

## The Winthrop/ETV Poll Findings

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president of the United States?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Approve	48.8	18.1	87.2	43.8
Disapprove	37.8	65.2	6.1	39.6
Not sure	12.6	16	5.9	15.9
Refused	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Approve	24.6	8.3	48.1	19.7
Disapprove	62.6	84.6	31.2	69.3
Not Sure	11.6	6.7	18.4	11.0
Refuse to Answer	1.2	0.4	2.4	0.0

Thinking about the current path that our nation is taking, do you think our country is on the right track or headed in the wrong direction?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Right Track	38.4	11.2	74.1	34.4
Wrong Direction	48.9	76.5	15.6	51.0
Not Sure	11.6	11.9	10.0	12.9
Refused	1.1	0.4	0.4	1.6

Is your opinion of Michelle Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Michelle Obama yet to have an opinion?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Favorable	46.4	25.7	74.9	43.0
Not Favorable	11.5	18.8	2.4	12.2
Undecided	17.2	22.4	6.9	20.6
Haven't Heard Enough	20.5	28.7	13.2	18.7
Refused	4.4	4.5	2.5	5.4

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What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

[QUESTION WAS OPEN-ENDED]

	All
Economy/ Economic - Financial Crisis	49.7
Jobs or Unemployment	7.1
Politicians/Government	5.7
Health Care	5.0

	Republicans
Economy/ Economic - Financial Crisis	48.6
Moral Values	6.5
Jobs or Unemployment	6.3
Politicians/Government	6.1

	Democrats
Economy/ Economic - Financial Crisis	56.1
Health Care	8.5
Jobs or Unemployment	8.0
Politicians/Government	3.1

	Independents
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	50.7
Politicians/Government	7.3
Jobs or Unemployment	6.0
Moral Values	5.6

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How confident are you in President Obama's ability to handle threats to the United States? Would you say you are Very Confident, Somewhat Confident, Not Very Confident, or Not At All Confident?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very Confident	28.5	4.5	58.4	23.6
Somewhat Confident	27.8	26.5	29.3	30.6
Not Very Confident	18.3	28.8	4.9	19.5
Not At All Confident	19.7	34.0	2.3	21.3
Don't Know/ Refused	5.8	6.1	5.2	4.9

Whether your current level of confidence is high or low, compared to when President Obama first took office, are you more confident in his ability to handle threats to the United States, less confident in his ability to handle threats to the United States, or has your confidence in his ability to handle threats to the United States not changed?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
More	22.6	9.1	40.8	17.8
Less	20.9	29.5	5.2	25.0
Not Changed	50.9	56.9	47.8	51.4
Don't Know/ Refused	5.6	4.5	6.1	5.8

Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. How often would you say that you follow what is going on in government and public affairs: Most of the time, Some of the time, Only now and then, or Hardly at all?

	All
Most Of The Time	74.4
Some Of The Time	17.7
Only Now and Then	5.1
Hardly At All	2.1
Don't Know/Refused	0.7

Last month, President Obama decided to release memos from the Bush administration regarding interrogation techniques used on detainees by the CIA. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to release CIA memos on interrogation techniques?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Approve	33.0	7.4	62.9	31.3
Disapprove	56.1	85.3	20.6	62.7
Don't Know/Refused	10.9	7.2	16.5	6.0

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I realize that we just had a presidential election, but I'd like for you think about 2012. When you think of Republicans who might be a serious opponent for Barack Obama in the next presidential election, what is the first name that comes to mind?

	All
Can't Think of Anyone	62.9
Mitt Romney	7.6
Sarah Palin	7.6
Newt Gingrich	5.0
Mike Huckabee	2.6
Bobby Jindal	2.1
John McCain	1.7

**\*\* (No One Else Got Higher Than One Percent) \*\***

	Republicans
Can't Think of Anyone	50.8
Mitt Romney	11.9
Sarah Palin	9.8
Newt Gingrich	9.0
Mike Huckabee	6.9
Bobby Jindal	1.5
John McCain	1.5
Jeb Bush	1.0

**\*\* (No One Else Got Higher Than One Percent) \*\***

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion:

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Political Parties Do a Pretty Good Job of Representing the Views of Regular Voters	19.6	15.6	31.1	13.6
Political Parties Tend to Represent Extreme Views and Do Not Do a Good Job of Representing the Views of Regular Voters	64.6	72.8	47.7	72.7
Not Sure	12.4	10.8	17.3	8.5
Refused	3.3	0.8	3.9	5.1

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Which of the following statements comes closest to your beliefs:

	All
I Feel It Is Very Important For Me To Vote In Almost Every Election, If Possible	83.2
I Vote In Most Elections, But I Don't Think You Have To Vote In Every One	9.7
I Try To Vote In Elections Where I Really Care About the Outcome, But Otherwise, It's Not That Important	3.0
It's Usually Not That Important to Me Whether or Not I Vote in Most Elections	1.1
Don't Know/Refused	3.0

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS ONLY ASKED OF SELF-IDENTIFIED REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS WHO LEAN REPUBLICAN**

Mark Sanford, who is the Republican Governor of South Carolina, has been mentioned as a potential candidate for the 2012 Republican nomination for president. As of now, would you say you have a favorable opinion of Mark Sanford, an unfavorable opinion of Mark Sanford, don't have enough information about Mark Sanford to say, or haven't you thought much about this?"

Favorable	15.6
Unfavorable	2.7
Don't Have Enough Information	67.4
Haven't though much about it (including "Don't Know")	13.6
Refused	0.7

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Last month marked the first 100 days of Barack Obama's presidency. Would you say he has accomplished a great deal during that time, a good amount, not very much or little or nothing?

Is that a great deal or somewhat?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Great Deal	24.2	13.4	36.2	22.8
Good Amount	34.6	21.9	48.7	36.6
Not Very Much	18.5	27.8	6.7	20.6
Little or Nothing	15.6	27.9	3.3	13.9
Don't Know/Refused	7.1	9.0	5.2	6.0

Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion:

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
In General, More Government Regulation of Businesses Is Good Because It Prevents Practices That Take Advantage of Consumers	32.5	10.8	59.7	31.3
In General, More Government Regulation of Businesses Is Bad Because It Hampers Innovation Which Helps the Economy Grow	54.5	78.7	25.0	56.3
Don't Know/ Refused	12.9	10.5	15.3	12.4

Some people believe that we should spend less money for defense. Others feel that defense spending should be increased. How about you? Do you think we should spend less money for defense or increase spending for defense? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly – Spend Less	10.6	3.7	18.7	9.1
Somewhat – Spend Less	11.0	5.9	14.1	12.8
Keep Same [Volunteered]	19.6	17.9	21.0	20.7
Somewhat – Increase	15.0	20.5	13.1	10.2
Strongly – Increase	36.0	47.6	24.9	37.2
Don't Know/Refused	7.9	4.3	8.2	9.9

Some people think the government should provide fewer services, even in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending. Other people feel that critical areas should be spared from spending cuts. Which do you prefer, fewer services in all areas to reduce spending or spare critical areas from cuts?

Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

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	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
<b>Strongly – Cut Spending, Even in Critical Areas</b>	19.6	27.0	8.6	21.0
<b>Somewhat – Cut Spending, Even in Critical Areas</b>	7.3	7.2	5.2	9.0
<b>Somewhat – Spare Critical Areas From Cuts</b>	16.6	19.8	14.7	15.7
<b>Strongly – Spare Critical Areas From Cuts</b>	46.2	36.0	61.9	45.3
<b>Don't Know/Refused</b>	10.4	10.2	9.6	9.0

Which of the following comes closest to your beliefs?

	All	Republican	Democrat	Independent
<b>The United States Should Solve International Problems By Using Diplomacy and Other Forms of International Pressure and Use Military Force Only If Absolutely Necessary</b>	62.3	48.8	76.8	64.1
<b>Diplomacy and Pressure Often Fail and the US Must Be Ready to Use Military Force</b>	28.3	42.9	14.3	26.4
<b>Don't Know/Refused</b>	9.4	8.3	8.9	9.5

I'm going to read a series of statements. Some may be controversial. Some people agree with the statements while other people disagree with the statements, but we want to know how YOU feel. For each statement, tell me whether you Strongly Agree, Somewhat Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Somewhat Disagree, or Strongly Disagree.

The First Statement is: "Irish, Italians, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors."

	All
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	48.3
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	22.5
<b>Neither Agree Nor Disagree</b>	8.4
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	8.4
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	8.7
<b>Not Sure/Don't Know</b>	1.4
<b>Refused</b>	2.5

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**"Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve."**

	All
Strongly Agree	13.5
Somewhat Agree	13.4
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	9.8
Somewhat Disagree	22.3
Strongly Disagree	34.5
Not Sure/Don't Know	3.4
Refused	3.2

**"It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder, they could be just as well off as whites."**

	All
Strongly Agree	30.4
Somewhat Agree	18.0
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	11.1
Somewhat Disagree	15.6
Strongly Disagree	18.1
Not Sure/Don't Know	2.9
Refused	3.9

**"Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class."**

	All
Strongly Agree	16.8
Somewhat Agree	20.5
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	6.2
Somewhat Disagree	15.0
Strongly Disagree	34.7
Not Sure/Don't Know	2.2
Refused	4.6

We're interested in how well people remember news events from the past. For the next two questions, we want to know if you recall the information from the news. First, do you recall which year the September 11th terrorist attacks occurred in?

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	All
2001	66.4
Any Other Year	12.9
Can't Remember	17.1
Refused	3.6

Next, can you recall the name of the current Vice President of the United States?

	All
Joe Biden (or "Biden")	76.0
Dick Cheney (or "Cheney")	2.2
Any Other Name	1.4
Can't Remember	17.1
Refused	3.3

Which of the following best describes your regional identity?

	All
Non-Southerner	17.0
Converted Southerner	19.6
Native Southerner	58.5
Not Sure [Vol.]	3.0
Refused [Vol.]	1.9