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Interview dates: April 12-15, 2012  
Interviews: 1,044 adults; 891 registered voters  
491 Democrats; 397 Republicans; 157 Independents  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.1$  for all adults;  $\pm 3.3$  for registered voters;  $\pm 4.2$  for Democrats;  
 $\pm 4.9$  for Republicans;  $\pm 9.8$  for Independents (based on all adults)

**Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, April 2012**

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

*These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,044 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 3.1 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 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. Responses are based on the full sample of adults unless otherwise noted.*

**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?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>(Not Sure)</u>
4/12-15/12	35	60	5
3/8-11/12	37	59	4
2/2-6/12	32	62	7
1/5-9/12	32	63	5
12/8-12/11	27	69	5
10/31-11/3/11	25	70	5
10/6-10/11	21	74	5
9/8-12/11	25	68	7
8/4-8/11	21	73	5
7/8-11/11	31	63	6
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



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	Right Direction	Wrong Track	(Not Sure)
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?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approval	Still have mixed feelings	Lean toward disapproval	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	(Not sure)	TOTAL Approve	TOTAL Disapprove	Mean Rating
4/12-15/12	26	12	11	2	13	6	30	1	49	49	4
3/8-11/12	26	12	11	2	12	7	29	*	50	48	4
2/2-6/12	23	13	13	2	13	6	30	*	48	49	3.9
1/5-9/12	21	12	14	3	16	5	28	1	47	49	3.9
12/8-12/11*	21	17	9	4	7	10	32	1	47	48	3.9
10/31-11/3/11*	22	18	9	2	7	10	32	*	49	50	3.9
10/6-10/11*	20	17	10	3	6	10	34	*	47	50	3.8
9/8-12/11	22	12	13	2	14	6	28	2	47	48	3.9
8/4-8/11	20	11	13	2	15	8	29	1	45	52	3.8
7/8-11/11	22	14	13	3	13	6	27	1	49	46	4.0
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



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	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approval	Still have mixed feelings	Lean toward disapproval	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	(Not sure)	TOTAL Approve	TOTAL Disapprove	Mean Rating
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**

DEMOCRATS: DEMOCRATS: INDEPENDENTS: INDEPENDENTS REPUBLICANS: REPUBLICANS:

	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove
4/12-15/12	82	16	37	57	12	86
3/8-11/12	81	18	42	54	14	84
2/2-6/12	79	19	42	51	13	86
1/5-9/12	77	19	45	44	12	87
12/8-12/11*	77	19	34	51	15	83
10/31-11/3/11*	77	22	39	53	17	82
10/6-10/11*	74	23	44	49	9	90
9/8-12/11	77	19	42	43	13	86
8/4-8/11	71	27	47	44	9	88
7/8-11/11	83	14	39	51	15	82
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



**CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION COVERAGE**

3. The 2012 elections are next year. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live? (ASK ALL UNSURE/DK/OTHER: If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?)

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>(Other party)</u>	<u>(Not voting)</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
4/12-15/12	42	41	3	5	9
3/8-11/12	47	43	2	1	7
2/2-6/12	46	44	1	3	6
1/5-9/12	48	44	2	1	5
12/8-12/11	48	42	1	2	7
10/31-11/3/11	48	43	1	2	6
10/6-10/11	48	40	2	2	8

**PRESIDENTIAL HEAD-TO-HEAD**

4. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>	<u>Obama lead over Republican Candidate</u>
4/12-15/12	47	43	3	3	4	+4
3/8-11/12	52	41	2	3	2	+11
2/2-6/12	48	42	3	5	3	+6
1/5-9/12	48	43	1	4	4	+5
12/8-12/11	48	40	3	6	3	+8
10/31-11/3/11	43	44	2	5	5	-1
9/8-12/11	49	43	2	4	3	+6
5/5-9/11	48	40	1	6	4	+8

5. Which one of these issues would you say is most important when thinking about the current Presidential election campaign?

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

	<u>All RV</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>(Other party)</u>
Jobs and the economy	53	53	57	52
Healthcare	14	17	8	17
Family Values	9	7	11	11
Leadership	8	5	10	12
National security	5	5	6	3
Taxes	3	3	4	1
Foreign policy	3	4	2	2
Representing change	2	4	0	1
None	1	2	1	1
(DK/NS)	1	1	1	1



6. Who's stronger on the following issues?

**REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [n = c. 900]**

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Both equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
Foreign Policy	47	35	2	9	7
Healthcare	49	36	2	8	6
Jobs and the economy	43	45	1	4	7
Leadership	49	41	1	5	4
National security	49	37	1	6	7
Representing change	49	39	1	6	5
Family values	47	39	5	3	5
Taxes	43	42	1	5	10

*HISTORICAL DATA FROM 2008 ELECTION [10/30-11/2/2008]*

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Both equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>(DK/NS)</u>
Foreign Policy	39	53	1	3	4
Healthcare	55	35	2	5	3
Jobs and the economy	52	40	2	3	3
Leadership	49	46	2	2	2
National security	40	53	1	3	3
Representing change	59	31	2	4	3
Family values	46	43	4	3	3
Taxes	50	42	1	3	3



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	77
No	22
(Not sure)	1

B. 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 toward the Republican Party?
- d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	18
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	18
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	8
Lean Republican	16
Independent (No lean)	15
<b>Initial Democrats</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Initial Republicans</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>38</b>

C. To what extent, if at all, do you personally identify with the ideals of the Tea Party movement?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Identify with them strongly	10	4	4	21
Identify with them	10	3	8	19
Identify with them a little	32	27	42	34
Do not identify with them at all	42	61	32	23
(DK/NS)	6	5	14	4
<b>TOTAL: Identify at least a little</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>74</b>