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AUGUST WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 4-7, 2011 with a random sample of –1,319—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, including an oversample of –376—non-Hispanic blacks, consisting of –88—interviews done as part of the random national sample and –288—interviews with blacks who had previously participated in national Gallup Polls and agreed to be re-interviewed at a later date. The data from the national sample and re-interviews are combined and weighted to be demographically representative of the national adult population in the United States and to reflect the proper proportion of blacks in the overall population.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of – 376—non-Hispanic blacks, the maximum margin of error is ±6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of – 796—non-Hispanic whites, the maximum margin of error is ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –1,204— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of – 347—non-Hispanic black registered voters, the maximum margin of error is ±7 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of – 746—non-Hispanic white registered voters, the maximum margin of error is ±5 percentage points.

Interviews for the random national sample are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households.   All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

3.   If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

3A.   (*If undecided or other*) As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.3/3A): BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

2011 Aug 4-7	Democratic candidate	Republican candidate	Other/ undecided
Registered voters	51	44	6
Black RVs	*88*	*10*	*2*
White RVs	*44*	*50*	*7*

6.   Thinking again about how you might vote for Congress, would you, personally, be—[ROTATED: more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who was supported by the Tea Party movement, would it not make a difference to your vote, (or would you be) less likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who was supported by the Tea Party movement]?

2011 Aug 4-7	More likely	No difference	Less likely	No opinion
Registered voters	23	30	42	5
Black RVs	*8*	*26*	*63*	*3*
White RVs	*25*	*31*	*39*	*5*