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- [Hagel, the Multi-Faceted Symbol](#) - Ed Kilgore, Political Animal
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- [Boehner Tries to Save Face](#) - Jamelle Bouie, Plum Line
- [Boehner's Plan B Fails. Now What?](#) - Peter Suderman, Hit & Run
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- [At State, Kerry Can Reshape His Resume](#) - David Leonhardt, The Caucus
- [Kerry is a Seasoned, Willful Diplomat](#) - Jay Newton-Small, Swampland
- [Future Jobs Buried Under Unemployment](#) - Ryan Cooper, Political Animal

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- [Fiscal Cliff Could Delay 100 Million Tax Filings](#) - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air
- [Debating Chained CPI](#) - Robert Kuttner, TAPPED
- [Failing to Get Justice for Benghazi Victims](#) - Paul Mirengoff, PowerLine
- [Investigating 'Command and Control' in Benghazi](#) - Thomas Joscelyn, The Blog
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- [George Will Gets It Wrong on Voting Rights](#) - Andrew Cohen, The Atlantic
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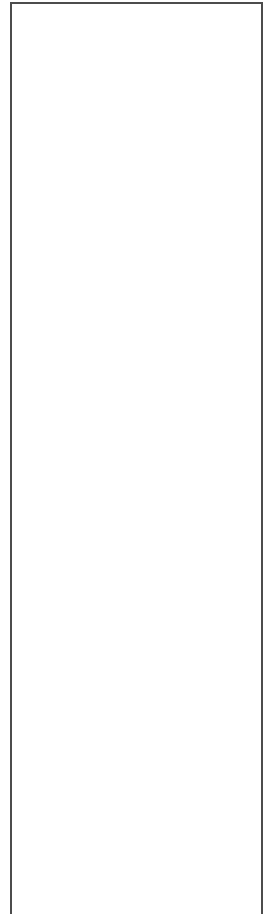
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- [Obama's Promise on Taxes is Lie of the Year](#) - Jon Walker, Firedoglake
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RCP Average	
Approve	53.6
Disapprove	42.0
Spread +11.6	
Direction of Country	
RCP Average	
Right Direction	38.4
Wrong Track	54.4
Spread -16.0	
Congressional Job Approval	
RCP Average	
Approve	18.0
Disapprove	75.4
Spread -57.4	
Generic Congressional Vote	
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Republicans	47.5
Democrats	47.3
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