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<b>President Obama Job Approval</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	43.5
Disapprove	50.5
<b>Spread -7.0</b>	
<b>Congressional Job Approval</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	16.0
Disapprove	78.2
<b>Spread -62.2</b>	
<b>Generic Congressional Vote</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Republicans	45.0
Democrats	44.7
<b>Republicans +0.3</b>	
<b>Direction of Country</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Right Direction	18.3
Wrong Track	74.5
<b>Spread -56.2</b>	

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- Obama Pushes for Entitlement Modifications** - Jon Walker, FDL
- Krauthammer and the Fraudulence of Conservative Outrage** - G.S., PL
- Feingold Dashes Labor's Hopes of Revenge** - Alana Goodman, Contentions
- What's Next for the U.S. and China?** - Michael Meidan, Foreign Policy
- Green Jobs? There's Just No Market** - Bruce McQuain, Q&O

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- Deport Criminals, Not Students and Workers** - Daniel Griswold, @Liberty
- Arne Duncan's Glass House** - Carrie Lukas, The Corner
- The Perry Panic and the Draft Ryan Movement** - Jonathan Chait, The Plank
- Unions Protest Law They Supported** - Lachlan Markay, The Foundry
- Crisis on the Courts** - Steve Benen, Political Animal
- Terrorism is the Crime Without a Cause** - David Gelertner, The Blog
- Is Political Mudslinging Worse Today?** - Steven Levingston, Bookworm
- Obama Drops the Ball on Egyptian Elections** - Michael Rubin, Contentions
- Power Without Responsibility** - Kevin Drum, Mother Jones

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- On the Economy, Obama at 26%** - Lachlan Markay, The Foundry
- All the Candidates' Federal Spending** - Michael Scherer, SwampLand
- Bush Donors Have No Feud with Perry** - Tim Mak, FrumForum
- The Dumbest Fake Outrage: Obama's Vacation** - Greg Sargent, Plum Line
- Obama's Too Late on Assad** - Jonathan Tobin, Contentions
- Obama Calls for Assad to Resign** - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air
- Warren Launches Senate Exploratory Committee** - Benjy Sarlin, TPM
- Thirty Years of Raising the Debt Ceiling** - Veronique de Rugy, The Corner
- Obama Aims to Shift Aid to Family Farms** - Sarah Jane Glynn, ThinkProgress
- Obama vs. Bush on Power over Congress** - Glenn Greenwald, Salon

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- Watching Things Unravel in Slow Motion** - Steve Benen, Political Animal
- Can We Afford Job Creation Without Deficit Reduction?** - J. Lewison, DK
- Perry's Job Model** - Jennifer Rubin, Contentions
- Why We Criticize Friends and Foes** - Peter Wehner, Contentions
- Should We Tax, Borrow or Spend on Infrastructure** - Suzy Khimm, WaPo
- Hating on the EPA** - Kevin Drum, Mother Jones
- Can Obama Make Assad Disappear?** - Aaron Goldstein, AmSpec
- U.S. Must Resist Post-Qaddafi Role in Libya** - Ted Galen Carpenter, @Liberty

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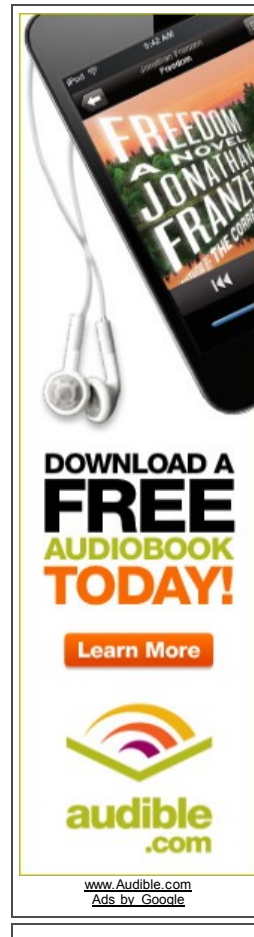
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- Obama May Ask for More Stimulus** - Andrew Stiles, The Corner
- Can Social Issues Give Bachmann the Edge over Perry** - Seth Mandel, Contentions
- Perry Doesn't Want You to Think Texas is Special** - Paul Waldman, TAPPED
- Strong and Wrong** - Steve Benen, Political Animal
- A Welcome Convert to the Defense Fight** - Thomas Donnelly, The Blog
- The Real Engine Behind the Tea Party** - Kevin Drum, Mother Jones
- The Ethanol Mandate Needs to Go** - Nicolas Loris, The Foundry
- Obama Discusses Unions at Iowa Townhall** - Laura Clawson, Daily Kos
- The Incredible Shrinking Union** - Megan McArdle, The Atlantic

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- 47% of Government Jobs Created in Texas** - Pat Garofalo, ThinkProgress

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**How Ryan Won the Wisconsin Recalls** - Christian Schneider, The Corner  
**Obama Tolerates Terror Operations Run From Syrian Embassy** - J.R., RT  
**Where are the Young Liberal Judges?** - Scott Lemiux, TAPPED  
**The Food Stamp Party is Stimulating Poverty** - Daniel Horowitz, RedState  
**Is Household Debt Holding Back the Economy?** - Ezra Klein, Washington Post

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**Both Sides Can Learn From Perry's Fed Comments** - Jennifer Rubin, Right Turn  
**What Perry Got Wrong About the Federal Reserve** - Matthew Yglesias, ThinkProgress  
**Perry's Social Security Conversation** - Adam Sorensen, Swampland  
**Ryan for President?** - Stephen Hayes, The Blog  
**It's the Austerity, Stupid!** - Simon van Zuylen-Wood, TNR  
**Lies From a Failed Obama Czar** - Matthew Vadum, AmSpec  
**Right Rejects Buffett's Good Advice** - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
**The Inconsistency of Taxing Investment Returns** - Daniel Indiviglio, The Atlantic  
**Stop the Defense Budget Train Wreck** - John Bolton, The Enterprise  
**Health Reform's \$50 Billion Question** - Sarah Kliff, Washington Post

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**"Who's Next?" Talk Refuses to Quiet Down** - Patrick O'Connor, WW  
**Perry Almost Alone in Military Experience** - Rachel Weiner, The Fix  
**The Jobs Attacks Begin** - Bruce McQuain, Q&O  
**How Texas Got Huge Job Growth** - Derek Thompson, The Atlantic  
**Malpractice Reform: Another Texas Non-Miracle** - Kevin Drum, MJ  
**Dems Hope Warren Can Beat "Unbeatable" Brown** - Seth Mandel, Contentions  
**Perry: National or Niche Candidate?** - Kristen Soltis, Huffington Post  
**No Hope or Change When It Comes to Fannie Mae** - Mark Calabria, @Liberty

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**Obama's Problem is Not Communication** - Peter Wehner, Contentions  
**Obama: The GOP is Blocking My Tax Break** - Thomas Lane, TPM  
**Romney and Perry Already Throwing Jabs** - AllahPundit, Hot Air  
**Texas and the Uninsured** - Sarah Kliff, Washington Post  
**When the GOP Establishment Ponders Electability** - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
**Perry's Underwhelming Radicalism** - Peter Suderman, Hit & Run  
**Is Romney Switching Positions on the Flat Tax?** - Katrina Trinko, The Corner  
**Who Pays the Super Committee?** - Catherine Rampell, Economix  
**London Rioters, Not the Tea Party, Are Guilty of Violence** - Marion Smith, The Foundry  
**The Verizon Strike is About Middle Class Jobs** - Laura Clawson, Daily Kos

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**Rick Perry's Book is Really Good** - Ezra Klein, Washington Post  
**Perry and the Texas Miracle** - Joseph Lawler, AmSpec  
**How the Deck Was Rigged Against Pawlenty** - Walter Shapiro, TNR  
**Exit Pawlenty** - Ross Douthat, Evaluations  
**Bachmann's Strategy: Ignore Past Statements** - Barbara Morrill, Daily Kos  
**Taxing Warren Buffett** - Samuel Gregg, The Corner  
**Buffett: Will Somebody Please Raise My Taxes?** - AllahPundit, Hot Air  
**Tight Race Expected in Final WI Recalls** - Rachel Weiner, The Fix