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Interview dates: October 3– 7 2013
Number of interviews, adults: 1,227

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NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.

**Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.*
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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the …

	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	**TOTAL** 10/19-23/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**TOTAL** 9/13-17/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11
Right direction	22	36	38	42	41	40	41	42	41	41	35	31	37	39	26	24	21
Wrong direction	78	56	53	50	50	51	51	48	49	52	60	60	56	57	70	72	75
Don't know [VOL]	na	8	8	8	9	8	8	9	9	5	5	8	7	3	4	5	4
Refused/Not answered	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	2	*	1	*	1	*	*	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,002*	*N=1,186*	*N=1,041*	*N=839*	*N=1,512*	*N=1,282*	*N=807*	*N=1,006*	*N=1,007*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*

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CUR2./
CUR3/
CUR3A/
CUR3B. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.
[IF "APPROVE"] Would you say you approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?
[IF "DISAPPROVE"] Would you say you disapprove of the way Obama is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?
[IF "NEITHER," OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	**TOTAL** 10/19-23/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**TOTAL** 9/13-17/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11
Total approve	**37**	**50**	**54**	**57**	**52**	**50**	**49**	**56**	**54**	**52**	**49**	**49**	**53**	**49**	**44**	**46**	**46**	**52**	**60**
Strongly approve	17	26	27	29	27	27	30	30	32	34	27	23	24	26	19	20	19	24	32
Somewhat approve	12	18	21	21	19	17	16	20	18	15	18	22	23	17	20	20	20	21	23
Lean approve	9	6	6	7	6	5	4	6	4	3	4	5	7	6	6	5	6	6	6
Neither—don't lean	**10**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**	*****	**1**	**1**	**1**	*****	**1**
Total disapprove	**53**	**47**	**42**	**41**	**45**	**48**	**49**	**40**	**42**	**47**	**49**	**48**	**46**	**49**	**54**	**52**	**52**	**47**	**39**
Lean disapprove	6	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	3	2	5	5	3	5	4	4	3	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	12	9	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	9	9	10	10	12	12	13	12	10
Strongly disapprove	35	33	31	30	35	38	40	29	33	40	36	35	32	34	38	36	36	30	25
Don't know [VOL]	Na	*	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	*
Refused/Not Answered	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,002*	*N=1,186*	*N=1,041*	*N=839*	*N=1,512*	*N=1,282*	*N=807*	*N=1,006*	*N=1,007*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*

CURX2. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues.

	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Refused/ Not Answered
Health care	34	17	47	2
The environment	29	44	25	2
Relationships with other countries	29	35	35	2
Energy	27	44	28	2
Unemployment	26	29	44	2
Gun laws	26	29	44	2
The economy	25	23	50	2
Immigration	25	30	44	2
The situation in Afghanistan	23	40	36	2
Federal budget deficit	22	25	52	1
The situation in Syria	22	35	41	2
Managing the federal government	21	27	51	2

Based on: N=1,227

AA4./
AA4A/
AA4B/
AA4C. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.
[IF "APPROVE"] Would you say you approve of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?
[IF "DISAPPROVE"] Would you say you disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?
[IF "NEITHER" OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	10/3-7/13*	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	**TOTAL** 10/13-18/10	**LIKELY VOTERS** 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
Total approve	**5**	**17**	**23**	**22**	**18**	**19**	**15**	**16**	**12**	**21**	**30**	**27**	**26**	**26**	**23**	**20**	**26**	**24**
Strongly approve	1	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4
Somewhat approve	2	10	15	13	13	13	11	11	8	16	23	19	18	20	17	15	19	17
Lean approve	3	3	4	5	2	3	2	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	3
Neither—don't lean	**11**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	*****	*****	**1**
Total disapprove	**83**	**77**	**74**	**75**	**78**	**78**	**84**	**82**	**87**	**76**	**68**	**71**	**69**	**71**	**75**	**79**	**73**	**74**
Lean disapprove	9	6	7	7	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	15	21	20	23	24	23	24	23	24	27	28	26	26	24	26	23	23	24
Strongly disapprove	60	51	47	46	50	52	55	56	60	44	36	38	38	43	44	53	47	46
Don't know [VOL]	na	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*=1,002*	*N=1,007*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,501*	*N=846*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,007*

RANDOMIZE BUD3/BUD3a with BUD4/BUD4a

BUD3/3a: Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit:
[IF "NEITHER" OR DID NOT ANSWER/REFUSED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit?

	10/3-7/13*
Total approve	**23**
Approve	15
Lean approve	9
Neither approve nor disapprove	**14**
Total disapprove	**62**
Disapprove	55
Lean disapprove	7
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on: *N=1,227*

BUD4/4a: Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit:
[IF "NEITHER" OR DID NOT ANSWER/REFUSED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit?

	10/3-7/13*
Total approve	**17**
Approve	11
Lean approve	7
Neither approve nor disapprove	**12**
Total disapprove	**70**
Disapprove	63
Lean disapprove	6
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on: *N=1,227*

FAV1. For each of the following individuals, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.

	Total favorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	**Total unfavorable**	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know enough to say	Refused/ Not Answered
Barack Obama	**44**	24	20	**46**	13	33	8	2
Michelle Obama	**50**	29	22	**32**	12	20	16	2
Joe Biden	**37**	14	24	**43**	18	25	19	2
Nancy Pelosi	**27**	7	20	**45**	14	31	27	2
John Boehner	**18**	3	14	**47**	19	29	34	2
Mitch McConnell	**10**	1	9	**30**	12	18	57	3
Harry Reid	**18**	4	14	**35**	13	22	45	2
Ted Cruz	**16**	7	9	**32**	10	22	50	2

Based on: N=1,227

Some questions held for later release

GV1. If you had to choose, would you favor a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	10/3-7/13*	9/8-13/10
Smaller government providing fewer services	60	57
Bigger government providing more services	35	40
Don't know [VOL]	na	2
Refused/Not answered	5	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,000*

Some questions held for later release

B1a/b. How would you describe the nation's economy these days….
[IF "NEITHER" OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more towards the nation's economy being good or the nation's economy being poor?

	10/3-7/13*
Total good	**26**
Very good	1
Somewhat good	12
Lean toward good	13
Neither–Don't lean	*
Total poor	**73**
Lean toward poor	10
Somewhat poor	36
Very poor	26
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on: *N=1,227*

ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy has…

	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	**TOTAL** 10/19-23/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**TOTAL** 9/13-17/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11
Gotten better	12	21	20	20	23	25	28	21	22	24	15	16	22	28	20
Gotten worse	45	17	20	19	17	16	16	22	24	27	25	23	20	18	15
Stayed about the same	41	60	59	60	58	57	55	55	53	48	58	59	56	53	64
Don't know [VOL]	na	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	1
Refused/Not Answered	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,002*	*N=1,186*	*N=1,041*	*N=839*	*N=1,512*	*N=1,282*	*N=807*	*N=1,006*	*TOTAL*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*

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CCON1. How do you expect the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months? Will it…?

	10/3-7/13*
Total Better	**24**
A lot better	4
A little better	20
Stay about the same	**42**
Total Worse	**32**
A little worse	22
A lot worse	10
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

CCON2. How do you expect the general economic situation in this country will change over the next 12 months? Will it…

	10/3-7/13*
Get better	**26**
A lot better	2
A little better	24
Stay about the same	**24**
Get worse	**47**
A little worse	29
A lot worse	18
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

CCON3. Compared with the past 12 months, how do you think consumer prices will change in the next 12 months? Will they …

	10/3-7/13*
Increase more rapidly	21
Increase at the same rate	39
Increase at a slower rate	20
Stay about the same	13
Fall	4
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on: *N=1,227*

CCON4. Thinking about making major purchases such as furniture or electronic devices, do you think now is a…?

	10/3-7/13*
A good time to buy	11
Neither a good nor bad time to buy	61
A bad time to buy	26
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on: *N=1,227*

CCON5. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a…

	10/3-7/13*
Total Good Time to Save	**72**
Very good time to save	31
Fairly good time to save	41
Total Bad Time to Save	**25**
Fairly bad time to save	18
Very bad time to save	7
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

CCON6. How do you expect the number of people who are unemployed in this country to change over the next 12 months? Will it….

	10/3-7/13*
Total Increase	**42**
A sharp increase	12
A slight increase	30
Remain the same	**30**
Total Decrease	**25**
A slight decrease	22
A sharp decrease	3
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

BUD6. Overall, do you think the federal government shutdown which began Tuesday, October 1, 2013 is:

	10/3-7/13*
A major problem for the country	68
A minor problem for the country	24
Not a problem at all for the country	5
Refused/Not answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

BUD7a. When it comes to negotiating an end to the federal government shutdown, how much do you think Barack Obama is doing to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress?

	10/3-7/13*
Too much	8
About the right amount	36
Not enough	52
Refused/Not answered	4

Based on: *N=1,227*

BUD7b. When it comes to negotiating an end to the federal government shutdown, how much do you think Republicans in Congress are doing to cooperate with Barack Obama?

	10/3-7/13*
Too much	8
About the right amount	25
Not enough	63
Refused/Not answered	4

Based on: *N=1,227*

BUD8. Have you personally or has anyone in your household felt any impact from the federal government shutdown, or not?

	10/3-7/13*
Yes	17
No	81
Refused/Not answered	2

Based on: *N=1,227*

BUD8a: [IF YES IN BUD8 ASK:] Briefly describe how you or someone else in your household was impacted by the shutdown:

[Multiple responses possible, percentages sum to greater than 100%.]

	10/3-7/13*
Work interruption/lost job (non-governmental employee)	30
Benefit/Service issue	28
Government employee/household of government employee furlough or with without pay	19
Interrupted vacation plans/recreation/tourism	11
Friends/acquaintances/non-household family furloughed	7
Markets/Economy	4
Change in traffic patterns/air travel	1
Other	8
None	1

Based on: *N=204*

BUD9. Since the federal government shutdown began on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, have you experienced any of the following:

	Yes	No	Refused/ Not Answered
Tried to visit a government website and found it was suspended due to the shutdown	12	85	3
Contacted your congressperson directly to express your feelings about the shutdown	8	89	3
Tried to visit a government office and found it was closed due to the shutdown	6	91	3
Tried to visit a national park or other tourist attraction managed by the government and found it was closed due to the shutdown	6	91	3
Had difficulty using or obtaining government-funded benefits, such as VA benefits, WIC assistance or disability benefits	5	92	3
Been furloughed or had your work hours cut in connection with the government shutdown	3	94	3
Had difficulty buying or selling a home because of the shutdown's impact on the Federal Housing Administration	2	96	3

Based on: N=1,227

BUD10. Please indicate how much responsibility each of the following holds for the federal government shutdown.

	Almost all/ A lot	Almost all of the responsibility	A lot, but not all	**A moderate amount**	**Only a little/ None**	Only a little	None of the responsibility	Refused/ Not answered
Republicans in Congress	**62**	28	35	**21**	**12**	7	5	5
Barack Obama	**49**	23	26	**18**	**29**	15	14	5
Democrats in Congress	**49**	17	32	**22**	**24**	15	9	5
John Boehner	**48**	21	27	**28**	**18**	12	6	6
The tea party movement	**43**	23	21	**22**	**29**	14	15	5
Harry Reid	**39**	14	26	**28**	**25**	16	10	7

Based on: N=1,227

ECO8. As you may know, in the next few weeks the U.S. government must raise the federal debt limit in order to avoid defaulting on its debt. If the federal debt limit is NOT raised and the U.S. defaults on its debt, how likely is it that the U.S. would face a major economic crisis?

	10/3-7/13*	1/10-14/13	6/15-20/11
Extremely/Very likely	**60**	**53**	**53**
Extremely likely	30	26	30
Very likely	30	27	23
Somewhat likely	**28**	**27**	**29**
Not too/Not at all likely	**8**	**17**	**16**
Not too likely	6	9	10
Not likely at all	3	8	6
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	na	3	3
Refused/Not Answered	4	*	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,001*

*Note: June 2011 wording read "As you may know, by August the U.S. government"…

CEIL1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose raising the federal debt limit in order to avoid defaulting on U.S. government debts?

[IF "SUPPORT"] Would you say you support raising the federal debt limit in order to avoid defaulting on U.S. government debts strongly or just somewhat?
[IF "OPPOSE"] Would you say you oppose raising the federal debt limit in order to avoid defaulting on U.S. government debts strongly or just somewhat?

	10/3-7/13*	1/10-14/13	6/15-20/11
Strongly/Somewhat support	**30**	**31**	**38**
Strongly support	20	13	15
Somewhat support	11	18	23
Neither support nor oppose	**46**	**19**	**18**
Somewhat/Strongly oppose	**21**	**40**	**41**
Somewhat oppose	10	16	17
Strongly oppose	11	24	25
Don't know	na	10	3
Refused/Not Answered	3	*	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,001*

CEIL2. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

	10/3-7/13*	1/10-14/13	6/15-20/11
Congress should increase the debt ceiling first to avoid a default on federal debt, and discuss spending cuts and deficit reduction separately	44	30	34
Congress should ONLY increase the debt ceiling if it makes significant spending cuts at the same time, even if that means there will be considerable reductions in government services and programs	41	39	43
OR, Congress should NOT increase the debt ceiling under any circumstances, even if that means the U.S. defaults on its debt	10	21	18
Don't know	na	9	4
Refused/Not Answered	6	2	1
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,001*

Some questions held for later release

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	**TOTAL** 10/13-18/10	**LIKELY VOTERS** 10/13-18/10
Supporter	17	23	22	27	23	22	25	30	28	25	33	30	30	31	30	36
Not a supporter	78	62	64	63	65	67	71	64	68	70	61	63	65	61	67	60
Don't know [VOL]	na	12	13	8	10	10	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	3
Refused/Not Answered	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,006*	*N=1,007*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,000*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,001*	*N=1,501*	*N=846*

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

		4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	**TOTAL** 10/19-23/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 10/19-23/12	**TOTAL** 9/13-17/12	**REGISTERED VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	**LIKELY VOTERS** 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18-/12	5/3-7/12
Democrat	31	27	29	33	31	32	34	31	32	31	31	29	31
Independent	27	29	30	27	27	28	27	29	30	30	30	33	29
Republican	23	21	21	23	25	28	30	22	25	30	23	22	22
None of these	15	20	19	15	14	8	6	17	13	8	15	15	17
Don't know [VOL]	na	1	*	1	2	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	1	1	*
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,002*	*N=1,186*	*N=1,041*	*N=839*	*N=1,512*	*N=1,282*	*N=807*	*N=1,006*	*N=1,007*	*N=1,004*

PID1/i. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these? IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," OR REFUSAL, ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Total Democrat	**44**	**44**	**46**	**49**
Democrat	31	27	29	33
Independent – lean Democratic	10	10	12	10
None – lean Democratic	3	7	5	6
Total Republican	**35**	**37**	**36**	**37**
Republican	23	21	21	23
Independent – lean Republican	9	11	9	9
None – lean Republican	3	5	6	5
Independent – don't lean	9	7	7	6
None – don't lean	12	6	6	4
[VOL] Independent – lean other	na	1	1	1
[VOL] None – lean other	na	2	1	1
Don't know	na	2	2	1
Refused/Not answered	-	2	1	2
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,002*

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a…?

	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Liberal	18	22	21	21
Conservative	36	40	37	40
Moderate	41	30	35	32
Don't know	na	6	5	5
Refused/Not answered	5	2	1	2
Based on:	*N=1,227*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,004*	*N=1,002*

S1. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?

	10/3-7/13*
Yes	78
No	15
Not sure	5
Refused/Not answered	3

Based on: (Excludes those living in ND) *N=1,225*

Some questions held for later release

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	26
Suburban area	46
Rural area	25
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

FED1. Are you or is anyone in your household employed by the federal government?

	10/3-7/13*
Total yes	**8**
Yes, I am	2
Yes, someone else in my household is	5
Yes, I am and someone else in my household also is	1
No one in my household is employed by the federal government	**89**
Refused/Not answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

INS1. The next questions are about health insurance. Please include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care or help pay medical bills.

Are you covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan or not?

	10/3-7/13*
Yes	83
No	14
Refused/Not answered	3

Based on: *N=1,227*

INS2. [IF YES IN INS1:]What kind of health insurance or health care coverage do you have? Is it Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance that you buy through your employer or on your own, or some other type?

	10/3-7/13*
Medicare	21
Medicaid	7
Private insurance bought on your own	6
Private insurance purchased through your employer	54
Something else	11
Refused/Not answered	1

Based on: *N=1,227*

GUNS4. Does anyone in your household own a gun, or not?

Yes	34
No	62
Refused/Not answered	4

Based on: *N=1,227*

PPEDUCAT (4 category)

Less than high school	8
High school	35
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	28

Based on: *N=1,227*

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	70
Black, Non-Hispanic	12
Other, Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	14
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	2

Based on: *N=1,227*

PPGENDER

Male	49
Female	51

Based on: *N=1,227*

PPMARIT

Married	55
Widowed	5
Divorced	9
Separated	2
Never married	23

Based on: *N=1,227*

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	49
Working – self-employed	7
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	9
Not working – retired	18
Not working – disabled	6
Not working - other	9

Based on: *N=1,227*

PPAGE

Age group:

18-29	21
30-49	35
50-64	26
65+	18

Based on: *N=1,227*

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under $10,000	6
$10,000 to under $20,000	9
$20,000 to under $30,000	11
$30,000 to under $40,000	11
$40,000 to under $50,000	7
$50,000 to under $75,000	21
$75,000 to under $100,000	12
$100,000 to under $150,000	17
$150,000 or more	7

Based on: *N=1,227*

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on: *N=1,227*

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted October 3-7, 2013 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,227 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age within sex, education, race, and phone type. The phone type targets came from the Fall, 2012 MRI Consumer Survey. The other targets came from the March 2012 Supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that were conducted using telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at http://www.ap-gfkpoll.com.