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NEW MODELS NATIONAL BRAND SURVEY
November 30 - December 1, 2015
1000 RVs

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?
2. Right Direction ..... 29
3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 8
4. Wrong Track ..... 63
5. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?
6. Approve ..... 45
7. Don't know/refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 4
8. Disapprove ..... 51

Please tell me for each of the following whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression. (IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression or just a somewhat (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression? (ROTATE 3-5)

|  | NAME ID | TOTAL FAV | TOTAL <br> UNFAV | NO OPINION |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3. Republicans in Congress | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 4. Democrats in Congress | 100 | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| 5. Hillary Clinton | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |

6. Which of the following issues would you say is most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (ROTATE)

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1. Education | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| 2. Social Security | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 3. Retirement and Investments | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 4. Terrorism | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 5. | Healthcare/Rx |
| 6. The Economy | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 7. Jobs | $\mathbf{2 0}$ |
| 8. Taxes | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 9. Crime and Safety | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 10. Environment | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 12. National Deficit/Spending | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| 13. Energy | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 14. Gas prices | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 15. Immigration | * |
| 16. Other | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 17. Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{5}$ |

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle the issue of (ROTATE LIST BELOW Q7-13), (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

|  | REP |
| :--- | :---: |
| 7. The Economy | 49 |
| 8. Jobs | 44 |
| 9. Health Care/RX | 40 |
| 10. Taxes | 51 |
| 11. Poverty | $\mathbf{4 7}$ |
| 12. Welfare Reform | 48 |

14. If the elections were held today for US Congress in your state, would you be more likely to vote for (ROTATE) the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate? (IF UNDECIDED ASK:) would you be leaning toward (ROTATE) the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate?

|  | Republican |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. | Lean Republican |
| 3. Undecided | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| 4. | Lean Democrat |
| 5. | Democrat |
| 6. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) |
| TOTAL REPUBLICAN | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| TOTAL DEMOCRAT | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |

## Tax Reform

15. While all may be important, which of the following should be the main goal of tax reform? (ROTATE)

| 1. | Fairness | $\mathbf{3 9}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2. | Simplicity | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| 3. | Economic Growth | $\mathbf{4 3}$ |
| 4. | Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1}$ |

16. When you hear the term "tax reform", do you think that means... (ROTATE)
17. Increasing taxes on the wealthy 36
18. Lowering the tax rate for businesses and individuals 50
19. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 14

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 17-18)
17. If Congress does not act on tax reform, businesses will continue to leave the country.

| 1. Believe | $\mathbf{6 9}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. Do not believe | 28 |
| 3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{2}$ |

18. Tax reform is central to getting the economy to improve at a desirable pace.
19. Believe 71
20. Do not believe 26
21. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 3

## Foreign Policy

19. The House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would suspend the federal refugee program allowing Syrian and Iraqi refugees into the U.S. until key national security agencies certify they don't pose a security risk. Do you support or oppose that bill?
20. Support ..... 51
21. Oppose ..... 44
22. Don’t Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 5
23. Several states have recently said that they will not accept refugees. Which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)
24. States should have the right to opt out of accepting refugees. $\mathbf{5 7}$
25. This should remain a federal policy, and states do not have the legal
authority to opt out.
26. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 4
27. Republicans and Democrats in Congress have recently agreed upon total spending numbers for the upcoming year. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)
28. Republicans who say that defense and military should be the top priority for spending appropriations, and Congress should pass this first before 38 getting to other spending items.
29. Democrats who say that domestic programs should be treated as equal priorities with defense and military spending, and Congress should deal 58 with all of these spending items at the same time.
30. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

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## Health Reform

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being important, 5 very important and 9 the most important priority, how would you rate each of the following potential goals of a health care reform bill? (ROTATE LIST Q23-28)

| 23. Reducing the number of uninsured | MEAN |
| :--- | :--- |
| 24. Lowering the cost of insurance premiums, co-pays and <br> deductibles | 6.29 |
| 25. Lowering the cost of prescription drugs | 7.27 |
| 26. Protecting choice of your doctor | 7.07 |
| 27. Improving quality of care | 7.38 |
| 28. Promoting scientific advancements to develop cures | 7.06 |

Turning to a different topic...
29. When President Obama vetoes a piece of legislation, who does this help more?

1. President Obama 64
2. Republicans in Congress 19
3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 17
4. Republicans in the Senate have the ability to use a legislative procedure to get a bill to the President's desk with only 51 votes, but they can only use this procedure one time. For which of the following two issues would you prefer that they use this procedure? (ROTATE)
5. Repeal of the health care law, which some refer to as ..... 41
6. Tax reform ..... 53
7. Don’t Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 6

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only-
31. What are the two main sources of your news about national issues such as politics, Iraq, the economy, education, and health care? (DO NOT READ - ALLOW THEM TO VOLUNTEER A RESPONSE AND CODE AS FOLLOWS)

1. ABC News 6
2. NBC News 8
3. CBS News 5
4. Local TV news 16
5. CNN News 21
6. MSNBC News 4
7. CNBC 1
8. Fox News 17
9. CSpan *
10. Daily newspaper 21
11. Websites of former news magazines such 3
as Time, US News, and Newsweek
12. Opinion magazines like The Weekly 1 Standard
13. Websites of news organizations such as
cnn.com, msnbc.com, nytimes.com, and TV 9 station websites
14. Internet News Pages such as Yahoo News 16 and MSN News16
15. Opinion websites like Drudge Report or slate.com ..... 1
16. National Public Radio ..... 9
17. Religious radio shows ..... *
18. Talk radio like Rush Limbaugh ..... 2
19. General radio news station ..... 2
20. Public television shows like PBS News Hour ..... 1
21. Comedy shows like the Daily Show ..... *
22. Late night TV shows ..... *
23. Morning TV shows like Today, Good ..... 1
24. Political talk shows on cable ..... *
25. Sunday News Shows such as NBC's Meet ..... *the Press and ABC's This Week
26. Facebook ..... 3

| 27. Twitter | * |
| :--- | :---: |
| 28. Buzzfeed | - |
| 29. Other | $\mathbf{2 1}$ |
| 30. DK/Refused | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |

32. In what year were you born?

| 1. | $18-34$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | $35-44$ | $\mathbf{2 1}$ |
| 3. | $45-54$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ |
| 4. | $55-64$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ |
| 5. | $65+$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ |
| 6. | Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1}$ |

33. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?
34. Republican 34
35. Democrat $\mathbf{3 7}$
36. Independent 23
37. Other 5
38. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) $\mathbf{1}$
39. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are (ROTATE) liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs?
40. Liberal (GO TO Q34A) 24
41. Moderate (GO TO Q35) 40
42. Conservative (GO TO Q34A) 35
43. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ - GO TO Q35) 1

Q34A among liberals and conservatives in Q34 only

34A. Would that be very (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE) or somewhat (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE)?

1. Very liberal 15
2. Somewhat liberal 26
3. Very conservative 24
4. Somewhat conservative 35
5. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 1

Ideology Scale

1. Very liberal 9
2. Somewhat liberal 15
3. Moderate 40
4. Somewhat conservative 21
5. Very conservative 14
6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 2

## (RESUME WITH ALL)

35. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?
36. Yes 34
37. No 65
38. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 1
39. What is your current marital status?
40. Single, never married 28
41. Married 57
42. Separated 1
43. Divorced 8
44. Widowed 5
45. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 2
46. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...

| 1. Less than 15 K | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. | $15 \mathrm{~K}-30 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 3. | $30 \mathrm{~K}-50 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 4. | $50 \mathrm{~K}-75 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 5. | $75 \mathrm{~K}-100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 6. Over 100 K | $\mathbf{1 5}$ |
| 7. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |

38. What is your religion?

| 1. Evangelical/Fundamentalist Protestant | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. Mainline Protestant | $\mathbf{2 1}$ |
| 3. Catholic | $\mathbf{2 6}$ |
| 4. Jewish | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 5. Mormon | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 6. Atheist/Agnostic | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |
| 7. Other | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |
| 8. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{7}$ |

39. What is your race?

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Hispanic |
| 2. | African-American |
| 3. | Asian |
| 4. | White |
| 5. | Other |
| 6. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) |

40. Do you consider yourself a part of the tea party movement?
41. Yes
8
42. No 87

## What type of area do you live in? (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE OF LANDLINE)

1. Urban 33
2. Suburban 48
3. Rural 20

Gender (by observation)

1. Male 48
2. Female 52

## Region (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

1. Northeast 18
2. South 31
3. Midwest 20
4. Plains/Mountains 16
5. West Coast 15
