[IF "DISAPPROVE"] Would you say you disapprove of the way Obama is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[IF "NEITHER," OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12
Total approve	41	42	42	41	43	44	42	40	43	41	45	42	37	50	54	57	52	50	49
Strongly approve	13	14	16	17	15	15	17	12	15	14	15	14	17	26	27	29	27	27	30
Somewhat approve	12	11	12	12	11	12	11	10	13	10	13	12	12	18	21	21	19	17	16
Lean approve	16	16	14	11	17	16	14	18	16	16	17	16	9	6	6	7	6	5	4
Neither—don't lean	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	3	1	2	2	1
Total disapprove	58	58	58	60	56	56	58	59	56	59	53	58	53	47	42	41	45	48	49
Lean disapprove	13	13	11	7	13	10	7	12	13	11	10	11	6	4	3	3	4	3	3
Somewhat disapprove	11	11	10	8	12	12	10	12	11	12	12	15	12	9	8	8	7	6	6
Strongly disapprove	33	34	38	44	31	35	41	35	31	36	32	32	35	33	31	30	35	38	40
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	*	1	1	2	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	1	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839

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AA5A.

Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

[IF "APPROVE"] Would you say you approve of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

[IF "DISAPPROVE"] Would you say you disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[IF "NEITHER" OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/14-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11
Total approve	15	13	12	12	12	10	7	13	14	16	14	13	5	17	23	22	18	19	15	16	12
Strongly approve	1	1	1	2	1	*	*	2	2	2	2	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	2
Somewhat approve	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	5	5	5	2	10	15	13	13	13	11	11	8
Lean approve	12	9	8	8	9	8	5	10	10	9	6	6	3	3	4	5	2	3	2	3	1
Neither—don't lean	1	*	*	-	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	*	11	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Total disapprove	84	86	88	88	87	89	93	86	85	82	84	86	83	77	74	75	78	78	84	82	87
Lean disapprove	19	19	18	12	22	19	15	16	20	15	14	13	9	6	7	7	4	4	5	3	3
Somewhat disapprove	20	20	20	20	18	18	18	20	19	19	21	17	15	21	20	23	24	23	24	23	24
Strongly disapprove	45	47	51	57	46	52	60	49	47	49	49	57	60	51	47	46	50	52	55	56	60
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	*
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*

CUR30. How confident are you that President Obama and the Republicans in Congress can work together to solve the country's problems?

	12/4-8/14	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10
Total confident	13	48	41
Very confident	1	9	6
Somewhat confident	13	39	36
Total not confident	86	52	58
Not too confident	47	35	31
Not at all confident	39	17	27
Don't know	na	*	*
Refused	1	-	-

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,001 N=1,000

CUR30a. [IF NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT (CUR30=3 or 4)] And which of the following best describes why you lack confidence that President Obama and the Republicans in Congress can work together to solve the country's problems?

	12/4-8/14
President Obama won't do enough to work with the Republicans in Congress	22
The Republicans in Congress won't do enough to work with President Obama	35
Neither President Obama nor the Republicans in Congress will do enough to work together	41
Refused	1

Based on:

N=879

CAMX. Thinking about American politics today, do any of the following words describe your own personal feelings about the results of the 2014 Congressional election, or not?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]	Yes	No	DK	REF
Angry				
<i>12/4-8/14</i>	27	67	na	7
<i>11/3-8/10</i>	16	84	*	-
<i>11/5-10/08</i>	11	88	1	*
Hopeful				
<i>12/4-8/14</i>	37	58	na	5
<i>11/3-8/10</i>	65	34	1	-
<i>11/5-10/08</i>	74	24	2	-
Disappointed				
<i>12/4-8/14</i>	52	42	na	6
<i>11/3-8/10</i>	44	56	*	*
<i>11/5-10/08</i>	31	68	*	*
Frustrated				
<i>12/4-8/14</i>	50	43	na	7
<i>11/3-8/10</i>	41	59	-	-
<i>11/5-10/08</i>	na	na	na	na
Surprised				
<i>12/4-8/14</i>	21	71	na	8
<i>11/3-8/10</i>	24	75	1	*
<i>11/5-10/08</i>	29	71	*	1
<i>Based on: N=1,010 12/4-8/14, N=1,000 11/3-8/10; N=1,001 11/5-10/08</i>				

*NOTE: Question wording:

11/5-10/08: "...about the results of the 2008 presidential election..."

11/3-8/10: "...about the results of the 2010 Congressional election..."

**NOTE: Wording corrected from four years to two years on Dec. 10*

CURJ11. Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that Barack Obama will be able to achieve each of the following during the next two years?

CURJ11a. [IF NEITHER LIKELY NOR UNLIKELY or REFUSED IN CURJ11] If you have to choose, do you lean more toward thinking it is likely or unlikely?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]	Total Likely	Likely	Lean likely	Total unlikely	Lean unlikely	Unlikely	REF
Prevent Congress from repealing the health care law passed in 2010	55	39	15	44	18	27	1
Improve the economy	39	27	12	60	13	47	1
Remove most troops from Afghanistan	38	28	10	61	16	45	1
Take major steps to address global warming	32	19	14	66	18	49	1
Improve respect for the United States around the world	29	18	11	70	15	55	1
Improve race relations	23	14	9	76	16	60	1
Stop the Islamic State group from expanding	22	13	8	77	17	60	1
Restore public trust in government	16	7	9	83	13	70	1

Base: N=1,010

CURJ11. (Results from telephone surveys for comparison) Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that Barack Obama will be able to achieve each of the following during the next [two/four] years? How about:

Improve the economy...	11/29-12/3/12	7/16-20/09	1/09-14/09
Likely	54	61	81
Neither likely or unlikely	3	3	3
Unlikely	42	36	17
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>

Improve race relations ...	11/29/-12/3/12	1/09-14/09
Likely	56	75
Neither likely or unlikely	7	7
Unlikely	32	17
Don't know	5	2
Refused	1	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>

Take major steps to address global warming...	11/29/-12/3/12
Likely	45
Neither likely or unlikely	7
Unlikely	41
Don't know	5
Refused	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>

CURJ11. (Continued) (*Results from telephone surveys for comparison*) Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that Barack Obama will be able to achieve each of the following during the next [two/four] years? How about:

Remove most troops from Afghanistan	11/29/-12/3/12
Likely	68
Neither likely or unlikely	5
Unlikely	24
Don't know	3
Refused	-

Based on: *N=386*

Restore public trust in government	1/9-14/09
Likely	68
Neither likely or unlikely	5
Unlikely	27
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on: *N=1,001*

Improve respect for the United States around the world...	7/16-20/09	1/9-14/09
Likely	64	78
Neither likely or unlikely	5	5
Unlikely	31	16
Don't know	*	1
Refused	-	*

Based on: *N=1,006* *N=1,001*

CURJ11R. Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that the [BOLD, NEW COLOR: Republicans in Congress] will be able to achieve each of the following during the next two years?

CURJ11Ra. [IF NEITHER LIKELY NOR UNLIKELY or REFUSED IN CURJ11R] If you have to choose, do you lean more toward thinking it is likely or unlikely that the Republicans in Congress will [INSERT ITEM]?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]	Total Likely	Likely	Lean likely	Total unlikely	Lean unlikely	Unlikely	REF
Block President Obama’s executive order on immigration	47	38	9	52	15	37	1
Block or roll back the Obama administration’s environmental regulations	42	31	11	57	17	40	1
Pass an immigration reform bill	36	27	9	63	12	51	1
Repeal the health care law passed in 2010	34	24	10	65	14	51	1
Improve the economy	33	22	11	66	13	53	1
Reform the U.S. tax laws	29	20	9	70	15	55	1
Reduce the federal budget deficit	25	17	7	74	13	61	2
Restore public trust in government	20	11	9	79	12	67	1
Improve race relations	15	8	7	84	14	70	1

Base: N=1,010

CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

The economy	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14
Extremely/Very important	83	87	90	91	86	89	92	87	86
Extremely important	50	54	56	60	54	57	62	55	57
Very important	32	33	33	31	32	33	30	32	29
Moderately important	10	9	7	7	9	8	6	10	9
Slightly/Not at all important	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	4
Slightly important	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Not at all important	2	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	2
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2

Based on:

N=1,010

N=1,608

N=1,385

N=968

N=1,845

N=1,541

N=958

N=1,044

N=1,354

Unemployment	12/4-8/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14
Extremely/Very important	64	70	73
Extremely important	30	36	38
Very important	33	34	35
Moderately important	21	20	18
Slightly/Not at all important	12	9	8
Slightly important	8	7	5
Not at all important	4	2	3
Refused/Not Answered	3	1	2

Based on:

N=1,010

N=534

N=1,354

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CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

Immigration	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14
Extremely/Very important	50	57	59	65	58	59	66	62	52
Extremely important	22	28	29	33	31	31	35	35	24
Very important	28	29	30	32	27	29	31	27	28
Moderately important	26	24	25	23	25	24	21	23	30
Slightly/Not at all important	21	17	16	12	15	15	12	14	17
Slightly important	14	12	13	9	10	11	9	10	12
Not at all important	7	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	5
Refused/Not Answered	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

Based on:

N=1,010

N=1,608

N=1,385

N=968

N=1,845

N=1,541

N=958

N=1,044

N=1,354

Health care	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14
Extremely/Very important	76	75	78	78	76	78	80	77	76
Extremely important	43	40	43	43	43	44	46	45	46
Very important	34	35	35	35	33	34	34	33	31
Moderately important	14	17	15	15	16	15	14	16	15
Slightly/Not at all important	7	7	6	6	7	6	5	6	7
Slightly important	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Not at all important	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	3
Refused/Not Answered	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2

Based on:

N=1,010

N=1,608

N=1,385

N=968

N=1,845

N=1,541

N=958

N=1,044

N=1,354

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CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14
The U.S. role in world affairs								
Extremely/Very important	52	56	61	66	59	62	69	51
Extremely important	22	23	26	29	27	30	35	23
Very important	30	33	35	38	32	32	34	29
Moderately important	28	28	27	24	24	25	22	31
Slightly/Not at all important	18	13	10	9	15	11	8	17
Slightly important	12	9	8	6	9	8	5	12
Not at all important	6	4	3	2	5	3	2	5
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	1

Based on:

N=1,010

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N=1,845

N=1,541

N=958

N=1,044

	12/4-8/14
Political gridlock	
Extremely/Very important	47
Extremely important	21
Very important	26
Moderately important	26
Slightly/Not at all important	24
Slightly important	15
Not at all important	9
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,010

CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[RESPONDENTS SHOWN EACH ITEM ON A SEPARATE SCREEN]

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

The economy	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13
Total approve	41	40	41	42	40	41	42	37	39	39	42	40
Approve	31	27	29	31	27	30	31	26	26	28	31	27
Lean towards approving	10	14	12	11	13	12	10	11	14	12	11	12
Don't lean either way	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	*
Total disapprove	57	58	58	58	58	58	58	62	59	59	56	59
Lean towards disapproving	9	11	10	7	10	8	7	11	9	9	7	8
Disapprove	48	47	48	51	48	50	51	51	50	50	49	51
Refused/Not Answered	1	*	*	-	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367

Unemployment	12/4-8/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13
Total approve	44	43	40	45	40
Approve	31	29	27	31	26
Lean towards approving	14	14	13	15	14
Don't lean either way	1	1	1	1	*
Total disapprove	54	56	58	53	60
Lean towards disapproving	12	14	13	9	13
Disapprove	42	41	45	44	47
Refused/Not Answered	1	*	1	1	-

Based on: N=1,010 N=534 N=1,354 N=565 N=701

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CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

Immigration	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13
Total approve	41	35	37	34	34	35	35	31	38	38	41	40
Approve	32	20	21	21	21	22	22	18	22	23	24	25
Lean towards approving	9	15	15	13	14	14	13	12	17	15	17	15
Don't lean either way	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	*
Total disapprove	57	63	62	65	64	64	64	68	60	61	57	59
Lean towards disapproving	8	13	11	7	12	11	9	11	13	17	13	15
Disapprove	49	51	52	58	51	53	55	57	46	43	45	45
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	-	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=513 N=565 N=701

Health care	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13
Total approve	41	41	42	42	41	42	42	38	42	38	40	39
Approve	33	32	34	35	31	33	34	30	32	29	31	29
Lean towards approving	8	9	8	7	10	9	8	9	10	9	9	10
Don't lean either way	*	*	*	-	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	*
Total disapprove	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	60	57	61	58	61
Lean towards disapproving	6	7	5	3	8	5	5	7	7	7	8	7
Disapprove	51	51	53	55	50	52	53	53	50	54	50	54
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=701

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CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

The U.S. role in world affairs	12/4-8/14	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	7/24-28/14
		10/16-20/14	10/16-20/14	10/16-20/14	9/25-29/14	9/25-29/14	9/25-29/14	
Total approve	38	40	39	39	41	43	42	39
Approve	25	27	29	30	28	31	32	26
Lean towards approving	13	13	11	10	12	12	10	14
Don't lean either way	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1
Total disapprove	61	59	60	60	57	56	58	59
Lean towards disapproving	14	12	10	9	14	11	9	13
Disapprove	47	47	50	52	43	45	49	46
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	*

Based on:

N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044

Managing the federal government	12/4-8/14	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
		10/16-20/14	10/16-20/14	10/16-20/14	9/25-29/14	9/25-29/14	9/25-29/14
Total approve	36	38	38	38	39	40	40
Approve	27	25	26	28	26	27	28
Lean towards approving	9	13	12	10	13	13	12
Don't lean either way	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
Total disapprove	63	61	61	62	58	59	60
Lean towards disapproving	11	12	10	8	12	10	7
Disapprove	52	49	51	54	47	49	53
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	*	1	*	*

Based on:

N=504 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958

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CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

Political gridlock	12/4-8/14
Total approve	31
Approve	18
Lean towards approving	14
Don't lean either way	1
Total disapprove	66
Lean towards disapproving	14
Disapprove	52
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=506

CUR25. Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	12/5-9/13
Handling the economy											
The Democrats	27	28	30	31	27	29	31	24	25	24	26
The Republicans	28	31	34	39	29	31	36	30	27	28	27
Both equally	13	12	11	9	15	13	10	17	14	18	15
Neither	30	27	24	20	27	25	22	27	31	28	30
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	1

Based on:

N=1,010

N=1,608

N=1,385

N=968

N=1,845

N=1,541

N=958

N=1,044

N=1,354

N=1,012

N=1,367

CUR25. (Continued) Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	12/5-9/13
Handling immigration											
The Democratic Party	30	28	30	30	29	30	30	25	29	25	27
The Republican Party	26	27	29	35	26	28	33	29	23	26	23
Both equally	11	14	13	11	15	15	12	16	15	18	19
Neither	31	29	27	23	28	26	25	29	30	30	30
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,367

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	12/5-9/13
Handling health care											
The Democratic Party	35	33	35	36	33	35	36	32	34	30	32
The Republican Party	25	24	27	32	25	27	32	27	26	26	22
Both equally	10	13	10	8	12	11	8	13	11	12	12
Neither	28	28	26	23	28	26	23	27	27	30	32
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,367

CUR25. (Continued) Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	12/5-9/13
Managing the federal government											
The Democratic Party	22	24	26	27	25	27	28	24	23	24	22
The Republican Party	23	26	29	33	24	27	31	27	24	22	22
Both equally	16	16	14	11	18	16	15	17	16	18	17
Neither	37	32	30	29	31	30	26	31	34	34	38
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=499 N=1,367

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	12/5-9/13
Protecting the country											
The Democratic Party	18	19	21	20	20	22	23	18	16	16	18
The Republican Party	32	33	36	42	30	33	39	33	32	34	31
Both equally	24	25	24	22	26	25	21	27	29	28	29
Neither	24	21	18	15	22	19	16	20	21	21	22
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,367

FAV1. For each of the following individuals, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
Barack Obama								
Total favorable	41	43	44	44	44	42	46	44
Very favorable	21	20	23	26	20	22	23	24
Somewhat favorable	20	23	21	18	24	20	23	20
Total unfavorable	46	46	50	54	51	51	49	46
Somewhat unfavorable	13	15	15	13	13	14	15	13
Very unfavorable	33	32	35	41	38	37	34	33
Don't know enough to say	11	9	5	2	4	6	4	8
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2

Based on:

N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,044 N=1,012 N=1,367 N=1,227

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
Michelle Obama						
Total favorable	44	50	52	51	59	50
Very favorable	25	27	28	31	32	29
Somewhat favorable	19	24	24	20	28	22
Total unfavorable	36	35	38	42	29	32
Somewhat unfavorable	13	13	14	13	12	12
Very unfavorable	23	22	24	29	17	20
Don't know enough to say	18	13	9	6	10	16
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	1	1	2

Based on:

N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,367 N=1,227

Some questions held for future release.

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12
Supporter	20	19	22	27	17	20	26	23	20	22	27	20	17	23	22	27	23
Not a supporter	76	78	75	71	79	77	72	74	77	73	67	76	78	62	64	63	65
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	12	13	8	10
Refused/Not Answered	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	4	6	6	4	5	3	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,080 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,006 N=1,007

TP4a. [IF TP4=1] Do you support the tea party movement strongly or somewhat...

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
Strongly	36	36	35	38	31	31	34	35	28	31
Somewhat	63	64	65	62	68	67	65	64	71	67
Refused/Not Answered	1	*	*	-	1	1	1	1	1	2

Based on: Tea Party Supporter N=225 N=332 N=318 N=261 N=361 N=331 N=255 N=259 N=263 N=227

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Democrat	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31	27	29	33
Independent	24	23	23	23	24	25	25	24	21	24	23	28	27	29	30	27
Republican	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23	21	21	23
None of these	18	19	12	8	19	11	7	17	19	16	18	17	15	20	19	15
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	*	1
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	2

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,008 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,002

PID1/i. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these? IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," OR REFUSAL, ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Total Democrat	41	41	44	42	43	47	45	40	43	41	44	42	44
Democrat	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31
Independent – lean Democratic	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	9	8	9	8	10
None – lean Democratic	2	4	3	1	4	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	3
Total Republican	38	37	41	47	34	38	45	38	34	39	35	37	35
Republican	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23
Independent – lean Republican	9	8	9	10	8	9	10	8	6	10	8	11	9
None – lean Republican	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3
Independent – don't lean	8	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	7	6	5	10	9
None – don't lean	14	14	8	5	15	8	4	14	16	14	16	12	12
[VOL] Independent – lean other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
[VOL] None – lean other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Refused/Not answered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Liberal	20	21	21	20	20	20	19	16	22	18	20	20	18	22	21	21
Conservative	35	33	36	41	31	35	40	34	33	38	38	35	36	40	37	40
Moderate	40	42	42	39	45	43	40	45	42	40	38	42	41	30	35	32
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6	5	5
Refused/Not answered	5	3	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	4	5	4	5	2	1	2

Based on: N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,224 N=1,016 N=643 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,002

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

Urban area	25
Suburban area	49
Rural area	23
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,010

INS1. The next questions are about your personal health insurance. Please include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care or help pay medical bills.

Are you currently covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan or not?

	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Yes	86	86	82	85	83	82	83
No	11	12	15	12	16	16	14
Refused/Not answered	3	2	3	3	2	2	3

Based on:

N=1,010

N=1,608

N=1,354

N=1,012

N=1,060

N=1,367

N=1,227

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	30
No	66
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,010

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	27
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion	14
Don't belong to religious denomination	27
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,010

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	91
No, not a Christian	9
Refused/Not Answered	-

Based on:

N=125

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

Less than high school	10
High school	32
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

Based on:

N=1,010

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	68
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	2
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

Based on:

N=1,010

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,010

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	54
Working – self-employed	7
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	19
Not working – disabled	5
Not working - other	8

Based on:

N=1,010

PPAGE

Age group:

18-29	22
30-49	34
50-64	26
65+	18

Based on:

N=1,010

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?
[READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	22
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	8

Based on:

N=1,010

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,010

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted December 4-8 2014 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,010 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet services are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age within sex, education, race, and phone type. The phone type targets came from the fall, 2012 MRI Consumer Survey. The other targets came from the March, 2012 Supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent. The cooperation rate for this poll was 48%.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that were conducted using telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.