



# THE AP-GfK POLL

## December, 2013

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

**A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)**

*Interview dates: December 5–9, 2013*

*Number of interviews, adults: 1,367*

*Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.  
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

*\*Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.  
For more information, see <http://www.ap-gfcpoll.com>.*

*CUR1 through CUR2/3 previously released*

*Some items from CURY2/3/3a previously released*

CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[RESPONDENTS SHOWN EACH ITEM ON A SEPARATE SCREEN]

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	<b>Total Approve</b>	Approve	Lean toward approving	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Lean toward disapproving	Disapprove	Refused/ Not Answered
The situation in Afghanistan	<b>45</b>	27	18	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	16	38	1
Relationships with other countries	<b>49</b>	33	16	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	11	39	1
The situation in Iran	<b>44</b>	30	14	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	15	40	1

*Based on: N=1,367*

AA4/AA5 previously released

Some items in FAV1 previously released

FAV1. For each of the following individuals, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.

	12/5-9/13
<b>John Kerry</b>	
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>39</b>
Very favorable	11
Somewhat favorable	29
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>34</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	18
Very unfavorable	16
Don't know enough to say	26
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=1,367

*FAV2 through A5a previously released*

*CUR25 previously released*

CUR25. Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	The Democrats	The Republicans	Both equally	Neither	Refused / Not Answered
Protecting the country	18	31	29	22	1

*Based on: N=1,367*

B1a/b through INS6 previously released

AFX5. Over the next year, do you expect the situation in Afghanistan to:

	12/5-9/13	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	12/10-14/09
Get better	16	22	19	31
Get worse	32	31	29	23
Stay about the same	51	46	49	44
Don't know (VOL.)	na	1	3	2
Refused/Not answered	2	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,367 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=975

AFX2c. Do you think the pace of the planned withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan is...

	12/5-9/13*	5/5-9/11
Too fast	10	15
Too slow	53	26
About right	34	57
Don't know (VOL.)	na	2
Refused/Not answered	4	*

Based on: N=1,367 N=1,001

AFX2d. Most U.S. and other troops are set to leave Afghanistan in 2014. The U.S. and Afghanistan have tentatively reached an agreement to provide a legal framework for between 8,000 and 12,000 troops to remain in the country in a non-combat role to train and assist Afghan troops. Do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose this plan?

	12/5-9/13
Favor	24
Neither favor nor oppose	44
Oppose	31
Refused/Not answered	2

Based on:

N=1,367

AFX6. Overall, do you think the United States did the right thing or the wrong thing in going to war in Afghanistan?

	12/5-9/13
Right thing	40
Wrong thing	57
Refused/Not answered	3

Based on:

N=1,367

IRAN1/b/ba. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the interim agreement reached between Iran and six world powers that is designed to curb Iran’s nuclear program? [IF NEITHER or did not answer/refused IN IRAN1, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the interim agreement reached between Iran and six world powers that is designed to curb Iran’s nuclear program?

	12/5-9/13
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>59</b>
Approve	32
Lean approve	28
<b>Neither—don’t lean</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>38</b>
Disapprove	19
Lean disapprove	19
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=1,367

IRAN2. How likely do you think it is that these initial steps toward curbing Iran’s nuclear program reached between Iran and six world powers will lead to a more comprehensive plan to ensure that Iran does not build its own nuclear weapon?

	12/5-9/13
<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>11</b>
Extremely likely	2
Very likely	9
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>44</b>
Not too likely	26
Not at all likely	18
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,367

NCC15 through CP3

Some questions held for later release

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11
Supporter	20	17	23	22	27	23	22	25	30	28	25	33	30	30	31
Not a supporter	76	78	62	64	63	65	67	71	64	68	70	61	63	65	61
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	12	13	8	10	10	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7
Refused/Not Answered	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12
Democrat	29	31	27	29	33	31	32	34	31	32	31	31
Independent	28	27	29	30	27	27	28	27	29	30	30	30
Republican	23	23	21	21	23	25	28	30	22	25	30	23
None of these	17	15	20	19	15	14	8	6	17	13	8	15
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	1	*	1	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	1

Based on: N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006



PID1/i. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these? IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," OR REFUSAL, ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>
Democrat	29	31	27	29	33
Independent – lean Democratic	8	10	10	12	10
None – lean Democratic	4	3	7	5	6
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>
Republican	23	23	21	21	23
Independent – lean Republican	11	9	11	9	9
None – lean Republican	4	3	5	6	5
Independent – don't lean	10	9	7	7	6
None – don't lean	12	12	6	6	4
[VOL] Independent – lean other	na	na	1	1	1
[VOL] None – lean other	na	na	2	1	1
Don't know	na	na	2	2	1
Refused/Not answered	-	-	2	1	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

N=1,004

N=1,004

N=1,002

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Liberal	20	18	22	21	21
Conservative	35	36	40	37	40
Moderate	42	41	30	35	32
Don't know	na	na	6	5	5
Refused/Not answered	4	5	2	1	2

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

N=1,004

N=1,004

N=1,002

S1. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Yes	79	78
No	16	15
Not sure	2	5
Refused/Not answered	2	3

Based on: (Excludes those living in ND)

N=1,365

N=1,225

S2. How often would you say you vote?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>Always/Nearly always</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>
Always	38	40
Nearly always	29	29
<b>In about half of elections</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Seldom/Never</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
Seldom	8	7
Never	13	13
Refused/Not answered	2	3

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

S5. How much interest do you have in following news about politics and elections?

	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>
A great deal	14	16
Quite a bit	29	32
<b>Only some</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Very little/No interest at all</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>
Very little	14	12
No interest at all	10	10
Refused/Not answered	2	3

Based on:

N=1,367

N=1,227

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	22
Suburban area	50
Rural area	25
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,367

DM21 Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	45
No	52
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,367

DM22/a [IF YES IN DM21:] In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan?

Once (1)	17
Twice (2)	10
Three times (3)	4
Four times (4)	3
5-9 times	6
10-14 times	5
15-19 times	*
20-24	2
25 times or more	3
None	49
Refused/Not answered	1
Mean	3.0
Median	*

Based on: Own investments

N=755

INV8. [IF YES IN DM21:] In 2014, do you think you will:

Invest MORE money in the stock market than you did in 2013	20
Invest LESS money in the stock market than you did in 2013	22
Invest about the same amount of money in the stock market as you did in 2013	57
Refused/Not answered	2

Based on: Own investments

N=755

GUNS4. Does anyone in your household own a gun, or not?

Yes	35
No	61
Refused/Not answered	4

Based on:

N=1,367

PPEDUCAT (4 category)

Less than high school	8
High school	34
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

Based on:

N=1,367

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	70
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	13
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

Based on:

N=1,367

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,367

PPMARIT

Married	50
Widowed	4
Divorced	11
Separated	1
Never married	23
Living with partner	11

Based on:

N=1,367

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	48
Working – self-employed	9
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	*
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	19
Not working – disabled	6
Not working - other	12

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

PPAGE

Age group:

18-29	20
30-49	36
50-64	26
65+	18

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	8
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	23
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 or more	7

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

*Based on:*

*N=1,367*



## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted December 5-9, 2013 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,367 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age within sex, education, race, and phone type. The phone type targets came from the Fall, 2012 MRI Consumer Survey. The other targets came from the March 2012 Supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that were conducted using telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.