

National Tracking Poll

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N Size: 2001 Registered Voters

Margin of Error: ± 2%

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
P1	<i>Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?</i>		
	Right Direction	530	26%
	Wrong Track	1471	74%
P2NET	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?</i>		
	Approve	911	46%
	Disapprove	1014	51%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	76	4%
P2	<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?</i>		
	Strongly Approve	446	22%
	Somewhat Approve	465	23%
	Somewhat Disapprove	299	15%
	Strongly Disapprove	715	36%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	76	4%
P3	<i>Now, thinking about your vote, what would you say is the top set of issues on your mind when you cast your vote for federal offices such as U.S. Senate or Congress?</i>		
	Economic Issues	704	35%
	Security Issues	425	21%
	Health Care Issues	238	12%
	Senior's Issues	278	14%
	Women's Issues	75	4%
	Education Issues	127	6%
	Energy Issues	83	4%
	Other	72	4%
VX1_1	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? 22% of the world's prisoners are in the United States</i>		
	True	933	47%
	False	211	11%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	857	43%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
VX1_2	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? One in every 100 Americans is currently in prison</i>		
	True	734	37%
	False	392	20%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	875	44%
VX1_3	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? Five percent of all African Americans are in prison or jail</i>		
	True	819	41%
	False	355	18%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	827	41%
VX1_4	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? The United States only has prisons run by the government. It does not have any private sector prisons</i>		
	True	364	18%
	False	985	49%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	652	33%
VX1_5	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? Nearly half of all prisoners in the United States are incarcerated for drug offenses</i>		
	True	1217	61%
	False	203	10%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	581	29%
VX1_6	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? Since 1990, 60% of the growth in state prison populations has come from violent offenders</i>		
	True	680	34%
	False	573	29%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	747	37%
VX1_7	<i>To the best of your knowledge are each of the following statements true or false? The national rate of violent crime has decreased 49% since 1991</i>		
	True	505	25%
	False	827	41%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	669	33%
VX2	<i>Do you think there are too many people in prison in the United States, not enough people in prison, or is the number of people in prison about right?</i>		
	Too many	1020	51%
	Not enough	376	19%
	Number of people about right	166	8%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	438	22%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
VX3	<i>Which comes closer to your point of view?</i>		
	One out of every 100 American adults is in prison. That's too many, and it costs too much. There are more effective, less expensive alternatives to prison for non-violent offenders and expanding those alternatives is the best way to reduce the crime rate.	1049	52%
	People who commit crimes belong behind bars, end of story. It may cost a lot of money to run prisons, but it would cost society more in the long run if more criminals were on the street.	699	35%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	253	13%
VX4_1	<i>Do you support or oppose reducing the prison time for each of the following groups? People who committed a non-violent crime and have a low risk of committing another crime</i>		
	Strongly support	795	40%
	Somewhat support	762	38%
	Somewhat oppose	175	9%
	Strongly oppose	108	5%
	Don't Know / No opinion	161	8%
VX4_2	<i>Do you support or oppose reducing the prison time for each of the following groups? People who committed a non-violent crime and have a high risk of committing another crime</i>		
	Strongly support	156	8%
	Somewhat support	481	24%
	Somewhat oppose	659	33%
	Strongly oppose	522	26%
	Don't Know / No opinion	184	9%
VX4_3	<i>Do you support or oppose reducing the prison time for each of the following groups? People who committed a violent crime and have a low risk of committing another crime</i>		
	Strongly support	206	10%
	Somewhat support	389	19%
	Somewhat oppose	569	28%
	Strongly oppose	648	32%
	Don't Know / No opinion	189	9%

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VX4_4	<i>Do you support or oppose reducing the prison time for each of the following groups? People who committed a violent crime and have a high risk of committing another crime</i>		
	Strongly support	343	17%
	Somewhat support	190	10%
	Somewhat oppose	139	7%
	Strongly oppose	1147	57%
	Don't Know / No opinion	181	9%
VX5_4NET	<i>Which of the following are acceptable reasons to reduce the prison sentence for a non-violent drug offender? Please check all that apply. To keep room for violent offenders in prisons</i>		
	Selected	1107	55%
	Not Selected	894	45%
VX5_5NET	<i>Which of the following are acceptable reasons to reduce the prison sentence for a non-violent drug offender? Please check all that apply. To re-invest in alternatives to prison</i>		
	Selected	866	43%
	Not Selected	1135	57%
VX5_6NET	<i>Which of the following are acceptable reasons to reduce the prison sentence for a non-violent drug offender? Please check all that apply. For good behavior</i>		
	Selected	1235	62%
	Not Selected	766	38%
VX5_7NET	<i>Which of the following are acceptable reasons to reduce the prison sentence for a non-violent drug offender? Please check all that apply. To close budget deficits</i>		
	Selected	398	20%
	Not Selected	1603	80%
VX5_8NET	<i>Which of the following are acceptable reasons to reduce the prison sentence for a non-violent drug offender? Please check all that apply. For age or illness</i>		
	Selected	856	43%
	Not Selected	1145	57%
VX5_9NET	<i>Which of the following are acceptable reasons to reduce the prison sentence for a non-violent drug offender? Please check all that apply. Other (Please Specify)</i>		
	Selected	72	4%
	Not Selected	1929	96%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
VX6_1	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Removing mandatory minimums for non-violent drug offenders</i>		
	Strongly support	587	29%
	Somewhat support	618	31%
	Somewhat oppose	373	19%
	Strongly oppose	192	10%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	231	12%
VX6_2	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Letting non-violent offenders out early for good behavior</i>		
	Strongly support	596	30%
	Somewhat support	893	45%
	Somewhat oppose	236	12%
	Strongly oppose	116	6%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	161	8%
VX6_3	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Reducing sentences for drug offenses</i>		
	Strongly support	461	23%
	Somewhat support	632	32%
	Somewhat oppose	437	22%
	Strongly oppose	283	14%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	189	9%
VX6_4	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Reducing sentences for crimes in general</i>		
	Strongly support	154	8%
	Somewhat support	313	16%
	Somewhat oppose	644	32%
	Strongly oppose	669	33%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	221	11%
VX6_5	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Not sentencing minors to prison</i>		
	Strongly support	347	17%
	Somewhat support	539	27%
	Somewhat oppose	606	30%
	Strongly oppose	306	15%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	203	10%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
VX6_6	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Sending non-violent drug offenders to out-patient programs focused on rehabilitation instead of prison</i>		
	Strongly support	803	40%
	Somewhat support	774	39%
	Somewhat oppose	160	8%
	Strongly oppose	112	6%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	153	8%
VX6_7	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? A national law decriminalizing marijuana</i>		
	Strongly support	771	39%
	Somewhat support	420	21%
	Somewhat oppose	256	13%
	Strongly oppose	322	16%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	232	12%
VX6_8	<i>Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Sentencing more offenders to probation and community service instead of prison</i>		
	Strongly support	493	25%
	Somewhat support	780	39%
	Somewhat oppose	333	17%
	Strongly oppose	202	10%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	193	10%
VX7	<i>Who do you trust most to handle the operations of prison facilities?</i>		
	Federal government	460	23%
	State governments	585	29%
	Local governments	250	13%
	Private companies	169	8%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	538	27%
VX8	<i>Do you support or oppose allowing private companies to operate prisons?</i>		
	Strongly support	198	10%
	Somewhat support	542	27%
	Somewhat oppose	366	18%
	Strongly oppose	471	24%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	424	21%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	2001	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	933	47%
	Gender: Female	1068	53%
	N	2001	
age5	Age: 18-29	310	15%
	Age: 30-44	509	25%
	Age: 45-54	416	21%
	Age: 55-64	339	17%
	Age: 65+	427	21%
	N	2001	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	706	35%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	650	32%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	646	32%
	N	2001	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	326	16%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	379	19%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	292	15%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	358	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	315	16%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	330	17%
	N	2001	
xdemTea	Tea Party: Supporter	577	29%
	Tea Party: Not Supporter	1408	70%
	N	1985	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	583	29%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	513	26%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	679	34%
	N	1776	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1315	66%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	444	22%
	Educ: Post-grad	241	12%
	N	2001	
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1199	60%
	Income: 50k-100k	582	29%
	Income: 100k+	220	11%
	N	2001	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1630	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	179	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	257	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	114	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	522	26%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	383	19%
	Relig: Ath./Agn./None	494	25%
	Relig: Something Else	337	17%
	N	1735	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	51	3%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	626	31%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	542	27%
	N	1168	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	1168	58%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	830	41%
	N	1998	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	509	25%
	Community: Suburban	908	45%
	Community: Rural	584	29%
	N	2001	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	626	31%
	Employ: Government	105	5%
	Employ: Self-Employed	180	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	155	8%
	Employ: Student	59	3%
	Employ: Retired	494	25%
	Employ: Unemployed	237	12%
	Employ: Other	145	7%
	N	2001	
xdemJobStatus	Job Type: White-collar	719	36%
	Job Type: Blue-collar	868	43%
	Job Type: Don't Know	414	21%
	N	2001	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	407	20%
	Military HH: No	1594	80%
	N	2001	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	530	26%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1471	74%
	N	2001	
xnr2Bin	Obama Job: Approve	911	46%
	Obama Job: Disapprove	1014	51%
	N	1925	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	704	35%
	#1 Issue: Security	425	21%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	238	12%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	278	14%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	75	4%
	#1 Issue: Education	127	6%
	#1 Issue: Energy	83	4%
	#1 Issue: Other	72	4%
	N	2001	
xsubVote14O	2014 Vote: Democrat	716	36%
	2014 Vote: Republican	604	30%
	2014 Vote: Other	72	4%
	2014 Vote: Didn't Vote	607	30%
	N	1999	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	829	41%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	629	31%
	2012 Vote: Other	83	4%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	457	23%
	N	1997	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	365	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	472	24%
	4-Region: South	743	37%
	4-Region: West	421	21%
	N	2001	
xv16g5	2016 Vote: Clinton	841	42%
	2016 Vote: Trump	793	40%
	2016 Vote: Undecided	367	18%
	N	2001	

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