

# Winthrop Poll Results Of SC Registered Voters

**Among Republicans, Almost 80% Disapprove Way Congress Is Doing Its Job**

**Respondents Nearly Evenly Split on Obama Job Performance**

**Before Campaigns Get Underway, Top Candidates From 2008 Still Pull Most Support Most Candidates Still Unknown To Voters**

**Among Republicans, Romney Most-Often Named As Eventual 2012 GOP Presidential Nominee, But Almost 50% Say They Are Not Sure**

**Among Republicans, Those Not Receiving Social Security or Medicare Almost Evenly Divided On Whether To Reduce Future Benefits/Raise Retirement Age to 70 To Tackle National Budget Concerns**

**Among Republicans, While 64% Say They Are Not Members of Tea Party Movement, 74% Agree With Its Principles**

The results of the latest Winthrop Poll, of 1363 registered voters in South Carolina, taken between April 17-23, 2011 are in. Results which use all respondents have a margin of error of +/- 2.65% at the 95% confidence level. Reported results using a subset of the entire sample will naturally have a higher margin of error.

The majority of questions, however, were **only** asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican (previous research has shown that leaners often behave in a more consistently partisan manner than weak party identifiers). These results come from **589 Republicans and Republican leaners in SC who are also registered to vote** and have a margin of error of +/- 4.04% at the 95% confidence level. Reported results using a subset of the entire sample will naturally have a higher margin of error. Phone calls were made during weekday evenings, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon and evening. *For further explanation of Methodology, see conclusion of release.*

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**NOTE:**

\*\*The margin of error for data using **all respondents** is +/- **2.65%**. Results using a subset of all respondents will naturally have a higher margin of error.

**Among the Winthrop Poll findings—keeping in mind that since campaigning has not really begun, the results dealing with the 2012 election must be considered as preliminary numbers:**

- **Despite the fact that Republicans recently reclaimed the majority in the House, among Republicans, 78.5% said they disapproved of the way Congress is doing its job.**
- **When asked about Barack Obama’s job performance as president, 43.4% of all respondents approved, while 47.4% disapproved. Independents, whom many cite as a key factor in the 2012 election, disapproved by 55%.**
- **Among Republicans, those who were asked who they thought the eventual 2012 Republican nominee would be, regardless of the one they currently supported, named Mitt Romney most frequently—by 21.4% of respondents. The second most-frequently named was Mike Hukabee, with 8.3%--however, 47.4% said they weren’t sure.**
- **Among Republicans, 64% said they did not consider themselves members of the Tea Party movement, but three-out-of-four said they generally agreed with the party’s principles.**
- **Among Republicans, 56% said that it was more important to select a Republican presidential nominee who matched their beliefs, while 32.4% said it was more important to select a candidate who could beat Obama in 2012.**
- **Among Republicans who are currently receiving Social Security or Medicare benefits, 69% said they would NOT be willing to have those benefits reduced to address the national budget concerns. Republicans not yet receiving those benefits were almost evenly divided, with 42.2% saying they WOULD be willing and 48.3% saying they WOULD NOT.**

**Questions**

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

|                   | All  | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
|-------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Approve           | 43.4 | 83.2     | 8.6        | 33.5        |
| Disapprove        | 47.4 | 6.7      | 86.8       | 55.0        |
| Not Sure          | 8.6  | 9.2      | 3.7        | 11.2        |
| Refused to Answer | .6   | .9       | 1.0        | .3          |

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

|                   | All  | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
|-------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Approve           | 15.4 | 21.8     | 10.5       | 11.1        |
| Disapprove        | 73.1 | 63.2     | 78.5       | 81.8        |
| Not Sure          | 10.6 | 14.0     | 10.0       | 7.1         |
| Refused to Answer | .9   | .9       | 1.0        | 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  | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
|-------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Right Track       | 24.3 | 50.7     | 4.2        | 14.4        |
| Wrong Direction   | 62.5 | 31.3     | 89.7       | 73.2        |
| Not Sure          | 11.6 | 16.1     | 5.2        | 10.8        |
| Refused to Answer | 1.5  | 1.8      | 1.0        | 1.6         |

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**NOTE:** The following Questions were only asked of those who identified themselves as Republicans or Independents who Lean Republican (research has demonstrated that partisan leaners often behave in a more consistently partisan manner than weak party identifiers).

\*\*The margin of error for data using all **Republicans/ Republican Leaners** is +/- **4.04%**

\*\*The margin of error for data using only those who “**definitely**” plan to vote in the **2012 Republican presidential primary** is +/- **4.56%**

Thinking ahead to the 2012 **Republican** Presidential Primary in South Carolina, would you say you DEFINITELY plan to vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, will PROBABLY vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, MAY OR MAY NOT vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, or Probably WILL NOT vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary?

|                                  | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Definitely                       | 78.5                                      |
| Probably                         | 13.2                                      |
| May or May Not                   | 6.6                                       |
| Probably Not                     | 1.2                                       |
| Don't Know/<br>Refused to Answer | .5  |

What do you think is the most important problem facing the United States of America today?  
**Top four responses given.**

|                              | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|------------------------------|---|
| Economy//                    |   |
| Economic<br>Financial Crisis | 33.0                                      |
| Budget Deficit or<br>Debt    | 32.0                                      |
| Politicians/<br>Government   | 7.2                                       |
| Jobs or<br>Unemployment      | 6.5                                       |

What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of South Carolina today? **Top four responses given.**

|                              | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|------------------------------|---|
| Jobs or<br>Unemployment      | 23.8                                      |
| Economy//                    |   |
| Economic<br>Financial Crisis | 22.8                                      |
| Budget Deficit or<br>Debt    | 13.1                                      |
| Education                    | 12.6                                      |

How closely would you say that you have been following the race for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination: Very closely, Somewhat closely, Not Very closely, or Not At All closely?

|                                     | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Very Closely                        | 25.3                                      |
| Somewhat<br>Closely                 | 43.3                                      |
| Not Very Closely                    | 21.8                                      |
| Not at All Closely                  | 8.8                                       |
| Don't Know/<br>Refused to<br>Answer | .8  |

Although we do not yet know who his Republican opponent will be, how likely do you think it is that Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012? Very Likely, Somewhat Likely, Not Very Likely, or Not At All Likely?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Likely          | 7.8                                       |
| Somewhat Likely      | 35.3                                      |
| Not Very Likely      | 27.8                                      |
| Not at All Likely    | 23.1                                      |
| Not Sure             | 5.4                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .5  |

I'm going to read the titles and names of 15 people who have been mentioned as possible candidates for the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination. The names are in alphabetical order. Please listen to all the names before selecting one.

Thinking ahead to the **2012** Presidential election, who would you vote for as your **FIRST CHOICE** to be the next Republican nominee for President if the primary election were held today?

|  | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|--|---|--|
| Minnesota<br>Representative<br>Michele<br>Bachmann | 3.8                                       | 3.7  |
| Mississippi<br>Governor Haley<br>Barbour           | 1.5                                       | 2.0  |
| Former CEO of<br>Godfather's Pizza<br>Herman Cain  | 1.7                                       | 2.1  |
| New Jersey<br>Governor Chris<br>Christie           | 6.2                                       | 6.2  |
| Indiana Governor<br>Mitch Daniels                  | .6  | .5   |
| Former Speaker<br>Newt Gingrich                    | 8.1                                       | 8.1  |
| Former Arkansas<br>Governor Mike<br>Huckabee       | 17.8                                      | 19.1   |
| Former Utah<br>Governor Jon<br>Huntsman            | .8  | .3   |
| Former New<br>Mexico Governor<br>Gary Johnson      | 0.0                                       | 0.0  |
| Former Alaska<br>Governor Sarah<br>Palin           | 8.6                                       | 7.9  |
| Texas<br>Representative<br>Ron Paul                | 2.5                                       | 2.1  |

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|--|------|------|
| Former<br>Minnesota<br>Governor Tim<br>Pawlenty    | 1.7  | 2.1  |
| Former<br>Massachusetts<br>Governor Mitt<br>Romney | 16.1 | 16.6 |
| Former<br>Pennsylvania<br>Senator Rick<br>Santorum | 1.4  | 1.8  |
| Developer and<br>Celebrity Donald<br>Trump         | 9.9  | 11.3 |
| Other  | 1.0  | 1.1  |
| Not Sure   | 16.9 | 13.6 |
| Refused to<br>Answer                               | 1.4  | 1.6  |

Would you say your support for that candidate is Very Strong, Somewhat Strong, Not Very Strong, or Not At All Strong?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Very Strong          | 27.7                                      | 30.9   |
| Somewhat Strong      | 61.8                                      | 59.1   |
| Not Very Strong      | 7.2                                       | 6.8  |
| Not at All Strong    | 2.3                                       | 1.9  |
| Not Sure             | .9  | 1.1  |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .1  | .1   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is there any candidate for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination whose name you may have heard and you would like to learn more about?

|  | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|--|---|--|
| Minnesota<br>Representative<br>Michele<br>Bachmann | 3.6                                       | 3.7  |
| Mississippi<br>Governor Haley<br>Barbour           | 1.0                                       | 1.2  |
| Former CEO of<br>Godfather's Pizza<br>Herman Cain  | 1.3                                       | 1.7  |
| New Jersey<br>Governor Chris<br>Christie           | 2.2                                       | 2.2  |
| Indiana Governor<br>Mitch Daniels                  | .2  | .2   |
| Former Speaker<br>Newt Gingrich                    | 2.0                                       | 2.5  |
| Former Arkansas<br>Governor Mike<br>Huckabee       | 2.1                                       | 2.3  |
| Former Utah<br>Governor Jon<br>Huntsman            | .3  | .2   |
| Former New<br>Mexico Governor<br>Gary Johnson      | 1.3                                       | 1.7  |
| Former Alaska<br>Governor Sarah<br>Palin           | 1.6                                       | 2.0  |
| Texas<br>Representative<br>Ron Paul                | 2.5                                       | 2.4  |
| Former<br>Minnesota<br>Governor Tim                | 2.0                                       | 2.4  |



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|--|------|------|
| Pawlenty<br>Former<br>Massachusetts<br>Governor Mitt<br>Romney | 3.9  | 4.2  |
| Former<br>Pennsylvania<br>Senator Rick<br>Santorum             | .8   | 1.0  |
| Developer and<br>Celebrity Donald<br>Trump                     | 4.1  | 4.4  |
| Other  | 5.9  | 6.9  |
| Not Sure   | 50.2 | 46.5 |
| Refused to<br>Answer   | 15.1 | 14.5 |

Regardless of who you currently support, who do you think the eventual 2012 Republican presidential nominee will be?

|  | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|--|---|
| Minnesota<br>Representative<br>Michele<br>Bachmann | 1.0                                       |
| Mississippi<br>Governor Haley<br>Barbour           | .1  |
| Former CEO of<br>Godfather's Pizza<br>Herman Cain  | 0.0                                       |
| New Jersey<br>Governor Chris<br>Christie           | .7  |
| Indiana Governor<br>Mitch Daniels                  | .1  |
| Former Speaker<br>Newt Gingrich                    | 4.9                                       |
| Former Arkansas<br>Governor Mike<br>Huckabee       | 8.3                                       |
| Former Utah  | .2  |

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|--|------|
| Governor Jon<br>Huntsman                           |      |
| Former New<br>Mexico Governor<br>Gary Johnson      | 0.0  |
| Former Alaska<br>Governor Sarah<br>Palin           | 4.1  |
| Texas<br>Representative<br>Ron Paul                | .6   |
| Former<br>Minnesota<br>Governor Tim<br>Pawlenty    | 1.0  |
| Former<br>Massachusetts<br>Governor Mitt<br>Romney | 21.4 |
| Former<br>Pennsylvania<br>Senator Rick<br>Santorum | .2   |
| Developer and<br>Celebrity Donald<br>Trump         | 7.3  |
| Other  | .9   |
| Not Sure   | 47.4 |
| Refused to<br>Answer                               | 1.7  |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Michele Bachmann** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                         | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable          | 14.7                                      | 17.2   |
| Somewhat<br>Favorable   | 13.6                                      | 14.6   |
| Somewhat<br>Unfavorable | 2.5                                       | 2.7  |
| Very Unfavorable        | 2.5                                       | 2.2  |
| Undecided               | 13.7                                      | 12.1   |
| Haven't Heard<br>Enough | 51.3                                      | 50.5   |
| Refused to<br>Answer    | 1.8                                       | .8   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Haley Barbour** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                         | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable          | 6.0                                       | 6.9  |
| Somewhat<br>Favorable   | 12.1                                      | 13.2   |
| Somewhat<br>Unfavorable | 3.5                                       | 4.3  |
| Very Unfavorable        | 4.6                                       | 5.5  |
| Undecided               | 11.7                                      | 10.9   |
| Haven't Heard<br>Enough | 60.5                                      | 58.6   |
| Refused to<br>Answer    | 1.6                                       | .6   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Newt Gingrich** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable       | 16.6                                      | 18.8   |
| Somewhat Favorable   | 28.8                                      | 30.5   |
| Somewhat Unfavorable | 10.2                                      | 9.9  |
| Very Unfavorable     | 12.9                                      | 13.7   |
| Undecided            | 12.0                                      | 11.6   |
| Haven't Heard Enough | 17.2                                      | 13.8   |
| Refused to Answer    | 2.2                                       | 1.7  |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Mike Huckabee** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable       | 29.4                                      | 32.4   |
| Somewhat Favorable   | 29.6                                      | 30.5   |
| Somewhat Unfavorable | 5.6                                       | 6.5  |
| Very Unfavorable     | 5.5                                       | 6.2  |
| Undecided            | 11.6                                      | 10.9   |
| Haven't Heard Enough | 16.3                                      | 12.6   |
| Refused to Answer    | 2.1                                       | .9   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Sarah Palin** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                         | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable          | 22.6                                      | 23.3   |
| Somewhat<br>Favorable   | 25.3                                      | 28.2   |
| Somewhat<br>Unfavorable | 12.9                                      | 12.2   |
| Very Unfavorable        | 19.4                                      | 18.3   |
| Undecided               | 10.7                                      | 11.1   |
| Haven't Heard<br>Enough | 7.6                                       | 6.0  |
| Refused to<br>Answer    | 1.6                                       | .9   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Tim Pawlenty** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                         | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable          | 5.7                                       | 7.2  |
| Somewhat<br>Favorable   | 10.9                                      | 12.8   |
| Somewhat<br>Unfavorable | 1.7                                       | 2.1  |
| Very Unfavorable        | 2.2                                       | 2.5  |
| Undecided               | 11.9                                      | 11.4   |
| Haven't Heard<br>Enough | 66.0                                      | 63.2   |
| Refused to<br>Answer    | 1.5                                       | .8   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Mitt Romney** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable       | 23.9                                      | 26.0   |
| Somewhat Favorable   | 29.7                                      | 33.5   |
| Somewhat Unfavorable | 8.4                                       | 8.1  |
| Very Unfavorable     | 8.1                                       | 8.6  |
| Undecided            | 12.7                                      | 12.4   |
| Haven't Heard Enough | 15.6                                      | 10.6   |
| Refused to Answer    | 1.6                                       | .8   |

Regardless of who you currently support, is your opinion of **Rick Santorum** Favorable, Unfavorable, Undecided, or Haven't you heard enough about this person to have an opinion?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>"Definitely"<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Very Favorable       | 6.2                                       | 6.8  |
| Somewhat Favorable   | 11.4                                      | 14.4   |
| Somewhat Unfavorable | 3.6                                       | 4.3  |
| Very Unfavorable     | 4.4                                       | 4.3  |
| Undecided            | 9.4                                       | 10.2   |
| Haven't Heard Enough | 62.9                                      | 59.1   |
| Refused to Answer    | 2.1                                       | 1.0  |

Which of the following comes closest to your beliefs: [ANSWERS ROTATED]

**It is more important to select a Republican presidential nominee who can beat Barack Obama in 2012 – OR – It is more important to select a Republican presidential nominee who matches my beliefs.**

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only | Those<br>“Definitely”<br>planning to vote<br>in 2012 Repub.<br>Pres. Primary |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Beat Obama           | 32.4                                      | 34.8   |
| Match Beliefs        | 56.0                                      | 53.3   |
| Both                 | 7.7                                       | 8.7  |
| [Volunteered]        |   |  |
| Not Sure             | 2.9                                       | 2.4  |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.1                                       | .8   |

How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Good            | .9  |
| Fairly Good          | 8.1                                       |
| Fairly Bad           | 32.7                                      |
| Very Bad             | 57.1                                      |
| Not Sure             | 1.1                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .1  |

Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Getting Better       | 23.1                                      |
| Getting Worse        | 66.9                                      |
| Not Sure             | 9.9                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .1  |

How would you rate the condition of the economy of South Carolina these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Good            | .9  |
| Fairly Good          | 31.8                                      |
| Fairly Bad           | 45.9                                      |
| Very Bad             | 15.2                                      |
| Not Sure             | 6.0                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .2  |

Right now, do you think that economic conditions in South Carolina are getting better or getting worse?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Getting Better       | 40.7                                      |
| Getting Worse        | 38.2                                      |
| Not Sure             | 18.8                                      |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 2.3                                       |

Right now, do you believe that economic conditions in South Carolina are better than those of the nation as a whole, worse than those of the nation as a whole, or about the same as those of the nation as a whole?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Better               | 23.3                                      |
| Worse                | 17.0                                      |
| Same                 | 53.1                                      |
| Not Sure             | 5.9                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .6  |



How would you rate your financial situation today? As excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Excellent            | 10.7                                      |
| Good                 | 43.8                                      |
| Only Fair            | 34.4                                      |
| Poor                 | 8.7                                       |
| Not Sure             | .9  |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.5                                       |

Right now, do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Getting Better       | 34.2                                      |
| Getting Worse        | 41.1                                      |
| Not Sure             | 21.7                                      |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 3.0                                       |

Would you be willing to have your current Social Security or Medicare benefits reduced in order to address national budget concerns? (among those currently receiving Social Security or Medicare)

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Yes                  | 23.3                                      |
| No                   | 69.0                                      |
| Not Sure             | 7.5                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .3  |

Would you be willing to have your future Social Security or Medicare benefits reduced in order to address national budget concerns? (among those not currently receiving Social Security or Medicare)

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Yes                  | 42.2                                      |
| No                   | 48.3                                      |
| Not Sure             | 8.4                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.1                                       |

Would you be willing to have the retirement age at which you can receive full Social Security or Medicare benefits raised to 70 years old in order to address national budget concerns? (among those not currently receiving Social Security or Medicare)

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Yes                  | 47.1                                      |
| No                   | 46.0                                      |
| Not Sure             | 6.3                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .6  |

Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All.

The first term is "caring." Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Well            | 6.8                                       |
| Well                 | 26.9                                      |
| Not Too Well         | 30.9                                      |
| Not Well at All      | 31.0                                      |
| Not Sure             | 2.7                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.7                                       |

The next term is "honest." Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Well            | 3.5                                       |
| Well                 | 17.0                                      |
| Not Too Well         | 31.0                                      |
| Not Well at All      | 42.8                                      |
| Not Sure             | 3.8                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.9                                       |

The next term is "intelligent." Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Well            | 39.8                                      |
| Well                 | 35.2                                      |
| Not Too Well         | 11.8                                      |
| Not Well at All      | 8.7                                       |
| Not Sure             | 2.9                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.7                                       |

The next term is "socialist." Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Very Well            | 53.5                                      |
| Well                 | 24.1                                      |
| Not Too Well         | 7.3                                       |
| Not Well at All      | 5.7                                       |
| Not Sure             | 7.6                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.7                                       |

Now, thinking about Barack Obama's religious beliefs... Do you happen to know what Barack Obama's religion is? Is he Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, or something else?

|                             | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners<br>Only |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Christian                   | 34.4   |
| Jewish                      | .1   |
| Muslim                      | 25.0   |
| Buddhist                    | 0.0  |
| Hindu                       | .1   |
| Atheist                     | 2.8  |
| Agnostic                    | 2.5  |
| Something Else/<br>Multiple | 16.4   |
| Refused to Answer           | 18.7   |

Do you think Barack Obama was definitely born in the United States, probably born in the United States, probably born in another country, or definitely born in another country?

|                                       | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners<br>Only |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Definitely born in the<br>US          | 16.5   |
| Probably Born in the US               | 28.1   |
| Probably Born in<br>Another Country   | 25.3   |
| Definitely Born in<br>Another Country | 15.9   |
| Not Sure                              | 13.5   |
| Refused to Answer                     | .7   |

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nikki Haley is handling her job as governor of the South Carolina?

|                   | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|-------------------|---|
| Approve           | 65.7                                      |
| Disapprove        | 13.4                                      |
| Not Sure          | 18.4                                      |
| Refused to Answer | 2.6                                       |

Whether you approve or disapprove of her overall performance, I'd like for you to think about your expectations for Nikki Haley's performance as governor of South Carolina. Since her inauguration as governor in early January of this year, would you say that her performance has exceeded your expectations, met your expectations, or failed to meet your expectations?

|   | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners<br>Only |
|---|--|
| Greatly Exceeded<br>Expectations        | 1.9  |
| Somewhat Exceeded<br>Expectations       | 5.8  |
| Met Expectations                        | 62.9   |
| Somewhat Failed to<br>Meet Expectations | 12.8   |
| Greatly Failed to Meet<br>Expectations  | 4.8  |
| Not Sure                                | 10.2   |
| Refused to Answer                       | 1.7  |

What, if any, is your religious preference: Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, an Orthodox religion such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church, or something else?

|                                     | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Protestant                          | 77.1                                      |
| Roman Catholic                      | 9.3                                       |
| Jewish                              | .3  |
| Mormon                              | .8  |
| Jehovah's<br>Witness                | 0.0                                       |
| Muslim                              | 0.0                                       |
| Orthodox                            | .2  |
| No Religious<br>Preference          | 1.2                                       |
| Other                               | 9.7                                       |
| Don't Know/<br>Refused to<br>Answer | 1.5                                       |

Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian? (asked **only** of Protestants)

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Yes                  | 71.5                                      |
| No                   | 23.2                                      |
| Not Sure             | 3.7                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | 1.6                                       |

Would you consider yourself a **MEMBER** of the **Tea Party Movement**?

|                      | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|----------------------|---|
| Yes                  | 28.6                                      |
| No                   | 64.0                                      |
| Not Sure             | 7.1                                       |
| Refused to<br>Answer | .4  |

Regardless of whether you consider yourself a member of the Tea Party movement or not, would you say that you generally agree with the principles of the Tea Party movement or generally disagree with the principles of the Tea Party movement?

|  | Republican/<br>Republican<br>Leaners Only |
|--|---|
| Agree  | 74.0                                      |
| Disagree                                       | 7.8                                       |
| Neither Agree<br>Nor Disagree<br>[Volunteered] | 7.5                                       |
| Not Sure                                       | 10.1                                      |
| Refused to<br>Answer                           | .6  |

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