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Sample   1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted   December 8-10, 2012
Margin of Error   ±4.7%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction 34%
Off on the wrong track 49%
Not sure 18%

2. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	20%	3%	0%
Immigration	39%	41%	16%	4%
The environment	38%	37%	16%	9%
Terrorism	45%	34%	16%	4%
Gay rights	20%	28%	24%	29%
Education	56%	33%	8%	3%
Health care	62%	30%	5%	3%
Social security	61%	28%	9%	2%
The budget deficit	56%	33%	8%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	41%	22%	6%
Taxes	62%	32%	5%	1%
Medicare	51%	36%	10%	3%
Abortion	30%	34%	21%	15%

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3. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The economy 35%
Immigration 3%
The environment 3%
Terrorism 2%
Gay rights 2%
Education 9%
Health care 11%
Social security 12%
The budget deficit 9%
The war in Afghanistan 1%
Taxes 5%
Medicare 4%
Abortion 4%

4. Who do you think should be the Republican nominee for President in 2016?

Rand Paul 4%
Chris Christie 11%
Marco Rubio 8%
Jeb Bush 4%
Condoleezza Rice 8%
Paul Ryan 7%
Bobby Jindal 2%
Rick Santorum 3%
Other 6%
Not sure 47%

5. Do you think the Republican Presidential nominee in 2016 should be more conservative or less conservative than Mitt Romney?

More conservative 22%
About the same 22%
Less conservative 32%
Not sure 24%

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6. Who do you think should be the Democratic nominee for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton 34%
Andrew Cuomo 4%
Rahm Emanuel 2%
Joe Biden 11%
Martin O'Malley 0%
Mark Warner 2%
Other 5%
Not sure 43%

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7. Do you think the Democratic Presidential nominee in 2016 should be more liberal or less liberal than Barack Obama?

More liberal 13%
About the same 38%
Less liberal 29%
Not sure 21%

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8. Are you personally or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I personally belong to a union 7%
I do not belong to a union, but someone in my household does 10%
No 82%

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9. Do you think labor unions have more or less influence today than they had thirty years ago?

More influence 22%
About the same 15%
Less influence 41%
Not sure 21%

10. Thirty years from now, do you think labor unions will have more or less influence than they have today?

More influence 11%
About the same 22%
Less influence 37%
Not sure 30%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	31%	21%	8%	33%	7%
John Boehner	6%	20%	16%	23%	35%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	13%	22%	44%
Harry Reid	7%	20%	9%	27%	37%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	20%	9%	34%	26%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly Approve 22%
Somewhat Approve 26%
Somewhat Disapprove 10%
Strongly Disapprove 33%
Not Sure 9%

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13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The economy	18%	25%	11%	34%	12%
Immigration	13%	23%	15%	30%	19%
The environment	12%	30%	13%	25%	21%
Terrorism	24%	23%	13%	24%	17%
Gay rights	18%	24%	8%	28%	23%
Education	18%	29%	12%	22%	18%
Health care	21%	19%	10%	35%	14%
Social security	17%	23%	13%	27%	20%
The budget deficit	16%	23%	10%	35%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	17%	27%	18%	20%	17%
Taxes	23%	21%	10%	33%	14%
Medicare	16%	24%	11%	30%	20%
Abortion	16%	24%	6%	25%	28%

14. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve 3%
Somewhat approve 6%
Neither approve nor disapprove 17%
Somewhat disapprove 20%
Strongly disapprove 38%
Not sure 15%

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15. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal 7%
Liberal 14%
Moderate 34%
Conservative 20%
Very Conservative 9%
Not sure 15%

16. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal 32%
Liberal 23%
Moderate 22%
Conservative 3%
Very conservative 2%
Not sure 18%

17. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes 44%
Says what he thinks people want to hear 43%
Not sure 13%

18. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot 36%
Like somewhat 24%
Dislike 25%
Not sure 15%

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19. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	31%	41%	29%
Bold	30%	57%	12%
Effective	28%	49%	23%
Exciting	20%	61%	19%
Experienced	27%	48%	24%
Honest	32%	40%	28%
Hypocritical	28%	46%	26%
Inspiring	36%	44%	19%
Intelligent	54%	33%	13%
Partisan	24%	62%	14%
Patriotic	31%	41%	28%
Religious	15%	61%	25%
Sincere	36%	40%	23%
Steady	32%	55%	13%
Strong	37%	46%	17%

20. If the federal government raises taxes on the highest income brackets, what will this do to unemployment over the next year?

Increase unemployment 34%
Have no effect 50%
Decrease unemployment 16%

21. If the federal government increases spending, what will this do to unemployment over the next year?

Increase unemployment 37%
Have no effect 37%
Decrease unemployment 26%

22. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better 24%
About the same 31%
Getting worse 36%
Not sure 9%

23. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher 19%
About the same 32%
Lower 21%
Not sure 27%

24. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago 14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago 45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 34%
Not sure 7%

25. Gender

Male 48%
Female 52%

26. Education

No high school 10%
High school graduate 34%
Some college 22%
2-year college 13%
4-year college 14%
Post-graduate 8%

27. Age

18-29	29%
30-44	24%
45-64	35%
65+	12%

28. Race

White	66%
Black	13%
Hispanic	14%
Other	7%

29. Region

Northeast	20%
Midwest	23%
South	35%
West	22%

30. Party Identification

Democrat	36%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	23%
Lean Republican	8%
Republican	23%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 8-10, 2012
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.4 to 7.6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.14.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	$\pm$ 4.7% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	15 questions not reported.