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 1024 Interviews

 Third Way-Independent Voter Survey
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QS1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in			Total	Swing Ind
ISTATE OF RESIDENCE1?		Yes	100%	100%
[STATE OF RESIDENCE].		No	-	-
	VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	-	-

QP1. No matter how you are planning to vote, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?

QP2. Thinking back to 2008, did you vote in the Presidential election that year or did something come up that made you unable to vote? [IF VOTED] And did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain or someone else in the 2008 Presidential election?

VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	-	-
VOL:	Definitely	-	Swing Ind 85% 15 - - -
VOL:	Democrat Republican	<u>Total</u> 100 -	Swing Ind - - 100 -

Swing Ind

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		<u>Total</u>	Swing Ind
	Voted-Obama	50%	57%
	Voted-McCain	40	32
	Voted-Other	6	5
	Voted-Don't remember	4	6
	Did not vote	-	-
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	-	-
	VOTED (NET)	100%	100

Now I'm going to read you a list of people and organizations in public life. For each, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of them. If you haven't heard of them, please tell me and we'll move on.

	FAVORABLE U		UNFAVORABLE					NET		
	Strong	<u>Some</u>	Some	Strong	CR	<u>NH</u>	DK/Ref.	<u>FAV</u>	UNFAV	<u>FAMILIAR</u>
Barack Obama	20%	29	15	32	3	*	1	49%	47	96
Swing Independents	-	57	35	-	7	-	1	57%	35	91
Mitt Romney	7%	34	26	21	10	*	1	41%	47	88
Swing Independents	-	41	40	-	18	*	1	41%	40	81
The Tea Party	14%	22	18	31	11	2	1	37%	49	86
Swing Independents	5%	24	27	27	14	2	2	28%	54	83
Democrats in Congress	7%	25	28	29	8	*	3	32%	57	89
Swing Independents	2%	31	40	13	10	-	4	33%	53	86
Republicans in Congress	6%	26	27	30	8	1	2	31%	58	89
Swing Independents	3%	21	39	26	9	1	2	24%	65	88

Q6. In the November election for Congress, are you more likely to vote for [ROTATE] the Democratic Party candidate or the Republican Party candidate? [IF UNDECIDED] If you had to decide, which candidate would you lean towards supporting?

		<u>Lotal</u>	Swing Ind
	Democrat	25%	22%
	Lean Democrat	9	10
	Republican	30	20
	Lean Republican	9	9
VOL:	(Undecided/Refused)	28	40
	DEMOCRAT (NET)	34%	32
	REPUBLICAN (NET)	39	28

Q7. If the November election for President was today and the candidates were [ROTATE] Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote? [IF UNDECIDED] If you had to decide, which candidate would you lean towards supporting?

		rotai	Swing ind
	Barack Obama	39%	35%
	Lean Barack Obama	5	9
	Mitt Romney	37	29
	Lean Mitt Romney	6	9
VOL:	(Undecided/Refused)	13	18
	OBAMA (NET)	44%	44
	ROMNEY (NET)	44	38

And when it comes to [NAME], on a scale of 1 to 9 - where a 1 means very liberal, a 9 means very conservative and a five means moderate - where would you place [READ SAME NAME] when it comes to their political ideology? You can use any number between 1 and 9. [RECORD NUMBER FOR EACH]

	L	IBERAL	·	CONSERVA	ATIVE		NET	
	Very (1-2)	Somewhat (3-4)	Moderate (5)	Somewhat (6-7)	Very (8-9)	LIBERAL	CONSERVATI <u>VE</u>	<u>Mean</u>
Barack Obama	40%	27	20	8	5	67%	14	3.42
Swing Independents	26%	36	21	12	4	62%	17	3.91
Democrats in Congress	32%	32	23	8	6	64%	14	3.63
Swing Independents	22%	38	26	8	6	60%	14	3.93
Yourself	6%	15	40	22	17	21%	39	5.54
Swing Independents	4%	18	46	24	7	23%	31	5.21
Mitt Romney	4%	9	29	39	19	13%	58	5.98
Swing Independents	1%	8	27	47	16	10%	63	6.09
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Republicans in Congress	4%	8	19	31	39	12%	69	6.59
Swing Independents	1%	8	18	30	42	9%	73	6.79

Now I'm going to read you some issues. As I read each one, please tell me whether you think Barack Obama or the Republicans would do a better job handling the issue.

• Taxes	Swing Independents	Barack Obama 41% 44%	Republicans 43 38	Both 2 2	Neither 8 10	<u>DK/Ref.</u> 5 7
• The economy	Swing Independents	39% 40%	47 41	2 3	9 10	4
• [FORM A] The budget deficit	Swing Independents	34% 32%	48 46	2	12 14	4 6
• [FORM B] Government spending	Swing Independents	32% 29%	51 51		11 11	4 5
	5 1					

Q16. How much influence do you think the Tea Party has over the Republican Party - a lot, some, not too much or none at all?

		<u>I otal</u>	Swing Ind
	A lot	25%	25%
	Some	53	55
	Not too much	14	13
	None at all	3	2
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	5	5
	INFLUENCE (NET)	78%	79
	NO INFLUENCE (NET)	17	16

I'm going to name some topics that have angered some people in America. For each one, please tell me if it makes you very angry, somewhat angry, not too angry, or not angry at all?

	ANGRY		NOT ANGRY		_	NET	
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	Not too	Not at <u>all</u>	DK/Ref.	ANGRY	NOT <u>ANGRY</u>
[FORM A] Congressional gridlock	56%	26	7	6	5	82%	13
Swing Independents	57%	28	3	7	5	85%	10
• [FORM A] The national debt	54%	32	8	4	2	85%	12
Swing Independents	43%	44	8	4	1	87%	12
• [FORM A] Wall Street bailouts	50%	33	8	7	2	83%	15
Swing Independents	45%	39	9	6	2	84%	15
• [FORM A] America falling behind its global competitors	38%	43	8	8	3	82%	16
Swing Independents	33%	46	11	7	3	79%	18
• [FORM A] The wealthy not paying enough in taxes	37%	26	12	22	3	63%	34
Swing Independents	32%	33	14	19	2	65%	33
• [FORM A] The next generation's ability to achieve American dream	35%	31	12	16	6	66%	28
Swing Independents	25%	37	15	17	7	62%	32
• [FORM A] Corporate profits	30%	26	16	25	3	56%	41
Swing Independents	23%	32	19	22	3	56%	42
• [FORM A] China's economic rise	21%	25	24	26	4	46%	50
Swing Independents	14%	25	26	30	5	39%	55

I'm going to name some topics that have worried some people about America's future. For each one, please tell me if it makes you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	WORRIED		NOT WORRIED			NET	
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	Not too	Not at <u>all</u>	DK/Ref.	WORRIED	NOT <u>WORRIED</u>
• [FORM B] The national debt	68%	25	5	2	*	93%	7
Swing Independents	64%	30	5	1	1	93%	6
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• [FORM B] Congressional gridlock	49%	33	7	1	3	82%	15
Swing Independents	55%	31	9	4	2	85%	12
• [FORM B] The next generation's ability to achieve American							
dream	51%	30	11	7	1	82%	17
Swing Independents	40%	40	13	6	1	80%	19
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• [FORM B] America falling behind its global competitors	45%	37	11	6	1	82%	17
Swing Independents	39%	43	12	4	2	82%	16
Swing independents	3770	43	12	4	2	0270	10
• [FORM B] Wall Street bailouts	47%	32	10	8	2	80%	18
Swing Independents	40%	38	15	5	2	78%	20
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• [FORM B] China's economic rise	34%	37	19	9	1	71%	28
Swing Independents	22%	41	25	10	1	63%	35
• [FORM B] Corporate profits	33%	28	17	21	2	61%	37
Swing Independents	32%	30	17	20	2	62%	37
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• [FORM B] The wealthy not paying enough in taxes	34%	25	17	23	2	59%	39
Swing Independents	31%	36	14	18	1	67%	32

Q25A. [FORM A] When it comes to the global economy, who do you think is currently the economic leader in the world? [READ LIST]	VOL:	China United States	3	Swing Ind 47% 45 2 2 5
Q25B. [FORM B] When it comes to the global economy, who do you think will be the economic leader in the world in 20 years? [READ LIST]	VOL:	China	Total 50% 34 4 5 8	Swing Ind 50% 36 6 2 6
Q26. Do you agree or disagree that Democrats have a plan to make America a stronger economic power in the world? [IF ANSWER] And is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?	VOL:	Strongly agree	18 36 5 41%	Swing Ind 8% 39 25 21 8 47 45
Q27. Do you agree or disagree that Republicans have a plan to make America a stronger economic power in the world? [IF ANSWER] And is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?	VOL:	Strongly agree	22 24 6 48%	Swing Ind 5% 39 28 19 8 45
Q28A. [FORM A] What do you think would be the most effective way to strengthen our economy? [READ LIST]	VOL:	Reducing the budget deficit		Swing Ind 42% 28 22 8
Q28B. [FORM B] To grow the U.S. economy, which of the following is most important to do? [READ LIST]	VOL:	Provide more economic opportunity for Americans to succeed through hard work Give Americans the greatest amount of freedom to make it on their own Create more economic security so all Americans can withstand life's misfortunes (Don't Know/Refused)	Total 50% 27 19 4	Swing Ind 55% 20 19 6
Q29. Which of the following do you think is more important fixing the budget deficit or reducing the income gap between rich and middle class? [IF ANSWER] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?	VOL:	Fixing the budget deficit-Strongly Fixing the budget deficit-Somewhat Reducing the income gap-Somewhat Reducing the income gap-Strongly (Don't Know/Refused) BUDGET (NET) INCOME GAP (NET)	5	Swing Ind 38% 19 17 20 5 57 38
Q30. Which comes closest to your view? [READ LIST]	VOL:	Reducing income inequality is not something the government should focus on Reducing income inequality is something we should do to strengthen our economy. Reducing income inequality is something we should do to make our country fairer	Total 38% 32 20 10	Swing Ind 31% 38 23 9

Now I'm going to read a list of statements. After I read each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement. [IF ANSWER] And is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?

	AGREE		DISAGREE			NET		
	Strongly	<u>Somewhat</u>	Somewhat	Strongly	DK/Ref.	AGRE		<u>DISAGREE</u>
I am confident that I will be able to pay my bills and meet my financial obligations over the next 12 months.	F70/	20	7	7		0.40/		14
12 months	57% 59%	28 31	7	7 5	1	84% 90%		14 10
America is divided into haves and have nots Swing Independents	33% 27%	27 33	18 20	18 15	4 4	61% 61%		36 35
[FORM A] I am financially better off than the average American. Swing Independents	17% 16%	40 45	22 23	16 12	4 3	57% 62%		38 35
I am confident the next generation of Americans will be able to find good, well-paying jobs	10%	26	32	29	3	36%		61
Swing Independents	8%	31	36	22	3	39%		58
[FORM B] I am financially worse off than the average American. Swing Independents	7% 6%	14 18	36 43	39 32	3 1	21% 24%		76 75
Q35. Some people say America is divided into haves and have nots. If so, do you consider yourself a have or a have not?		Have					<u>otal</u> 56%	Swing Ind 59%
			lave not Don't Know/Refused)				24 20	20 21
Q36A. [FORM A] Which candidate would you be more likely to		One	who says we sho	ould focus on	economic gr		<u>otal</u>	Swing Ind
vote for?		and o	opportunity who says we sh vality	ould focus on	reducing inc	8 come	33% 11	80% 15
			t Know/Refused).				6	5
Q36B. [FORM B] Which candidate would you be more likely to vote for?			who says we sho			owth	<u>otal</u>	Swing Ind
	and opportunity to help the middle class One who says we should focus on reducing income inequality to help the middle class				ome	74% 21	76% 20	
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)						5	3
Q37A. [FORM A] Which statement do you agree with more?		The best way to address income inequality is to expand economic opportunities for the middle class				oand	otal	Swing Ind
		The I the ri	pest way to addres ch are paying thei	ss income ined r fair share in t	quality is to en axes	sure	59% 24	71% 22
		VOL: (Don	t Know/Refused).				7	7
Q37B. [FORM B] Which statement do you agree with more?			best way to addre		. ,	ower	<u>otal</u>	Swing Ind
		econ The I	omic opportunities best way to addres	s for everyone. ss income inec	quality is to en	 Isure	54%	45%
			ch are paying thei 't Know/Refused).				38 8	45 10
Q38. Do you agree or disagree that the economic system in America is basically a fair one? [IF ANSWER: AND IS THAT STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE?]			igly agree				<u>otal</u> 18%	Swing Ind 15%
			ewhat agree ewhat disagree				34 23	42 24
		Stror	igly disagree 't Know/Refused).			2	3	16 3
			EE (NET) GREE (NET)				52% 45	57 40

Q39. Which of the following do you personally think is most fair? [READ LIST]	VOL:	Wealthy Americans should pay a higher tax rate than other Americans	Total 35% 33 27 5	36% 33 27 5
Q40A. [FORM A] When it comes to taxes and fairness, which do you think President Obama believes? [READ LIST]		Wealthy Americans should pay a higher tax rate than other Americans	<u>Total</u> 71% 11	<u>Swing Ind</u> 69% 12
	VOL:	Everyone should pay the same tax rate, no matter how much they earn(Don't Know/Refused)	11 8	11 8
Q40B. [FORM B] When it comes to taxes and fairness, which do you think Republicans believe? [READ LIST]		Every American should pay at least something in taxes, even if they are lower income. Everyone should pay the same tax rate, no matter how much they earn		Swing Ind 41%
				34
	VOL:	other Americans(Don't Know/Refused)	12 12	11 15
Q41A. [FORM A] Which of the following statements do you personally agree with most? [READ LIST]		The wealthy should pay more in taxes because they have benefited most from our laws and infrastructure The wealthy should pay more in taxes because they aren't paying their fair share The wealthy should pay more in taxes because we can't solve the deficit problem any other way		Swing Ind 23%
				27 9
	VOL:	We should not raise taxes on anybody, including the wealthy(Don't Know/Refused)	32 10	31 11
		WEALTHY SHOULD PAY MORE (NET)	59%	59
Q41B1. [FORM B] Which of the following statements do you personally agree with more? [READ LIST]		The wealthy should pay more in taxes because we can't solve the deficit problem any other way		Swing Ind 56%
	VOL:	wealthy(Don't Know/Refused)	41 12	30 14
Q41B2. [FORM B] Which of the following statements do you personally agree with more? [READ LIST]		The wealthy should pay more in taxes because they	<u>Total</u>	Swing Ind
personally agree mannerer (nere elect)	VOL:	aren't paying their fair share. We should not raise taxes on anybody, including the wealthy. (Don't Know/Refused)		58% 29 14
Q41B3. [FORM B] Which of the following statements do you		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Total	Swing Ind
personally agree with more? [READ LIST]		The wealthy should pay more in taxes because they have benefited from our laws and infrastructure	54%	61%
	VOL:	wealthy(Don't Know/Refused)		27 12
Q42A. [FORM A] Which candidate would you be more likely to support?		One who says, "We need an economy based on opportunity - where hard work is rewarded, the government lives within its means, and economic growth is our top priority. Because more opportunity	Total 47%	Swing Ind
		means a stronger economy." One who says, "We need an economy based on fairness - where the rich pay their fair share, corporations play by the rules, and all Americans get a fair shot. Because a fairer economy is a stronger		51%
	VOL:	economy." (Don't Know/Refused)		43 6

Q42B. [FORM B] Which sounds more like something President Obama would say?		"We need an economy based on fairness - where the rich pay their fair share, corporations play by the rules,	<u>Total</u>	Swing Ind
		and all Americans get a fair shot. Because a fairer economy is a stronger economy."	66%	63%
	VOL:	economy."(Don't Know/Refused)	22 12	23 14
Finally, I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistic	al purpo	oses only.		
D101. What is your age?		18-29	Total 10%	Swing Ind 14%
		30-44 45-54		30 25
		55-64		15
	1/01	65+		12
	VOL:	(Refused)	4	4
D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?		Some grade school	Total *	Swing Ind
		Some high school	3	2
		Graduated high school		13
		Technical/Vocational Some college		2 21
		Graduate college		42
		Graduate professional		15
	VOL:	(Refused)	3	3
D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of		l ib and	Total	Swing Ind
yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?		Liberal Moderate	15% 54	14% 65
		Conservative		16
	VOL:	(Refused)		5
D203. When it comes to attending religious services, do you		-	Total	Swing Ind
attend services every week, a few times a month, about once		Every week	29% 12	27% 11
a month, a few times a year, rarely or never?		About once a month		3
		A few times a year		18
		Rarely		20
	VOL:	Never(Refused)	14 7	15 7
		(Notices)	•	•
D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample			<u>Total</u>	Swing Ind
of voters, could you please tell me your race? [IF		Black/African-American	6%	3%
BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic,		White/CaucasianHispanic/Latino		83 6
Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?		Asian-American		1
		Other (SPECIFY)	3	2
	VOL:	(Refused)	4	5
D900. What would you say is your total annual family income		Loca than \$20,000	<u>Total</u>	Swing Ind
before taxes Is it less than \$30,000, \$30,000 to \$50,000,		Less than \$30,000 \$30,000-\$50,000	15% 17	16% 14
more than \$50,000 but less than \$75,000, more than		\$50,001-\$75,000		17
\$75,000, but less than \$100,000, or more than \$100,000?		\$75,001-\$100,000		11
		More than \$100,000		18
	VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	24	24
Gender [BY OBSERVATION]		Malo	Total	Swing Ind
		MaleFemale	52% 48	54% 46

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

	Lotal	Swing Ind
Colorado	8%	9%
Florida	20	18
lowa	4	3
Michigan	12	13
North Carolina	10	9
New Hampshire		3
New Mexico		3
Nevada	3	3
Ohio	14	12
Pennsylvania	9	10
Virginia	8	9
Wisconsin	7	0