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Kicking Ass, Obama Style

By Brad O'Leary

“Speak softly and carry a big stick.”

That was former President Teddy Roosevelt's favorite proverb. In the wake of the BP oil spill disaster, we now know that President Obama likes to carry a twig while he's yelling at anyone who will listen.

“I don't sit around talking to experts because this is a college seminar,” Obama told the Today Show's Matt Lauer. “We talk to these folks because they potentially have the best answers, so I know whose ass to kick.”

Putting aside the un-presidential nature of Obama's rhetoric, let's examine just how sore BP's backside is now that the President is bringing the big timber.

The Obama administration paddled BP into establishing a \$20 billion escrow fund, out of which the oil giant and White House friend would pay for damages to individuals and businesses harmed by the oil spill. BP plans to put \$5 billion per year into the fund over the next four years.

Under current tax law, however, BP would get to write-off the entire \$20 billion this year. BP only needs to show the IRS that this \$20 billion fund is a necessary business expense – and clearly, it is. Though BP is not legally obligated to compensate victims of the oil spill, the money it spends repairing its reputation in this manner is certainly deductible.

This \$20 billion write-off could amount to as much as \$7 billion in tax

savings for BP this year. Put another way, that's \$7 billion that the Obama-BP escrow fund could cost the U.S. Treasury (i.e. American taxpayers). Not a bad return for BP's initial \$5 billion outlay this year.

In addition, if the \$20 billion payment pushes BP into the red, the oil giant could use this year's losses to offset its profits from the past two years.

The White House also whipped BP into suspending three quarterly dividend payments, equating to an estimated \$7.5 billion savings for the company this year. Ostensibly, this money is supposed to go toward the \$20 billion escrow fund.

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Poll Shows Majority of Voters Want Arizona's Immigration Law

By Brad O'Leary and Peyton Knight

Washington, D.C. — The Obama administration's decision to file a lawsuit against the state of Arizona in an attempt to block the state from enforcing illegal immigration law is decidedly unpopular with a majority of Americans, according to a recent Zogby International poll. The Poll was conducted June 25-28 and surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

Do you agree or disagree with the

following statement: The governor in my state should adopt a law like the recently passed Arizona immigration law.

A solid majority of voters (58%) agree that their state governor should adopt a law similar to Arizona's recently passed immigration law, while just 39% disagree.

Among Independent voters, 59% wish their state had an immigration law

like that of Arizona, and only 37% disagree.

Likewise, 59% of voters who had to pay taxes last year wish their governor would adopt a law similar to Arizona's immigration law, and just 38% of taxpayers do not. Among voters who did not have any tax liability last year (due to either low income or numerous tax deductions), 52% want their state to adopt Arizona's

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Obama and BP

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Obama's making BP pay alright. Pay itself on the backs of its now trapped shareholders, and pay Gulf coast residents on the backs of the American taxpayers.

As for the actual compensating of the victims, it isn't going too well.

Dean Blanchard, whose Gulf Coast seafood processing business has lost \$1.5 million because of the spill, has been compensated by BP for just 11% of his losses. BP's unwillingness to pay Blanchard has forced him to layoff 72 employees – cutting his workforce down to just 8 people.

So much for President Obama's and BP's promise to make victims "whole."

Tuan Dang, a shrimp boat captain in Gautier, Mississippi, sums it up best. "It's like you're in the middle of the desert and you get a little bit of water," he says of BP's paltry payouts.

If any of this surprises you, it shouldn't. BP is a strong White House and Democratic ally on the cap-and-tax issue. In fact, earlier this year, BP was instrumental in writing the dreaded Kerry-Lieberman cap-and-tax energy bill that President Obama is currently trying to ram through Congress.

Incredibly, Obama is actually using the BP oil spill crisis in his stump speeches to help make the case for the economy-crushing bill BP helped author.

That sure is some ass-kicking. What's Obama got planned next? Steamboat cruises for BP executives powered by Gulf Coast residents shoveling the coal? ###

Voters Want AZ Immigration Law

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immigration law, and 43% do not.

An overwhelming 93% of Tea Party followers and 60% of small business owners think that their state needs a law similar to Arizona's immigration law, and just 7% of Tea Party followers and 37% of small business owners disagree.

In addition, a strong majority of National Rifle Association members (90%) wish Arizona's new immigration law was the law in their state, and just 9% of NRA members disagree.

The Zogby International Poll was commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* newsletter. The Poll surveyed 2,061 voters June 25-28, and has a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus 2.2 percentage points. To view full Poll results and crosstabs go to **OLearyReport.com**.
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Majority of Voters Say Obama's "Change" Has Made America Worse

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

Washington, D.C. — Voters have soured on Obama's promise of hope and change according to a new poll conducted by Zogby International that finds a majority of voters feel the President's agenda of "change" has made America worse. The Poll, conducted June 25-28 surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

When President Obama was elected, he promised change. Do you think the change he brought has made our country better or worse?

A 52 percent majority of American voters say that Obama's change has made the country worse, while 44

percent believe his change has made the country better.

Among Independents, 56 percent feel Obama's change has made the country worse, while 40 percent feel his change has made the country better.

Among taxpayers, 55% of those who had to pay taxes last year say Obama's change has made the country worse, and 44% of those who did not have to pay taxes last year (due to low income or deductions that left them with no tax liability) think Obama's change has made the country better.

Among voters over the age of 65, 50% feel that Obama's change has made the country worse, while 47% say his change has made the country better.

Among small business owners or partners, 59 percent say Obama's change has made the country worse, and just 38% say his change has made the country better.

Finally, 91% of voters who value the endorsements of tea party organizations say Obama's change has made the country worse, while only 9% feel the country has been made better by Obama's change.

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Voters Side with Gov. Jindal Over Obama Administration in Oil Crisis

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

Washington, D.C. — Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal's decision to act immediately and do everything in his power to help stem the impact of the Gulf oil spill may have ruffled feathers in the Obama administration, but it is decidedly popular with American voters, according to a recent poll conducted by Zogby International. The Poll was conducted June 25-28 and surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal ordered the Louisiana National Guard and his own State government to take action to protect the state's coastline eight weeks after the gulf spill started, even though some operations would take place in federal waters. The Federal government stepped in to try to stop Jindal's efforts because they were not coordinated with the federal response. Do you agree with Jindal

acting unilaterally, or should he have waited for federal authorities?

Overall, 65% of voters agree with Jindal's unilateral action, and just 21% say he should have waited for federal authorities.

An even stronger majority of Independent voters (70%) side with Jindal, while only 15% side with the Obama administration and the federal government.

A 61% majority of young voters age 18-29 agree with Jindal's actions to protect Louisiana from the oil spill, and just 25% say he should have waited.

A sizeable 68% of voters who had to pay taxes last year agree with Jindal acting unilaterally, as do 54% of voters who did not have any tax liability last year (due to either low income or numerous tax deductions).

Finally, 93% of Tea Party followers and 66% of small business owners agree that Jindal acted properly in the aftermath of the BP oil rig explosion, and just 3% of Tea Party followers and 20% of small business owners think he should have waited for the Obama administration's direction.

"Oil gushing at a rate of 60,000 barrels a day doesn't wait for bureaucratic confusion and government red tape," said Brad O'Leary, publisher of *The O'Leary Report*. "In times of crisis, Americans always prefer quick, targeted and decisive action to federal foot-dragging."

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What You May Have Missed...

Gallup: Conservatives Outnumber Liberals More Than 2-to-1

As if Democrats needed any more bad news leading up to November's midterm elections, conservatism's upward trend is continuing.

According to Gallup, 42% of American adults consider their political ideology to be "conservative," while just 20% consider themselves "liberal," and 35% say they are "moderate."

This represents a 2% gain for conservatives since 2009, and a 5% gain going back to 2008. Liberalism, however, has been trending downward since 2008, dropping from its 18-year high of 22% down to 20%.

Gallup notes that the increase in conservative ranks comes largely from political "independents."

Americans Rapidly Losing Faith in Obama

President Obama has lost significant ground on a number of key fronts, according to a June NBC News/Wall Street Journal survey. The really bad news here is that it isn't on policy matters that Obama is losing Americans – readers of *The O'Leary Report* know that his policy decisions have often been polarizing at best and unpopular at worst since day one. Rather, an increasing number of Americans are now giving Obama low marks for his personal attributes – an area where he used to score quite well.

The Poll asks: "How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities?"

1) "Having strong leadership skills"

In April 2009, 46% gave Obama a

"very good" rating and just 9% gave him a "very poor" score.

In June 2010, only 27% give Obama a "very good" and 22% say "very poor."

2) "Being honest and straightforward"

In April 2009, 40% gave Obama a "very good" rating and just 13% gave him a "very poor" score.

In June 2010, only 28% give Obama a "very good" and 24% say "very poor."

3) "Being firm and decisive in his decision-making"

In April 2009, 34% gave Obama a "very good" rating and just 10% gave him a "very poor" score.

In June 2010, only 20% give Obama a "very good" and 20% say "very poor."

4) "Having the ability to handle a crisis"

In April 2009, 31% gave Obama a "very good" rating and just 14% gave him a "very poor" score.

In June 2010, only 20% give Obama a "very good" and 26% say "very poor."

Nearly Half of Americans See Government as "Threat" to Their Rights

Ask any Tea Party follower and they'll tell you that federal government presents a threat to our individual rights. As it turns out, half of America agrees.

48% of American adults see the

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This cartoon by Michael Ramirez appeared on Townhall.com on July 9, 2010.

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federal government as a threat to their individual rights, while just 37% see it as a protector of those rights, according to a national poll conducted by Rasmussen on June 18-19 of 1,000 adults (margin-of-error +/- 3 percentage points).

The same poll also found that 52% of Americans think it is more important for the government to protect individual rights than promote economic growth. Just 31% think promoting economic growth is more important.

No wonder President Obama's popularity is waning. He's taking away individual rights *and* deep-sixing the economy.

Obama's Business Community Allies Jumping Ship

Even President Obama's closest ally in the business community, the Business Roundtable, is coming to grips with the fact that the President's policy moves are economic poison.

Ivan Seidenberg, CEO of Verizon Communications and Chairman of the association of top business executives, blasted the President and Democrats in congress last month for creating an "increasingly hostile environment for investment and job creation."

According to Seidenberg, Obama and his Democratic allies are enacting tax increases and regulatory burdens that are preventing economic growth and "harm our ability...to grow private-sector jobs in the U.S."

"In our judgment," said Seidenberg, "We have reached a point where the negative effects of these policies are simply too significant to ignore."

In the President's defense, he's never had to run a business or make a payroll in his life.

Seidenberg continued, "We believe the cumulative effect of these proposals will help defeat the objectives we all share – reducing unemployment, improving the competitiveness of U.S. companies and creating an environment that fosters long-term economic growth."

Obama Administration Crushing Economic Growth Wherever it Can

Big economic policy decisions like interest rate changes, bailouts, stimulus bills, and the like tend to grab all the headlines. However, the Obama administration's negative impact on the economy is much more expansive than the big ticket failures. Every federal regulatory agency under President Obama has a role to play in crushing the American dream, and the Environmental Protection Agency takes its part seriously.

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On April 22, the EPA unleashed its latest regulatory rule to equal parts laughter and scorn. Titled "Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting," the *Washington Examiner* reports: "The rule requires that any renovation to any building built before 1978 affecting six or more square feet of paint must be overseen by a government-certified renovator and conducted by a government certified renovation firm."

This sweeping rule would apply to anyone (general contractors, painters, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, or home owners) who "disturbs painting."

The absurdity doesn't stop there.

As the *Examiner* tells us, as of April 22, the date the rule went into effect, the EPA only had 204 certified lead paint trainers (experts, mind you, in the science of dipping a paintbrush or roller into a bucket) on its staff. That's 204 EPA instructors for the millions of workers who generate roughly 18 percent of our nation's annual gross domestic product.

One wonders if the EPA measures success by how many private sector jobs it eliminates...seriously.

New York Times Tries to Buck-up Democrat Spirits

We all know that anything can happen between now and November's midterm elections. Currently, however, Republicans are poised to reap massive gains in Congress. The numbers don't lie, and the numbers haven't looked this good since 1994 for the GOP. Short of Pelosi and Reid appearing on primetime television in late October pinning down Osama bin Laden while President Obama waterboards him, it's a safe bet that November 2, 2010 will not be a day Democrats celebrate anything.

Just don't tell the *New York Times*.

On June 24, the *Times* published a piece that doesn't come close to passing the laugh test.

Titled "Democrats See Signs of Hope in Job Trends" (you're probably already laughing, but wait, it gets better) the article gave a passing mention to the fact that most signs

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PRESIDENT OBAMA JOB APPROVAL

| Poll | Date | Sample | Results | | Spread |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Gallup | 7/9-7/11 | 1547 A | Approve 47% | Disapprove 46% | (+1) |
| Rasmussen | 7/9-7/11 | 1500 LV | Approve 49% | Disapprove 50% | (-1) |
| Gallup | 7/6-7/8 | 1547 A | Approve 45% | Disapprove 48% | (-3) |
| Rasmussen | 7/6-7/8 | 1500 LV | Approve 46% | Disapprove 53% | (-7) |
| FOX News | 6/29-6/30 | 900 RV | Approve 47% | Disapprove 45% | (+2) |
| Newsweek | 6/23-6/24 | 964 A | Approve 48% | Disapprove 46% | (+2) |
| CBS News/NYT | 6/16-6/20 | 1259 A | Approve 47% | Disapprove 43% | (+4) |
| CNN/Opinion Research | 6/16-6/16 | 534 A | Approve 50% | Disapprove 48% | (+2) |
| Ipsos/McClatchy | 6/10-6/13 | 1071 A | Approve 50% | Disapprove 45% | (+5) |
| Associated Press | 6/9-6/14 | 1044 A | Approve 50% | Disapprove 49% | (+1) |

GENERIC CONGRESSIONAL BALLOT

| Poll | Date | Sample | Results | | Spread |
|------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Gallup | 7/5-7/11 | 1600 RV | Republicans - 46% | Democrats - 47% | Democrats +1 |
| FOX News | 6/29-6/30 | 900 RV | Republicans - 42% | Democrats - 40% | Republicans +3 |
| Rasmussen | 6/21-6/27 | 3500 LV | Republicans - 44% | Democrats - 38% | Republicans +6 |
| Pew Research | 6/16-6/20 | 1496 RV | Republicans - 45% | Democrats - 45% | Tie |
| USA Today/Gallup | 6/11-6/13 | 1014 A | Republicans - 43% | Democrats - 48% | Democrats +5 |
| Ipsos/McClatchy | 6/10-6/13 | 846 RV | Republicans - 43% | Democrats - 42% | Republicans +1 |
| PPP | 6/4-6/7 | 650 RV | Republicans - 41% | Democrats - 43% | Democrats +2 |

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RACES

| Poll | State | Date | Sample | Results | | Spread |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Tarrance Group | FL- 2 | 4/12-4/13 | 300 LV | Boyd (D) - 37% | Southerland (R) - 52% | Southerland (R) +15 |
| Wilson Research | FL- 22 | 4/18-4/19 | 400 LV | Klein (D) - 42% | West (R) - 44% | West (R) +2 |
| Survey USA | NC- 2 | 6/15-6/16 | 400 LV | Elmers (R) - 39% | Etheridge (D) - 38% | Elmers (R) +1 |
| Rasmussen | ND-AL | 6/15-6/16 | 500 LV | Berg (R) - 51% | Pomeroy (D) - 44% | Berg (R) +7 |
| Rasmussen | ND-AL | 5/18-5/19 | 500 LV | Berg (R) - 52% | Pomeroy (D) - 43% | Berg (R) +9 |
| Rasmussen | ND-AL | 4/20 | 500 LV | Berg (R) - 49% | Pomeroy (D) - 44% | Berg (R) +5 |
| Rasmussen | SD-AL | 7/9 | 500 LV | Noem (R) - 49% | Hers. Sandlin (D) - 44% | Noem (R) +5 |
| Rasmussen | SD-AL | 6/10 | 500 LV | Noem (R) - 53% | Hers. Sandlin (D) - 41% | Noem (R) +12 |
| Rasmussen | SD-AL | 4/21 | 500 LV | Noem (R) - 35% | Hers. Sandlin (D) - 50% | Hers. Sandlin (D) +15 |
| Rasmussen | SD-AL | 3/25 | 500 LV | Noem (R) - 35% | Hers. Sandlin (D) - 46% | Hers. Sandlin (D) +11 |

KEY: A = Adults; RV = Registered Voters; LV = Likely Voters



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GOVERNOR RACES

| Poll | State | Date | Sample | Results | | Spread |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Field | CA | 6/22-7/5 | 1005 LV | Brown (D) - 44% | Whitman (R) - 43% | Brown (D) +1 |
| Reuters/Ipsos | CA | 6/25-6/27 | 600 RV | Brown (D) - 45% | Whitman (R) - 39% | Brown (D) +6 |
| Rasmussen | CA | 6/9 | 500 LV | Brown (D) - 45% | Whitman (R) - 44% | Brown (D) +1 |
| LA Times/USC | CA | 5/19-5/26 | 521 LV | Brown (D) - 44% | Whitman (R) - 38% | Brown (D) +6 |
| PPP | CA | 5/21-5/23 | 921 RV | Brown (D) - 48% | Whitman (R) - 36% | Brown (D) +12 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | CA | 5/17-5/19 | 600 LV | Brown (D) - 46% | Whitman (R) - 42% | Brown (D) +4 |
| Denver Post/Survey USA | CO | 6/15-6/17 | 1504 RV | Mclnnis (R) - 47% | Hickenlooper (D) - 43% | Mclnnis (R) +4 |
| Rasmussen | CO | 6/14 | 500 RV | Mclnnis (R) - 46% | Hickenlooper (D) - 41% | Mclnnis (R) +5 |
| PPP | CO | 5/14-5/16 | 1060 LV | Mclnnis (R) - 44% | Hickenlooper (D) - 44% | Tie |
| Florida CoC | FL | 6/9-6/13 | 607 LV | McCollum (R) - 31% | Sink (D) - 26% | McCollum (R) +5 |
| Quinnipiac | FL | 6/1-6/7 | 435 RV | McCollum (R) - 33% | Sink (D) - 25% | McCollum (R) +8 |
| Rasmussen | GA | 5/20 | 500 LV | Barnes (D) - 39% | Oxendine (R) - 43% | Oxendine (R) +4 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | GA | 4/5-4/7 | 600 LV | Barnes (D) - 45% | Oxendine (R) - 42% | Barnes (D) +3 |
| Rasmussen | IL | 7/7 | 500 LV | Brady (R) - 43% | Quinn (D) - 40% | Brady (R) +3 |
| PPP | IL | 6/12-6/13 | 552 LV | Brady (R) - 34% | Quinn (D) - 30% | Brady (R) +4 |
| Rasmussen | IL | 6/7 | 500 LV | Brady (R) - 47% | Quinn (D) - 36% | Brady (R) +11 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | IL | 5/3-5/5 | 600 LV | Brady (R) - 39% | Quinn (D) - 36% | Brady (R) +3 |
| Rasmussen | MD | 7/8 | 500 LV | O'Malley (D) - 46% | Ehrlich (R) - 47% | Ehrlich (R) +1 |
| Magellan Strategies | MD | 6/29 | 752 LV | O'Malley (D) - 43% | Ehrlich (R) - 46% | Ehrlich (R) +3 |
| Rasmussen | MD | 6/8 | 500 LV | O'Malley (D) - 45% | Ehrlich (R) - 45% | Tie |
| Washington Post | MD | 5/3-5/6 | 851 RV | O'Malley (D) - 49% | Ehrlich (R) - 41% | O'Malley (D) +8 |
| Rasmussen | ME | 6/10 | 500 LV | LePage (R) - 43% | Mitchell (D) - 36% | LePage (R) +7 |
| Survey USA | MN | 6/14-6/16 | 1617 LV | Dayton (D) - 38% | Emmer (R) - 35% | Dayton (D) +3 |
| Rasmussen | MN | 5/24 | 500 LV | Dayton (D) - 35% | Emmer (R) - 37% | Emmer (R) +2 |
| Minnesota Public Radio | MN | 5/13-5/16 | 701 A | Dayton (D) - 35% | Emmer (R) - 31% | Dayton (D) +4 |
| Magellan Strategies | NM | 6/21 | 542 LV | Denish (D) - 43% | Martinez (R) - 44% | Martinez (R) +1 |
| Rasmussen | NM | 6/3 | 500 LV | Denish (D) - 42% | Martinez (R) - 44% | Martinez (R) +2 |
| Survey USA | NM | 5/23-5/25 | 1405 LV | Denish (D) - 43% | Martinez (R) - 49% | Martinez (R) +6 |
| Rasmussen | OH | 6/29 | 500 LV | Strickland (D) - 40% | Kasich (R) - 47% | Kasich (R) +7 |
| PPP | OH | 6/26-6/27 | 482 LV | Strickland (D) - 41% | Kasich (R) - 43% | Kasich (R) +2 |
| Quinnipiac | OH | 6/22-6/27 | 1107 RV | Strickland (D) - 43% | Kasich (R) - 38% | Strickland (D) +5 |
| Rasmussen | OH | 6/3 | 500 LV | Strickland (D) - 42% | Kasich (R) - 47% | Kasich (R) +5 |
| Univ. of Cincinnati | OH | 5/11-5/20 | 668 LV | Strickland (D) - 49% | Kasich (R) - 44% | Strickland (D) +5 |
| Magellan Strategies | OR | 6/28 | 963 LV | Dudley (R) - 41% | Kitzhaber (D) - 40% | Dudley (R) +1 |
| Rasmussen | OR | 6/17 | 500 LV | Dudley (R) - 47% | Kitzhaber (D) - 45% | Dudley (R) +2 |
| Survey USA | OR | 6/7-6/9 | 566 LV | Dudley (R) - 47% | Kitzhaber (D) - 40% | Dudley (R) +7 |
| Rasmussen | OR | 5/20 | 500 LV | Dudley (R) - 45% | Kitzhaber (D) - 44% | Dudley (R) +1 |
| Rasmussen | OR | 4/26 | 500 LV | Dudley (R) - 41% | Kitzhaber (D) - 41% | Tie |
| PPP | TX | 6/19-6/21 | 500 LV | Perry (R) - 43% | White (D) - 43% | Tie |
| Rasmussen | TX | 6/16 | 500 LV | Perry (R) - 48% | White (D) - 40% | Perry (R) +8 |
| PPP | WI | 6/26-6/27 | 638 LV | Walker (R) - 45% | Barret (D) - 38% | Walker (R) +7 |
| Rasmussen | WI | 6/21 | 500 LV | Walker (R) - 49% | Barret (D) - 41% | Walker (R) +8 |
| Rasmussen | WI | 5/25 | 500 LV | Walker (R) - 48% | Barret (D) - 41% | Walker (R) +7 |
| WPR/St. Norbett | WI | 3/23-3/31 | 400 A | Walker (R) - 44% | Barret (D) - 28% | Walker (R) +16 |
| PPP | WI | 3/20-3/21 | 700 LV | Walker (R) - 42% | Barret (D) - 39% | Walker (R) +3 |
| WPRI | WI | 3/7-3/9 | 600 LV | Walker (R) - 36% | Barret (D) - 32% | Walker (R) +4 |

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SENATE RACES

| Poll | State | Date | Sample | Results | | Spread |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Survey USA | CA | 7/8-7/11 | 614 LV | Boxer (D) - 45% | Fiorina (R) - 47% | Fiorina (R) +2 |
| Reuters/Ipsos | CA | 6/25-6/27 | 600 RV | Boxer (D) - 45% | Fiorina (R) - 41% | Boxer (D) +4 |
| Rasmussen | CA | 6/9 | 500 LV | Boxer (D) - 48% | Fiorina (R) - 43% | Boxer (D) +5 |
| LA Times/USC | CA | 5/19-5/26 | 1506 RV | Boxer (D) - 44% | Fiorina (R) - 38% | Boxer (D) +6 |
| PPP | CA | 5/21-5/23 | 921 RV | Boxer (D) - 45% | Fiorina (R) - 42% | Boxer (D) +3 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | CA | 5/17-5/19 | 600 LV | Boxer (D) - 48% | Fiorina (R) - 39% | Boxer (D) +9 |
| Denver Post/Survey USA | CO | 6/15-6/17 | 1498 RV | Norton (R) - 47% | Bennet (D) - 44% | Norton (R) +3 |
| Rasmussen | CO | 6/7 | 500 LV | Norton (R) - 46% | Bennet (D) - 40% | Norton (R) +6 |
| PPP | CO | 5/14-5/16 | 1060 LV | Norton (R) - 41% | Bennet (D) - 44% | Bennet (D) +3 |
| Rasmussen | FL | 7/6 | 500 LV | Crist (I) - 34% | Rubio (R) - 36% | Rubio (R) +2 |
| Florida CoC | FL | 6/9-6/13 | 607 LV | Crist (I) - 42% | Rubio (R) - 31% | Crist (I) +11 |
| Rasmussen | FL | 6/7 | 500 LV | Crist (I) - 37% | Rubio (R) - 37% | Tie |
| Quinnipiac | FL | 6/1-6/7 | 1133 RV | Crist (I) - 37% | Rubio (R) - 33% | Crist (I) +4 |
| St. Petersburg Times | FL | 5/14-5/18 | 607 RV | Crist (I) - 30% | Rubio (R) - 27% | Crist (I) +3 |
| Mason Dixon | FL | 5/3-5/5 | 625 LV | Crist (I) - 38% | Rubio (R) - 32% | Crist (I) +6 |
| Rasmussen | IL | 7/7 | 500 LV | Kirk (R) - 39% | Giannoulis (D) - 40% | Giannoulis (D) +1 |
| Rasmussen | IL | 6/7 | 500 LV | Kirk (R) - 42% | Giannoulis (D) - 39% | Kirk (R) +3 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | IL | 5/3-5/5 | 600 LV | Kirk (R) - 41% | Giannoulis (D) - 38% | Kirk (R) +3 |
| PPP | IL | 4/1-4/5 | 591 LV | Kirk (R) - 37% | Giannoulis (D) - 33% | Kirk (R) +4 |
| PPP | KY | 6/28-6/30 | 625 LV | Paul (R) - 43% | Conway (D) - 43% | Tie |
| Rasmussen | KY | 6/28 | 500 LV | Paul (R) - 49% | Conway (D) - 42% | Paul (R) +7 |
| Survey USA | KY | 5/25-5/27 | 569 LV | Paul (R) - 51% | Conway (D) - 45% | Paul (R) +6 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | KY | 5/24-5/26 | 600 LV | Paul (R) - 44% | Conway (D) - 41% | Paul (R) +3 |
| Rasmussen | MO | 6/28-6/30 | 500 LV | Blunt (R) - 48% | Carnahan (D) - 43% | Blunt (R) +5 |
| Rasmussen | MO | 6/2 | 500 LV | Blunt (R) - 45% | Carnahan (D) - 44% | Blunt (R) +1 |
| Rasmussen | MO | 5/3 | 500 LV | Blunt (R) - 50% | Carnahan (D) - 42% | Blunt (R) +8 |
| Rasmussen | MO | 4/6 | 500 LV | Blunt (R) - 48% | Carnahan (D) - 42% | Blunt (R) +6 |
| PPP | MO | 3/27-3/28 | 495 LV | Blunt (R) - 45% | Carnahan (D) - 41% | Blunt (R) +4 |
| Rasmussen | NV | 6/22 | 500 LV | Angle (R) - 48% | Reid (D) - 41% | Angle (R) +7 |
| Rasmussen | NV | 6/9 | 500 LV | Angle (R) - 50% | Reid (D) - 39% | Angle (R) +11 |
| LVRJ/Mason | NV | 6/1-6/3 | 625 LV | Angle (R) - 44% | Reid (D) - 41% | Angle (R) +3 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | NV | 5/31-6/2 | 600 LV | Angle (R) - 37% | Reid (D) - 43% | Reid (D) +6 |
| Rasmussen | OH | 6/29 | 500 LV | Fisher (D) - 39% | Portman (R) - 43% | Portman (R) +4 |
| PPP | OH | 6/26-6/27 | 482 LV | Fisher (D) - 40% | Portman (R) - 38% | Fisher (D) +2 |
| Quinnipiac | OH | 6/22-6/27 | 1107 LV | Fisher (D) - 42% | Portman (R) - 40% | Fisher (D) +2 |
| University of Cincinnati | OH | 5/11-5/20 | 668 LV | Fisher (D) - 47% | Portman (R) - 46% | Fisher (D) +1 |
| Quinnipiac | OH | 4/21-4/26 | 1568 RV | Fisher (D) - 40% | Portman (R) - 37% | Fisher (D) +3 |
| Rasmussen | PA | 6/29 | 500 LV | Toomey (R) - 45% | Sestak (D) - 39% | Toomey (R) +6 |
| PPP | PA | 6/19-6/21 | 609 LV | Toomey (R) - 41% | Sestak (D) - 41% | Tie |
| Rasmussen | PA | 6/2 | 500 LV | Toomey (R) - 45% | Sestak (D) - 38% | Toomey (R) +7 |
| R2000/Daily Kos | PA | 5/24-5/26 | 600 LV | Toomey (R) - 40% | Sestak (D) - 43% | Sestak (D) +3 |
| Quinnipiac | PA | 5/4-5/10 | 1161 RV | Toomey (R) - 42% | Sestak (D) - 40% | Toomey (R) +2 |
| PPP | WI | 6/26-6/27 | 638 LV | Feingold (D) - 45% | Johnson (R) - 43% | Feingold (D) +2 |
| Rasmussen | WI | 6/21 | 500 LV | Feingold (D) - 46% | Johnson (R) - 45% | Feingold (D) +1 |
| Rasmussen | WI | 5/25 | 500 LV | Feingold (D) - 46% | Johnson (R) - 44% | Feingold (D) +2 |

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Senate Seats Currently Held by Democrats

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| <u>Likely Democrat</u> | <u>Lean Democrat</u> | <u>Toss Up</u> | <u>Lean Republican</u> | <u>Likely Republican</u> |
| CT: Open (D) NY: Gillibrand (D) OR: Wyden (D) | WI: Feingold (D) | CA: Boxer (D) CO: Bennet (D) IL: Open (D) NV: Reid (D) PA: Open (D) WA: Murray (D) | IN: Open (D) | AR: Lincoln (D) DE: Open (D) |

Senate Seats Currently Held by Republicans

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| <u>Likely Democrat</u> | <u>Lean Democrat</u> | <u>Toss Up</u> | <u>Lean Republican</u> | <u>Likely Republican</u> |
| NONE | NONE | FL: Open (R) MO: Open (R) OH: Open (R) | KY: Open (R) NH: Open (R) NC: Burr (R) | AZ: McCain (R) IA: Grassley (R) LA: Vitter (R) |

House Seats Currently Held by Democrats

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| <u>Likely Democrat</u> | <u>Lean Democrat</u> | <u>Toss Up</u> | <u>Lean Republican</u> | <u>Likely Republican</u> |
| AR4: Ross (D) CA20: Costa (D) CA47: Sanchez (D) GA8: Marshall (D) GA12: Barrow (D) IL17: Hare (D) KY3: Yarmuth (D) KY6: Chandler (D) MA6: Tierney (D) ME1: Pingree (D) MN1: Walz (D) MO3: Carnahan (D) MS4: Taylor (D) NM3: Lujan (D) NY25: Maffei (D) OH6: Wilson (D) OK2: Boren (D) OR1: Wu (D) TX27: Ortiz (D) UT2: Matheson (D) WA2: Larsen (D) WA9: Smith (D) | AZ1: Kirkpatrick (D) CA18: Cardoza (D) CO3: Salazar (D) CO7: Perlmutter (D) CT4: Himes (D) CT5: Murphy (D) IL8: Bean (D) IL14: Foster (D) IN2: Donnelly (D) MI9: Peters (D) NC2: Etheridge (D) NC11: Shuler (D) NJ3: Adler (D) NJ12: Holt (D) NM1: Heinrich (D) NY20: Murphy (D) OR5: Schrader (D) PA4: Altmire (D) PA10: Carney (D) PA17: Holden (D) TX23: Rodriguez (D) TN4: Davis (D) WI3: Kind (D) WI8: Kagen (D) WV3: Rahall (D) | AL2: Bright (D) AR1: Open (D) AZ5: Mitchell (D) AZ8: Giffords (D) CA11: McNerney(D) FL2: Boyd (D) FL22: Klein (D) FL24: Kosmas (D) FL8: Grayson (D) IA3: Boswell (D) ID1: Minnick (D) IL11: Halvorson (D) IN9: Hill (D) MA10: Delahunt (D) MI1: Open (D) MO4: Skelton (D) NC8: Kissell (D) NY1: Bishop (D) NY13: McMahan (D) NY19: Hall (D) NY23: Owens (D) NY24: Arcuri (D) OH13: Sutton (D) OH18: Space (D) PA12: Open (D) PA3: Dahlkemper(D) PA8: Murphy (D) SC5: Spratt (D) SD-AL: Sandlin (D) VA11: Connolly (D) VA2: Nye (D) VA9: Boucher (D) WA3: Open (D) WI7: Open (D) WV1: Open (D) | AR2: Open (D) CO4: Markey (D) IN8: Open (D) KS3: Open(D) MD1: Kratovil (D) MI7: Schauer (D) MS1:Childers (D) ND-AL: Pomeroy(D) NH1: Shea-Porter(D) NH2: Open (D) NM2: Open (D) NV3: Titus (D) NY29: Open (D) OH1: Driehaus (D) OH15: Kilroy (D) OH16: Boccieri (D) PA11: Kanjorski (D) PA7: Open (D) TN8: Open (D) TX17: Open (D) VA5: Perriello (D) | LA3: Open (D) TN6: Open (D) |

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House Seats Currently Held by Republicans

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| <p><u>Likely Democrat</u> LA2: Open (R)</p> | <p><u>Lean Democrat</u> DE-AL: Open (R) HI1: Djou (R)</p> | <p><u>Toss Up</u> IL10: Open (R)</p> | <p><u>Lean Republican</u> PA15: Dent (R) PA6: Gerlach (R) WA8: Reichert (R)</p> | <p><u>Likely Republican</u> AL5: Griffith (R) AZ3: Open (R) CA3: Lungren (R) CA45: BonoMack(R) FL25: Open (R) MN6: Bachman (R) NE2: Terry (R) OH12: Tiberi (R)</p> |
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Governorships Currently Held by Democrats

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| <p><u>Likely Democrat</u> NH: Lynch</p> | <p><u>Lean Democrat</u> MA: Patrick (D)</p> | <p><u>Toss Up</u> CO: Open (D) IL: Quinn (D) MD: O'Malley (D) ME: Open (D) NM: Open (D) OH: Strickland (D) OR: Open (D)</p> | <p><u>Lean Republican</u> MI: Open (D) PA: Open (D) TN: Open (D) WI: Open (D)</p> | <p><u>Likely Republican</u> IA: Culver (D) OK: Open (D) WY: Open (D)</p> |
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Governorships Currently Held by Republicans

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| <p><u>Likely Democrat</u> HI: Open (R)</p> | <p><u>Lean Democrat</u> CT: Open (R)</p> | <p><u>Toss Up</u> CA: Open (R) MN: Open (R) VT: Open (R)</p> | <p><u>Lean Republican</u> AZ: Brewer (R) FL: Open (R) GA: Open (R) TX: Perry (R)</p> | <p><u>Likely Republican</u> AL: Open (R) SC: Open (R) NV: Open (R)</p> |
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Majority of Independent Voters Want Someone New in White House

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

Washington, D.C. — A new poll conducted by Zogby International gives President Obama more bad news on the heels of sagging job approval numbers. The Poll, conducted June 25-28 of 2,061 likely voters, found a majority of voters feel it's time for someone new in the White House.

The Zogby Poll asked:

Do you think President Obama deserves to be re-elected or do you think it is time for someone new?

Overall, 50% of voters say it is time for someone new in the White House

while just 41% think President Obama should be re-elected.

Among Independents, 55% say it is time for someone new, while only 35% feel the President should be re-elected.

Among those who had to pay taxes last year, 53% say it is time for someone new, while 50% of those who did not have to pay taxes last year (due to low income or deductions that left them with no tax liability) feel the president should be re-elected.

Nearly 95% of NRA members, 89% of Tea Party followers and 56% of

small business owners or partners say it is time for someone new in the White House. Only 4% of NRA members, 8% of Tea Party followers and 38% of small business owners or partners think President Obama deserves to be re-elected.

The Zogby International Poll was commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* newsletter. The Poll surveyed 2,061 voters June 25-28, and has a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus 2.2 percentage points. To view full Poll results and crosstabs, go to **OLearyReport.com**.
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“Controversial Opinions” Make for Bad TSA Employees

By Brad O'Leary and Peyton Knight

It's true that many private companies and federal agencies block employee access to Web sites deemed either inappropriate or unnecessary for conducting business. Such policies often make sense, as the Internet, for all its time-saving capabilities, can also be a huge temptation and timewaster.

So what to make of the recent news that employees at the Transportation Security Administration were blocked, as of July 1, from accessing any Web sites that fall into the following categories: “Chat/Messaging; Criminal Activity; Extreme Violence (including cartoon violence) and gruesome content; Gaming; and Controversial Opinion.”

You can certainly make the case that siphons of our hard earned tax dollars shouldn't be frittering away the day instant messaging friends, learning how to make bombs, viewing celebrity autopsy photos, or playing Pacman... but what is “controversial opinion?” What falls into that category? The Drudge Report? Fox News? WorldNetDaily? Any Web site that dares question, or publish criticism, of the logic behind the Obama administration's policy decisions?

It's worth pointing out that pornography doesn't make the list of banned Web sites. This is perhaps due to sensitivity on the part of Homeland Security Chief Janet Napolitano, showing deference to the well-known

favorite pastime of federal “workers.”

On July 8, TSA announced that they're backing off their plan to block “controversial opinion” sites, no doubt because of intense media scrutiny. But still, why did TSA venture down this road in the first place? Lacking a detailed explanation from Napolitano or anyone at TSA, we're left to speculate as to what “controversial opinion” Web sites they wanted to black-list – and why.

In my book, *Shut Up, America! The End of Free Speech*, I chronicle episodes where President Obama displayed incredibly thin skin at the slightest criticism – such as when his campaign tried to bully Chicago radio station WGN in barring two authors, who were Obama critics, from receiving any airtime.

In her short tenure, Obama's hand-picked security chief has displayed a similar penchant for using power to silence critics – most notably when her Homeland Security Department released a report labeling gun owners, Christians and limited government advocates “right wing extremists” and “potential terrorists” who ought to be closely monitored.

And just a few weeks ago, Napolitano declared that the federal government needs the ability to monitor Americans' Internet communications in order to fight homegrown terrorism.

“We can significantly advance security without having a deleterious impact on individual rights in most instances,” she said. “At the same time, there are situations where trade-offs are inevitable.” Ben Franklin, arguably a deeper thinker than Napolitano, warned of just such a foolish trade-off.

So it shouldn't be shocking to anyone that Napolitano might want to shield her employees from any criticism of her, or the Obama administration itself, as a way of keeping TSA workers unflinchingly loyal to whatever blatantly unconstitutional mission they're asked to carry out. Joe the Bureaucrat is much more likely to comb through the e-mails of Mary the Christian or Harry the Gun Owner if he's shut-off from reading any arguments as to why what he's doing is a violation of the Constitution. Control information and the media and you can control the people. Just ask George Orwell or Kim Jong-il.

Upon taking office, President Obama famously promised that his would be the most “transparent” administration in history. Here's yet another opportunity for him to make good on this promise. He should simply make public a list of all the Web sites that TSA blocked its employees from viewing.

Wise readers won't hold their breath waiting for this list to materialize. ###

Where do YOU stand?

Should the Transportation Security Administration publicly release the list of “controversial opinion” Web sites it banned its employees from viewing?

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Obama Seeks Political Gain in BP Oil Spill

"You don't ever want a crisis to go to waste; it's an opportunity to do important things that you would otherwise avoid."

So says President Obama's Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, and so the President is attempting to do by using the oil spill disaster in the Gulf to propel the latest cap-and-trade bill forward.

"The tragedy unfolding on our coast is the most painful and powerful reminder yet that the time to embrace a clean energy future is now," announced President Obama.

Our no-jobs President is talking about the American Power Act, introduced by Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Joseph Lieberman (I-CT). The Act is the latest iteration of the Democrats' "cap-and-tax" plan, and should it pass, it will crush what's left of our economy and knock our standard of living back a few decades.

Ever since the cap-and-tax scheme was hatched years ago, its defenders have used every lie and accounting trick in the book to try and make the case that putting a boot heel on the throat of America's economy won't cost us our jobs, our money, our way of life, and when it comes right down to it, our health. And one by one, each of their phony studies about the "true" cost of capping CO2 has been exposed and debunked.

The Kerry-Lieberman bill would cap the amount of carbon dioxide that energy companies and businesses are allowed to emit, and create an artificial "market" for trading "carbon credits" – i.e. the buying and selling of the right to emit CO2. Such a scheme would be a boon to the hundred-million-dollar man, Al Gore, who long ago placed a

big wager on carbon futures, but it would be serious pain for Main Street America.

Even President Obama, perhaps weary of defending studies and numbers that he knows aren't true, admitted that cap-and-tax would cause energy prices to "skyrocket" when he told the *San Francisco Chronicle* in 2008:

When I was asked earlier about the issue of coal...under my plan of a cap-and-trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket...even regardless of what I say about



"You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours."

whether coal is good or bad, because I'm capping greenhouse gasses, coal power plants, natural gas...you name it...whatever the plants were, whatever the industry was, they would have to retro-fit their operations.

That will cost money...they will pass that money on to the consumers. You can already see what the arguments are going to be

during the general election. People will say Obama and Al Gore ... these folks...they're going to destroy the economy.

Yes, Mr. President, that is what we the people are going to say. It's what we the people have been saying for years, because...well...it's TRUE.

Cap-and-tax legislation is great for President Obama's allies in the multibillion-dollar environmental lobby. It's great for Al Gore, and therefore, great for the massage industry in Portland.

But for every other corner of America, it's death.

The Heritage Foundation gives us just a taste of what Kerry-Lieberman would mean for Americans:

- An additional \$2.7 trillion in national debt by 2035 (meaning a family of four would be on the hook for an additional \$27,000)
- 1.4 million fewer jobs on average for the years 2012-2035, with peak job losses exceeding 2.5 million
- A 45% increase in gas prices
- A 72% increase in electricity prices
- A \$9.9 trillion loss in GDP between 2012 and 2035 (meaning a family of four would lose \$4,500 on average in yearly income)

To top it all off, Kerry-Lieberman wouldn't have any (read: ZERO) appreciable impact on our climate or the overall health of our environment.

But hey, oil is threatening to actually supplant the water in the Gulf. The President can't let a crisis of that magnitude go to waste. ###

Most Voters Think Obama's Job Creation Strategy is "Ineffective"

By Brad O'Leary and Peyton Knight

Washington, D.C. — On the heels of yet another depressing unemployment report, a recent poll conducted by Zogby International shows that a majority of Americans are losing patience with the Obama administration's inability to stimulate job growth. The Poll was conducted June 25-28 and surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

Please tell us how effective you think the Obama administration has been in using stimulus money to create jobs for the small business community?

Among all voters, 57% say that the Obama administration has been ineffective, and a sizeable 47% say the administration has been "not at all effective" in creating jobs. Just 39% of voters think the Obama administration's use of stimulus money to create jobs has been effective.

A strong majority of Independent voters (60%) say the Obama

administration has been ineffective at creating jobs, and 50% of Independents say it's been "not at all effective." Only 36% of Independents think the administration has been effective at job creation.

A majority of young voters age 18-29 (51%) also say the White House has been ineffective at stimulating job growth, while 44% say it has been effective.

Among voters who had to pay taxes last year, 59% say that the Obama administration has been ineffective, and just 38% say otherwise. As for voters who did not have any tax liability last year (due to either low income or numerous tax deductions), 49% say the administration has been ineffective, and 42% say it has been effective.

An overwhelming 90% of Tea Party followers say Obama and his team have been ineffective at creating jobs, including 86% who say the White House has been "not at all effective." Only 8% of Tea Party followers say the

Obama administration has been effective.

Nearly 61% of small business owners think that the Obama administration has been ineffective at job creation, including 52% who say it has been "not at all effective," while just 35% say the administration has been effective.

"The unemployment numbers don't lie and neither do these poll numbers," said Brad O'Leary, publisher of *The O'Leary Report*. "Most voters recognize that this is the Obama administration's unemployment crisis and that the White House has yet to do anything positive on the job creation front."

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Majority of Voters Say Obama Too Slow to Respond in Oil Spill Crisis

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

Washington, D.C. — The Obama administration's slow response to the Gulf oil spill crisis has not been lost on American voters, according to the results of a recent poll conducted by Zogby International. The Poll finds that a strong majority of voters think the Obama administration lacked urgency in addressing the disaster in the Gulf. The Poll was conducted June 25-28 and surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

In the Gulf oil spill crisis, the Obama administration has been criticized by some for a lack of urgency. Do you agree or disagree?

Overall, 63% of voters agree that the Obama administration has been too slow to respond to the crisis, while just 36% disagree.

Among Independent voters, 65% say the President's team lacked urgency in dealing with the spill, and only 34% disagree.

A majority of young voters age 18-29 (55%) agree that the administration has lacked urgency, and 44% disagree.

Nearly 63% of voters who had to pay taxes last year agree that the White House deserves criticism for its slow response to the oil spill, as do 59% of voters who did not have any tax liability last year (due to either low income or numerous tax deductions).

An overwhelming 89% of Tea Party followers and 68% of small business owners think that the Obama administration has lacked urgency in the crisis, and just 11% of Tea Party followers and 32% of small business owners disagree.

"In the immediate aftermath of the BP oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, the Obama administration received numerous offers from the international community to help contain the disaster and head-off the budding crisis," said Brad O'Leary, publisher of *The O'Leary Report*. "Now, over 140 million gallons of oil later, President Obama is finally accepting help from our neighbors. That's not leadership. That's failed arrogance."

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Obama Policies Unfocused, Ineffective Say a Plurality of Voters

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

Washington, D.C. — President Obama's inability to stem the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico or jumpstart an economy mired in a deep recession is weighing heavily on the minds of voters, according to the results of a new poll conducted by Zogby International. That Poll finds that a plurality of voters feel the President's policies are "unfocused, disorganized and ineffective." The Poll was conducted June 25-28 and surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

Which of the following statements most closely matches your opinion?

Statement A: "In general, President Obama's policies have been focused, organized and effective."

Statement B: "In general, President Obama's policies have been unfocused, disorganized and ineffective"

Overall, 48% of voters said Obama's policies are unfocused, disorganized and ineffective, compared to just 36% of voters who feel his policies are focused, organized and effective.

Among Independent voters, 49% agree that Obama's policies were unfocused, disorganized and ineffective, while just 32% feel the opposite is true.

Among voters age 18-29 years old, 46% say Obama's policies are unfocused, disorganized and ineffective, compared to 33% who say

they are focused, organized and effective.

A sizeable 85% of NRA members, 80% of tea party followers and 50% of small business owners or partners feel that Obama's policies are unfocused, disorganized and ineffective, while just 7% of NRA members, 10% of Tea Party followers and 36% of small business owners or partners feel the opposite was true.

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Obama "Confused" Federal Authority in Gulf Oil Spill Crisis, Say Voters

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

Washington, D.C. — It took the federal government weeks to begin putting together a plan to deal with the oil spill in the Gulf, as over a dozen federal agencies bickered over the proper chain of command and waited for the White House to provide direction. According to a recent poll conducted by Zogby International, a majority of voters point to the Obama administration as the source of confusion. The Poll was conducted June 25-28 and surveyed 2,061 likely voters.

The Poll asked:

In the Gulf oil spill crisis, the Obama administration has been criticized by some for confusing lines of authority between Homeland Security, the EPA and the Coast Guard. Do you agree or disagree with this criticism?

Overall, 62% of voters agree with the criticism that the Obama

administration confused the federal response to the oil spill crisis, while only 27% disagree.

Among Independent voters, 64% say the Obama administration was the source of federal confusion, and just 27% disagree.

"Obama's lack of experience has taken a serious toll on the environment and the livelihoods of citizens along the Gulf Coast."

A majority of those who had to pay taxes last year (62%), as well as a majority of those whose low income or numerous deductions left them with no tax liability last year (61%) agree that the Obama administration confused the response to the oil spill.

Nearly 90% of Tea Party followers

and 68% of small business owners say that the White House confused the lines of the federal authority in responding to the oil spill crisis, and only 11% of Tea Party followers and 32% of small business owners disagree.

"When he was campaigning, President Obama strongly denounced anyone who pointed out his glaring lack of executive experience," said Brad O'Leary, publisher of *The O'Leary Report*. "Now that lack of experience has taken a serious toll on the environment and the livelihoods of citizens along the Gulf Coast."

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What You May Have Missed

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point toward Republican gains this fall, and then made the claim that three of the most competitive states for congressional races (Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio) also happen to be “on the leading edge of the nation’s [job] recovery.”

For proof, the *Times* references a recent state-by-state economic trend analysis completed by Moody’s Analytics. Though after viewing the Moody’s report, one wonders if the *Times* bothered to read it.

According to Moody’s, Pennsylvania’s “Employment Growth Rank” – which takes into account job growth from 2009 projected through 2011 – is 35th in the United States. New York’s is 30th. Ohio’s “Employment Growth Rank” is 37th. All three of these “leading edge of the nation’s recovery” states, as reported by the *Times*, are ranked in the bottom half.

That’s strike one against the *Times*.

Now let’s look at some more meaningful electoral barometers – barometers the *Times* ignores.

According to recent polling data from Quinnipiac University, a solid majority of registered voters in all three states disapprove of the job their Democratic governor is doing. In New York, 62% disapprove of Democrat David Patterson’s job performance as Governor. In Ohio, 55% disapprove of Democratic Governor Ted Strickland’s performance. In Pennsylvania, 51% disapprove of the job Democratic Governor Ed Rendell is doing.

Governor “job performance” has traditionally been a great indicator of how voters in a particular state think things are going economically.

That’s strike two.

Recent polls also show that a majority of registered voters in all three states say their state is headed in the wrong direction.



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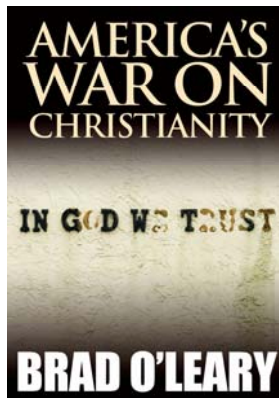
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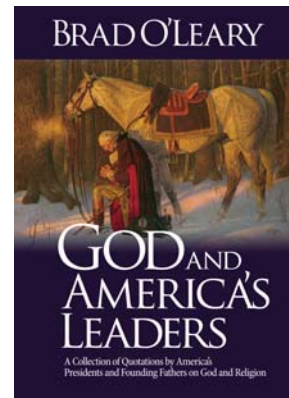
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Nearly 65% of New York voters say their state is headed in the wrong direction (Siena College Poll, June 7-9); 59% of Ohio voters say their state is headed in the wrong direction (Quinnipiac, June 22-27); and 55% of Pennsylvania voters say their state is headed on the wrong track (Franklin and Marshall Poll, May 3-9).

That’s strike three.

Again, anything can happen between now and Election Day. However, it’s a safe bet that voters in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania won’t be flocking to the polls to keep the Democratic status quo in place because their states are overflowing with jobs.

Again, please don’t tell the *New York Times*. ###



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