# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLEGROUND POLL 

## A national survey of 1,000 Registered "Likely" Voters



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Being as specific as you can, what are one or two reasons why you think the country is headed in the right direction?

Split sample A only
(If "Right direction" in Q1, Asked of N= 106 Respondents, or $10.4 \%$ of Sample)

| Q1-1 Open-Ended Responses | Among Voters <br> Selecting <br> "Right <br> Direction" | Among All <br> Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Healthcare going well | $21.3 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ |
| Economy doing better / stock market | $18.6 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| Jobs up / unemployment down | $17.2 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ |
| General positive | $13.8 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ |
| Positive feeling about Obama | $8.6 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ |
| Other | $4.1 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ |
| Housing market better / new jobs and construction | $3.3 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ |
| Unsure / Refused |  | $0.3 \%$ |

## THE TARRANCE GROUP LAKE RESEARCH

August 23-28, 2014/ $\mathrm{N}=1,000$ Registered "likely" voters/SPLIT SAMPLE A/B/ $\pm 3.1 \%$ M.O.E.
Being as specific as you can, what are one or two reasons why you think the country is off on the wrong track?

Split sample A only
(If "Wrong track" in Q1, Asked of N= 375 Respondents, or 37\% of Sample)

| Q1-2 Open-Ended Responses | Among Voters Selecting <br> "Wrong Track" | Among <br> All Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Have issues with Obama / country has lack of leadership | $19.3 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ |
| Foreign conflicts / poor foreign policy | $12.0 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ |
| Have issues with Congress | $11.4 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ |
| The economy is poor | $8.7 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |
| Other issues /education, losing religion | $7.7 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ |
| Other | $6.4 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ |
| There is too much gov't spending | $6.3 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |
| Issues with Obamacare | $5.1 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| There is a lack of jobs, especially good jobs | $5.1 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| Immigration issues | $3.8 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ |
| Unsure / Refused | $3.5 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| Police shootings / police militarization / racism | $3.3 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| Government is too big | $2.9 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ |
| Republicans | $2.3 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ |
| Taxation / wealth gap | $2.0 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |

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|  | $13 \%$ |  | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ | 15\% | $16 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
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|  | 11/9/11 | 2/22/12 | 5/3/12 | 8/8/12 | 9/20/12 | 9/27/12 | 10/18/12 | 11/5/12 | 12/6/12 | 10/31/13 | 1/16/14 | 3/20/14 | 8/28/14 |
| $\longrightarrow$ Republican | 43\% | 45\% | 46\% | 45\% | 45\% | 44\% | 46\% | 47\% | 42\% | 41\% | 43\% | 43\% | 46\% |
| - Undecided | 13\% | 8\% | 11\% | 13\% | 9\% | 10\% | 8\% | 7\% | 13\% | 15\% | 16\% | 14\% | 12\% |
| - Democratic | 44\% | 47\% | 44\% | 42\% | 47\% | 46\% | 46\% | 46\% | 45\% | 44\% | 41\% | 43\% | 42\% |

What is most likely to drive your vote for Congress? Would you say it will be... Your feelings about President Obama; Obamacare; The economy; Social Security and Medicare; Your feelings on women's issues, or The behavior of your Member of Congress?


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| $\checkmark$ Approve | 46\% | 52\% | 45\% | 44\% | 53 | 48\% | 48\% | 50\% | 49 | 49 | 49 | $50 \%$ | 45\% | 41\% | 44\% | 44\% |
| $\rightarrow$ - Unsure | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| - Disapprove | 51\% | 45\% | 50\% | 52\% | 45\% | 48\% | 49\% | 48\% | 49\% | 48\% | 49\% | 47\% | 52\% | 54\% | 53\% | 51\% |

I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

Here is the first one:
The Economy


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Solving problems


I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue. Working with Congress


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The federal budget and spending


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> Jobs


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Taxes


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Foreign policy

$\square$ Approve $\square$ Unsure ■ Disapprove

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Social Security


I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue. Medicare


■ Approve ■ Unsure ■ Disapprove

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Standing up for the middle class


I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

Representing middle class values


I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

Immigration

$■$ Approve ■ Unsure ■ Disapprove

How would you rate the job Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?


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Medicare


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■ GOP Party ■ DEM Party
Both Equal

- Neither

Unsure

Do you think that your personal economic situation has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?


What would you say is the economic issue that makes you feel things have gotten better? Would you say that it is... making enough money, having a good job, the national economy getting better, or your own personal improvement?
(If "Gotten better" in Q29, Asked of $N=290$ Respondents, or $28.6 \%$ of Sample)


What would you say is the economic issue that personally worries you the most?
Would you say that it is... having a secure retirement, having enough money to pay your bills and the rising cost of daily goods, affordable health care, finding or keeping a good job, having enough money to afford college or post high school education, or increasing taxes?
(If "Gotten worse" in Q29, Asked of $N=362$ Respondents, or $35.7 \%$ of Sample)


What would you say is the economic issue that makes you think things are about the same?
Would you say that it is... worries about your job security, having enough money to pay your bills and the rising cost of daily goods, health care costs, your own personal issues, having enough money to afford college or post high school education, or increasing taxes?
(If "Stayed the same" in Q29, Asked of N=358 Respondents, or $35.3 \%$ of Sample)


