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RCP POLL AVERAGES	
President Obama Job Approval	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	43.9
Disapprove	51.6
	<b>Spread -7.7</b>
Congressional Job Approval	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	13.5
Disapprove	83.3
	<b>Spread -69.8</b>
Generic Congressional Vote	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Democrats	41.3
Republicans	41.3
	<b>Tie</b>
Direction of Country	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Right Direction	21.0
Wrong Track	72.8
	<b>Spread -51.8</b>

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A Weak Argument Against Stimulus - Ezra Klein, Washington Post  
 Solyndra, the Logical Endpoint of Obamanomics - J. Pethokoukis, Reuters  
 The Importance of the "My Representative" Question - J. Sides, MC  
 White House Pleads With Senate Dems for Support - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
 Is Pennsylvania Hijacking the Presidential Elections? - Tara Ross, TC  
 Overdue Questions on Bachmann's Judgment - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
 Crank Up the Scandal Machine - Paul Waldman, TAPPED  
 China's Investing Woes - Phil Levy, Shadow Gov't

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Does Obama Really Believe He's Still Popular? - Jay Cost, The Blog  
 Shouldn't the Presidential Debates Be Better? - Jennifer Rubin, Right Turns  
 Speeding Up the Patent Process - Rep. Hoyer, Huffington Post  
 What a Politician's Former Job Can Tell You - Brad Plumer, Washington Post  
 New Ford Ad Blasts Bailouts - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
 Coburn Relents, FAA Funding Passes - David Dayen, FDL  
 The End of the Postal Service as We Know It - Christopher Orlet, AmSpec  
 Health Care and the Commerce Clause - Robert Levy, @Liberty  
 Eliminating Social Security Revenue Won't Help - Matthew Yglesias, ThinkProgress  
 U.S. Can't Track Weapons-Grade Uranium - Noah Shachtman, Danger Room

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After NY-9, 50 Democratic Seats Could Be In Play - Jim Geraghty, The Corner  
 Did Obama Cut Taxes More Than Bush? - James Antle, AmSpec  
 Why We Need to Raise Taxes on the Rich - Gregg Easterbrook, Reuters  
 Coburn Poised to Shut Down FAA Again - David Dayen, FDL  
 RomneyCare: A Microcosm of ObamaCare - Daniel Horowitz, RedState  
 Food Stamps as Stimulus - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
 Nearly \$5 Million for Every Green Job - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
 Property Rights Are Not Second-Class Rights - Ilya Shapiro, @Liberty  
 PLO Ambassador Walks Back Discriminatory Comment - Matt Duss, ThinkProgress  
 Rights Groups Oppose Aid to Uzbekistan - Jason Ukman, Checkpoint

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Democrats Turn on Obama - Jennifer Rubin, Right Turn  
 Pelosi: Dem Opposition to Obama Plan is Trivial - Brian Beutler, TPM  
 Why Perry's Performances Haven't Hurt Him Yet - Chris Cillizza, The Fix  
 Study Claims RomneyCare Cost Mass. 18,000 Jobs - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
 Is Romney Really a Lock in New Hampshire? - M. Crowley, Swampland  
 "Pass The Bill" Won't Help Education - Rachel Sheffield, The Foundry  
 White House Deficit Plan Coming Together - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
 Special Election Aftermath Troubling for Democrats - Guy Benson, Townhall

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Do Special Elections Predict General Elections? - Ezra Klein, Washington Post  
 Obama's Jobs Bill is Bad News for Charities - Ryan Messmore, The Foundry  
 Solyanda, the 'Face of Stimulus' - Chris Horner, AmSpec  
 Don't Be Fooled By Solyndra, Solar is Booming - Michael Scherer, Swampland  
 Health Insurance Shock and Horror - Ronald Bailey, Hit & Run  
 Pennsylvania GOP Cooks Up Ugly Scheme - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
 Perry on Financial Aid to Illegal Immigrants - Shannen Coffin, The Corner  
 U.S. Should Get Help From Britain at the U.N. - Michael Magan, Shadow Gov't  
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Blue Dogs Cool to Obama's Vision - Brian Beutler, TPM  
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Rick Perry as Howard Dean - Ross Douthat, Evaluations  
The Real Story from Last Night's Debate - Jamelle Bouie, TAPPED  
Perry Needs to Hit the Books - Jennifer Rubin, Right Turn  
Obama Too Clever By Half - Joseph Lawler, AmSpec  
Government's Wasteful Contracting - Reihan Salam, The Corner  
Stop the Crazy Talk - Jared Bernstein, On the Economy  
IMF Tells Conservatives What They Don't Want to Hear - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
Obama's Econ Chair Understands Federal Pay - Biggs & Richwine, The Blog

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The Super Committee Must Work on Jobs - Ezra Klein, Washington Post  
ACA Won't Lead to Employers Dropping Coverage - Igor Volsky, TP  
Romney's Health Care Evasions - Peter Suderman, Hit & Run  
Perry Has Been a Budget-Cutter - Reihan Salam, The Agenda  
Analyzing the FEMA Funding Vote - BooMan, Booman Tribune  
The War on Poverty - Daniel Mitchell, Big Gov't  
Poverty at Highest Rate in 15 Years - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
Creeping Poverty in America - Steven Gray, SwampLand

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Why Perry Could Win on Social Security - Matthew Dowd, The Atlantic  
The Ponzi Claim: A History - Stanley Kurtz, The Corner  
Why is Social Security the Big Topic? - Joseph Lawler, AmSpec  
Will Obama's Plan Cause a Schism in the GOP? - Greg Sargent, Plum Line  
So Much for the 'Olive Branch' - Steve Benen, Political Animal  
DNC Mounts Ad Campaign for Jobs Bill - David Dayen, FDL  
Of Social Security and Ponzi Schemes - Bruce McQuain, Q&O  
Capital Gains and the Washington Post - Chris Edwards, @Liberty  
Foreign Views of the U.S. in Afghanistan - Matthew Yglesias, ThinkProgress  
Hillary Clinton's Own Goal - Michael Rubin, The Enterprise  
Rice Blasts GOP U.N. Plan - Paul Bedard, Washington Wire

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Obama Wants to Pay the Bill Later - Jennifer Rubin, Right Turn  
Does the White House Want GOP Opposition on Jobs Bill? - J. Bouie, TAPPED  
Will Payroll Taxes Be Cut in Half? - Stephen Stromberg, PostPartisan  
The Truth and Lies About Social Security - Shikha Dalmia, Hit & Run  
Obama Starts Telling the Right Story - Bo Cutter, New Deal 2.0  
More Executive Orders Coming from Obama? - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
Republicans Don't Want Deficit Reduction - Matthew Yglesias, ThinkProgress