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## PRESIDENT OBAMA AND CONGRESS JOB RATINGS PLUMMET IN ARIZONA

Phoenix. Arizona February 25, 2014 By five to one, Arizonans rate the U.S. Congress as doing a “poor job” serving the nation. President Barack Obama also registers a major drop in his job rating – now standing at 30 percent favorable to 49 percent unfavorable, his highest negative job rating since he took office in 2009.

The public’s disaffection with both the Congress and the President is particularly intense among registered Republicans, 78 percent of whom give the President low marks, while 67 percent say the same of the U.S. Congress.

In addition, negativism is most intense among men, upper income families and Caucasians, historically among the most likely to vote in Arizona elections. In general the sense that Washington, DC is letting the country down is also reflected in their negative views toward both U.S. Senators from Arizona where negative job ratings , although not as high for the Congress overall, nonetheless total 33 percent for senior Senator John McCain and 26 percent for Senator Jeff Flake. For both of these men, favorable job ratings are nearly the same as their negative ratings.

The slippage in respect for President Obama can be most clearly seen in the last table which shows the net positive to negative assessments the public in Arizona gives the President. For example, in July of 2013 President Obama had a net positive score of +7 points, but today his net score is -19, a 26 point shift to the negative.

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2014-I-07), is based on 701 interviews with heads of household statewide including 457 registered voters statewide, conducted between January 16 and January 26, 2014. Interviewing was conducted in both English or Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on either 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 3.8 percent of what they would have been had the entire population been surveyed and 4.7 percent 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>January 2014</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>(-44)</b>
July 2013	16	32	39	(-23)
April 2013	12	27	51	(-39)
April 2012	11	33	51	(-40)
January 2012	14	29	53	(-39)
<b><u>January 2014 Detail</u></b>				
Democrats	16	26	51	(-35)
Independents	9	28	59	(-50)
Republicans	13	17	67	(-54)
Women	16	26	51	(-35)
Men	6	29	58	(-52)

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

|                                   | <b>EXCELLENT/<br/>GOOD</b> | <b>FAIR</b> | <b>POOR/<br/>VERY POOR</b> | <b>(NET TO<br/>POSITIVE)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>January 2014</b>               | <b>30%</b>                 | <b>17%</b>  | <b>49%</b>                 | <b>(-19)</b>                 |
| July 2013                         | 39                         | 24          | 32                         | (+ 7)                        |
| April 2013                        | 31                         | 25          | 37                         | (- 6)                        |
| April 2012                        | 34                         | 25          | 39                         | (- 5)                        |
| 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                         | (+15)                        |
| April 2009                        | 51                         | 24          | 20                         | (+31)                        |
| <b><u>January 2014 Detail</u></b> |                            |             |                            |                              |
| Democrats                         | 51                         | 21          | 25                         | (+26)                        |
| Independents                      | 34                         | 22          | 41                         | (- 7)                        |
| Republicans                       | 8                          | 10          | 78                         | (- 70)                       |
| Under 35                          | 37                         | 21          | 39                         | (- 2)                        |
| 35 to 54                          | 23                         | 16          | 55                         | (- 32)                       |
| 55 and older                      | 30                         | 13          | 52                         | (- 22)                       |
| Caucasian                         | 22                         | 14          | 60                         | (- 38)                       |
| Hispanic                          | 47                         | 30          | 22                         | (+25)                        |
| Other                             | 48                         | 23          | 23                         | (+25)                        |
| Women                             | 34                         | 15          | 43                         | (- 9)                        |
| Men                               | 25                         | 19          | 64                         | (-39)                        |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>              |                            |             |                            |                              |
| \$45K or less                     | 35                         | 16          | 47                         | (-12)                        |
| \$45K to \$84,999                 | 27                         | 23          | 47                         | (-20)                        |
| \$85K or more                     | 24                         | 13          | 62                         | (-38)                        |

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	<u>BARACK OBAMA</u>	
	<u>NET POSITIVE TO NEGATIVE RATINGS</u>	
	<u>JULY 2013</u>	<u>JANUARY 2014</u>
Statewide	(+ 7)	(-19)
Democrats	(+55)	(+26)
Independents	(- 1)	(- 7)
Republicans	(-48)	(- 70)
Under 35	(+20)	(- 2)
35 to 54	(+ 4)	(- 32)
55 and older	(- 5)	(- 22)
Men	(+ 8)	(- 9)
Women	(+ 4)	(- 39)
Caucasian	(-12)	(- 38)
Hispanic	(+45)	(+25)
Other	(+42)	(+25)
Lower income	(+20)	(-12)
Middle income	(- 7)	(-20)
Upper income	(+11)	(-38)

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