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## NEW MODELS NATIONAL BRAND SURVEY

March 14-15, 2012
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?

|  | JAN | FEB I | FEB II | MAR |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |  |
| 1. | Right Direction | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| 2. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |
|  | READ) | $\mathbf{6 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ |
| 3. | Wrong Track |  |  |  |  |

2. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JAN } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FEB I } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FEB II } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MAR } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Approve | 44 | 49 | 46 | 48 |
| 2. Don't know/refused | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 3. Disapprove | 52 | 48 | 48 | 47 |

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? )

|  |  |  | NAME ID | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | NO OPINION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3. | Republicans in Congress | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JAN } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 29 | 65 | 6 |
|  |  | FEB I | 100 | 31 | 60 | 9 |
|  |  | FEB II 2012 | 100 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
|  |  | MAR 2012 | 100 | 33 | 58 | 9 |
| 4. | Democrats in Congress | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JAN } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
|  |  | FEBI 2012 | 100 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
|  |  | FEB II 2012 | 100 | 34 | 59 | 6 |
|  |  | MAR | 100 | 37 | 56 | 7 |

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

|  | JAN | FEB I | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| 1. Education | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| 2. Social Security | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 3. Retirement and Investments | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 4. Terrorism | * | * | $\mathbf{1}$ | * |
| 5. Healthcare/Rx | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 6. The Economy | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| 7. Jobs | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| 8. Taxes | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 9. Crime and Safety | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\boldsymbol{*}$ | * | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 10. Environment | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs/Iraq | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 12. National Deficit/Spending | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| 13. Energy | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 14. Gas prices | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 15. Immigration | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 16. Other | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 17. Don't know/Refused | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |

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

|  |  | REP | DEM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6. The Economy | JAN 2012 | 45 | 42 |
|  | FEB I 2012 | 45 | 44 |
|  | FEB II 2012 | 48 | 40 |
|  | MAR 2012 | 46 | 45 |
| 7. Jobs | JAN 2012 | 44 | 42 |
|  | FEB I 2012 | 44 | 45 |
|  | FEB II 2012 | 44 | 44 |
|  | MAR 2012 | 44 | 44 |
| 8. Health Care/RX | JAN 2012 | 37 | 49 |
|  | FEB I 2012 | 41 | 47 |
|  | FEB II 2012 | 42 | 46 |
|  | MAR 2012 | 42 | 48 |
| 9. Energy and gas prices | JAN 2012 | 40 | 43 |
|  | FEB I 2012 | 43 | 44 |
|  | FEB II 2012 | 43 | 42 |


|  | MAR 2012 | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10. Taxes | JAN 2012 | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ |
|  | FEB I 2012 | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ |
|  | FEB II 2012 | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |

(ROTATE 11-13 and 14-16)
11. In the last couple of weeks, have you seen, read or heard anything that Congressional Republicans were doing? (ROTATE)

|  | DEC | JAN | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Yes (GO TO Q12) | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |
| 2. | No (GO TO Q154 | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 2}$ |
| 3. | DK/Refused (DO NOT READ - GO TO Q14) | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |

12. What was it?

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1. Tax issues | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 2. Health care | $\mathbf{1 5}$ |
| 3. Economy/business | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 4. Gas prices | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 5. Jobs | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 6. Social Security/Work benefits issues | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 7. Debates on the issues | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 8. About the campaign/election | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 9. Budget | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| 10. National debt/deficit | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 11. Control/cut/lower spending | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 12. The president/Obama/going against him | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| 13. Republicans and Democrats opposing each other | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| 14. Passing a bill/law/proposal | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 15. They were compromising | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 16. About the candidates | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 17. Social issues (contraception/birth control/religion) | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| 18. Just heard/saw/read things on tv/radio/newspapers | * |
| 19. Obama care issues | $\mathbf{1}$ |


| 20. Energy/oil/gas/drilling | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 21. Issues on the pipeline | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 22. Immigration | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 23. Education | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 24. Same issues | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 25. Unfavorable/negative | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 26. Trying to do things/getting things done | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 27. National defense/war | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 28. Sending troops/soldiers home | - |
| 29. They are not doing anything/not doing enough | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 30. None | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 31. Others | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 32. DK/Refused | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |

13. Did it make you more favorable or less favorable to Congressional Republicans? (ROTATE)
$\left.\begin{array}{|lcccc|}\hline & \text { DEC } & \text { JAN } & \text { FEB II } & \text { MAR } \\ \hline \text { 1. } & \text { More favorable } & \mathbf{3 1} & 2012 & 2012\end{array}\right) 2012$.
14. In the last couple of weeks, have you seen, read or heard anything that Congressional Democrats were doing? (ROTATE)

|  | DEC | JAN | FEB II | MAR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Yes (GO TO Q15) | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| 2. No (GO TO Q17) | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 4}$ |
| 3. DK/Refused (DO NOT READ - GO TO Q17) | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 4}$ |

15. What was it?

| 1. Tax issues | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Health care | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| 3. Economy | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 4. Gas prices | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 5. Jobs | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |
| 6. Social Security/Work benefits issues | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 7. Debates on the issues | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 8. State budget | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 9. National debt/deficit | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 10. Cut/lower spending | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 11. The president/Obama | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 12. Republicans and Democrats opposing each other | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 13. Pushing/Passing a bill/law/proposal | $\mathbf{1 7}$ |
| 14. About the candidates/campaign | $\mathbf{2}$ |


| 15. Social issues (contraception/birth control/abortion) | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 16. Obama care issues | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 17. Energy/oil/gas | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 18. Issues on the pipeline | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 19. Immigration | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 20. Education | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 21. Drilling | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 22. Same with the Republicans | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 23. It was unfavorable/negative for Democrats | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 24. Natural resources/environment | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 25. They are not doing anything good/enough | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 26. Trying to do things/get things done | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 27. None | * |
| 28. Others | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 29. DK/Refused/Don't remember | $\mathbf{9}$ |

16. Did it make you more favorable or less favorable to Congressional Democrats? (ROTATE)

|  | DEC | JAN | FEB ॥ | MAR |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1. | More favorable | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |
| 2. | Less favorable | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| 3. | No difference (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ |

## RESUME WITH ALL

17. 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?

|  | JAN | FEB | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| 1. Republican | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ |
| 2. Lean Republican | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 3. Undecided | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 4. Lean Democrat | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 5. Democrat | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| 6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| TOTAL REPUBLICAN | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ |
| TOTAL DEMOCRAT | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ |

Turning to the economy....
18. In thinking more specifically about how the economy is doing, which comes closer to your view?

|  | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. The economy is getting better, but the rate of progress | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | 2012 |
| is still unacceptable |  |  |

19. Do you believe or not believe this statement: Republicans have a plan for growing the economy and creating jobs.

|  | JAN | FEB I | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Believe | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| 2. Do not believe | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| 3. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |

20. Do you believe or not believe this statement: President Obama has a plan for growing the economy and creating jobs.

|  | JAN | FEB I | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| 1. Believe | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ |
| 2. Do not believe | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |
| 3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |

21. Who is more focused on job creation and growing the economy? (ROTATE)

|  | JAN | FEB I | FEB II | MAR |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| 1. President Obama | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| 2. Republicans in Congress | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ |
| 3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |

22. Which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)
23. President Obama has the right economic policies in place, and they just
need more time to work.
24. President Obama has not put the right economic policies in place, and $\mathbf{5 4}$ we could do better.
25. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 3
26. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: The economy may be improving but if better policies were implemented, we could make much faster progress.
(ROTATE)
27. Believe 71
28. Do not believe 25
29. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 4
30. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Excessive government regulations are making it harder for small businesses to hire workers.
31. Believe
62
32. Do not believe ..... 34
33. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 5
34. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Excessive government regulations like those required by the President's health care law are making it harder for small businesses to hire workers.
35. Believe
57
36. Do not believe
39
37. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 4
38. What should Congress focus on more? (ROTATE)
39. Growing the economy
58
40. Cutting spending 36
41. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 6
42. Do you favor or oppose improving the nation's infrastructure through boosting America's energy production?
43. Favor
83
44. Oppose 11
45. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 6

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only-

## 28. 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 ..... 5
2. NBC News ..... 9
3. CBS News ..... 5
4. Local TV news ..... 19
5. CNN News ..... 20
6. MSNBC/CNBC News ..... 7
7. Fox News ..... 21
8. CSpan ..... *
9. Daily newspaper ..... 25
10. News magazines such as Time, US News, and Newsweek ..... 5
11. Opinion magazines like The Weekly Standard ..... 1
12. Websites of news organizations such as cnn.com, .....
18 .....
18
msnbc.com, nytimes.com, and TV station websites
msnbc.com, nytimes.com, and TV station websites
13. News Pages of Internet Service Providers such as Yahoo ..... 13 News and MSN News
14. Opinion websites like Drudge Report or slate.com ..... *
15. National Public Radio ..... 8
16. Religious radio shows ..... *
17. Talk radio like Rush Limbaugh ..... 3
18. General radio news station ..... 3
19. Public television shows like McNeil Lehrer ..... *
20. Comedy shows like the Daily Show with Jon Stewart ..... *
21. Late night TV shows like Jay Leno
22. Morning TV shows like Today, Good Morning America ..... *
23. Political talk shows on cable, such as MSNBC's Hardball
24. Sunday News Shows such as NBC's Meet the Press andABC's This Week
25. Other ..... 16
26. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 5
27. In what year were you born?

| 1. | $18-34$ | 20 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | $35-44$ | 25 |
| 3. | $45-54$ | 19 |
| 4. | $55-64$ | 19 |
| 5. | $65+$ | 16 |

30. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?
31. Republican 35
32. Democrat 37
33. Independent 26
34. Other 1
35. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) $\mathbf{1}$
36. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are (ROTATE) liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs?
37. Liberal (GO TO Q31A) 20
38. Moderate (GO TO Q32) 41
39. Conservative (GO TO Q31A) 38
40. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ - GO TO Q32) 1

Q31a among liberals and conservatives in Q31 only
31A. Would that be very (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE) or somewhat (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE)?

1. Very liberal ..... 12
2. Somewhat liberal ..... 22
3. Very conservative ..... 27
4. Somewhat conservative ..... 38
5. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 2

## RESUME WITH ALL

32. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?
33. Yes 40
34. No ..... 60
35. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 1
36. What is your current marital status?
37. Single, never married19
38. Married ..... 64
39. Separated ..... 2
40. Divorced ..... 9
41. Widowed ..... 5
42. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 2
43. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...
44. Less than 15 K 7
45. $15 \mathrm{~K}-30 \mathrm{~K}$11
46. $30 \mathrm{~K}-50 \mathrm{~K}$ ..... 15
47. $50 \mathrm{~K}-75 \mathrm{~K}$ ..... 14
48. $75 \mathrm{~K}-100 \mathrm{~K}$ ..... 16
49. Over 100K ..... 23
50. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 14
51. What is your religion?
52. Evangelical/Fundamentalist Protestant ..... 11
53. Mainline Protestant ..... 18
54. Catholic ..... 24
55. Jewish ..... 2
56. Mormon ..... 2
57. Atheist/Agnostic ..... 9
58. Other ..... 26
59. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 7
60. What is your race?
61. Hispanic ..... 8
62. African-American ..... 12
63. Asian ..... 1
64. White ..... 76
65. Other ..... 3
66. Do you consider yourself a part of the tea party movement?

| 1. Yes | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. No | $\mathbf{8 2}$ |

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

1. Urban ..... 29
2. Suburban ..... 52
3. Rural ..... 19
Gender (by observation)
4. Male ..... 48
5. Female ..... 52
Region (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Northeast | 18 |
| 2. | South | 29 |
| 3. | Midwest | 21 |
| 4. | Plains/Mountains | 19 |
| 5. | West Coast | 15 |

