# Constituent Survey Data Summary June 2010 



Representative Tom McClintock $4^{\text {th }}$ District of California

1. Do you think taxes are:

Too high: 70.7\%
Too low: 7\%
About right: 21.9\%


## 2. The federal government spends...

Too much: 87.1\%
Not enough: $\mathbf{4 . 7 \%}$
About right: 7.7\%

3. Taxes collected by the federal government are...
Spent wisely: 1.4\%
Mostly well-spent: 16.4\%
Largely misspent: $\mathbf{8 1 . 8 \%}$

4. The federal government should reform the tax system by...
Taxing the rich more: $\mathbf{1 6 . 8 \%}$
Implementing a flat tax: $\mathbf{4 6 . 6 \%}$
Taxing consumption: $\mathbf{3 0 . 3 \%}$

$\square$ Tax the rich more $\quad$ Flat Tax

- Consumption Tax


## 5. The federal government should provide...

More services: $\mathbf{1 7 . 4 \%}$
Fewer services: $\mathbf{8 2 . 4 \%}$


## 6. The federal budget deficit is...

An imminent problem: $\mathbf{8 1 . 4 \%}$
Acceptable, if it ushers in recovery: $\mathbf{1 4 . 2 \%}$

7. The stimulus bill...

Created many jobs in our district: 7.4\%
Created few jobs in our district: 31.5\%
Didn't create any jobs in our district: $\mathbf{4 4 . 1 \%}$
Destroyed jobs in our district: $\mathbf{1 4 . 9 \%}$

8. Do you support federal earmarks?

Strongly support: $\mathbf{1 \%}$
Support, but with reforms: $\mathbf{9 . 8 \%}$
Undecided: 14.4\%
Oppose: 22.7\%
Strongly oppose: 51.2\%

9. Congress should send federal funds to the district for...
Any local project: $\mathbf{1 7 . 6 \%}$
Projects with a federal connection: 13.3\%
Merit-based federal projects: $\mathbf{5 5 \%}$
Never: 13.5\%


## 10. More bailouts..

May be necessary to save our economy: $\mathbf{1 8 . 1 \%}$ Are destructive to our economy: $\mathbf{8 1 . 2 \%}$


■ May Be Necessary ■ Are Destructive

## 11. In your opinion, is high inflation likely to be a problem in the near future?

## Yes: 73.2\%

No: 10.6\%
Unsure: $\mathbf{1 6 . 1 \%}$


## 12. What aspects of health care should the federal government regulate?

All: 8.9\%
Some: 45.5\%
None: $\mathbf{4 4 . 9 \%}$

13. If government takes over health care there will be:
Lower prices, higher quality: $\mathbf{1 5 . 4 \%}$
Lower prices, with shortages: 7.5\%
Higher prices, higher quality: 6\%
Higher prices, with shortages: $\mathbf{6 7 . 4 \%}$


■ Lower Prices, Higher Quality

- Lower Prices, Shoratages
- Higher Prices, Higher Quality
- Higher Prices, Shortages


## 14. Should taxpayers cover medical expenses of illegal aliens?

## Yes: 5.4\%

No: $\mathbf{8 9 . 9 \%}$

15. The best health care in the world, in your opinion, is found...
In the United States: 77.9\%
Abroad: 21.7\%

16. Do you have health insurance?

Yes... (Total 84.2\%)
Through my job: $\mathbf{4 4 . 4 \%}$
Through the government: $\mathbf{1 5 . 6 \%}$
Through an individual plan: $\mathbf{2 4 . 2 \%}$
No... (Total 5.1\%)
No, by choice: 0.8\%
No, too expensive: 3.9\%
No, due to poor health: $\mathbf{0 . 4 \%}$

17. Are you satisfied with your health insurance plan?
Yes: 76.2 \%
No: 15.4\%

18. Should the government require every American to obtain health insurance?
Yes: 20\%
No: 69.6\%
Unsure: 10.3\%

19. The federal government regulates...

Too much of our lives: 79.8\%
Not enough of our lives: 4.6\%
About right: 15.2\%


## 20. Do you support the War on Terror?

Yes: 73.4\%
No: $\mathbf{2 6 . 2 \%}$


## 21. I support President Obama's plan to send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan:

Yes: 54.2\%
No: $\mathbf{2 7 . 3 \%}$
Unsure: 18.3\%

22. In your opinion, is a Congressional declaration of war needed before the United States engages in armed conflict?
Yes: 53.9\%
No: 29\%
Unsure: $\mathbf{1 6 . 7 \%}$

23. Global warming is...

Real, manmade: $\mathbf{2 2 . 8 \%}$
Real, natural: $\mathbf{1 8 . 1 \%}$
The science is unsettled: $\mathbf{2 4 . 5 \%}$
Not Real: $\mathbf{2 7 . 7 \%}$


## 24. I support an energy tax to combat global warming:

Yes: 16.5\%
No: 74.6\%
Unsure: 8.9\%

25. Is illegal immigration an urgent problem for our country?
Yes: $\mathbf{8 5 . 8 \%}$
No: 10\%
Unsure: 4.2\%

26. Illegal immigrants already present in the United States should...
Be deported: $\mathbf{6 5 . 8 \%}$
Be granted amnesty: 11.1\%
Remain in the US, but not be legalized: $\mathbf{2 1 . 4 \%}$

27. Do you support construction of the Auburn Dam?
Yes: 50.4\%
No: 24.1\%
Unsure: 25.5\%


## 28. In your opinion, individuals should own guns...

With no restrictions: $\mathbf{2 4 . 8 \%}$
With some restrictions: $\mathbf{5 9 . 2 \%}$
Only if the government grants a license: $\mathbf{1 1 . 2 \%}$ Never: $\mathbf{2 . 8 \%}$


| $\square$ No Restrictions | $\square$ Some Restrictions |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ With a Government License | $\square$ Never |

29. Is there an energy shortage?

Yes: $\mathbf{4 2 . 8 \%}$
No: $\mathbf{3 7 . 8 \%}$
Unsure: 19.1\%

30. Which energy sources should we expand domestically?
Hydro: 48.8\%
Gas: 46.4\%
Oil: $\mathbf{4 5 . 5 \%}$
Coal: 27.6\%
Nuclear: 58.1\%
Solar: 64.3\%
Wind: $\mathbf{5 6 . 5 \%}$

31. Should the government subsidize solar and wind energy development?
Yes: 40.7\%
No: $\mathbf{4 2 . 6 \%}$
Unsure: 16.5\%

32. Would you support a nuclear power plant built in or around our district?
Yes: $\mathbf{5 8 \%}$
No: 26.9\%
Unsure: 14.8\%

33. How involved should the federal government be in our public schools?
More: 16.4\%
Less: 36.7\%
Not at all: 46.4\%

34. Our nation is generally heading... The right way: $\mathbf{1 3 . 4 \%}$
Off on the wrong track: $\mathbf{7 7 . 8 \%}$
Unsure: 8.4\%


## Methodology:

This survey was conducted through US Mail, with survey forms being mailed directly to 147,066 voting constituent households. The survey was mailed on March 10, 2010 and responses were accepted through April 23, resulting in 14,124 responses. It is important to note that this survey was not designed to function as a public opinion poll, but rather as an accurate depiction of the policy preferences and concerns of voting constituents in the Fourth Congressional District. As such, methodological measures were not employed to offset word and question ordering effects, nor have results been weighted to reflect regional population or demographic quotas. Nonetheless, received responses were generally in line with the geographic distribution of the district's population, with a deviation of approximately five percent or less.

