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<b>President Obama Job Approval</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	45.8
Disapprove	48.9
<b>Spread -3.1</b>	
<b>Congressional Job Approval</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	20.3
Disapprove	73.5
<b>Spread -53.2</b>	
<b>Generic Congressional Vote</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Republicans	42.5
Democrats	42.0
<b>Republicans +0.5</b>	
<b>Direction of Country</b>	
<b>RCP Average</b>	
Right Direction	25.8
Wrong Track	67.5
<b>Spread -41.7</b>	

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- Tea Party Won't Determine the 2012 GOP Nomination** - A. Blake, The Fix  
**Return of the Summer of Wreckovery?** - Jazz Shaw, Hot Air  
**Anti-Union Bills Moving in Massachusetts?** - David Dayen, FDL  
**How Oil Profits are Good for Americans** - Nicolas Loris, The Foundry  
**Our National Security Farm Team Problem** - Kevin Drum, Mother Jones  
**American Income Inequality in Perspective** - Veronique de Rugy, The Corner  
**Consumers Win in Latest Supreme Court Ruling** - John Tabin, AmSpec  
**Clash of the Titans: Banks vs. Retailers** - Adam Sorensen, Swampland

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- The Most Important Senate Vote of 2011** - Hugh Hewitt, Townhall  
**The Three Most Important Health Care Graphs** - Ezra Klein, Washington Post  
**Replacing ObamaCare** - Yuval Levin, The Corner  
**Libya: No End Game, No Exit Strategy** - Jon Walker, FDL  
**Against Drone Strikes in Libya** - Jeffrey Goldberg, The Atlantic  
**The Right's Problem with Petraeus** - Greg Sargent, Plum Line  
**DOJ Poker Shutdown Holds onto Americans' Money** - Michelle Minton, Big Gov't  
**A More Militarized CIA for a More Militarized America** - Glenn Greenwald, Salon  
**Why Campaign Finance Reformers Love Secrecy** - John Samples, @Liberty  
**Reduce the Federal Footprint in Education** - Jennifer Marshall, The Foundry

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**Will Oil Industry Become an Endangered Species in Texas?** - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air  
**The New Security Team** - Joe Klein, Swampland  
**Another Defeat for Public Employee Unions** - Steven Hayward, The Corner  
**Panetta and Petraeus on the Move** - Susan Crabtree, TPM  
**Why is Obama Protecting Assad?** - Lee Smith, The Blog  
**Leading from Behind** - Kora Schake, Shadow Gov't  
**Right Tries to Torpedo Senate Rules Reform** - David Waldman, Daily Kos

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- Republicans Are Winning the Budget Debate** - Jeffrey Anderson, The Blog  
**Rich Man, Poor Man** - Kevin Drum, Mother Jones  
**The White House, the Democrats & the Deficit** - R. Douthat, Evaluations  
**The GOP Field is Not Disappointing** - Michael Scherer, Swampland  
**Petraeus and Panetta** - Bing West, The Corner  
**Climate Change Polarization** - Matthew Yglesias, ThinkProgress  
**Is Pakistan On Board with U.S. Objectives?** - Lisa Curtis, The Foundry  
**Medicine vs. Consumerism** - Jonathan Chait, The Plank

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- Four Lessons in the Obama Campaign Video** - Michael Scherer, Swampland  
**Obama Campaign Pushes Underdog Narrative** - Alana Goodman, Contentions  
**Winnowing** - Jonathan Bernstein, Plain Blog  
**Tax Progressivity and More** - Veronique de Rugy, The Corner  
**The Mythical Obama Spending Binge** - Jonathan Chait, TNR  
**Fed Critics Miss Reason Stimulus Stalled** - Noah Kristula-Green, FrumForum  
**No on Taxes Equals Yes on Deficits** - Ezra Klein, Washington Post  
**Wikileaks: The Iraq-Al Qaeda Connection Confirmed Again** - Thomas Joscelyn, The Blog  
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**A Time for Radical Centrists** - Edward Glaeser, Economix

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**Reid Wants to Divide GOP Over Ryan Budget** - David Nir, Daily Kos  
**The Tax Code We Deserve** - Derek Thompson, The Atlantic  
**America's Weird Balance of Power** - Matthew Yglesias, ThinkProgress  
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**More Gangster Government** - Scott Johnson, Powerline  
**How Obama is Losing Colombia** - Jose Cardenas, Shadow Gov't

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**The Debt Limit "Game of Chicken"** - David Dayen, FDL  
**The Price of Presidential Ambition** - Janelle Bouie, TAPPED  
**200 Released Detainees Were "High-Risk"** - Alana Goodman, Contentions  
**Gas Tax Words vs. Numbers** - Jim Manzi, The Corner  
**Oil Company Earnings Skyrocket, Subsidies Continue** - Joan McCarter, Daily Kos  
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