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Americans see Occupy movement better than Tea Party

Raleigh, N.C. – The Occupy Wall Street movement is mere weeks old, but while Americans are less clear on its goals than those of the two-year-old Tea Party movement, they know they prefer the Wall Street protesters to those attacking President Obama. 35% support and 36% oppose the O.W.S. movement, with 29% not sure. But while more (39%) support the aims of the Tea Party, considerably more (45%) oppose them. Only 16% have no opinion. Asked which movement they prefer, voters choose O.W.S. by a 40-37 margin, thanks to the under-30s that are most of the movement. They prefer O.W.S., 53-18, while those between 30 and 45 prefer it only 39-36, and those older actually prefer the Tea Party. More Republicans (11%) favor O.W.S. than Democrats the Tea Party (9%), and independents side with the former by nine points.

The more time passes since Republicans took control of the U.S. House, the more voters grow unhappy with them. In July, six months into Speaker Boehner's term, 42% said the GOP was doing a worse job than the Democrats did, with 39% saying they were doing a better job. Less than three months later, that margin has grown ten points to 45-32. The difference? Independents have soured on the GOP's leadership by 23 points, from -1 to -24, with 51% now thinking they are doing worse than Pelosi and company. Democrats have grown even more convinced, needless to say, with three-quarters believing their opponents to be doing worse, and now only two-thirds of Republicans thinking they are doing better, versus 80% in July.

Boehner himself is seen in a much more negative light than previously. He would long to have President Obama's approval rating. Only 27% approve of Boehner's leadership, with 48% disapproving. That is down 17 points on the margin from a respectable 33-37 in July, before the debt deal passed. Boehner has just lost any measure of good will from Democrats and independents, down 23 points with each and even ten points with his own party. Now far more Democrats (69%) disapprove than Republicans approve (51%), with independents at 2:1 in disapproval.

PPP surveyed 700 American voters from October 7th to 10th. 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..... 48%
Not sure 25%

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

Approve 26%
Disapprove..... 62%
Not sure 12%

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

Approve 25%
Disapprove..... 62%
Not sure 13%

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 32%
A worse job..... 45%
About the same..... 22%
Not sure 1%

Q5 If there was an election for Congress today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

Democrat 45%
Republican..... 42%
Not sure 13%

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

Support..... 35%
Oppose..... 36%
Not sure 29%

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

Support 39%
Oppose 45%
Not sure 16%

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

Occupy Wall Street 40%
Tea Party 37%
Not sure 23%

Q9 Which of the following Perrys would you rather see as President: Rick Perry or Tyler Perry?

Rick Perry 38%
Tyler Perry 18%
Not sure 45%

Q10 Which of the following Perrys would you rather see as President: Rick Perry or Katy Perry?

Rick Perry 41%
Katy Perry..... 18%
Not sure 41%

Q11 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "I kissed a girl and I liked it."

Agree 42%
Disagree 31%
Not sure 27%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	19%
<i>Moderate</i>	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	26%
<i>Very conservative</i>	15%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	41%
<i>Republican</i>	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	24%

Q15 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>	6%

Q16 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>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Boehner Approval						
Approve	27%	9%	4%	18%	48%	54%
Disapprove	48%	78%	76%	55%	25%	19%
Not sure	25%	13%	21%	28%	28%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. Dems Approval						
Approve	26%	52%	41%	33%	11%	5%
Disapprove	62%	38%	40%	53%	80%	93%
Not sure	12%	10%	19%	14%	10%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Approval						
Approve	25%	12%	6%	13%	38%	63%
Disapprove	62%	85%	90%	72%	40%	28%
Not sure	13%	3%	4%	15%	22%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems?						
A better job	32%	10%	4%	18%	54%	75%
A worse job	45%	85%	78%	56%	13%	6%
About the same	22%	4%	15%	26%	31%	18%
Not sure	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democrat	45%	91%	79%	52%	16%	5%
Republican	42%	5%	9%	25%	70%	93%
Not sure	13%	4%	11%	23%	14%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Occupy Wall St. Goals						
Support	35%	68%	64%	35%	18%	6%
Oppose	36%	8%	15%	30%	51%	66%
Not sure	29%	24%	21%	35%	31%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals						
Support	39%	8%	11%	22%	67%	84%
Oppose	45%	83%	82%	55%	15%	5%
Not sure	16%	9%	6%	23%	18%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of Occupy Wall St. or Tea Party?						
Occupy Wall Street	40%	84%	73%	44%	14%	3%
Tea Party	37%	2%	9%	20%	64%	84%
Not sure	23%	14%	19%	36%	22%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rather Rick or Tyler Perry as Pres.?						
Rick Perry	38%	24%	11%	25%	58%	68%
Tyler Perry	18%	33%	39%	20%	3%	2%
Not sure	45%	42%	50%	55%	39%	30%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rather Rick or KatyPerry as Pres.?						
Rick Perry	41%	23%	15%	29%	62%	71%
Katy Perry	18%	42%	44%	14%	4%	2%
Not sure	41%	35%	41%	57%	35%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Agree/Disagree: Kissed a Girl and Liked It						
Agree	42%	58%	45%	34%	44%	42%
Disagree	31%	18%	21%	35%	35%	39%
Not sure	27%	25%	34%	32%	21%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boehner Approval			
Approve	27%	26%	29%
Disapprove	48%	41%	56%
Not sure	25%	33%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. Dems Approval			
Approve	26%	29%	23%
Disapprove	62%	56%	69%
Not sure	12%	15%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	25%	26%	25%
Disapprove	62%	59%	65%
Not sure	13%	15%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems?			
A better job	32%	32%	33%
A worse job	45%	43%	46%
About the same	22%	22%	21%
Not sure	1%	2%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democrat	45%	47%	43%
Republican	42%	39%	45%
Not sure	13%	14%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Occupy Wall St. Goals			
Support	35%	32%	39%
Oppose	36%	33%	39%
Not sure	29%	35%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals			
Support	39%	38%	40%
Oppose	45%	44%	46%
Not sure	16%	18%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of Occupy Wall St. or Tea Party?			
Occupy Wall Street	40%	38%	42%
Tea Party	37%	35%	40%
Not sure	23%	28%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rather Rick or Tyler Perry as Pres.?			
Rick Perry	38%	36%	40%
Tyler Perry	18%	16%	20%
Not sure	45%	48%	41%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rather Rick or KatyPerry as Pres.?			
Rick Perry	41%	39%	43%
Katy Perry	18%	17%	18%
Not sure	41%	44%	39%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree/Disagree: Kissed a Girl and Liked It			
Agree	42%	14%	71%
Disagree	31%	53%	8%
Not sure	27%	32%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boehner Approval				
Approve	27%	7%	51%	26%
Disapprove	48%	69%	21%	52%
Not sure	25%	24%	28%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	26%	49%	3%	21%
Disapprove	62%	35%	92%	65%
Not sure	12%	16%	5%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	25%	6%	52%	20%
Disapprove	62%	85%	32%	69%
Not sure	13%	10%	17%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems?				
A better job	32%	6%	67%	27%
A worse job	45%	75%	6%	51%
About the same	22%	18%	26%	22%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	0%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	45%	86%	4%	35%
Republican	42%	7%	86%	36%
Not sure	13%	7%	10%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Occupy Wall St. Goals				
Support	35%	52%	13%	39%
Oppose	36%	16%	59%	34%
Not sure	29%	32%	28%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals				
Support	39%	10%	74%	37%
Oppose	45%	73%	10%	49%
Not sure	16%	17%	16%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of Occupy Wall St. or Tea Party?				
Occupy Wall Street	40%	62%	11%	43%
Tea Party	37%	9%	71%	34%
Not sure	23%	29%	18%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rather Rick or Tyler Perry as Pres.?				
Rick Perry	38%	16%	64%	32%
Tyler Perry	18%	32%	4%	16%
Not sure	45%	52%	32%	52%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rather Rick or KatyPerry as Pres.?				
Rick Perry	41%	18%	68%	37%
Katy Perry	18%	29%	3%	22%
Not sure	41%	53%	29%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree/Disagree: Kissed a Girl and Liked It				
Agree	42%	42%	44%	39%
Disagree	31%	28%	34%	32%
Not sure	27%	30%	22%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Boehner Approval					
Approve	27%	21%	32%	8%	20%
Disapprove	48%	52%	44%	62%	65%
Not sure	25%	27%	24%	30%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	26%	35%	21%	55%	24%
Disapprove	62%	50%	69%	25%	64%
Not sure	12%	15%	10%	21%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	25%	17%	30%	2%	23%
Disapprove	62%	63%	58%	84%	67%
Not sure	13%	21%	12%	14%	10%





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A better job	32%	25%	39%	4%	24%
A worse job	45%	51%	36%	82%	61%
About the same	22%	21%	24%	12%	14%
Not sure	1%	3%	1%	2%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	45%	60%	36%	87%	51%
Republican	42%	23%	51%	5%	38%
Not sure	13%	17%	14%	8%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Occupy Wall St. Goals					
Support	35%	56%	31%	43%	43%
Oppose	36%	25%	41%	14%	34%
Not sure	29%	20%	28%	43%	23%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	39%	33%	46%	6%	29%
Oppose	45%	45%	40%	72%	57%
Not sure	16%	23%	14%	22%	14%





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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
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Not sure	23%	27%	21%	33%	22%

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Not sure	45%	41%	46%	43%	40%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
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Katy Perry	18%	22%	16%	22%	21%
Not sure	41%	37%	40%	57%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Agree/Disagree: Kissed a Girl and Liked It					
Agree	42%	45%	43%	36%	36%
Disagree	31%	29%	31%	33%	27%
Not sure	27%	26%	25%	31%	36%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Boehner Approval					
Approve	27%	20%	20%	32%	31%
Disapprove	48%	48%	52%	47%	46%
Not sure	25%	33%	28%	21%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	26%	45%	17%	29%	23%
Disapprove	62%	30%	70%	65%	65%
Not sure	12%	25%	13%	6%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	25%	25%	20%	29%	24%
Disapprove	62%	57%	66%	62%	60%
Not sure	13%	18%	14%	8%	16%

	Base	Age			
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Cong. GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems?					
A better job	32%	30%	24%	36%	36%
A worse job	45%	53%	43%	44%	42%
About the same	22%	15%	32%	18%	19%
Not sure	1%	3%	-	1%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	45%	48%	48%	40%	48%
Republican	42%	35%	36%	47%	45%
Not sure	13%	18%	17%	13%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Occupy Wall St. Goals					
Support	35%	40%	36%	37%	29%
Oppose	36%	28%	30%	41%	37%
Not sure	29%	33%	34%	22%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	39%	30%	40%	41%	40%
Oppose	45%	45%	43%	45%	48%
Not sure	16%	25%	17%	14%	12%

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Higher Opinion of Occupy Wall St. or Tea Party?					
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Tea Party	37%	18%	36%	41%	42%
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Rick Perry	38%	33%	39%	41%	33%
Tyler Perry	18%	30%	23%	13%	11%
Not sure	45%	36%	38%	46%	56%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rather Rick or KatyPerry as Pres.?					
Rick Perry	41%	30%	47%	42%	38%
Katy Perry	18%	27%	25%	14%	9%
Not sure	41%	42%	28%	44%	53%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Agree/Disagree: Kissed a Girl and Liked It					
Agree	42%	41%	46%	39%	44%
Disagree	31%	22%	29%	36%	30%
Not sure	27%	38%	25%	25%	26%

