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**McClatchy-Marist Poll
National Survey
November 23, 2010**

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,020 Adults

This survey of 1,020 adults was conducted on November 15th through November 18th, 2010. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 810 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 371 Democrats and Democratic leaning independents and 337 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 5.0 and ± 5.5 percentage points, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Residents

| Nature of the Sample - Residents | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | USA Residents |
| | | Col % |
| USA Residents | | 100% |
| USA Registered Voters | | 79% |
| Region | Northeast | 19% |
| | Midwest | 22% |
| | South | 37% |
| | West | 22% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 51% |
| | \$50,000-\$99,999 | 31% |
| | \$100,000 or more | 18% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 51% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 49% |
| Race | White | 67% |
| | African American | 10% |
| | Latino | 11% |
| | Other | 11% |
| Race | White | 67% |
| | Non-white | 33% |
| Age | Under 45 | 40% |
| | 45 or older | 60% |
| Gender | Men | 49% |
| | Women | 51% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 38% |
| | No children in household | 62% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 76% |
| | Cell Phone | 24% |

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Residents
 "N=1020 MOE +/- 3%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

| Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Registered Voters |
| | | Col % |
| Registered Voters | | 100% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 34% |
| | Republican | 29% |
| | Independent | 35% |
| | Other | 2% |
| Support Tea Party | Yes | 29% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 22% |
| | Moderate | 33% |
| | Conservative | 46% |
| Region | Northeast | 19% |
| | Midwest | 22% |
| | South | 37% |
| | West | 22% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 47% |
| | \$50,000-\$99,999 | 34% |
| | \$100,000 or more | 19% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 47% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 53% |
| Race | White | 70% |
| | African American | 10% |
| | Latino | 11% |
| | Other | 10% |
| Race | White | 70% |
| | Non-white | 30% |
| Age | Under 45 | 35% |
| | 45 or older | 65% |
| Gender | Men | 50% |
| | Women | 50% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 35% |
| | No children in household | 65% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 80% |
| | Cell Phone | 20% |

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2010 Health Care Law

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:

| | | Registered Voters | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| | | Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law: | | | | |
| | | Let it stand | Change it so it does more | Change it so it does less | Repeal it completely | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 16% | 35% | 11% | 33% | 5% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 27% | 52% | 6% | 8% | 7% |
| | Republican | 5% | 18% | 16% | 58% | 3% |
| | Independent | 14% | 34% | 12% | 36% | 4% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 5% | 17% | 14% | 61% | 2% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 20% | 54% | 9% | 13% | 5% |
| | Democrat women | 32% | 51% | 5% | 5% | 8% |
| | Republican men | 2% | 19% | 15% | 61% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 8% | 17% | 18% | 53% | 4% |
| | Independent men | 12% | 31% | 14% | 40% | 3% |
| | Independent women | 16% | 39% | 10% | 31% | 5% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 29% | 53% | 7% | 6% | 5% |
| | Moderate | 17% | 37% | 19% | 23% | 4% |
| | Conservative | 9% | 25% | 9% | 54% | 4% |
| Region | Northeast | 12% | 45% | 13% | 26% | 5% |
| | Midwest | 17% | 31% | 11% | 36% | 4% |
| | South | 14% | 33% | 12% | 36% | 6% |
| | West | 21% | 34% | 10% | 31% | 5% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 16% | 42% | 10% | 27% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 16% | 30% | 14% | 37% | 4% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 15% | 39% | 8% | 32% | 6% |
| | College graduate | 17% | 30% | 16% | 34% | 3% |
| Age | Under 45 | 16% | 40% | 14% | 26% | 3% |
| | 45 or older | 15% | 32% | 10% | 37% | 6% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 14% | 48% | 12% | 21% | 5% |
| | 30 to 44 | 18% | 35% | 15% | 30% | 3% |
| | 45 to 59 | 16% | 33% | 11% | 36% | 4% |
| | 60 or older | 15% | 31% | 9% | 37% | 8% |
| Race | White | 13% | 29% | 12% | 40% | 6% |
| | Non-white | 22% | 49% | 10% | 16% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 11% | 32% | 12% | 40% | 4% |
| | Women | 20% | 37% | 10% | 26% | 7% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 16% | 33% | 14% | 34% | 4% |
| | No children in household | 16% | 36% | 10% | 32% | 6% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 30% | 57% | 5% | 4% | 5% |
| | Disapprove | 2% | 16% | 16% | 62% | 3% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 16% | 32% | 11% | 35% | 5% |
| | Cell Phone | 13% | 45% | 13% | 24% | 5% |

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2010 Health Care Law

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:

“Stand or do more” percentages reporting: *Let it stand and Change it so it does more*
 “Do less or repeal” percentages reporting: *Change it so it does less and Repeal it completely*

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|--------|
| | | Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law: | | |
| | | Stand or do more | Do less or repeal | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 51% | 44% | 5% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 79% | 14% | 7% |
| | Republican | 23% | 74% | 3% |
| | Independent | 48% | 48% | 4% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 23% | 75% | 2% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 74% | 21% | 5% |
| | Democrat women | 82% | 10% | 8% |
| | Republican men | 21% | 76% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 25% | 71% | 4% |
| | Independent men | 44% | 53% | 3% |
| | Independent women | 54% | 41% | 5% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 81% | 14% | 5% |
| | Moderate | 53% | 42% | 4% |
| | Conservative | 34% | 63% | 4% |
| Region | Northeast | 56% | 38% | 5% |
| | Midwest | 48% | 47% | 4% |
| | South | 47% | 48% | 6% |
| | West | 55% | 40% | 5% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 58% | 37% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 46% | 50% | 4% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 54% | 40% | 6% |
| | College graduate | 47% | 50% | 3% |
| Age | Under 45 | 57% | 40% | 3% |
| | 45 or older | 47% | 47% | 6% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 62% | 33% | 5% |
| | 30 to 44 | 53% | 44% | 3% |
| | 45 to 59 | 48% | 47% | 4% |
| | 60 or older | 46% | 46% | 8% |
| Race | White | 42% | 52% | 6% |
| | Non-white | 70% | 26% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 44% | 53% | 4% |
| | Women | 57% | 36% | 7% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 48% | 48% | 4% |
| | No children in household | 52% | 42% | 6% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 87% | 9% | 5% |
| | Disapprove | 18% | 79% | 3% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 49% | 46% | 5% |
| | Cell Phone | 58% | 36% | 5% |

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2010 Health Care Law: Stops insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. *The part that: Stops insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions?*

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--------|
| | | For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. The part that: Stops insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions? | | |
| | | Should remain a law | Should be repealed | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 59% | 36% | 5% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 67% | 26% | 7% |
| | Republican | 51% | 45% | 3% |
| | Independent | 59% | 37% | 3% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 48% | 48% | 4% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 74% | 21% | 5% |
| | Democrat women | 63% | 29% | 8% |
| | Republican men | 48% | 50% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 55% | 40% | 5% |
| | Independent men | 58% | 40% | 2% |
| Political Ideology | Independent women | 61% | 33% | 6% |
| | Liberal | 71% | 24% | 5% |
| | Moderate | 72% | 26% | 3% |
| Region | Conservative | 46% | 49% | 5% |
| | Northeast | 62% | 34% | 4% |
| | Midwest | 59% | 39% | 3% |
| | South | 60% | 35% | 4% |
| Household Income | West | 57% | 36% | 8% |
| | Less than \$50,000 | 53% | 40% | 8% |
| Education | \$50,000 or more | 66% | 32% | 2% |
| | Not college graduate | 52% | 41% | 7% |
| Age | College graduate | 69% | 29% | 2% |
| | Under 45 | 61% | 36% | 4% |
| Age | 45 or older | 59% | 36% | 5% |
| | 18 to 29 | 59% | 35% | 6% |
| | 30 to 44 | 62% | 36% | 2% |
| | 45 to 59 | 63% | 32% | 4% |
| Race | 60 or older | 54% | 40% | 6% |
| | White | 59% | 37% | 4% |
| Gender | Non-white | 60% | 34% | 6% |
| | Men | 58% | 39% | 3% |
| Households with children under 18 | Women | 61% | 32% | 7% |
| | Household with children | 57% | 38% | 5% |
| Obama Approval Rating | No children in household | 61% | 34% | 5% |
| | Approve | 71% | 25% | 4% |
| Interview Type | Disapprove | 51% | 45% | 4% |
| | Landline | 60% | 36% | 4% |
| | Cell Phone | 58% | 36% | 6% |

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2010 Health Care Law: Allows children up to age 26 to stay on their parents' health insurance policies

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. *The part that: Allows children up to age 26 to stay on their parents' health insurance policies?*

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------|--------|
| | | For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. The part that: Allows children up to age 26 to stay on their parents health insurance policies? | | |
| | | Should remain a law | Should be repealed | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 68% | 29% | 3% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 87% | 10% | 3% |
| | Republican | 49% | 50% | 2% |
| | Independent | 68% | 30% | 2% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 46% | 52% | 1% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 88% | 10% | 2% |
| | Democrat women | 86% | 10% | 4% |
| | Republican men | 44% | 54% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 54% | 44% | 2% |
| | Independent men | 59% | 38% | 3% |
| | Independent women | 80% | 19% | 1% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 91% | 7% | 1% |
| | Moderate | 76% | 23% | 1% |
| | Conservative | 51% | 46% | 3% |
| Region | Northeast | 66% | 32% | 3% |
| | Midwest | 67% | 31% | 1% |
| | South | 68% | 28% | 3% |
| | West | 70% | 27% | 3% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 69% | 28% | 2% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 70% | 29% | 2% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 69% | 27% | 4% |
| | College graduate | 67% | 32% | 1% |
| Age | Under 45 | 68% | 29% | 3% |
| | 45 or older | 68% | 30% | 3% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 78% | 16% | 6% |
| | 30 to 44 | 62% | 37% | 1% |
| | 45 to 59 | 72% | 28% | 1% |
| | 60 or older | 64% | 32% | 5% |
| Race | White | 64% | 33% | 3% |
| | Non-white | 78% | 19% | 3% |
| Gender | Men | 61% | 37% | 2% |
| | Women | 75% | 22% | 3% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 68% | 30% | 1% |
| | No children in household | 68% | 28% | 4% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 87% | 10% | 3% |
| | Disapprove | 48% | 51% | 2% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 67% | 30% | 3% |
| | Cell Phone | 72% | 25% | 3% |

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2010 Health Care Law: Closes the so-called donut hole in Medicare prescription drug coverage by providing assistance to pay for costs

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. *The part that: Closes the so-called donut hole in Medicare prescription drug coverage by providing assistance to pay for costs?*

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|--------|
| | | For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. The part that: Closes the so-called donut hole in Medicare prescription drug coverage by providing assistance to pay for costs? | | |
| | | Should remain a law | Should be repealed | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 57% | 32% | 11% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 71% | 20% | 9% |
| | Republican | 46% | 47% | 7% |
| | Independent | 57% | 30% | 13% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 39% | 54% | 7% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 71% | 22% | 7% |
| | Democrat women | 71% | 19% | 10% |
| | Republican men | 44% | 49% | 7% |
| | Republican women | 47% | 46% | 7% |
| | Independent men | 52% | 36% | 12% |
| | Independent women | 63% | 22% | 15% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 73% | 17% | 10% |
| | Moderate | 66% | 24% | 10% |
| | Conservative | 45% | 46% | 9% |
| Region | Northeast | 62% | 25% | 13% |
| | Midwest | 57% | 36% | 8% |
| | South | 55% | 36% | 9% |
| | West | 58% | 28% | 14% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 59% | 29% | 12% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 58% | 33% | 9% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 55% | 32% | 12% |
| | College graduate | 61% | 33% | 7% |
| Age | Under 45 | 58% | 31% | 10% |
| | 45 or older | 57% | 32% | 10% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 60% | 35% | 5% |
| | 30 to 44 | 58% | 29% | 14% |
| | 45 to 59 | 61% | 31% | 8% |
| | 60 or older | 53% | 34% | 13% |
| Race | White | 56% | 34% | 10% |
| | Non-white | 62% | 27% | 11% |
| Gender | Men | 53% | 37% | 10% |
| | Women | 62% | 27% | 11% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 60% | 33% | 7% |
| | No children in household | 56% | 32% | 12% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 77% | 14% | 8% |
| | Disapprove | 40% | 49% | 12% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 57% | 32% | 11% |
| | Cell Phone | 59% | 34% | 7% |

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Health Insurance Requirement Constitutional?

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Should Americans be required by the government to buy health insurance or is it unconstitutional to require it?

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | | Should Americans be required by the government to buy health insurance or is it unconstitutional to require it? | | |
| | | Americans should be required to buy health insurance | It is unconstitutional to require it | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 29% | 65% | 7% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 41% | 48% | 10% |
| | Republican | 18% | 79% | 3% |
| | Independent | 27% | 68% | 5% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 14% | 83% | 3% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 49% | 40% | 11% |
| | Democrat women | 37% | 53% | 10% |
| | Republican men | 20% | 77% | 3% |
| | Republican women | 15% | 81% | 4% |
| | Independent men | 25% | 67% | 8% |
| | Independent women | 29% | 70% | 1% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 44% | 50% | 6% |
| | Moderate | 32% | 59% | 9% |
| | Conservative | 19% | 77% | 4% |
| Region | Northeast | 29% | 66% | 5% |
| | Midwest | 27% | 67% | 5% |
| | South | 25% | 68% | 6% |
| | West | 34% | 56% | 10% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 30% | 63% | 8% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 29% | 66% | 5% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 27% | 65% | 7% |
| | College graduate | 30% | 64% | 5% |
| Age | Under 45 | 26% | 71% | 3% |
| | 45 or older | 29% | 62% | 8% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 25% | 73% | 2% |
| | 30 to 44 | 27% | 69% | 4% |
| | 45 to 59 | 33% | 61% | 6% |
| | 60 or older | 26% | 63% | 11% |
| Race | White | 25% | 68% | 7% |
| | Non-white | 38% | 55% | 6% |
| Gender | Men | 29% | 64% | 7% |
| | Women | 28% | 66% | 6% |
| Households with children under 18 | Household with children | 29% | 67% | 3% |
| | No children in household | 28% | 64% | 8% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 45% | 47% | 8% |
| | Disapprove | 16% | 80% | 4% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 28% | 65% | 7% |
| | Cell Phone | 30% | 65% | 4% |

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you think the current Democratic congress should repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and allow gay men and women to serve openly in the military or do you think they should not repeal it so they continue to serve but not openly?

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---|--------|
| | | Do you think the current Democratic congress should repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and allow gay men and women to serve openly in the military or do you think they should not repeal it so they continue to serve but not openly? | | |
| | | Should repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" | Should not repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 47% | 48% | 5% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 56% | 39% | 5% |
| | Republican | 34% | 60% | 6% |
| | Independent | 49% | 46% | 5% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 30% | 66% | 4% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 64% | 33% | 3% |
| | Democrat women | 52% | 43% | 5% |
| | Republican men | 38% | 59% | 3% |
| | Republican women | 30% | 61% | 9% |
| | Independent men | 47% | 48% | 5% |
| | Independent women | 50% | 45% | 5% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 63% | 34% | 3% |
| | Moderate | 51% | 44% | 5% |
| | Conservative | 36% | 59% | 5% |
| Region | Northeast | 49% | 47% | 4% |
| | Midwest | 47% | 48% | 6% |
| | South | 42% | 53% | 5% |
| | West | 54% | 41% | 6% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 42% | 52% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 50% | 46% | 3% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 45% | 50% | 5% |
| | College graduate | 50% | 45% | 5% |
| Age | Under 45 | 51% | 47% | 3% |
| | 45 or older | 44% | 49% | 6% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 61% | 37% | 2% |
| | 30 to 44 | 44% | 53% | 3% |
| | 45 to 59 | 49% | 46% | 5% |
| | 60 or older | 39% | 53% | 9% |
| Race | White | 47% | 47% | 6% |
| | Non-white | 47% | 50% | 3% |
| Gender | Men | 48% | 48% | 4% |
| | Women | 46% | 48% | 6% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 58% | 38% | 5% |
| | Disapprove | 35% | 61% | 4% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 46% | 48% | 5% |
| | Cell Phone | 49% | 46% | 5% |

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Extension of Bush Era Tax Cuts

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: The Bush tax cuts expire on December 31st. Which statement comes closer to your view:

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|--------|
| | | The Bush tax cuts expire on December 31st. Which statement comes closer to your view: | | |
| | | Congress should extend the tax cuts only for the middle class, but not for the top 2 percent, that is, households earning \$250,000 or more | Congress should extend the tax cuts for everyone, including the top 2 percent, that is, households earning \$250,000 or more | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 51% | 45% | 4% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 68% | 27% | 5% |
| | Republican | 36% | 62% | 2% |
| | Independent | 49% | 48% | 3% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 30% | 68% | 2% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 65% | 29% | 5% |
| | Moderate | 60% | 38% | 2% |
| | Conservative | 39% | 58% | 3% |
| Region | Northeast | 57% | 41% | 2% |
| | Midwest | 63% | 32% | 4% |
| | South | 44% | 52% | 5% |
| | West | 45% | 52% | 2% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 53% | 42% | 4% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 51% | 48% | 1% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 50% | 46% | 4% |
| | College graduate | 54% | 44% | 3% |
| Age | Under 45 | 50% | 47% | 3% |
| | 45 or older | 52% | 44% | 4% |
| Race | White | 47% | 50% | 3% |
| | Non-white | 62% | 35% | 3% |
| Gender | Men | 47% | 49% | 3% |
| | Women | 55% | 41% | 4% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 73% | 21% | 5% |
| | Disapprove | 35% | 63% | 2% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 51% | 45% | 4% |
| | Cell Phone | 52% | 46% | 2% |

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample "N=423 MOE +/- 5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Debate between President Obama and the Republicans about Bush Era Tax Cuts

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: There is debate between President Obama and the Republicans about what to do with the Bush-era tax cuts. Do you prefer: They resolve their differences now OR They extend the current tax policy for 2 years?

| | | Registered Voters | | |
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| | | They resolve their differences now | They extend the current tax policy for 2 years | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 53% | 42% | 5% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 67% | 26% | 7% |
| | Republican | 40% | 57% | 3% |
| | Independent | 54% | 43% | 3% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 39% | 58% | 3% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 69% | 25% | 6% |
| | Democrat women | 66% | 27% | 7% |
| | Republican men | 33% | 64% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 47% | 48% | 5% |
| | Independent men | 51% | 46% | 3% |
| | Independent women | 58% | 39% | 3% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 71% | 24% | 5% |
| | Moderate | 60% | 37% | 3% |
| | Conservative | 40% | 56% | 4% |
| Region | Northeast | 63% | 35% | 2% |
| | Midwest | 57% | 38% | 5% |
| | South | 49% | 45% | 6% |
| | West | 48% | 47% | 5% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 57% | 37% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 53% | 45% | 2% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 54% | 39% | 7% |
| | College graduate | 52% | 45% | 3% |
| Age | Under 45 | 59% | 36% | 4% |
| | 45 or older | 50% | 45% | 5% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 63% | 30% | 7% |
| | 30 to 44 | 57% | 40% | 3% |
| | 45 to 59 | 54% | 44% | 2% |
| | 60 or older | 45% | 46% | 8% |
| Race | White | 52% | 43% | 5% |
| | Non-white | 57% | 39% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 49% | 48% | 4% |
| | Women | 58% | 36% | 6% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 67% | 27% | 5% |
| | Disapprove | 38% | 59% | 3% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 51% | 44% | 5% |
| | Cell Phone | 62% | 33% | 6% |

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