

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the CNN logo in a stylized, outlined font on the left, followed by a vertical bar and the letters 'ORC' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'POLL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

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**Interviews with 923 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on May 17-18, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 648 interviews among landline respondents and 275 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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

	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>App- App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No No opinion</u>
May 17-18, 2013	53%	45%	2%	March 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%
April 5-7, 2013	51%	47%	3%	March 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%
March 15-17, 2013	47%	50%	3%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
Jan. 14-15, 2013	55%	43%	2%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
March 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	March 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	March 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
				Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
				Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

4. What is your overall opinion of the Internal Revenue Service, also known as the IRS -- is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

May 17-18  
2013

Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%
Very unfavorable	35%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 Apr 7-9*	5	35	35	21	4

\* Asked of a half sample.

7. How much confidence do you have in our system of government -- a great deal of confidence, some, only a little, or none at all?

May 17-18  
2013

Great deal	17%
Some	39%
Only a little	26%
None at all	17%
No opinion	*

CNN/TIME TREND

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 June 17-21	23	42	26	7	2
1990 Oct	28	41	23	8	*

8. How much confidence do you have in the people who run our government -- a great deal of confidence, some, only a little, or none at all?

May 17-18  
2013

Great deal	8%
Some	35%
Only a little	34%
None at all	22%
No opinion	*

CNN/TIME TREND

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 June 17-21	9	45	36	9	1
1990 Oct	8	47	32	12	1

13. As you may know, the IRS targeted conservative political groups for greater scrutiny of their applications for tax-exempt status. How important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

May 17-18  
2013

Very important	55%
Somewhat important	30%
Not too important	10%
Not important at all	5%
No opinion	1%

14. Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you think that the actions of the IRS were acceptable or unacceptable?

May 17-18  
2013

Acceptable	26%
Unacceptable	71%
No opinion	2%

15. Do you think that what Barack Obama has said in public about this matter has been completely true, mostly true, mostly false, or completely false?

May 17-18  
2013

Completely true	15%
Mostly true	46%
Mostly false	22%
Completely false	13%
No opinion	5%

16. Do you think the Republicans in Congress are overreacting to this matter or are they reacting appropriately?

May 17-18  
2013

Overreacting	42%
Reacting appropriately	54%
No opinion	4%

17. Do you think that senior White House officials ordered the IRS to target those political groups for greater scrutiny, or do you think those IRS officials acted on their own without direct orders from the White House?

May 17-18  
2013

White House ordered it	37%
IRS acted on their own	55%
No opinion	8%

18. As you may know, in September, terrorists attacked the U.S. consulate in Libya and killed the U.S. ambassador to that country and three other U.S. citizens. Based on what you have read or heard, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Obama administration has handled this matter in the past few months?

	May 17-18 <u>2013</u>	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>
Satisfied	42%	43%	40%
Dissatisfied	53%	50%	54%
No opinion	5%	7%	6%

19. As you may know, immediately after the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya, some Obama administration officials made inaccurate public statements about that incident. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view:

	May 17-18 <u>2013</u>	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>
Those statements were an attempt by the Obama administration to intentionally mislead the American public about that attack	44%	40%	40%
Those statements reflected what the Obama administration believed at the time had occurred based on the unclassified information available	50%	56%	54%
No opinion	6%	4%	6%

20. Thinking specifically about the inaccurate statements made by the Obama administration and not about the initial attack which occurred in Libya, how important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	May 17-18 <u>2013</u>
Very important	55%
Somewhat important	29%
Not too important	10%
Not important at all	4%
No opinion	2%

21. Do you think the U.S. government could or could not have prevented the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya?

	May 17-18 <u>2013</u>	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>
Could have prevented	59%	48%
Could not have prevented	36%	42%
No opinion	5%	9%

22. Do you think the Republicans in Congress are overreacting to this matter or are they reacting appropriately?

	May 17-18 <u>2013</u>
Overreacting	37%
Reacting appropriately	59%
No opinion	4%



23. As you may know, after the Associated Press ran news stories that included classified information about U.S. anti-terrorism efforts, the Justice Department secretly collected phone records for reporters and editors who work there. How important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

May 17-18  
2013

Very important	53%
Somewhat important	34%
Not too important	8%
Not important at all	4%
No opinion	1%

24. Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you think that the actions of the Justice Department were acceptable or unacceptable?

May 17-18  
2013

Acceptable	43%
Unacceptable	52%
No opinion	5%

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 923 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 33% described themselves as Democrats, 24% described themselves as Republicans, and 43% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 1

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	53%	50%	56%	41%	78%
Disapprove	45%	49%	42%	57%	19%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	53%	63%	50%	48%	44%	57%	47%
Disapprove	45%	34%	48%	51%	54%	40%	52%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	53%	59%	48%	56%	50%
Disapprove	45%	38%	50%	42%	48%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	53%	87%	47%	15%	75%	61%	31%
Disapprove	45%	13%	49%	84%	19%	37%	68%
No opinion	2%	*	4%	1%	5%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	53%	64%	59%	44%	47%	66%	43%	44%
Disapprove	45%	33%	37%	55%	53%	34%	54%	52%
No opinion	2%	4%	3%	1%	1%	*	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 4

What is your overall opinion of the Internal Revenue Service, also known as the IRS -- is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very favorable	6%	7%	6%	5%	9%
Somewhat favorable	28%	26%	30%	23%	38%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	30%	30%	31%	29%
Very unfavorable	35%	37%	33%	41%	23%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very favorable	6%	6%	9%	4%	7%	7%	5%
Somewhat favorable	28%	36%	26%	19%	28%	31%	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	33%	31%	32%	22%	32%	28%
Very unfavorable	35%	24%	35%	44%	43%	29%	43%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very favorable	6%	9%	3%	8%	5%
Somewhat favorable	28%	31%	26%	29%	26%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	28%	33%	25%	34%
Very unfavorable	35%	32%	37%	37%	34%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very favorable	6%	10%	5%	4%	8%	6%	6%
Somewhat favorable	28%	33%	26%	25%	38%	27%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	29%	34%	23%	27%	36%	23%
Very unfavorable	35%	27%	35%	47%	25%	30%	47%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very favorable	6%	4%	9%	8%	4%	6%	5%	7%
Somewhat favorable	28%	28%	30%	25%	31%	33%	25%	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	31%	33%	32%	23%	32%	27%	33%
Very unfavorable	35%	37%	27%	34%	42%	28%	40%	34%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	*	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 7

How much confidence do you have in our system of government -- a great deal of confidence, some, only a little, or none at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal	17%	19%	15%	14%	23%
Some	39%	40%	39%	37%	44%
Only a little	26%	23%	29%	28%	23%
None at all	17%	18%	17%	21%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal	17%	12%	20%	17%	22%	16%	19%
Some	39%	45%	36%	39%	33%	41%	37%
Only a little	26%	26%	23%	29%	28%	25%	28%
None at all	17%	17%	21%	15%	17%	19%	16%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal	17%	17%	19%	12%	21%
Some	39%	40%	39%	40%	39%
Only a little	26%	29%	24%	28%	25%
None at all	17%	15%	18%	19%	16%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	17%	21%	15%	15%	20%	14%	19%
Some	39%	53%	35%	27%	44%	45%	30%
Only a little	26%	17%	29%	34%	18%	25%	32%
None at all	17%	10%	20%	23%	18%	16%	18%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal	17%	16%	16%	15%	21%	21%	15%	14%
Some	39%	46%	43%	29%	43%	45%	35%	33%
Only a little	26%	25%	27%	35%	16%	18%	31%	30%
None at all	17%	13%	15%	21%	20%	15%	19%	22%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 8

How much confidence do you have in the people who run our government -- a great deal of confidence, some, only a little, or none at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal	8%	6%	11%	5%	16%
Some	35%	34%	37%	31%	46%
Only a little	34%	36%	33%	39%	23%
None at all	22%	25%	19%	24%	16%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal	8%	10%	11%	5%	6%	11%	6%
Some	35%	36%	32%	35%	37%	35%	36%
Only a little	34%	32%	35%	35%	34%	34%	35%
None at all	22%	21%	21%	24%	23%	21%	24%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal	8%	11%	7%	6%	10%
Some	35%	38%	33%	42%	31%
Only a little	34%	31%	37%	30%	37%
None at all	22%	20%	23%	22%	22%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	8%	15%	6%	5%	12%	9%	5%
Some	35%	53%	30%	21%	45%	41%	25%
Only a little	34%	22%	40%	40%	24%	34%	40%
None at all	22%	10%	24%	34%	19%	16%	30%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal	8%	10%	8%	10%	6%	14%	5%	3%
Some	35%	37%	37%	32%	37%	37%	31%	41%
Only a little	34%	35%	37%	35%	29%	32%	36%	37%
None at all	22%	18%	18%	23%	28%	18%	27%	18%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 13

As you may know, the IRS targeted conservative political groups for greater scrutiny of their applications for tax-exempt status. How important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very important	55%	59%	51%	52%	62%
Somewhat important	30%	26%	33%	32%	25%
Not too important	10%	10%	9%	10%	10%
Not important at all	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very important	55%	54%	54%	55%	57%	54%	56%
Somewhat important	30%	33%	30%	31%	25%	31%	28%
Not too important	10%	9%	12%	10%	6%	11%	8%
Not important at all	5%	4%	5%	4%	11%	4%	7%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very important	55%	56%	53%	57%	53%
Somewhat important	30%	31%	30%	30%	30%
Not too important	10%	7%	13%	6%	13%
Not important at all	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	55%	46%	55%	69%	39%	47%	71%
Somewhat important	30%	33%	32%	21%	35%	36%	21%
Not too important	10%	12%	10%	6%	12%	12%	6%
Not important at all	5%	9%	3%	4%	11%	5%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	2%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very important	55%	57%	45%	61%	55%	52%	55%	51%
Somewhat important	30%	24%	35%	28%	32%	32%	30%	33%
Not too important	10%	13%	11%	6%	10%	10%	10%	7%
Not important at all	5%	5%	7%	5%	3%	6%	4%	8%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 14

Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you think that the actions of the IRS were acceptable or unacceptable?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Acceptable	26%	27%	26%	21%	37%
Unacceptable	71%	71%	72%	77%	59%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Acceptable	26%	48%	19%	14%	17%	35%	15%
Unacceptable	71%	51%	77%	82%	81%	63%	82%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Acceptable	26%	36%	18%	32%	21%
Unacceptable	71%	62%	79%	67%	75%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Acceptable	26%	34%	26%	15%	36%	27%	19%
Unacceptable	71%	62%	71%	84%	60%	72%	78%
No opinion	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Acceptable	26%	27%	31%	26%	21%	33%	22%	26%
Unacceptable	71%	70%	66%	73%	76%	64%	74%	73%
No opinion	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 15

Do you think that what Barack Obama has said in public about this matter has been completely true, mostly true, mostly false, or completely false?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Completely true	15%	10%	19%	12%	21%
Mostly true	46%	47%	44%	40%	58%
Mostly false	22%	24%	19%	26%	11%
Completely false	13%	15%	12%	17%	4%
No opinion	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Completely true	15%	13%	15%	16%	16%	14%	16%
Mostly true	46%	57%	43%	38%	37%	51%	38%
Mostly false	22%	15%	23%	27%	24%	19%	26%
Completely false	13%	10%	14%	12%	20%	12%	15%
No opinion	5%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Completely true	15%	15%	14%	14%	15%
Mostly true	46%	51%	43%	51%	41%
Mostly false	22%	18%	24%	19%	24%
Completely false	13%	11%	14%	12%	14%
No opinion	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Completely true	15%	31%	8%	4%	27%	15%	8%
Mostly true	46%	55%	50%	24%	52%	56%	30%
Mostly false	22%	8%	21%	42%	8%	17%	34%
Completely false	13%	2%	15%	26%	8%	8%	22%
No opinion	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Completely true	15%	15%	23%	11%	10%	20%	10%	12%
Mostly true	46%	53%	41%	44%	44%	47%	44%	43%
Mostly false	22%	14%	19%	27%	24%	16%	25%	30%
Completely false	13%	13%	11%	14%	15%	11%	15%	12%
No opinion	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	5%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 16

Do you think the Republicans in Congress are overreacting to this matter or are they reacting appropriately?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Overreacting	42%	38%	47%	39%	51%		
Reacting appropriately	54%	58%	49%	58%	43%		
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Overreacting	42%	46%	38%	44%	39%	43%	42%
Reacting appropriately	54%	52%	57%	52%	57%	54%	54%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Overreacting	42%	47%	39%	40%	44%		
Reacting appropriately	54%	49%	59%	56%	52%		
No opinion	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0		

  

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Overreacting	42%	65%	42%	13%	61%	52%	21%
Reacting appropriately	54%	31%	53%	85%	36%	45%	74%
No opinion	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Overreacting	42%	49%	45%	40%	37%	48%	41%	35%
Reacting appropriately	54%	50%	49%	58%	56%	46%	55%	60%
No opinion	4%	1%	7%	2%	7%	6%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 17

Do you think that senior White House officials ordered the IRS to target those political groups for greater scrutiny, or do you think those IRS officials acted on their own without direct orders from the White House?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
White House ordered it	37%	39%	34%	42%	25%		
IRS acted on their own	55%	52%	58%	50%	68%		
No opinion	8%	9%	7%	8%	7%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
White House ordered it	37%	30%	43%	39%	37%	36%	38%
IRS acted on their own	55%	64%	53%	49%	51%	59%	50%
No opinion	8%	6%	4%	12%	12%	5%	12%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
White House ordered it	37%	32%	40%	33%	40%
IRS acted on their own	55%	61%	52%	61%	51%
No opinion	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
White House ordered it	37%	19%	36%	62%	20%	29%	54%
IRS acted on their own	55%	75%	53%	31%	73%	65%	36%
No opinion	8%	6%	10%	7%	6%	6%	10%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
White House ordered it	37%	38%	30%	40%	38%	29%	42%	41%
IRS acted on their own	55%	52%	63%	53%	54%	59%	51%	52%
No opinion	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	11%	7%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 18

As you may know, in September, terrorists attacked a U.S. diplomatic outpost in Libya and killed the U.S. ambassador to that country and three other U.S. citizens. Based on what you have read or heard, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Obama administration has handled this matter in the past few months?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Satisfied	42%	38%	45%	36%	55%
Dissatisfied	53%	59%	48%	61%	37%
No opinion	5%	3%	7%	3%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Satisfied	42%	48%	39%	41%	35%	44%	38%
Dissatisfied	53%	46%	58%	54%	60%	52%	57%
No opinion	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Satisfied	42%	47%	38%	44%	39%
Dissatisfied	53%	46%	60%	50%	57%
No opinion	5%	6%	2%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Satisfied	42%	72%	34%	13%	64%	47%	24%
Dissatisfied	53%	24%	58%	85%	34%	48%	70%
No opinion	5%	3%	8%	2%	2%	5%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Satisfied	42%	52%	50%	38%	29%	50%	36%	40%
Dissatisfied	53%	43%	43%	59%	66%	42%	61%	55%
No opinion	5%	5%	8%	3%	5%	8%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 19

As you may know, immediately after the attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Libya, some Obama administration officials made inaccurate public statements about that incident. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Those statements were an attempt by the Obama administration to intentionally mislead the American public about that attack:

Those statements reflected what the Obama administration believed at the time had occurred based on the unclassified information available:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
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Intentionally mislead	44%	50%	37%	49%	32%
Believed at the time	50%	44%	56%	47%	59%
No opinion	6%	5%	7%	4%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Intentionally mislead	44%	40%	45%	42%	52%	42%	46%
Believed at the time	50%	57%	50%	51%	41%	54%	47%
No opinion	6%	3%	6%	6%	7%	4%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Intentionally mislead	44%	39%	47%	42%	45%
Believed at the time	50%	54%	50%	52%	50%
No opinion	6%	7%	3%	6%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Intentionally mislead	44%	20%	44%	76%	22%	35%	65%
Believed at the time	50%	74%	47%	22%	72%	60%	29%
No opinion	6%	6%	8%	2%	7%	4%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Intentionally mislead	44%	41%	34%	49%	48%	33%	49%	52%
Believed at the time	50%	57%	59%	44%	44%	58%	45%	44%
No opinion	6%	2%	8%	6%	8%	10%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 20

Thinking specifically about the inaccurate statements made by the Obama administration and not about the initial attack which occurred in Libya, how important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very important	55%	56%	54%	55%	57%
Somewhat important	29%	28%	30%	31%	25%
Not too important	10%	8%	11%	10%	10%
Not important at all	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very important	55%	47%	57%	56%	68%	51%	61%
Somewhat important	29%	36%	28%	29%	20%	32%	25%
Not too important	10%	12%	10%	8%	9%	11%	8%
Not important at all	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very important	55%	61%	49%	63%	50%
Somewhat important	29%	27%	33%	25%	32%
Not too important	10%	7%	13%	7%	12%
Not important at all	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	55%	49%	51%	72%	35%	50%	74%
Somewhat important	29%	33%	29%	23%	34%	35%	19%
Not too important	10%	10%	13%	2%	19%	10%	4%
Not important at all	4%	7%	4%	2%	10%	4%	2%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	*	3%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very important	55%	58%	46%	58%	57%	49%	54%	66%
Somewhat important	29%	29%	34%	27%	27%	31%	30%	28%
Not too important	10%	6%	13%	11%	8%	13%	8%	4%
Not important at all	4%	6%	4%	2%	6%	4%	6%	3%
No opinion	2%	*	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 21

Do you think the U.S. government could or could not have prevented the attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Libya?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Could have prevented	59%	58%	61%	59%	60%		
Could not have prevented	36%	39%	33%	37%	35%		
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Could have prevented	59%	67%	63%	53%	53%	65%	53%
Could not have prevented	36%	31%	34%	42%	40%	32%	41%
No opinion	5%	2%	3%	6%	7%	2%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Could have prevented	59%	61%	58%	65%	55%
Could not have prevented	36%	36%	38%	31%	40%
No opinion	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Could have prevented	59%	49%	58%	75%	52%	56%	66%
Could not have prevented	36%	47%	35%	23%	44%	40%	29%
No opinion	5%	3%	7%	3%	4%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Could have prevented	59%	62%	54%	61%	59%	59%	60%	53%
Could not have prevented	36%	33%	40%	35%	37%	36%	36%	41%
No opinion	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 22

Do you think the Republicans in Congress are overreacting to this matter or are they reacting appropriately?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Overreacting	37%	35%	39%	37%	37%		
Reacting appropriately	59%	62%	56%	60%	58%		
No opinion	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Overreacting	37%	31%	37%	44%	37%	34%	41%
Reacting appropriately	59%	67%	61%	51%	59%	64%	54%
No opinion	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Overreacting	37%	38%	37%	36%	38%		
Reacting appropriately	59%	56%	62%	60%	59%		
No opinion	4%	5%	1%	4%	4%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0		

  

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Overreacting	37%	56%	37%	10%	55%	44%	21%
Reacting appropriately	59%	41%	57%	88%	40%	53%	75%
No opinion	4%	4%	6%	2%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Overreacting	37%	47%	53%	25%	27%	42%	35%	34%
Reacting appropriately	59%	52%	41%	73%	66%	52%	61%	62%
No opinion	4%	1%	7%	3%	7%	6%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 23

As you may know, after the Associated Press ran news stories that included classified information about U.S. anti-terrorism efforts, the Justice Department secretly collected phone records for reporters and editors who work there. How important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very important	53%	56%	50%	52%	55%
Somewhat important	34%	32%	36%	35%	31%
Not too important	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%
Not important at all	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very important	53%	42%	58%	56%	56%	50%	56%
Somewhat important	34%	39%	29%	31%	36%	34%	33%
Not too important	8%	12%	11%	5%	5%	11%	5%
Not important at all	4%	6%	2%	6%	3%	4%	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very important	53%	50%	54%	49%	56%
Somewhat important	34%	34%	35%	35%	33%
Not too important	8%	10%	7%	9%	8%
Not important at all	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	53%	48%	51%	63%	35%	51%	65%
Somewhat important	34%	38%	33%	30%	44%	34%	27%
Not too important	8%	10%	9%	6%	10%	10%	6%
Not important at all	4%	4%	7%	1%	12%	4%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very important	53%	51%	52%	54%	54%	52%	54%	51%
Somewhat important	34%	37%	38%	33%	28%	31%	35%	37%
Not too important	8%	7%	4%	9%	13%	10%	7%	8%
Not important at all	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24

Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you think that the actions of the Justice Department were acceptable or unacceptable?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Acceptable	43%	36%	50%	36%	60%
Unacceptable	52%	59%	45%	58%	36%
No opinion	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Acceptable	43%	57%	43%	33%	32%	51%	33%
Unacceptable	52%	40%	51%	59%	62%	45%	60%
No opinion	5%	3%	5%	8%	6%	4%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Acceptable	43%	54%	35%	51%	37%
Unacceptable	52%	40%	61%	43%	58%
No opinion	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Acceptable	43%	57%	39%	30%	46%	51%	33%
Unacceptable	52%	37%	55%	66%	49%	45%	61%
No opinion	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	4%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Acceptable	43%	46%	43%	47%	35%	50%	36%	39%
Unacceptable	52%	48%	49%	50%	59%	44%	59%	55%
No opinion	5%	6%	8%	3%	7%	6%	5%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%