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Americans down on Boehner, Congressional GOP

Raleigh, N.C. – In the midst of the fight over the payroll tax cut extension, voters have turned a little more against the Republicans in Congress. Already at only a 26% approval rating, with 62% disapproving, last month, the Congressional GOP falls at 25-67 with voters nationally now. Their Democratic counterparts are not much more popular, but opinion on them has not moved; it was 28-63 in the November survey and 29-64 now. Both independents (from 20-68 to 15-77) and their own partymates (from 53-31 to 52-37) have moved against the Republicans.

Republicans' leader in the House, Speaker John Boehner, has also seen his ratings slip as he finds himself at odds not only with the White House and the other side of the aisle but with his own caucus in the Senate. Only 27% of Americans approve of Boehner's job performance, and 49% disapprove, a six-point slip from an already bad 30-49 in the last poll. Democrats were already at 12-61 on him, but now fall to 9-68. Boehner has slipped by a few points with independents and Republicans as well.

Only 34% of Americans think Republicans are doing a better job controlling the House than when Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats were in charge, down from 37% in November. 43% think they are doing a worse job, up from 41%. Most of the slippage is predictably with Democrats, from 11-73 to 8-79, but as Boehner, Republicans have soured a little too. Independents fall at 26-36, almost identical to last month.

Because of the wider discrepancy in opinion on the Democrats' and Republicans' leadership in Congress, Democrats have inched ahead in the national generic congressional ballot, with a 46-44 lead over the GOP. It was a 45-all tie in November. Essentially all of that change is with independents, who favored the GOP by a 39-36 margin in November, but now prefer the Democratic candidates, 38-37.

PPP surveyed 700 American voters from December 16th to 18th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.7%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.





National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Boehner is doing?

Approve 27%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not sure 24%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Democrats are doing?

Approve 29%
Disapprove..... 64%
Not sure 7%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Republicans are doing?

Approve 25%
Disapprove..... 67%
Not sure 8%

Q4 Do you think the Republicans are doing a better job than the Democrats did while in charge of the House of Representatives, a worse job, or about the same?

A better job 34%
A worse job..... 43%
About the same..... 21%
Not sure 2%

Q5 If there was an election for Congress today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic..... 46%
Republican..... 44%
Not sure 10%

Q6 Do you support or oppose the goals of the Occupy Wall Street movement?

Support 36%
Oppose 45%
Not sure 19%

Q7 Do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Support 41%
Oppose 45%
Not sure 14%

Q8 Do you have a higher opinion of the Occupy Wall Street movement or the Tea Party movement?

Occupy Wall St. 41%
Tea Party 43%
Not sure 16%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal 12%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 27%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 19%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 40%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 24%





Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	8%
<i>White</i>	74%
<i>African-American</i>	12%
<i>Other</i>	7%

Q13 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to
45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are
older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	16%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	36%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Boehner Approval						
Approve	27%	18%	6%	15%	43%	51%
Disapprove	49%	70%	75%	58%	24%	29%
Not sure	24%	12%	19%	26%	33%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. Dems Approval						
Approve	29%	62%	51%	34%	10%	6%
Disapprove	64%	26%	35%	60%	86%	92%
Not sure	7%	11%	14%	7%	4%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Approval						
Approve	25%	11%	4%	13%	45%	47%
Disapprove	67%	85%	93%	80%	42%	43%
Not sure	8%	4%	3%	6%	13%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
House GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems						
A better job	34%	6%	5%	19%	58%	71%
A worse job	43%	85%	81%	52%	13%	5%
About the same	21%	8%	14%	26%	25%	24%
Not sure	2%	1%	-	3%	4%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democratic	46%	82%	91%	55%	14%	6%
Republican	44%	14%	6%	27%	77%	85%
Not sure	10%	4%	3%	19%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose OWS Goals						
Support	36%	66%	59%	43%	16%	9%
Oppose	45%	17%	20%	33%	68%	76%
Not sure	19%	17%	21%	24%	16%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals						
Support	41%	12%	11%	22%	66%	84%
Oppose	45%	81%	82%	59%	13%	7%
Not sure	14%	7%	7%	19%	21%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?						
Occupy Wall St.	41%	82%	78%	48%	12%	6%
Tea Party	43%	8%	6%	28%	72%	86%
Not sure	16%	10%	16%	24%	16%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boehner Approval			
Approve	27%	22%	32%
Disapprove	49%	50%	48%
Not sure	24%	28%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. Dems Approval			
Approve	29%	33%	26%
Disapprove	64%	59%	68%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	25%	22%	28%
Disapprove	67%	69%	64%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
House GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems			
A better job	34%	29%	38%
A worse job	43%	49%	37%
About the same	21%	20%	23%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%





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Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democratic	46%	53%	39%
Republican	44%	39%	49%
Not sure	10%	8%	12%

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Support/Oppose OWS Goals			
Support	36%	34%	38%
Oppose	45%	43%	47%
Not sure	19%	23%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals			
Support	41%	34%	48%
Oppose	45%	52%	38%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?			
Occupy Wall St.	41%	42%	41%
Tea Party	43%	36%	51%
Not sure	16%	22%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boehner Approval				
Approve	27%	9%	52%	21%
Disapprove	49%	68%	26%	50%
Not sure	24%	22%	21%	29%

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Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	29%	54%	8%	19%
Disapprove	64%	33%	89%	76%
Not sure	7%	13%	3%	5%

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Approve	25%	8%	52%	15%
Disapprove	67%	87%	37%	77%
Not sure	8%	5%	11%	7%

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Democratic	46%	85%	7%	38%
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Not sure	10%	5%	4%	25%

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Oppose	45%	20%	75%	43%
Not sure	19%	22%	13%	24%

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Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals				
Support	41%	14%	73%	41%
Oppose	45%	74%	14%	42%
Not sure	14%	12%	14%	17%

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Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?				
Occupy Wall St.	41%	68%	11%	41%
Tea Party	43%	11%	79%	46%
Not sure	16%	21%	10%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Boehner Approval					
Approve	27%	12%	32%	15%	14%
Disapprove	49%	56%	46%	62%	56%
Not sure	24%	32%	22%	23%	30%

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Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	29%	31%	23%	62%	36%
Disapprove	64%	62%	70%	30%	55%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	7%	10%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	25%	25%	28%	9%	23%
Disapprove	67%	65%	64%	85%	71%
Not sure	8%	9%	8%	6%	5%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
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Oppose	45%	34%	50%	31%	24%
Not sure	19%	21%	18%	25%	25%

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Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	41%	38%	47%	14%	27%
Oppose	45%	45%	40%	75%	42%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%	12%	31%

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Approve	27%	25%	29%	25%	31%
Disapprove	49%	46%	45%	54%	48%
Not sure	24%	29%	25%	21%	21%

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Approve	29%	34%	26%	30%	29%
Disapprove	64%	51%	70%	64%	63%
Not sure	7%	15%	4%	6%	8%

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Approve	25%	22%	29%	24%	26%
Disapprove	67%	71%	66%	67%	65%
Not sure	8%	7%	5%	9%	10%

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Generic Cong. Ballot					
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Not sure	10%	10%	10%	11%	6%

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Tea Party	43%	36%	50%	41%	44%
Not sure	16%	15%	10%	18%	19%

