

**OCCUPY WALL STREET REPRESENTS AMERICA: A Compilation of Polling Data**

	<b>Occupy Wall Street</b> (data provided by D. Schoen, WSJ.com)	<b>All Voters</b>	<b>Independent Voters</b>
Government should guarantee healthcare for all	65%	64% <sup>1</sup>	Not available - but "a majority of independents were willing to pay higher taxes" for health care
Raise taxes on the wealthy	77%	68% support higher taxes for income over \$250,000 (Marist) <sup>6</sup> ; 63% support "higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations" (CNN) <sup>7</sup> ;	68% support higher taxes for income over \$250,000 ( so do 51% of Republicans and 45% of Tea Party members ) <sup>6</sup> ; 62% support "higher taxes for income over \$250,000" (CNN) <sup>7</sup> ;
Government should guarantee a secure retirement	65%	70% of voters oppose cutting Social Security or Medicare to reduce deficit <sup>2</sup>	73% of Independents oppose cuts to Social Security/Medicare <sup>2</sup>
Government should guarantee an education for all	65%	70% have "trust and confidence" in public school teachers <sup>3</sup> ; 63% support current or higher levels of Federal involvement in education <sup>4</sup> ; public primary & secondary schools are overwhelmingly popular; 88% believe schools	Not available

		should teach "21st century skills such as critical thinking and problem-solving skills, computer and technology skills, and communication and self-direction skills" <sup>5</sup>	
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<sup>1</sup>CBS/New York Times poll, 2009: [http://healthcare.procon.org/sourcefiles/cbs\\_pollL\\_june\\_09\\_health\\_care.pdf](http://healthcare.procon.org/sourcefiles/cbs_pollL_june_09_health_care.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare/Lake and Associates, October 2011

[http://ncpssm.org/nocuts/report%20NCPSSM%20Public%20f%20092011%20\[Read-Only\].pdf](http://ncpssm.org/nocuts/report%20NCPSSM%20Public%20f%20092011%20[Read-Only].pdf)<sup>3</sup>Gallup/Phi Beta Kappa poll, 2011

<http://neatoday.org/2011/08/17/poll-americans-give-public-school-teachers-high-marks/>

<sup>4</sup>Gallup poll, 2010 <http://www.gallup.com/poll/142904/americans-support-federal-involvement-education.aspx>

<sup>5</sup>Peter D. Hart and Associates, 2007 [http://www.p21.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=369&Itemid=64](http://www.p21.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=369&Itemid=64)

<sup>6</sup>Marist poll, August 2011 [http://maristpoll.marist.edu/wp-](http://maristpoll.marist.edu/wp-content/misc/usapolls/US110802/Debt%20Ceiling_Obama_Congress/Complete%20August%2009,%202011%20USA%20McClatchy-Marist%20Poll%20Release%20and%20Tables.pdf)

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<sup>7</sup>CNN/ORC poll, August 2011 <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2011/images/08/09/poll.aug10.pdf>

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