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Voters moving against Occupy movement

Raleigh, N.C. – As the Occupy Wall Street movement has continued and spread, its esteem in American voters' eyes has slipped. Last month, when PPP first asked about the movement nationally, voters were split, with 35% supporting the movement's goals and 36% opposing them. Now, that is 33-45, 11 points worse. Still 52% of Democrats support their goals, but opposition has risen from 16% to 24%. Meanwhile, both Republicans (from 13-59 to 11-71) and independents (from 39-34 to 34-42) have moved 13 or 14 points against O.W.S.

That now makes the movement less popular than its right-wing counterpart, the Tea Party. 42% support that movement's goals, and 45% oppose them. It was 39-45 in the previous survey. When asked of which movement they have a higher opinion, voters side with the Tea Party now, 43-37, a reverse of last month's 40-37 in favor of O.W.S. Democrats (from 62-9 for O.W.S. to 58-12) and Republicans (from 11-71 to 10-78) have each moved seven or eight points toward favoring the Tea Party, while independents have shifted 13 points, from 43-34 to 40-44.

Both Democrats and Republicans in Congress remain almost equally reviled. 28% approve and 63% disapprove of Congressional Democrats' job performance, only one point on the margin better than Republicans' 26-62, the same situation as last month, when the two parties were at a respective 26-62 and 25-62.

The Republicans' leader in Congress has far better favor with voters, but is still quite unpopular. Speaker John Boehner gets the nod from 30% of Americans and a thumb's down from 46%, a five-point improvement from 27-48 last month.

If voters had to choose between the candidates of these two hated parties on their congressional ballot, they would tie at 45%, a three-point improvement for the GOP from a 45-42 Democratic advantage last month.

PPP surveyed 800 American voters from November 10th to 13th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.5%. 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 30%
Disapprove..... 46%
Not sure 24%

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

Approve 28%
Disapprove..... 63%
Not sure 10%

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

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

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 37%
A worse job..... 41%
About the same..... 21%
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..... 45%
Not sure 10%

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

Support..... 33%
Oppose..... 45%
Not sure 22%

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

Support 42%
Oppose 45%
Not sure 13%

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

Occupy Wall St. 37%
Tea Party 43%
Not sure 20%

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

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 15%
Moderate..... 31%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 19%

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

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

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 41%
Republican..... 36%
Independent/Other..... 23%





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

<i>Hispanic</i>	10%
<i>White</i>	73%
<i>African-American</i>	11%
<i>Other</i>	5%

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>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Boehner Approval						
Approve	30%	19%	5%	18%	46%	57%
Disapprove	46%	59%	71%	56%	30%	20%
Not sure	24%	22%	24%	27%	24%	23%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. Dems Approval						
Approve	28%	61%	47%	33%	9%	6%
Disapprove	63%	32%	38%	53%	84%	91%
Not sure	10%	7%	15%	13%	7%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Approval						
Approve	26%	16%	1%	11%	46%	51%
Disapprove	62%	78%	91%	80%	37%	33%
Not sure	12%	6%	8%	9%	17%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
House GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems						
A better job	37%	24%	3%	19%	55%	77%
A worse job	41%	70%	77%	57%	13%	6%
About the same	21%	6%	20%	22%	30%	16%
Not sure	1%	-	-	2%	2%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democrat	45%	83%	87%	57%	12%	10%
Republican	45%	10%	3%	26%	80%	88%
Not sure	10%	7%	11%	16%	8%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose OWS Goals						
Support	33%	72%	60%	40%	10%	6%
Oppose	45%	18%	20%	33%	65%	78%
Not sure	22%	10%	21%	27%	25%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals						
Support	42%	24%	8%	22%	67%	81%
Oppose	45%	68%	81%	61%	17%	9%
Not sure	13%	8%	11%	16%	16%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?						
Occupy Wall St.	37%	62%	70%	48%	13%	7%
Tea Party	43%	18%	5%	22%	75%	84%
Not sure	20%	20%	25%	30%	13%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boehner Approval			
Approve	30%	27%	34%
Disapprove	46%	42%	49%
Not sure	24%	31%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. Dems Approval			
Approve	28%	32%	23%
Disapprove	63%	54%	72%
Not sure	10%	14%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	26%	23%	29%
Disapprove	62%	63%	62%
Not sure	12%	15%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
House GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems			
A better job	37%	31%	42%
A worse job	41%	47%	35%
About the same	21%	20%	22%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democrat	45%	51%	38%
Republican	45%	39%	52%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose OWS Goals			
Support	33%	32%	34%
Oppose	45%	41%	49%
Not sure	22%	26%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals			
Support	42%	34%	51%
Oppose	45%	51%	38%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?			
Occupy Wall St.	37%	40%	34%
Tea Party	43%	35%	52%
Not sure	20%	25%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boehner Approval				
Approve	30%	12%	54%	26%
Disapprove	46%	61%	24%	50%
Not sure	24%	27%	22%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	28%	53%	4%	18%
Disapprove	63%	33%	92%	72%
Not sure	10%	14%	4%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	26%	6%	53%	20%
Disapprove	62%	87%	31%	68%
Not sure	12%	8%	16%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
House GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems				
A better job	37%	11%	72%	26%
A worse job	41%	73%	7%	37%
About the same	21%	14%	19%	37%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	45%	84%	6%	36%
Republican	45%	9%	90%	39%
Not sure	10%	7%	4%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose OWS Goals				
Support	33%	52%	11%	34%
Oppose	45%	24%	71%	42%
Not sure	22%	24%	17%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals				
Support	42%	14%	73%	43%
Oppose	45%	74%	14%	40%
Not sure	13%	12%	13%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?				
Occupy Wall St.	37%	58%	10%	40%
Tea Party	43%	12%	78%	44%
Not sure	20%	29%	12%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Boehner Approval					
Approve	30%	35%	33%	7%	23%
Disapprove	46%	46%	42%	58%	65%
Not sure	24%	18%	25%	34%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	28%	50%	19%	54%	43%
Disapprove	63%	45%	71%	31%	55%
Not sure	10%	5%	10%	15%	2%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	26%	24%	31%	3%	7%
Disapprove	62%	70%	55%	91%	82%
Not sure	12%	6%	14%	6%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
House GOP Doing Better/Worse/Same as Dems					
A better job	37%	33%	42%	7%	27%
A worse job	41%	50%	35%	75%	41%
About the same	21%	13%	22%	16%	32%
Not sure	1%	3%	1%	2%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	45%	66%	35%	87%	53%
Republican	45%	24%	55%	9%	30%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%	3%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose OWS Goals					
Support	33%	57%	27%	39%	59%
Oppose	45%	29%	51%	29%	35%
Not sure	22%	14%	22%	32%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	42%	38%	48%	9%	37%
Oppose	45%	46%	39%	74%	58%
Not sure	13%	15%	13%	17%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?					
Occupy Wall St.	37%	49%	31%	56%	54%
Tea Party	43%	28%	51%	10%	28%
Not sure	20%	24%	18%	34%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Boehner Approval					
Approve	30%	27%	27%	30%	35%
Disapprove	46%	50%	49%	45%	39%
Not sure	24%	23%	24%	25%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	28%	43%	24%	28%	23%
Disapprove	63%	43%	68%	65%	63%
Not sure	10%	14%	8%	7%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	26%	23%	28%	24%	27%
Disapprove	62%	60%	64%	65%	55%
Not sure	12%	16%	8%	10%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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A better job	37%	34%	37%	35%	41%
A worse job	41%	45%	42%	41%	38%
About the same	21%	16%	21%	23%	18%
Not sure	1%	5%	-	1%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	45%	67%	42%	45%	36%
Republican	45%	23%	48%	45%	54%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose OWS Goals					
Support	33%	47%	33%	35%	22%
Oppose	45%	35%	45%	46%	50%
Not sure	22%	19%	22%	19%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	42%	40%	43%	42%	41%
Oppose	45%	47%	45%	45%	42%
Not sure	13%	14%	12%	12%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?					
Occupy Wall St.	37%	47%	34%	39%	32%
Tea Party	43%	28%	47%	45%	42%
Not sure	20%	26%	19%	16%	26%

