THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLEGROUND POLL

A national survey of 1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters
Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

- Right direction: 24% (1/16/2014), 28% (3/20/2014)
- Unsure: 10% (1/16/2014), 8% (3/20/2014)
- Wrong track: 67% (1/16/2014), 64% (3/20/2014)
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Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals or entities who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so.

The Koch Brothers, Charles and David Koch  
- Favorable: 12%
- Unfavorable: 25%
- No Opinion: 11%
- Never Heard: 52%

US Senator Harry Reid  
- Favorable: 24%
- Unfavorable: 35%
- No Opinion: 16%
- Never Heard: 25%

US Senator Rand Paul  
- Favorable: 38%
- Unfavorable: 31%
- No Opinion: 15%
- Never Heard: 17%

Wall Street  
- Favorable: 29%
- Unfavorable: 39%
- No Opinion: 21%
- Never Heard: 11%

Barack Obama  
- Favorable: 47%
- Unfavorable: 49%
- No Opinion: 4%
- Never Heard: 0%
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- **Hillary Clinton**
  - Favorable: 54%
  - Unfavorable: 42%
  - No Opinion: 41%

- **Vice President Joe Biden**
  - Favorable: 44%
  - Unfavorable: 48%
  - No Opinion: 62%

- **New Jersey Governor Chris Christie**
  - Favorable: 34%
  - Unfavorable: 40%
  - No Opinion: 15%
  - Never Heard: 11%

- **Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush**
  - Favorable: 36%
  - Unfavorable: 40%
  - No Opinion: 18%
  - Never Heard: 7%
How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

- Approve: 41% (1/16/2014), 54% (3/20/2014)
- Unsure: 5% (1/16/2014), 3% (3/20/2014)
- Disapprove: 44% (1/16/2014), 53% (3/20/2014)
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Here is the first one:

**The Economy**

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**Solving problems**

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**Working with Congress**

- **1/16/2014**
  - Approve: 40%
  - Unsure: 3%
  - Disapprove: 56%

- **3/20/2014**
  - Approve: 40%
  - Unsure: 5%
  - Disapprove: 55%
I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

**The federal budget and spending**

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Jobs

1/16/2014
43% Approve
3% Unsure
54% Disapprove

3/20/2014
45% Approve
4% Unsure
51% Disapprove
I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

**Taxes**

1/16/2014

- Approve: 41%
- Unsure: 6%
- Disapprove: 53%

3/20/2014

- Approve: 42%
- Unsure: 8%
- Disapprove: 50%
I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

- Foreign policy: 40% approve, 6% unsure, 54% disapprove
- Social Security: 43% approve, 11% unsure, 47% disapprove
- Medicare: 43% approve, 9% unsure, 48% disapprove
- Standing up for the middle class: 48% approve, 4% unsure, 48% disapprove
- Representing middle class values: 47% approve, 4% unsure, 49% disapprove
How would you rate the job Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

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10/31/2013 1/16/2014 3/20/2014
How would you rate the job your Member of Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

- Approve: 39% (10/31/2013), 47% (1/16/2014), 46% (3/20/2014)
- Unsure: 11% (10/31/2013), 9% (1/16/2014), 12% (3/20/2014)
- Disapprove: 50% (10/31/2013), 44% (1/16/2014), 42% (3/20/2014)
I am going to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you have more confidence in - the Republican Party or the Democratic Party - to deal with this issue.

Here is the first one:

**The economy**
- Republican Party: 47%
- Democratic Party: 43%
- Both Equal: 1%
- Neither: 6%
- Unsure: 8%

**Solving problems**
- Republican Party: 35%
- Democratic Party: 43%
- Both Equal: 2%
- Neither: 15%
- Unsure: 5%

**The federal budget and spending**
- Republican Party: 48%
- Democratic Party: 41%
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**Jobs**
- Republican Party: 45%
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- Unsure: 2%

**Taxes**
- Republican Party: 47%
- Democratic Party: 44%
- Both Equal: 6%
- Neither: 3%

**Foreign policy**
- Republican Party: 47%
- Democratic Party: 42%
- Both Equal: 1%
- Neither: 6%
- Unsure: 4%
I am going to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you have more confidence in - the Republican Party or the Democratic Party - to deal with this issue.

- **Social Security**: 39% for GOP, 49% for DEM, 1% both, 7% neither, 4% unsure
- **Medicare**: 37% for GOP, 51% for DEM, 1% both, 6% neither, 5% unsure
- **Standing up for the middle class**: 36% for GOP, 54% for DEM, 8% both, 3% neither
- **Representing middle class values**: 39% for GOP, 52% for DEM, 1% both, 6% neither, 3% unsure
Do you think that the national economy has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?

- Gotten better: 35% (1/16/2014), 37% (3/20/2014)
- Gotten worse: 42% (1/16/2014), 41% (3/20/2014)
- Stayed the same: 23% (1/16/2014), 20% (3/20/2014)
- Unsure/Refused: 1% (1/16/2014), 1% (3/20/2014)
And, who do you think is most responsible for the current state of the national economy? Would you say it is…President Obama, Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, Big companies, Wealthy people, or Big labor unions?

- President Obama: 32%
- Republicans in Congress: 12%
- Democrats in Congress: 13%
- Big companies: 9%
- Wealthy people: 4%
- Big labor unions: 4%
Do you think that your personal economic situation has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?

- Gotten better: 22% (1/16/2014), 26% (3/20/2014)
- Gotten worse: 36% (1/16/2014), 34% (3/20/2014)
- Stayed the same: 40% (1/16/2014), 39% (3/20/2014)
- Combo/Other: 1%
- Unsure/Refused: 1%
Now, I would like to read you a list of statements that some people made. Please listen carefully as I read each statement and tell me if you would agree or disagree with that particular statement.

In America, anyone can get ahead if they work hard enough.  

I think the next generation will be better off economically than I am now.  

Our economy makes it too tough for the middle class to make ends meet.  

I am optimistic about where I will be financially five years from now.
Now, I would like to read you a list of statements that some people made. Please listen carefully as I read each statement and tell me if you would agree or disagree with that particular statement.

People who work hard for a living and play by the rules never seem to get ahead.

The economic rules in this country unfairly favor the rich.

Middle class people have it the toughest in our economic system. There are assistance programs for the poor and tax breaks for the rich, but no real help for middle class people.

The government should be doing something to reduce the gap between the rich and everyone else.
Do you believe that in the future your children will be…Better off, about the same, or worse off than you are right now?

- Better off: 26%
- About the same: 33%
- Worse off: 37%
- Unsure/Refused: 3%
In thinking about your own efforts to get ahead financially, what do you think is the biggest obstacle to you getting ahead? Would you say it is… Big government, Big labor, Big business, Big banks, All of these groups, or None of these groups?

- Big government: 23%
- Big labor: 2%
- Big business: 6%
- Big banks: 5%
- All: 35%
- None: 26%
- Unsure/Refused: 4%
In general, do you favor or oppose the Affordable Care Act, which is also called Obamacare?

- Favor: 43%  
- Unsure: 4%  
- Oppose: 56%

Survey dates:
- 1/31/2013
- 1/16/2014
- 3/20/2014
Do you think that the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, went too far, did not go far enough, or was about right?

- Too far: 49% (3/20/2014), 48% (1/16/2014), 49% (1/16/2013)
- Not far enough: 23% (3/20/2014), 23% (1/16/2014), 22% (1/16/2013)
- Was about right: 21% (3/20/2014), 20% (1/16/2014), 22% (1/16/2013)
- Combo/Other: 1% (3/20/2014), 1% (1/16/2014), 1% (1/16/2013)
- None: 2% (3/20/2014), 1% (1/16/2014), 1% (1/16/2013)
- Unsure/Refused: 6% (3/20/2014), 7% (1/16/2014), 7% (1/16/2013)
As you may know, several states have taken steps to legalize the use of marijuana. I am going to ask you about two proposals on this issue that you might vote on. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose this proposal.

- Making marijuana available in your state for medical purposes: 73% Favor, 2% Unsure, 25% Oppose
- Decriminalizing the possession of marijuana: 53% Favor, 3% Unsure, 44% Oppose
If there was a proposal on the ballot to legalize the use of marijuana, would you be… Much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote in that election?

- More likely: 68%
- Less likely: 13%
- No difference: 16%
- Unsure/refused: 3%
Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate who was committed to providing financial transparency for government spending so you could see how tax dollars are being spent?

- More likely: 92%
- Unsure: 2%
- No Difference: 1%
- Less likely: 4%