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Interview dates: June 3-6, 2011  
Interviews: 1,132 adults; 948 registered voters  
511 Democrats; 456 Republicans; 165 Independents  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.0$  for all adults;  $\pm 3.2$  for registered voters;  $\pm 4.3\%$  for Democrats;  
 $\pm 4.6$  for Republicans;  $\pm 7.7$  for Independents (based on all adults)

**Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, June 3-6, 2011**

**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

*These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,132 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos via live telephone interviewing on landlines and cell phones. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled.*

*All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish. Please note that throughout this document, figures based on Independent voters are indicative only due to very small sample size. Figures marked by an asterisk (\*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.*

**POLITICAL TRACKER**

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
6/3-6/11	35	60	5
5/5-9/11	38	56	6
4/7-10/11	25	69	6
3/3-6/11	31	64	5
2/4-7/11	38	57	5
1/7-10/11	36	59	6
12/2-5/10	29	62	9
10/28-31/10	33	62	5
10/7-11/10	31	63	6
9/16-19/10	33	61	5
8/19-22/10	31	62	7
7/22-25/10	34	60	6
6/10-13/10	33	61	6
5/6-9/10	34	60	6
4/1-5/10	40	54	5
2/26-28/10	34	60	6
1/28-31/10	37	57	5
1/7-11/10	39	55	6
12/3-6/09	36	60	4
10/29-11/1/09	38	57	4
10/1-5/09	40	56	5
8/27-31/09	40	54	6
7/30-8/3/09	46	48	6
7/9-13/09	40	54	6
6/4-8/09	52	42	6
4/30-5/3/09	55	38	7
4/2-6/09	45	48	7
3/5-9/09	44	48	8
2/6-9/09	42	50	8



2. a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE, ASK b. IF MIXED FEELINGS/DK/REF, ASK c  
 b. Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?  
 c. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Lean toward approval</u>	<u>Still have mixed feelings</u>	<u>Lean toward disapproval</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>	<u>TOTAL Approve</u>	<u>TOTAL Disapprove</u>	<u>Mean Rating</u>
6/3-6/11	24	14	13	2	14	6	26	2	50	46	4.1
5/5-9/11	26	14	9	3	15	7	24	1	49	47	4.1
4/7-10/11	20	12	15	3	12	9	28	1	46	49	3.8
3/3-6/11	23	13	14	3	13	7	26	1	49	47	4.0
2/4-7/11	23	14	14	2	16	5	25	1	51	46	4.1
1/7-10/11	24	13	13	3	15	7	25	*	50	47	4.1
12/2-5/10	23	11	11	6	12	8	26	2	45	46	4.0
10/28-31/10	26	10	9	3	14	6	31	1	45	51	3.9
10/7-11/10	22	10	10	3	14	9	31	1	43	53	3.7
9/16-19/10	24	12	10	2	14	4	31	2	47	50	3.9
8/19-22/10	20	13	12	2	16	7	29	1	45	52	3.8
7/22-25/10	24	12	13	2	12	6	31	1	48	48	3.9
6/10-13/10	23	13	14	4	14	4	26	1	50	45	4.1
5/6-9/10	20	17	15	3	13	4	27	1	52	43	4.1
4/1-5/10	25	16	10	2	14	5	27	1	51	46	4.1
2/26-28/10	25	18	11	2	13	7	25	1	53	44	4.2
1/28-31/10	22	13	14	3	13	6	27	1	50	46	4
1/7-11/10	27	15	11	2	12	5	28	0	52	45	4.1
12/3-6/09	25	12	12	2	15	6	27	1	49	49	4
10/29-1/1/09	23	17	14	2	14	4	25	1	53	43	4.2
10/1-5/09	30	12	14	3	12	5	23	1	56	40	4.4
8/27-31/09	31	16	9	3	8	3	28	1	56	40	4.4
7/30-8/3/09	32	17	9	4	8	5	24	1	58	37	4.5
7/9-13/09	29	17	11	3	11	6	22	1	57	38	4.4
6/4-8/09	40	14	10	3	9	7	16	1	64	32	4.9
4/30-5/3/09	40	17	8	2	9	3	19	1	65	31	4.9
4/2-6/09	35	18	9	4	9	4	20	0	63	33	4.7
3/5 -9/09	39	15	10	5	8	5	17	1	65	29	4.9
2/6- 9/09	38	19	13	3	10	4	12	1	69	26	5.1



**APPROVAL BY PARTY ID**

	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>
6/3-6/11	78	18	44	46	18	80
5/5-9/11	82	15	41	48	17	80
4/7-10/11	73	23	37	53	17	80
3/3-6/11	80	16	37	53	15	82
2/4-7/11	79	19	47	47	18	81
1/7-10/11	77	20	50	45	17	80
12/2-5/10	71	22	42	37	12	83
10/28-31/10	76	22	42	49	13	82
10/7-11/10	70	27	41	48	14	83
9/16-19/10	78	20	47	37	11	87
8/19-22/10	74	24	37	53	11	86
7/22-25/10	76	21	52	41	14	84
6/10-13/10	82	15	47	39	13	84
5/6-9/10	84	14	40	47	18	80
4/1-5/10	84	14	40	50	16	83
2/26-28/10	80	18	54	42	23	75
1/28-31/10	79	19	53	31	19	79
1/7-11/10	81	17	49	46	18	80
12/3-6/09	77	21	41	55	16	81
10/29-1/1/09	82	15	45	41	21	78
10/1-5/09	86	12	47	41	18	80
8/27-31/09	88	10	54	37	18	78
7/30-8/3/09	82	15	57	34	24	70
7/9-13/09	84	13	50	36	24	73
6/4-8/09	89	10	58	31	27	67
4/30-5/3/09	95	4	56	34	29	67
4/2-6/09	91	6	57	21	26	72
3/5 -9/09	89	8	58	31	29	66
2/6- 9/09	92	6	70	19	34	60



**DEFICIT REDUCTION**

The next question is about economic issues

Q3a. As you probably know, the US budget deficit is currently about 1.4 trillion dollars. There are a number of different solutions being discussed for reducing this deficit. These are cutting existing programs, raising taxes, or some combination of the two.

Which approach do you think is best?

	<u>Cut existing programs</u>	<u>Raise taxes</u>	<u>Combination of the two</u>	<u>Neither (VOL)</u>	<u>DK/REF (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	26	13	46	12	3
5/5-9/11	27	9	52	10	2

ALL WHO SAID 'COMBINATION' AT Q3a (base = 522)

Q3b. If you had to choose, which approach do you think is best?

	<u>Cut existing programs</u>	<u>Raise taxes</u>	<u>DK/REF (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	47	41	12
5/5-9/11	49	41	10

**Q3a/b. Total**

	<u>Cut existing programs</u>	<u>Mix: more cuts</u>	<u>Mix: both</u>	<u>Mix: more tax</u>	<u>Raise taxes</u>	<u>Neither (VOL)</u>	<u>DK/REF (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	26	22	5	19	13	12	3
5/5-9/11	27	25	5	21	9	10	2

**Q3a/b. Total by Party ID**

	<u>Cut existing programs</u>	<u>Mix: more cuts</u>	<u>Mix: both</u>	<u>Mix: more tax</u>	<u>Raise taxes</u>	<u>Neither (VOL)</u>	<u>DK/REF (VOL)</u>
<i>DEMS</i>							
6/3-6/11	14	20	5	28	20	8	3
5/5-9/11	12	23	6	33	15	8	3
<i>REPUBS</i>							
6/3-6/11	43	24	5	9	6	9	3
5/5-9/11	46	28	2	10	3	9	1
<i>INDEPS</i>							
6/3-6/11	19	20	9	16	8	18	6
5/5-9/11	19	26	8	18	8	18	2



**REPUBLICAN MEDICARE PLAN – WORDING OPTION ‘A’ (prompted as ‘Ryan Plan’)**

Base = 577 FOR Q4-5 (RANDOMLY ALLOCATED)

Q4. Do you support or oppose the Republican Party’s proposal to reform Medicare? It is also called “The Path to Prosperity” or the Ryan Plan.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	37	16	66	25
Oppose	43	69	16	39
DK/NS	20	14	17	37

Q5. Here are some other proposals that have been made to keep Medicare costs affordable. Do you support or oppose the following:

- A. Starting in 2022, gradually increasing the age to qualify for Medicare to 67 over a period of 11 years.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	46	40	53	46
Oppose	51	59	43	48
DK/NS	3	1	4	6

- B. Giving people who would qualify for Medicare cash vouchers to buy whatever private insurance plan they want.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	54	49	58	58
Oppose	42	47	37	39
DK/NS	4	4	5	3

- C. Regulating private insurance plans so that they offer comparable coverage.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	68	74	65	62
Oppose	26	22	30	28
DK/NS	6	4	5	10

- D. Increasing Medicare reimbursement rates at the rate of inflation.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	58	62	60	48
Oppose	35	31	36	43
DK/NS	6	7	4	10



**REPUBLICAN MEDICARE PLAN – WORDING OPTION ‘B’ (not prompted as ‘Ryan Plan’)**

Base = 555 FOR Q6-7 (RANDOMLY ALLOCATED)

Q6. Here are some proposals that have been made to keep Medicare costs affordable. Do you support or oppose the following:

- A. Starting in 2022, gradually increasing the age to qualify for Medicare to 67 over a period of 11 years.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	45	44	51	33
Oppose	50	51	45	61
DK/NS	5	5	4	6

- B. Giving people who would qualify for Medicare cash vouchers to buy whatever private insurance plan they want.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	49	49	56	36
Oppose	46	48	40	56
DK/NS	4	3	4	8

- C. Regulating private insurance plans so that they offer comparable coverage.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	69	78	57	71
Oppose	26	18	36	26
DK/NS	5	3	7	4

- D. Increasing Medicare reimbursement rates at the rate of inflation.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	59	63	59	46
Oppose	34	32	32	46
DK/NS	7	5	8	8

Q7. These are all parts of the Republican Party's proposal to reform Medicare, also called 'The Path to Prosperity' or the Ryan Plan. Do you support or oppose this plan?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Support	40	23	63	38
Oppose	47	68	23	43
DK/NS	12	9	13	19



<b>REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY</b>
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Base = 621 REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS

Q8. Several commentators have said the Republican presidential field for the 2012 presidential election is becoming clear. If the 2012 Republican presidential primaries were being held today, for whom of the following would you vote?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Sarah Palin	19	22	11
Mitt Romney	18	20	13
Ron Paul	8	7	11
Herman Cain	6	7	3
Rick Perry	5	6	3
Michelle Bachmann	5	6	3
Newt Gingrich	4	6	1
Tim Pawlenty	2	2	3
Jon Huntsman	2	2	1
Wouldn't vote	1	1	2
None/other	11	8	18
DK/NS	18	13	28

Q9. If your first choice in the 2012 Republican presidential primaries dropped out of the race, who would your second choice be?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Mitt Romney	13	15	6
Newt Gingrich	10	10	9
Michelle Bachmann	10	9	12
Tim Pawlenty	10	10	8
Ron Paul	9	10	3
Sarah Palin	8	9	7
Herman Cain	8	8	8
Rick Perry	5	5	2
Jon Huntsman	4	4	6
Wouldn't vote	*	*	*
None/other	9	8	13
DK/NS	13	10	25

**Q8/9 COMBINED**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Mitt Romney	27	32	16
Sarah Palin	25	29	15
Ron Paul	14	15	13
Michelle Bachmann	12	13	9
Herman Cain	12	14	7
Newt Gingrich	11	14	5
Tim Pawlenty	9	10	7
Rick Perry	9	10	5
Jon Huntsman	5	5	5
Wouldn't vote	1	1	2
None/other	11	8	18
DK/NS	18	13	28



HEAD-TO-HEADS

Base = All

Q10. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and [INSERT CANDIDATE BELOW AND ROTATE LIST], the Republican, for whom would you vote? IF THEY SAY 'UNSURE/DK', PROMPT: Would you lean toward Obama or toward [CANDIDATE]? READ OUT A-I. RANDOMIZE LIST.

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	51	38	2	5	3
5/5-9/11	51	38	2	6	3

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Tim Pawlenty</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	53	34	2	5	5
5/5-9/11	51	33	3	7	6

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Jon Huntsman</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	52	34	3	6	5
5/5-9/11	51	30	3	8	8

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Sarah Palin</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	57	34	3	4	2
5/5-9/11	54	35	3	5	2

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Newt Gingrich</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	55	34	2	5	4
5/5-9/11	53	35	2	5	3

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Michelle Bachmann</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	53	33	3	6	5
5/5-9/11	54	33	3	5	5

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Ron Paul</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	54	36	3	4	4

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Rick Perry</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	54	34	3	5	4

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Herman Cain</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
6/3-6/11	53	34	3	5	5





DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes	77
No	23
(Not sure)	*

2. PARTY IDENTIFICATION

- a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?  
IF "DEMOCRAT" ASK Qb. IF "REPUBLICAN" ASK Qc. IF "INDEP." / "NONE" ASK Qd.
- b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	18
Moderately Democrat	10
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	14
Independent (No lean)	18
<b>Initial Democrats</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Initial Republicans</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>37</b>