



## THE AP-GfK POLL December, 2013

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**A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)**

*Interview dates: December 5–9, 2013*

*Number of interviews, adults: 1,367*

*Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

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

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*\*Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.  
For more information, see <http://www.ap-gfcpoll.com>.*

CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the ...

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	<b>TOTAL</b> 10/19-23/12	<b>REGISTERED</b> <b>VOTERS</b> 10/19-23/12	<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b> 10/19-23/12	<b>TOTAL</b> 9/13-17/12	<b>REGISTERED</b> <b>VOTERS</b> 9/13-17/12	<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b> 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	34	22	36	38	42	41	40	41	42	41	41	35	31	37	39	26	24	21
Wrong direction	66	78	56	53	50	50	51	51	48	49	52	60	60	56	57	70	72	75
Don't know [VOL]	na	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=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,262 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000

CUR2./  
 CUR3/  
 CUR3A/3AA

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? ? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

	12/5-9/13	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
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>60</b>
Strongly approve	14	17	26	27	29	27	27	30	30	32	34	27	23	24	26	19	20	19	24	32
Somewhat approve	12	12	18	21	21	19	17	16	20	18	15	18	22	23	17	20	20	20	21	23
Lean approve	16	9	6	6	7	6	5	4	6	4	3	4	5	7	6	6	5	6	6	6
<b>Neither—don't lean</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>
Lean disapprove	11	6	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	3	2	5	5	3	5	4	4	3	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	15	12	9	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	9	9	10	10	12	12	13	12	10
Strongly disapprove	32	35	33	31	30	35	38	40	29	33	40	36	35	32	34	38	36	36	30	25
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	*	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	*
Refused/Not Answered	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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*Some items from CURY2/3/3a battery held for later release*

CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[RESPONDENTS SHOWN EACH ITEM ON A SEPARATE SCREEN]

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	<b>Total Approve</b>	Approve	Lean toward approving	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Lean toward disapproving	Disapprove	Refused/ Not Answered
The economy	<b>40</b>	27	12	*	<b>59</b>	8	51	1
Gun laws (N=666)	<b>40</b>	29	12	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	14	44	1
The federal budget deficit (N=666)	<b>35</b>	24	11	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	9	54	1
Immigration (N=701)	<b>40</b>	25	15	*	<b>59</b>	15	45	*
The environment (N=666)	<b>56</b>	35	21	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	14	28	1
Unemployment (N=701)	<b>40</b>	26	14	*	<b>60</b>	13	47	-
Managing the federal government (N=701)	<b>35</b>	23	12	*	<b>65</b>	13	52	*

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AA4./  
 AA4A/  
 AA4B/  
 AA5/

AA5A. 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? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

	12/5-9/13	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
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>
Strongly approve	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4
Somewhat approve	5	2	10	15	13	13	13	11	11	8	16	23	19	18	20	17	15	19	17
Lean approve	6	3	3	4	5	2	3	2	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	3
<b>Neither—don't lean</b>	*	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	*	*	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>
Lean disapprove	13	9	6	7	7	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	17	15	21	20	23	24	23	24	23	24	27	28	26	26	24	26	23	23	24
Strongly disapprove	57	60	51	47	46	50	52	55	56	60	44	36	38	38	43	44	53	47	46
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*

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Some items from FAV1 held for later release

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.

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>Barack Obama</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>
Very favorable	23	24
Somewhat favorable	23	20
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	15	13
Very unfavorable	34	33
Don't know enough to say	4	8
Refused/Not Answered	2	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>Michelle Obama</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>
Very favorable	32	29
Somewhat favorable	28	22
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	12	12
Very unfavorable	17	20
Don't know enough to say	10	16
Refused/Not Answered	1	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

FAV1. (Continued) 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

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>Joe Biden</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>
Very favorable	13	14
Somewhat favorable	26	24
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	21	18
Very unfavorable	23	25
Don't know enough to say	16	19
Refused/Not Answered	1	2

Based on:

N=1,367 N=1,227

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>Mitch McConnell</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>
Very favorable	1	1
Somewhat favorable	11	9
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	14	12
Very unfavorable	18	18
Don't know enough to say	55	57
Refused/Not Answered	2	3

Based on:

N=1,367 N=1,227

FAV1. (Continued) 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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>Harry Reid</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Very favorable	3	4
Somewhat favorable	13	14
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13
Very unfavorable	23	22
Don't know enough to say	45	45
Refused/Not Answered	2	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227



FAV2. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of...

[GRID, RANDOMIZE FIRST TWO ITEMS]

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>The Democratic Party</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>
Very favorable	15	13
Somewhat favorable	28	29
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	27	23
Very unfavorable	28	32
Refused/Not Answered	2	4

Based on:

N=1,367 N=1,227

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>The Republican Party</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>
Very favorable	5	7
Somewhat favorable	25	21
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	37	34
Very unfavorable	31	35
Refused/Not Answered	3	4

Based on:

N=1,367 N=1,227

FAV2. (Continued) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of...

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13
<b>The tea party movement</b>		
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>
Very favorable	6	7
Somewhat favorable	22	19
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	28	27
Very unfavorable	41	43
Refused/Not Answered	4	4

Based on:

N=1,367 N=1,227

IMG1. Please tell me how well each word describes [INSERT ITEM]

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS -]

**Barack Obama**

		<b>Very/ somewhat well</b>	Somewhat well	Very well	<b>Slightly /not at all well</b>	Not at all well	Slightly well	Refused / Not Answered
Decisive	11/ 2- 12/12/07	<b>39</b>	28	11	<b>52</b>	21	31	9
	10/3-7/13	<b>38</b>	15	22	<b>58</b>	21	37	4
	12/5-9/13	<b>41</b>	16	25	<b>58</b>	24	33	2
Strong	11/ 2- 12/12/07	<b>42</b>	27	15	<b>49</b>	19	29	9
	10/3-7/13	<b>41</b>	20	21	<b>54</b>	20	35	4
	12/5-9/13	<b>44</b>	20	24	<b>54</b>	22	32	2
Honest	11/ 2- 12/12/07	<b>45</b>	29	16	<b>46</b>	18	28	9
	10/3-7/13	<b>44</b>	23	21	<b>52</b>	14	38	4
	12/5-9/13	<b>42</b>	20	22	<b>56</b>	18	39	2
Inspiring	4/2- 6/ 2/08*	<b>50</b>	26	25	<b>47</b>	24	22	3
	10/3-7/13	<b>42</b>	22	20	<b>54</b>	15	39	4
	12/5-9/13	<b>45</b>	24	21	<b>53</b>	17	36	2

A5. Which party would you rather see win control of Congress?

	12/5-9/13
The Democratic Party	39
The Republican Party	33
Doesn't matter	27
Refused/Not Answered	1

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

A5a. Would you like to see your own representative in Congress get re-elected in November 2014, or would you like to see someone else win the election in your district?

	12/5-9/13
Re-elect current member of Congress	35
Would like to see someone else win in your district	63
Refused/Not Answered	2

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

CUR25. Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	The Democrats	The Republicans	Both equally	Neither	Refused / Not Answered
Handling the economy	26	27	15	30	1
Handling health care	32	22	12	32	1
Handling immigration (N=701)	27	23	19	30	1
Managing the federal government (N=701)	22	22	17	38	1
Handling the federal budget deficit (N=666)	27	24	11	35	2
Handling gun laws (N=666)	27	28	15	27	2
Protecting the country	18	31	29	22	1

Based on: N=1,367

B1a/b/ba. 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? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Total good</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>
Very good	1	1
Somewhat good	20	12
Lean toward good	10	13
<b>Neither-Don't lean</b>	*	*
<b>Total poor</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>
Lean toward poor	13	10
Somewhat poor	33	36
Very poor	22	26
Refused/Not Answered	1	1

Based on:

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

	12/5-9/13	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	22	12	21	20	20	23	25	28	21	22	24	15	16	22	28	20
Gotten worse	23	45	17	20	19	17	16	16	22	24	27	25	23	20	18	15
Stayed about the same	53	41	60	59	60	58	57	55	55	53	48	58	59	56	53	64
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	1
Refused/Not Answered	1	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-

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ECO42. And compared to a year ago, do you think the U.S. economy is...

	12/5-9/13
In better shape now	35
In worse shape now	30
About the same as it was a year ago	34
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=1,367

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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Total Better</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>
A lot better	6	4
A little better	24	20
<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Total Worse</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>
A little worse	22	22
A lot worse	9	10
Refused/Not Answered	2	3

Based on:

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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Get better</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>
A lot better	3	2
A little better	30	24
<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Get worse</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>
A little worse	23	29
A lot worse	14	18
Refused/Not Answered	2	3

Based on:

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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 ...

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Increase more rapidly	20	21
Increase at the same rate	43	39
Increase at a slower rate	19	20
Stay about the same	14	13
Fall	3	4
Refused/Not Answered	2	4

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
A good time to buy	19	11
Neither a good nor bad time to buy	61	61
A bad time to buy	19	26
Refused/Not Answered	1	2

Based on:

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N=1,227

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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Total Good Time to Save</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>
Very good time to save	29	31
Fairly good time to save	39	41
<b>Total Bad Time to Save</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>
Fairly bad time to save	22	18
Very bad time to save	8	7
Refused/Not Answered	2	3

Based on:

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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....

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>
Sharply increase	8	12
Slightly increase	28	30
<b>Remain the same</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Decrease</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>
Slightly decrease	30	22
Sharply decrease	2	3
Refused/Not Answered	2	3

Based on:

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*Some questions held for later release*

NCC8. Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>
Strongly favor	18	15
Somewhat favor	36	37
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>
Somewhat oppose	22	21
Strongly oppose	21	22
Refused/Not answered	2	4

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

*N=1,227*

NCC29/

NCC29A/

NCC29B. [IF CA, CT, DE, DC, HI, IL, IA, ME, MD, MA, MN, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT, WA: Do you.../ALL OTHERS: Would you...] favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state?  
[IF "FAVOR"] Would you say you favor a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state strongly or just somewhat?  
[IF "OPPOSE"] Would you say you oppose a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state strongly or just somewhat?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	6/14-18/12	8/18-22/11
<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>
Strongly favor	30	31	26	32
Somewhat favor	8	5	13	11
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>
Somewhat oppose	5	3	7	6
Strongly oppose	25	29	35	39
Already legal in my state [VOL]	na	na	1	1
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	2	1
Refused/Not answered	1	3	1	*

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

N=1,007

N=1,000

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?

	12/5-9/13	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
Supporter	20	17	23	22	27	23	22	25	30	28	25	33	30	30	31
Not a supporter	76	78	62	64	63	65	67	71	64	68	70	61	63	65	61
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	12	13	8	10	10	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7
Refused/Not Answered	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,367 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=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

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

	12/5-9/13	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
Democrat	29	31	27	29	33	31	32	34	31	32	31	31
Independent	28	27	29	30	27	27	28	27	29	30	30	30
Republican	23	23	21	21	23	25	28	30	22	25	30	23
None of these	17	15	20	19	15	14	8	6	17	13	8	15
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	1	*	1	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	1

Based on: N=1,367 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

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?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>
Democrat	29	31	27	29	33
Independent – lean Democratic	8	10	10	12	10
None – lean Democratic	4	3	7	5	6
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>
Republican	23	23	21	21	23
Independent – lean Republican	11	9	11	9	9
None – lean Republican	4	3	5	6	5
Independent – don't lean	10	9	7	7	6
None – don't lean	12	12	6	6	4
[VOL] Independent – lean other	na	na	1	1	1
[VOL] None – lean other	na	na	2	1	1
Don't know	na	na	2	2	1
Refused/Not answered	-	-	2	1	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

N=1,004

N=1,004

N=1,002

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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Liberal	20	18	22	21	21
Conservative	35	36	40	37	40
Moderate	42	41	30	35	32
Don't know	na	na	6	5	5
Refused/Not answered	4	5	2	1	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

N=1,004

N=1,004

N=1,002

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

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Yes	79	78
No	16	15
Not sure	2	5
Refused/Not answered	2	3

Based on: (Excludes those living in ND)

N=1,365

N=1,225

S2. How often would you say you vote?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Always/Nearly always</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>
Always	38	40
Nearly always	29	29
<b>In about half of elections</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Seldom/Never</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
Seldom	8	7
Never	13	13
Refused/Not answered	2	3

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227



S5. How much interest do you have in following news about politics and elections?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>
A great deal	14	16
Quite a bit	29	32
<b>Only some</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Very little/No interest at all</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>
Very little	14	12
No interest at all	10	10
Refused/Not answered	2	3

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

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

Urban area	22
Suburban area	50
Rural area	25
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,367

DM21 Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	45
No	52
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,367

DM22/a [IF YES IN DM21:] In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan?

Once (1)	17
Twice (2)	10
Three times (3)	4
Four times (4)	3
5-9 times	6
10-14 times	5
15-19 times	*
20-24	2
25 times or more	3
None	49
Refused/Not answered	1
Mean	3.0
Median	*

*Based on: Own investments*

*N=755*

*Some questions held for later release*

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

Yes	35
No	61
Refused/Not answered	4

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

PPEDUCAT (4 category)

Less than high school	8
High school	34
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	70
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	13
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

PPMARIT

Married	50
Widowed	4
Divorced	11
Separated	1
Never married	23
Living with partner	11

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

## PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	48
Working – self-employed	9
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	*
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	19
Not working – disabled	6
Not working - other	12

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

## PPAGE

Age group:

18-29	20
30-49	36
50-64	26
65+	18

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

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

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	8
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	23
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 or more	7

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted December 5-9, 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 1,367 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 3.5 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-gfkipoll.com>.