Third Way
Post-Election Survey of 2012 Obama Voters
November 7-9, 2012
800 Obama Voters

Q1. On November 6th, there was an election for President, Congress, and other offices. Sometimes people have things come up and are not able to vote. Did you happen to vote in the presidential election?

Base	n=800
Yes	100%
No	0%
Don't know	0%

Q2. In the election for President, for whom did you vote? [IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, READ]: I want to assure you this information will be kept confidential and is used for statistical purposes only. For whom did you vote?

Base	n=800
Democrat Barack Obama	100%
Republican Mitt Romney	0%
Another party's candidate	0%
Did not vote in that race	0%
Refused/Don't Know	0%

Q3. Did you ever seriously consider voting for Mitt Romney?

Base	n=800
Yes	13%
No	87%
Don't know	0%

Q4. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent voter? [IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN] Is that a strong…or a weak…? [IF INDEPENDENT] Do you generally lean towards the Democratic or Republican Party?

Base	n=800
DEMOCRAT - Strong	59%
DEMOCRAT - Weak	10%
REPUBLICAN - Strong	1%
REPUBLICAN - Weak	3%
INDEPENDENT - Lean Democratic	15%
INDEPENDENT - Lean Republican	1%
INDEPENDENT - Don't lean	8%
Don't know	2%
DEM WITHOUT LEANERS	69%
REP WITHOUT LEANERS	4%
INDEPENDENT WITHOUT LEANERS	25%
TOTAL DEMOCRAT WITH LEANERS	84%
TOTAL REPUBLICAN WITH LEANERS	5%
TOTAL INDEPENDENT WITH LEANERS	27%

Q5. Have you ever considered yourself something other than a [INSERT ANSWER CHOICE FROM Q4]? [IF Q4 = 9] ASK: Have you ever considered yourself a member of a different party?

Base	n=800
Yes	26%
No	73%
Don't know	1%

U.S. House Ballot

Q6. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate? [IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, READ]: I want to assure you this information will be kept confidential and is used for statistical purposes only. For which party's candidate did you vote?

Base	n=800
Democratic candidate	86%
Republican candidate	6%
Another party's candidate	1%
Did not vote for Congress	3%
Refused/Don't Know	5%

U.S. Senate Ballot

PROFILE2. [IF US SENATE CANDIDATE ON BALLOT] In the election for the U.S. Senate, for whom did you vote? [INSERT ACTUAL NAMES OF SENATE CANDIDATES] [IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, READ]: I want to assure you this information will be kept confidential and is used for statistical purposes only. For which party's candidate did you vote?

Base	n=575
Democratic Candidate*	88%
Republican Candidate	6%
Another Party**	1%
Did Not Vote	2%
Refused/DK	2%

*Note: Any respondent who voted for Senator Bernie Sanders is included in the Democratic candidate total, because Senator Sanders caucuses with the Democratic Caucus in the United States Senate.

**Note: Any respondent who voted for Senator-Elect Angus King is included in another Party candidate total, because Senator-Elect King has not indicated which party he will caucus with starting January, 2013.

Q8. Have you ever voted for a Republican in any election?

Base	n=800
Yes	54%
No	44%
Refused/Don't know	2%

Q9. While it is hard to predict, how likely would you say you are to ever vote for a Republican in any election in the future?

Base	n=800
Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	24%
Not at all likely	28%
Don't know	4%
LIKELY	43%
NOT LIKELY	53%

Thinking back to your vote for President…

Q10. Was making up your mind to vote for Barack Obama:

Base	n=800
An easy decision	88%
A hard decision	12%
Don't know	1%

Q11. In your own words, why did you vote for Barack Obama for President? (OPEN END)

Base	n=800
I agree with him on issues	14%
Cares about the middle class/people like me	12%
He was the better candidate	10%
Doing a good job	9%
Don't like Romney/Ryan	9%
He's a Democrat	5%
He deserves another chance/another term	5%
Economy/jobs approach	3%
I agree with him on social issues	3%
He is more honest/trustworthy	2%
He inherited a big job	2%
I like him personally	2%
Health care reform	2%
Women's issues	2%
Education/school funding	2%
Change/agent of change	2%
He has a better plan	2%
He is trying/working hard	1%
Foreign policy	1%
Moving forward/didn't want to go backwards	1%
Republicans/Congress are obstructionist	1%
Strong leadership	1%
Hispanic issues/DREAM Act	1%
He is smart/intelligent	1%
Consistent positions on issues	1%
Human rights/civil rights	1%
Other	2%
Don't know/refused	0%

Q12. In your own words, why did you vote against Mitt Romney for President? (OPEN END)

Base	n=800
For the wealthy/not the middle class	17%
Don't agree with him on issues	11%
Don't trust Romney	9%
Inconsistent on issues	7%
Republican/not a Democrat	6%
Prefer Obama	5%
Wasn't the right candidate for the job	5%
Women's issues	4%
Don't like Romney	3%
Social issues (gay rights, abortion, etc.)	3%
No clear plan	3%
Too extreme in his positions	2%
Not an intelligent man	2%
Economy/jobs	2%
Taxes/tax fairness/wants to lower corporate taxes	2%
Don't like Ryan	1%
Didn't like his plan	1%
Doesn't support education/teachers	1%
Too arrogant	1%
Old ideas/not part of the future	1%
Health care reform	1%
47% comment	1%
Statements he makes/speeches	1%
Don't know enough about him	1%
Too negative/attacks on Obama	1%
Immigration	1%
Didn't want to change presidents	1%
Other	4%
Don't know/refused	2%

Q13. Which concerns you more about Barack Obama's next term as President?

Base	n=800
He will compromise too much with Republicans to get things done	39%
He will stick too rigidly to his positions and not get things done	28%
Don't know	33%

Q14. Which concerns you more about Barack Obama's next term as President?

Base	n=800
He won't do enough to reduce the deficit	31%
He will agree to a deal on the deficit that cuts too much spending	40%
Don't know	29%

Q15. Which is closest to how you would describe yourself?

Base	n=800
Liberal	40%
Moderate	42%
Conservative	14%
Don't know	4%

Q15A. Which is closest to how you would describe Barack Obama?

Base	n=533
Liberal	33%
Moderate	50%
Conservative	10%
Don't know	6%

Q15B. Which is closest to how you would describe Mitt Romney?

Base	n=533
Liberal	12%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	62%
Don't know	13%

Q15C. Which is closest to how you would describe Democrats in Congress?

Base	n=533
Liberal	30%
Moderate	49%
Conservative	10%
Don't know	11%

Q15D. Which is closest to how you would describe Republicans in Congress?

Base	n=533
Liberal	11%
Moderate	7%
Conservative	71%
Don't know	11%

Q16. When you were casting your vote, what sort of President did you want?

Base	n=800
Liberal	29%
Moderate	52%
Conservative	12%
Don't know	7%

On a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative, please tell me where you would place each of the following.

Ideology – Summary

Where would you place … on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative?				
Q17-Q21 Read Across Ranked by Net Liberal "1-3"	**Net Liberal "Net 1-3"**	**Net Moderate "Net 4-6"**	**Net Conservative "Net 7-9"**	**Mean**
Democrats in Congress	29	53	12	4.50
Yourself	28	54	15	4.60
Barack Obama	25	57	15	4.68
Mitt Romney	15	12	65	6.82
Republican in Congress	12	12	69	7.15

Q17. Yourself. Where would you place Yourself on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative?

Base	**n=800**
1 - very liberal	8%
2	8%
3	12%
4	13%
5 - moderate	36%
6	6%
7	5%
8	2%
9 - very conservative	8%
Don't know	3%
LIBERAL 1-3	28%
MODERATE 4-6	54%
CONSERVATIVE 7-9	15%
Mean:	4.60

Q18. Barack Obama. Where would you place Barack Obama on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative?

Base	n=800
1 - very liberal	6%
2	4%
3	15%
4	20%
5 - moderate	33%
6	5%
7	4%
8	3%
9 - very conservative	9%
Don't know	2%
LIBERAL 1-3	25%
MODERATE 4-6	57%
CONSERVATIVE 7-9	15%
Mean:	4.68

Q19. Mitt Romney. Where would you place Mitt Romney on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative?

Base	n=800
1 - very liberal	9%
2	3%
3	3%
4	1%
5 - moderate	7%
6	4%
7	14%
8	17%
9 - very conservative	35%
Don't know	8%
LIBERAL 1-3	15%
MODERATE 4-6	12%
CONSERVATIVE 7-9	65%
Mean:	6.82

Q20. Democrats in Congress. Where would you place Democrats in Congress on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative?

Base	n=800
1 - very liberal	6%
2	6%
3	16%
4	16%
5 - moderate	30%
6	7%
7	4%
8	3%
9 - very conservative	6%
Don't know	6%
LIBERAL 1-3	29%
MODERATE 4-6	53%
CONSERVATIVE 7-9	12%
Mean:	4.50

Q21. Republicans in Congress. Where would you place Republicans in Congress on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means very liberal, 5 means moderate, and 9 means very conservative?

Base	n=800
1 - very liberal	6%
2	3%
3	3%
4	2%
5 - moderate	7%
6	3%
7	9%
8	22%
9 - very conservative	38%
Don't know	7%
LIBERAL 1-3	12%
MODERATE 4-6	12%
CONSERVATIVE 7-9	69%
Mean:	7.15

Q22. In comparison to his first term, which approach would you prefer Obama take in his second term? That in his second term, he is:

Base	n=800
More liberal	29%
More moderate	47%
More conservative	14%
Is the same as the first term (Vol.)	5%
Don't know	6%

Please tell me how important it is for President Obama to do each of the following in his next term, using a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning it is not at all important and 10 meaning it is extremely important.

Goals – Summary

How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?			
Q23-Q30 Ranked by Very Important	Very Important "Net 9-10"	Net Important "Net 6-10"	Mean
Q25 Increases taxes on the wealthy	53	85	8.09
Q29 Fixes Social Security and Medicare	48	85	8.01
Q24 Preserves middle class tax cuts	47	82	7.80
Q23 Reduces the deficit	46	83	7.89
Q28 Increases investments in clean energy	41	83	7.72
Q27 Reduces income inequality	35	68	7.13
Q26 Reduces government spending	34	72	7.15
Q30 Makes changes to Social Security and Medicare	27	59	6.36

Q23. Reduces the deficit. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=800
0 - not at all important	0%
1	1%
2	1%
3	2%
4	4%
5	10%
6	6%
7	14%
8	16%
9	13%
10 - extremely important	33%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	7%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	83%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	46%
Mean:	7.89

Q24. Preserves middle class tax cuts. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=800
0 - not at all important	1%
1	1%
2	1%
3	2%
4	3%
5	9%
6	6%
7	13%
8	15%
9	13%
10 - extremely important	34%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	9%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	82%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	47%
Mean:	7.80

Q25. Increases taxes on the wealthy. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=800
0 - not at all important	2%
1	1%
2	0%
3	2%
4	2%
5	7%
6	7%
7	11%
8	14%
9	12%
10 - extremely important	41%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	6%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	85%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	53%
Mean:	8.09

Q26. Reduces government spending. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=800
0 - not at all important	1%
1	2%
2	2%
3	4%
4	5%
5	14%
6	9%
7	15%
8	15%
9	9%
10 - extremely important	25%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	13%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	72%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	34%
Mean:	7.15

Q27. Reduces income inequality. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=800
0 - not at all important	3%
1	1%
2	2%
3	3%
4	5%
5	13%
6	9%
7	11%
8	13%
9	9%
10 - extremely important	26%
Don't know	6%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	14%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	68%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	35%
Mean:	7.13

Q28. Increases investments in clean energy. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=800
0 - not at all important	1%
1	0%
2	2%
3	2%
4	3%
5	10%
6	9%
7	14%
8	18%
9	13%
10 - extremely important	28%
Don't know	0%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	7%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	83%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	41%
Mean:	7.72

Q29. Fixes Social Security and Medicare. How important is it that President Obama does this, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all important and 10 meaning extremely important?

Base	n=379
0 - not at all important	1%
1	0%
2	0%
3	2%
4	4%
5	6%
6	6%
7	15%
8	16%
9	12%
10 - extremely important	36%
Don't know	2%
NET NOT IMPORTANT 0-4	8%
NET IMPORTANT 6-10	85%
VERY IMPORTANT 9-10	48%
Mean:	8.01

Q31. Which would do the most to improve the U.S. economy?

Base	n=800
Increasing investments in education, research, and infrastructure	44%
Increasing taxes on the wealthy	23%
Reducing government spending	15%
Reducing the federal debt	10%
Reducing taxes and regulations	4%
Don't know	4%

Q32. Which would be the SECOND best way to improve the U.S. economy?

Base	n=800
Increasing taxes on the wealthy	25%
Reducing the federal debt	23%
Increasing investments in education, research, and infrastructure	20%
Reducing government spending	18%
Reducing taxes and regulations	9%
Don't know	5%

Most/Second Most to Improve U.S. Economy (Both Q31 & Q32)

Q31CMB. Which would do the most to improve the U.S. economy? [THEN ASK] Which would be the SECOND best way to improve the U.S. economy?

Base	n=800
Increasing investments in education, research, and infrastructure	64%
Increasing taxes on the wealthy	48%
Reducing government spending	33%
Reducing the federal debt	33%
Reducing taxes and regulations	13%
Don't know	6%

Q33. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

Base	n=800
Large companies are a threat to the middle class and must be more strictly regulated.	44%
Large companies are essential to the US economy and mostly help, not hurt, the middle class.	47%
Don't know	9%

Q34. Do you think the federal government should be doing more to help the needy?

Base	n=379
Yes	73%
No	23%
Don't know	3%

Q35. Do you think the federal government should be doing more to help the needy, even if it means increasing the federal debt?

Base	n=421
Yes	57%
No	39%
Don't know	4%

Q36. Which is closer to your view?

Base	n=379
The federal government has mostly helped PEOPLE get ahead	59%
The federal government has mostly held PEOPLE back	16%
The federal government has had no impact on whether PEOPLE have gotten ahead	20%
Don't know	4%

Q37. Which is closer to your view?

Base	n=421
The federal government has mostly helped YOU get ahead	45%
The federal government has mostly held YOU back	11%
The federal government has had no impact on whether YOU have gotten ahead	40%
Don't know	4%

Q38. Which is closer to your view?

Base	n=800
Government should provide more economic OPPORTUNITY to people.	66%
Government should provide more economic SECURITY to people.	29%
Don't know	5%

Q39. Which is closer to your view?

Base	n=800
The government is mostly wasteful and inefficient	33%
The government usually does a better job than it gets credit for	61%
Don't know	5%

Please tell me how well each the following statements describe your views using a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means not at all and 10 means extremely well.

Obama Voters Views – Summary

How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?		Very Well "Net 9-10"	Net Well "Net 6-10"	Mean
Q40-Q55 Ranked by Very Well				
Q46	Democrats and Republicans both need to make real compromises to come to an agreement on fixing the deficit	80	96	9.2
Q52	The decision to have an abortion should be between a woman, her family, and her doctor	78	90	8.77
Q44	America is still the land of opportunity	55	87	8.17
Q50	Committed gay and lesbian couples should be able to marry	53	68	7.13
Q54	Government should provide people with the tools and opportunity to succeed <u>but everyone is ultimately responsible for helping themselves</u>	49	83	7.97
Q49	Wealthy Americans need to pay more in taxes so we can fix our deficit problem	49	82	7.77
Q47	Reducing the deficit will help the economy	41	74	7.48
Q48	It is immoral to leave future generations 16 trillion dollars in debt	37	65	6.78
Q45	People who work hard mostly get ahead	32	68	6.87
Q53	Abortion is the taking of a human life	29	39	5.08
Q55	Government should provide people with the tools and opportunity to succeed <u>and help people out if they fall behind</u>	28	71	7.11
Q42	Programs such as welfare and unemployment benefits are making people too dependent on government	18	43	5.13
Q41	I am financially better off than the average American	15	50	5.67
Q40	I worry that the role of government in the economy is increasing	15	41	5.13
Q51	Religious liberty is under attack in this country	13	31	3.94
Q43	The American economic system is basically fair	10	44	5.31

Q40. I worry that the role of government in the economy is increasing. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	11%
1	4%
2	7%
3	7%
4	7%
5	21%
6	7%
7	8%
8	10%
9	4%
10 - extremely well	11%
Don't know	2%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	36%
NET WELL 6-10	41%
VERY WELL 9-10	15%
Mean:	5.13

Q41. I am financially better off than the average American. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	7%
1	3%
2	4%
3	5%
4	7%
5	22%
6	10%
7	12%
8	14%
9	5%
10 - extremely well	10%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	27%
NET WELL 6-10	50%
VERY WELL 9-10	15%
Mean:	5.67

Q42. Programs such as welfare and unemployment benefits are making people too dependent on government. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	12%
1	5%
2	7%
3	11%
4	7%
5	16%
6	7%
7	11%
8	8%
9	3%
10 - extremely well	15%
Don't know	0%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	40%
NET WELL 6-10	43%
VERY WELL 9-10	18%
Mean:	5.13

Q43. The American economic system is basically fair. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	6%
1	3%
2	5%
3	9%
4	11%
5	21%
6	10%
7	14%
8	10%
9	4%
10 - extremely well	7%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	34%
NET WELL 6-10	44%
VERY WELL 9-10	10%
Mean:	5.31

Q44. America is still the land of opportunity. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	1%
1	0%
2	1%
3	2%
4	2%
5	6%
6	8%
7	11%
8	13%
9	10%
10 - extremely well	44%
Don't know	0%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	7%
NET WELL 6-10	87%
VERY WELL 9-10	55%
Mean:	8.17

Q45. People who work hard mostly get ahead. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	3%
1	2%
2	2%
3	5%
4	5%
5	15%
6	10%
7	14%
8	13%
9	7%
10 - extremely well	25%
Don't know	0%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	16%
NET WELL 6-10	68%
VERY WELL 9-10	32%
Mean:	6.87

Q46. Democrats and Republicans both need to make real compromises to come to an agreement on fixing the deficit. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	0%
1	0%
2	0%
3	0%
4	1%
5	2%
6	2%
7	6%
8	8%
9	12%
10 - extremely well	69%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	2%
NET WELL 6-10	96%
VERY WELL 9-10	80%
Mean:	9.2

Q47. Reducing the deficit will help the economy. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	2%
1	1%
2	1%
3	2%
4	3%
5	14%
6	5%
7	12%
8	17%
9	9%
10 - extremely well	31%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	10%
NET WELL 6-10	74%
VERY WELL 9-10	41%
Mean:	7.48

Q48. It is immoral to leave future generations 16 trillion dollars in debt. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	8%
1	2%
2	2%
3	4%
4	3%
5	14%
6	6%
7	10%
8	12%
9	6%
10 - extremely well	31%
Don't know	2%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	19%
NET WELL 6-10	65%
VERY WELL 9-10	37%
Mean:	6.78

Q49. Wealthy Americans need to pay more in taxes so we can fix our deficit problem. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	4%
1	1%
2	1%
3	2%
4	3%
5	7%
6	7%
7	10%
8	16%
9	10%
10 - extremely well	38%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	11%
NET WELL 6-10	82%
VERY WELL 9-10	49%
Mean:	7.77

Q50. Committed gay and lesbian couples should be able to marry. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	12%
1	3%
2	3%
3	2%
4	1%
5	8%
6	2%
7	4%
8	10%
9	5%
10 - extremely well	48%
Don't know	2%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	22%
NET WELL 6-10	68%
VERY WELL 9-10	53%
Mean:	7.13

Q51. Religious liberty is under attack in this country. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	26%
1	8%
2	8%
3	6%
4	6%
5	13%
6	5%
7	7%
8	6%
9	3%
10 - extremely well	10%
Don't know	3%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	53%
NET WELL 6-10	31%
VERY WELL 9-10	13%
Mean:	3.94

Q52. The decision to have an abortion should be between a woman, her family, and her doctor. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	4%
1	1%
2	1%
3	1%
4	0%
5	3%
6	2%
7	3%
8	6%
9	12%
10 - extremely well	66%
Don't know	0%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	7%
NET WELL 6-10	90%
VERY WELL 9-10	78%
Mean:	8.77

Q53. Abortion is the taking of a human life. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=800
0- not at all	19%
1	7%
2	7%
3	5%
4	4%
5	14%
6	2%
7	4%
8	4%
9	5%
10 - extremely well	25%
Don't know	5%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	42%
NET WELL 6-10	39%
VERY WELL 9-10	29%
Mean:	5.08

Q54. Government should provide people with the tools and opportunity to succeed but everyone is ultimately responsible for helping themselves. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=379
0- not at all	1%
1	2%
2	1%
3	1%
4	2%
5	10%
6	7%
7	9%
8	18%
9	10%
10 - extremely well	39%
Don't know	1%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	6%
NET WELL 6-10	83%
VERY WELL 9-10	49%
Mean:	7.97

Q55. Government should provide people with the tools and opportunity to succeed and help people out if they fall behind. How well does this describe your views, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning not at all and 10 meaning extremely well?

Base	n=421
0- not at all	2%
1	1%
2	1%
3	3%
4	5%
5	16%
6	8%
7	16%
8	19%
9	6%
10 - extremely well	23%
Don't know	2%
NET NOT WELL 0-4	11%
NET WELL 6-10	71%
VERY WELL 9-10	28%
Mean:	7.11

Q56. Which approach do you prefer to reduce the deficit?

Base	n=800
Tax increases only	5%
Mostly tax increases with some spending cuts	41%
Mostly spending cuts with some tax increases	41%
Spending cuts only	10%
Don't know	3%
TAX INCREASES	46%
SPENDING CUTS	51%

Q57. Which concerns you more?

Base	n=800
Wealthy people not paying enough in taxes	86%
Some people, including the poor, not paying any income taxes	10%
Don't Know	3%

Q58. In your view, is the federal deficit a major problem facing this country, a minor problem, or not at all a problem?

Base	n=800
Major problem	69%
Minor problem	27%
Not at all a problem	3%
Don't Know	1%
TOTAL MAJOR/MINOR PROBLEM	96%

Q59. Some say Social Security and Medicare are in financial trouble. In your view, do Social Security and Medicare have major financial problems, minor financial problems, or no financial problems?

Base	n=800
Major problems	53%
Minor problems	36%
No problems	6%
Don't Know	6%
TOTAL MAJOR/MINOR PROBLEM	89%

Q60. Which would be better for the country?

Base	n=800
The President and Congress make changes to fix Social Security and Medicare	79%
The President and Congress make no changes to Social Security and Medicare	17%
Don't Know	4%

Q61. Do you think that the Democrats have a plan to make Social Security and Medicare financially secure for the future?

Base	n=800
Yes	71%
No	18%
Don't Know	12%

Q63. Which of the following do you think is the biggest financial problem facing Social Security?

Base	n=800
Politicians taking money from the Trust fund to pay for other government spending	31%
People are living longer	24%
Waste, fraud, and abuse	22%
Rising cost of living	15%
Something else	1%
All of the above (Vol.)	3%
Don't Know	4%

Q64. Which approach would you prefer President Obama take on Iran?

Base	n=800
Keep all options on the table to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, including direct military action against them	39%
Pursue sanctions and other measures to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon but do not engage in direct military conflict with Iran	56%
Don't Know	5%

Q65. Which comes closer to your view?

Base	n=800
We should keep Guantanamo Bay open and use military commissions to try those detained there	43%
We should try those held at Guantanamo Bay in federal courts and put them in US prisons	42%
Don't Know	15%

Q66. Which comes closer to your view?

Base	n=800
We need to use drones because they protect our national security while keeping our troops out of harm's way	69%
Drones are not worth the cost because they increase civilian casualties and threaten our alliances	19%
Don't Know	12%

Q67. When it comes to the issue of immigration, which comes closest to your view?

Base	n=800
Immigrants who came here illegally should be able to earn a path to citizenship	50%
Immigrants who came here illegally should be able to earn some kind of legal status but not citizenship	32%
Immigrants who came here illegally should have no path to legal status or citizenship	15%
Don't Know	3%

Q68. Which comes closer to your view?

Base	n=800
We need to pass tougher gun control laws	46%
We need to better enforce the gun control laws on the books	49%
Don't Know	4%

Q69. Which concerns you more when it comes to the issue of global climate change?

Base	n=800
That President Obama and Congress may pass legislation that goes too far and hurts domestic energy industries such as coal and natural gas	29%
That President Obama and Congress may not pass legislation and the problem of global climate change continues to get worse	62%
Don't know	9%

Q70. In his second term, do you think President Obama should expand drilling for oil and natural gas on U.S. soil and off the coast of the US?

Base	n=800
Yes	66%
No	30%
Don't Know	4%

Q72. Which is closest to your view?

Base	n=800
We should pass additional laws restricting access to abortion.	9%
We should repeal laws restricting access to abortion.	25%
Existing laws regulating access to abortion are sufficient and we should not change them.	60%
Don't Know	5%

We're almost finished. These remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

Q73. How did you vote in the November election?

Base	n=800
At the polls on election day	65%
By absentee ballot	16%
In person before election day at a designated early vote location	19%
Don't know	0%

Q74. Please stop me when I read the category that best describes your age.

Base	n=800
18-24	13%
25-29	10%
30-34	7%
35-39	11%
40-44	8%
45-49	11%
50-54	9%
55-59	9%
60-64	8%
65-69	4%
70+	10%
Don't know/refused	0%

4-Way Age Break

Q74. Please stop me when I read the category that best describes your age.

Base	n=800
18-29	23%
30-44	26%
45-59	29%
60+	22%
Don't know/refused	0%

Q75. To make sure we have a representative sample, could you tell me your ethnic background?

Base	n=800
White	54%
Hispanic/Latino	14%
African American	23%
Asian	4%
Something else	5%
Don't know	0%

Q76. What is the last grade you had the opportunity to complete?

Base	n=800
Grade school	0%
Some high school	2%
High school graduate	18%
Community college/technical school	9%
Some college	19%
College graduate	31%
Graduate school, medical school or law school	21%
Don't know/ refused	0%
<COLLEGE	48%
COLLEGE+	52%

Q77. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 2011. Will you please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total family income?

Base	n=800
Less than $30,000	23%
$30,000-$50,000	22%
$50,000-$75,000	15%
$75,000-$100,000	12%
$100,000 or more	22%
Don't know/refused	6%
<$50K	45%
$50K+	49%

Q78. Are you married, single, living with a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership, living with a partner outside a legally recognized relationship, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Base	n=800
Married	50%
Single	31%
Living with partner, civil union or domestic partnership	2%
Living with a partner, NO civil union or domestic partnership	3%
Separated/Divorced	9%
Widowed	5%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q79. Is anyone in this household a member of a labor union?

Base	n=800
Yes, labor union household	21%
No, non-union household	79%
Not sure	0%

Q80. How often do you attend religious services?

Base	n=800
More than once a week	7%
Once a week	26%
Once or twice a month	18%
A few times a year	19%
Hardly ever	15%
Never	15%
Don't know	1%
WKLY+	33%
MONTH/LESS	66%

Q81. How would you describe the area in which you live?

Base	n=800
Urban	31%
Suburban	46%
Rural	21%
Don't know	2%

C9. REGION (4-Way Region – defined by U.S. Census Bureau)

Base	n=800
Northeast	21%
Midwest	26%
South	34%
West	19%

C1. GENDER

Base	n=800
MALE	42%
FEMALE	58%