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## OBAMA JOB RATING THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN CONGRESS

Phoenix, Arizona. April 27, 2012. Neither the U.S. Congress nor President Barack Obama are very popular with Arizona taxpayers, but speaking in relative terms, the Congress leads the parade of rascals. Barely eleven percent rate that institution's performance favorably and fully 51 percent say the Congress is going a poor job. In contrast, President Obama's favorable rating is at 34 percent, three times higher than for Congress. At the same time, however, a plurality of 39 percent say President Obama, like the Congress, is doing a poor job. Neither the President nor the Congress have improved their stock in trade with the public between January and today.

As might be expected, the job ratings reveal strong partisan overtones, with Democrats liking what they see in the President, while Republicans can't pinch their nose long enough when they think about President Obama. Independents give mixed reviews yet lean favorably toward Mr. Obama both in their job ratings and their willingness to vote for him..

But when it comes to the Congress, agreement is widespread: 51 percent of Democrats, 46 percent of Republicans and 56 percent of Independents rate that institution's politicians as doing a poor job. Similarly, more than half of Conservatives, Liberals and Moderates say Congress deserves only a "poor" rating for its job performance.

Arizona's two Republican U.S. Senators, Jon Kyl (who is retiring at the end of his current term) and John McCain, are also held in lukewarm regard by the taxpayers and voters. Senator Kyl receives favorable job ratings from 32 percent of the public but 25 percent chose the "poor" performance category. Among Republicans, Senator Kyl's favorable rating jumps to 48 percent with only eleven percent unfavorable in their assessment of his performance in Washington. Senator McCain receives favorable job ratings of 33 percent and unfavorable ratings of 31 percent. Similar to Senator Kyl, he also receives higher ratings from among Republican voters, yet nowhere near as high as he has had in the past.

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2012-II-02), is based on 511 interviews with registered voters statewide, conducted between April 9 and 17, 2012. Interviewing was conducted in both English or Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on both landlines and cell phones. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 4.4 percent of what they would have been had the entire voter population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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ENCLOSED: Statistical tables.

“Would you say that the current **U.S. Congress** is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job?”

	EXCELLENT/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/ VERY POOR	NET TO POSITIVE
<b>April 2012</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>-40</b>
January 2012	14	29	53	-39
<b><u>April 2012 Detail</u></b>				
Democrats	9	34	51	-42
Independents	8	31	56	-48
Republicans	17	34	46	-29
Women	16	32	46	-30
Men	6	35	56	-50
Liberals	16	27	54	-38
Moderates	11	34	50	-39
Conservatives	11	34	52	-41

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“Would you say that **President Barack Obama** is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job in office?”

|                                 | EXCELLENT/<br>GOOD |            | FAIR | POOR/<br>VERY POOR | NET TO<br>POSITIVE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                 | GOOD               | FAIR       |      |                    |                    |
| <b>April 2012</b>               | <b>34%</b>         | <b>25%</b> |      | <b>39%</b>         | <b>- 5</b>         |
| Jan. 2012                       | 34                 | 23         |      | 41                 | - 7                |
| April 2011                      | 33                 | 26         |      | 35                 | - 2                |
| July 2010                       | 28                 | 27         |      | 39                 | -11                |
| Jan. 2010                       | 40                 | 18         |      | 35                 | + 5                |
| Sept 2009                       | 45                 | 20         |      | 30                 | +14                |
| April 2009                      | 51                 | 24         |      | 20                 | +31                |
| <b><u>April 2012 Detail</u></b> |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| Democrats                       | 53                 | 29         |      | 17                 | +36                |
| Independents                    | 43                 | 25         |      | 31                 | +12                |
| Republicans                     | 10                 | 21         |      | 65                 | -55                |
|                                 |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| Age under 35                    | 27                 | 33         |      | 38                 | -11                |
| 35 to 54                        | 38                 | 25         |      | 37                 | + 1                |
| 55 and older                    | 38                 | 18         |      | 41                 | -3                 |
|                                 |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| Caucasian                       | 33                 | 22         |      | 42                 | -9                 |
| Hispanic                        | 31                 | 49         |      | 19                 | +12                |
| Other                           | 43                 | 21         |      | 35                 | + 8                |
|                                 |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| Women                           | 36                 | 26         |      | 35                 | + 1                |
| Men                             | 32                 | 23         |      | 44                 | -12                |
|                                 |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| <u>Income</u>                   |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| \$45K or less                   | 38                 | 21         |      | 39                 | - 1                |
| \$45K to \$84,999               | 25                 | 29         |      | 45                 | - 20               |
| \$85K or more                   | 42                 | 24         |      | 34                 | + 8                |
|                                 |                    |            |      |                    |                    |
| Liberals                        | 62                 | 10         |      | 27                 | +35                |
| Moderates                       | 35                 | 34         |      | 28                 | + 7                |
| Conservatives                   | 18                 | 25         |      | 56                 | -38                |

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“Would you say that U.S. Senator Jon Kyl is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job in office?”

		EXCELLENT/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/VERY POOR	(NET POS TO NEG)
<b>U.S. Senator Jon Kyl</b>					
<b>April</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>( + 7)</b>
January	2012	33	33	20	( + 13)
April	2011	24	29	23	(+ 1)
July	2010	29	29	17	(+ 12)
January	2010	35	23	20	(+ 15)
September	2009	44	32	24	(+ 20)
November	2007	37	26	13	(+ 24)
July	2007	40	34	18	(+ 22)
March	2007	46	25	12	(+ 34)
January	2007	48	24	16	(+ 32)
January	2006	42	26	9	(+ 33)
October	2005	40	23	10	(+ 30)
July	2005	47	21	9	(+ 38)
April	2005	42	21	10	(+ 32)
January	2005	49	22	7	(+ 42)
October	2004	47	23	8	(+ 39)
July	2004	48	22	9	(+ 39)
April	2004	42	25	9	(+ 33)
January	2004	41	28	10	(+ 31)
October	2003	43	27	7	(+ 36)
July	2003	49	23	9	(+ 40)
April	2003	45	22	7	(+ 38)
January	2003	42	28	8	(+ 34)
October	2002	43	26	10	(+ 33)
July	2002	50	23	8	(+ 42)
April	2002	49	21	9	(+ 40)
January	2002	48	26	5	(+ 43)
October	2001	57	22	7	(+ 50)
July	2001	46	24	7	(+ 39)
April	2001	46	27	8	(+ 38)
January	2001	47	23	9	(+ 38)
October	2000	46	26	7	(+ 39)
July	2000	39	32	7	(+ 32)
April	2000	37	26	10	(+ 27)
January	2000	40	26	8	(+ 32)
October	1999	38	26	9	(+ 29)
July	1999	43	28	8	(+ 35)
April	1999	39	27	9	(+ 30)
January	1999	42	25	8	(+ 34)
January	1998	42	28	9	(+ 33)
January	1997	36	32	8	(+ 28)
January	1996	33	31	13	(+ 20)

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“Would you say that U.S. Senator John McCain is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job in office?”

|                                 |      | EXCELLENT/<br>GOOD | FAIR | POOR/VERY<br>POOR | (NET POS<br>TO NEG) |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>U.S. Senator John McCain</b> |      |                    |      |                   |                     |
| April                           | 2012 | 33                 | 30   | 31                | (+ 2)               |
| January                         | 2012 | 39                 | 32   | 26                | (+ 13)              |
| April                           | 2011 | 33                 | 26   | 28                | (+ 5)               |
| July                            | 2010 | 36                 | 31   | 22                | (+ 14)              |
| January                         | 2010 | 40                 | 30   | 21                | (+ 19)              |
| September                       | 2009 | 48                 | 31   | 21                | (+ 27)              |
| November                        | 2007 | 45                 | 26   | 17                | (+ 28)              |
| July                            | 2007 | 42                 | 25   | 30                | (+ 12)              |
| March                           | 2007 | 49                 | 24   | 18                | (+ 31)              |
| January                         | 2007 | 50                 | 25   | 17                | (+ 33)              |
| January                         | 2006 | 62                 | 20   | 9                 | (+ 53)              |
| October                         | 2005 | 60                 | 27   | 7                 | (+ 53)              |
| July                            | 2005 | 63                 | 19   | 9                 | (+ 54)              |
| April                           | 2005 | 61                 | 22   | 10                | (+ 51)              |
| January                         | 2005 | 73                 | 15   | 6                 | (+ 67)              |
| October                         | 2004 | 70                 | 17   | 8                 | (+ 62)              |
| July                            | 2004 | 72                 | 17   | 6                 | (+ 66)              |
| April                           | 2004 | 65                 | 18   | 9                 | (+ 56)              |
| January                         | 2004 | 64                 | 20   | 9                 | (+ 55)              |
| October                         | 2003 | 61                 | 22   | 7                 | (+ 54)              |
| July                            | 2003 | 68                 | 18   | 8                 | (+ 60)              |
| April                           | 2003 | 66                 | 20   | 6                 | (+ 60)              |
| January                         | 2003 | 57                 | 24   | 9                 | (+ 48)              |
| October                         | 2002 | 61                 | 23   | 10                | (+ 51)              |
| July                            | 2002 | 66                 | 21   | 8                 | (+ 58)              |
| April                           | 2002 | 69                 | 15   | 9                 | (+ 60)              |
| January                         | 2002 | 65                 | 21   | 9                 | (+ 56)              |
| October                         | 2001 | 70                 | 16   | 9                 | (+ 61)              |
| July                            | 2001 | 54                 | 22   | 13                | (+ 41)              |
| April                           | 2001 | 63                 | 22   | 8                 | (+ 55)              |
| January                         | 2001 | 63                 | 21   | 7                 | (+ 56)              |
| October                         | 2000 | 67                 | 18   | 8                 | (+ 59)              |
| July                            | 2000 | 63                 | 21   | 8                 | (+ 55)              |
| April                           | 2000 | 56                 | 24   | 9                 | (+ 47)              |
| January                         | 2000 | 63                 | 20   | 7                 | (+ 56)              |
| January                         | 1999 | 63                 | 17   | 9                 | (+ 54)              |
| January                         | 1998 | 55                 | 25   | 8                 | (+ 47)              |
| January                         | 1997 | 50                 | 28   | 9                 | (+ 41)              |
| January                         | 1996 | 47                 | 28   | 11                | (+ 36)              |
| January                         | 1995 | 47                 | 29   | 11                | (+ 37)              |
| January                         | 1994 | 38                 | 33   | 14                | (+ 24)              |
| January                         | 1993 | 46                 | 30   | 14                | (+ 32)              |
| January                         | 1992 | 33                 | 35   | 17                | (+ 16)              |
| January                         | 1991 | 24                 | 34   | 19                | (+ 5)               |

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