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Interviews with 1,517 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on June 28 - July 1, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points. The sample also includes 1,390 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 2.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 1,138 interviews among landline respondents and 379 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, JULY 9 AT 9 AM

5. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Attorney General Eric Holder				
June 28 – July 1, 2012	25%	31%	31%	13%
December 16-20, 2009	23%	24%	32%	22%

24. As you may know, on Thursday the U.S. House of Representatives voted to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over documents related to a program called Operation Fast and Furious. Based on what you have read or heard about this matter, do you approve or disapprove of the action taken by the U.S. House?

June 28-July 1
2012

Approve	53%
Disapprove	33%
No opinion	13%

25. Do you think congressional Republicans are investigating Holder and Operation Fast and Furious mostly because they have real ethical concerns about the way the matter was handled, or mostly because they want to gain political advantage?

June 28-July 1
2012

Real ethical concerns	34%
Gain political advantage	61%
No opinion	5%

FOR COMPARISON

<i>GALLUP/USA TODAY TREND</i>	
<i>Do you think congressional Democrats are investigating these dismissals (of eight United States attorneys by the United States Justice Department)—mostly because they have real ethical concerns about the way the matter was handled or mostly because they want to gain political advantage</i>	
	Mar. 23-25 <u>2007</u>
Real ethical concerns	30%
Gain political advantage	59%
No opinion	11%

26. In the congressional investigation of Operation Fast and Furious, in your view, should President Obama and his aides continue to invoke executive privilege to protect the White House decision making process, or should they drop the claim of executive privilege and answer all questions being investigated?

June 28-July 1
2012

Invoke executive privilege	27%
Answer all questions	69%
No opinion	4%

FOR COMPARISON

<i>GALLUP/USA TODAY TREND</i>	
<i>If Congress investigates these dismissals (of eight United States attorneys by the United States Justice Department), in your view, should President Bush and his aides—invoke 'executive privilege' to protect the White House decision making process or should they drop the claim of executive privilege and answer all questions being investigated.</i>	
	Mar. 23-25 <u>2007</u>
Executive privilege	26%
Answer all questions	68%
No opinion	6%

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Question 5C

We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.

C. Attorney General Eric Holder

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote	Battleground States	
							Yes	No
Favorable Opinion	25%	27%	24%	25%	28%	26%	23%	26%
Unfavorable Opinion	31%	39%	23%	36%	17%	34%	31%	31%
Heard of, no Opinion	13%	8%	19%	13%	13%	14%	13%	14%
Never heard of	31%	27%	34%	26%	41%	26%	33%	29%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-3.0
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
Favorable Opinion	25%	21%	26%	28%	29%	23%	28%	
Unfavorable Opinion	31%	21%	23%	38%	46%	22%	41%	
Heard of, no Opinion	13%	13%	16%	11%	12%	14%	12%	
Never heard of	31%	45%	35%	23%	13%	41%	19%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attended			
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Favorable Opinion	25%	27%	25%	22%	28%			
Unfavorable Opinion	31%	21%	37%	26%	34%			
Heard of, no Opinion	13%	14%	11%	11%	15%			
Never heard of	31%	38%	27%	41%	24%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-3.0			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-	
	Total	crat	endent	lican	eral	erate	vative	
Favorable Opinion	25%	39%	23%	14%	44%	27%	14%	
Unfavorable Opinion	31%	11%	33%	50%	13%	25%	47%	
Heard of, no Opinion	13%	16%	11%	14%	11%	14%	12%	
Never heard of	31%	34%	33%	22%	32%	34%	27%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0	
		North	Mid-	South	West	Urban	Sub-	Rural
	Total	east	west				urban	
Favorable Opinion	25%	34%	27%	23%	19%	31%	26%	18%
Unfavorable Opinion	31%	24%	30%	34%	33%	24%	32%	38%
Heard of, no Opinion	13%	13%	12%	13%	16%	13%	13%	18%
Never heard of	31%	29%	31%	29%	33%	32%	30%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.0
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favorable Opinion	25%	11%	18%	50%				
Unfavorable Opinion	31%	61%	26%	14%				
Heard of, no Opinion	13%	7%	13%	15%				
Never heard of	31%	20%	42%	21%				
No opinion	*	*	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5				

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 24

As you may know, on Thursday the U.S. House of Representatives voted to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over documents related to a program called Operation Fast and Furious. Based on what you have read or heard about this matter, do you approve or disapprove of the action taken by the U.S. House?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote	Battleground States	
							Yes	No
Approve	53%	57%	49%	56%	45%	54%	52%	54%
Disapprove	33%	35%	32%	31%	40%	32%	33%	34%
No opinion	13%	8%	19%	13%	15%	14%	15%	12%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-3.0

	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+ 65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Disapprove	33%	27%	36%	36%	38%	31%	37%
No opinion	13%	14%	17%	12%	8%	15%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Disapprove	33%	34%	33%	35%	33%
No opinion	13%	15%	12%	14%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-3.0

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Disapprove	33%	48%	33%	17%	52%	36%	21%
No opinion	13%	15%	13%	11%	14%	12%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Disapprove	33%	38%	38%	29%	31%	38%	33%	29%
No opinion	13%	13%	13%	14%	14%	16%	12%	14%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Disapprove	33%	17%	23%	64%
No opinion	13%	5%	18%	10%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 25

Do you think congressional Republicans are investigating Holder and Operation Fast and Furious mostly because they have real ethical concerns about the way the matter was handled, or mostly because they want to gain political advantage?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote	Battleground States	
							Yes	No
Real ethical concerns	34%	36%	32%	38%	23%	35%	37%	32%
Gain political advantage	61%	61%	61%	56%	73%	60%	59%	63%
No opinion	5%	3%	7%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-3.0
		18- 34	35- 49	50- 64		Under 50	50 and Older	
Real ethical concerns	34%	26%	32%	37%	42%	29%	39%	
Gain political advantage	61%	69%	62%	57%	53%	66%	55%	
No opinion	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.0	
		Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Real ethical concerns	34%	26%	39%	30%	36%			
Gain political advantage	61%	68%	56%	64%	59%			
No opinion	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%			
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-3.0			
		Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Real ethical concerns	34%	15%	32%	60%	14%	27%	51%	
Gain political advantage	61%	79%	63%	34%	82%	68%	43%	
No opinion	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0	
		North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Real ethical concerns	34%	26%	37%	37%	32%	27%	38%	33%
Gain political advantage	61%	69%	59%	56%	64%	67%	57%	61%
No opinion	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	6%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.0
		Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Real ethical concerns	34%	67%	33%	9%				
Gain political advantage	61%	29%	61%	88%				
No opinion	5%	4%	7%	4%				
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5				

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Question 26

In the congressional investigation of Operation Fast and Furious, in your view, should President Obama and his aides continue to invoke executive privilege to protect the White House decision making process, or should they drop the claim of executive privilege and answer all questions being investigated?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote	Battleground States	
							Yes	No
Invoke executive privilege	27%	26%	27%	23%	36%	28%	22%	29%
Answer all questions	69%	71%	67%	73%	59%	68%	73%	67%
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.5	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-3.0

	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+ 65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Answer all questions	69%	75%	66%	65%	68%	71%	66%
No opinion	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Answer all questions	69%	72%	63%	74%	65%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-3.0

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Answer all questions	69%	47%	72%	90%	53%	65%	82%
No opinion	4%	7%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-4.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Answer all questions	69%	61%	74%	69%	72%	59%	69%	81%
No opinion	4%	6%	5%	4%	2%	8%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Answer all questions	69%	86%	77%	42%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-2.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5

* percentage less than 1%