Two New Polls, One By FOX News (!), Signal The Government Shutdown Albatross Hangs From Republican Necks.

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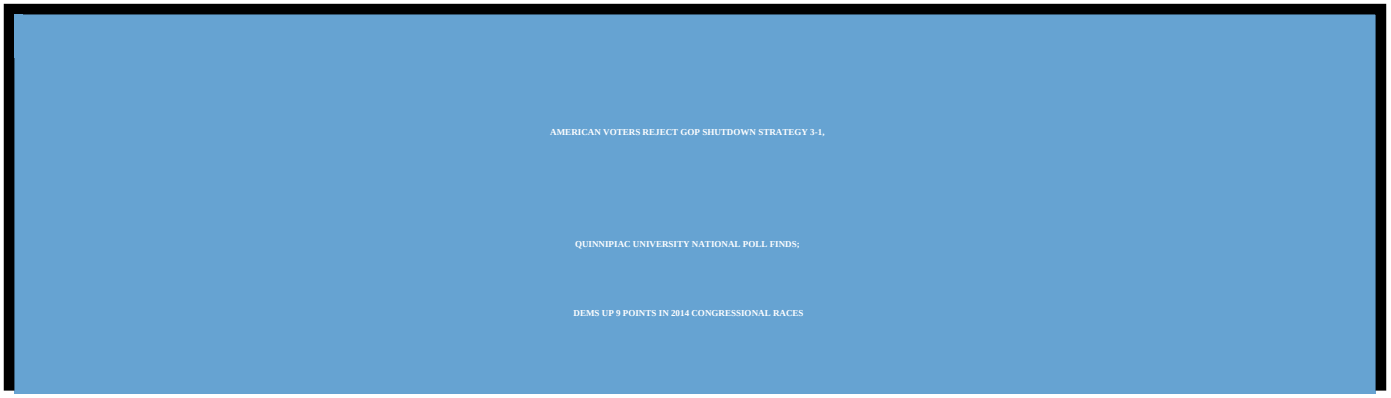
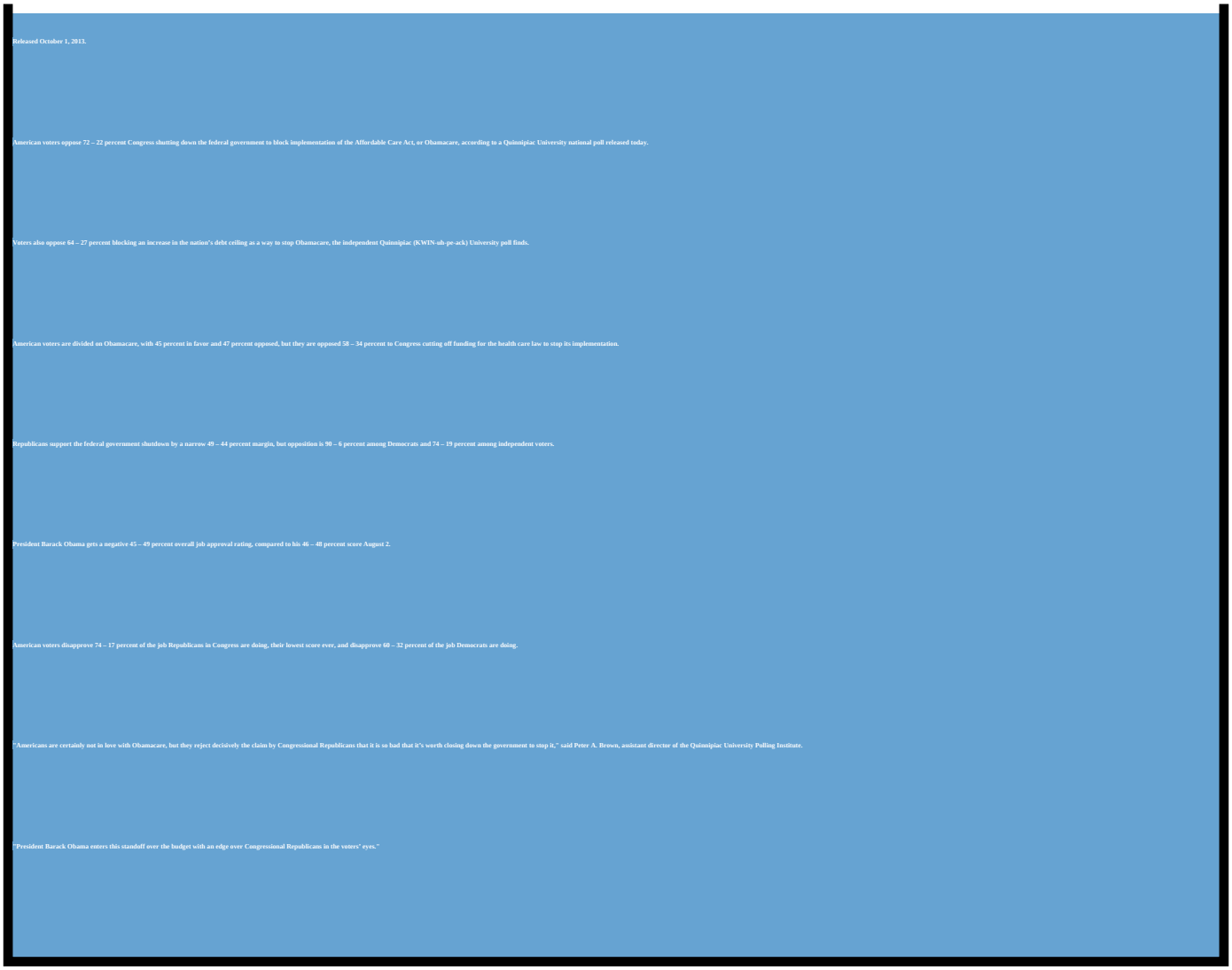
Two poll dumps of bad news for some, and worse news for the worst of the worst, the Republican party. If they believed they were, as Ted Cruz maintained last Sunday, that Republicans are "winning the argument."

1. Quinnipiac University Polling released its post-government shutdown poll last Tuesday. Here's their summary:





[For the full Quinnipiac polling report]

2. Even a FOX News Poll, nearly always a haven for GOP legislators discloses mounting problems for the GOP and its Tea Party wing. Regarding the government shutdown, 42% of respondents blame 'Republican leaders, such as John Boehner (25%)' and 'Tea Party Republicans, such as Ted Cruz (17%).'

Respondents seem to blame 'leadership' individuals and groups for much of the problem, with the GOP leadership getting 25% of the responsibility, 'Democratic leaders, such as Harry Reid' 8%, and President Obama 24%. That's 57% distrusting the leadership skills and qualities of primarily 'GOP & Democratic leadership," most likely the most visible, Senators Reid & McConnell, and Speaker John Boehner, Eric Cantor, and perhaps Paul Ryan who has remained rather invisible since last November.

Despite Ted Cruz's sense that the GOP is on a winning streak, these polls indicate growing

trouble underscored by voter disenchantment with government subversion. For Ted Cruz and his revolutionary cadre, the Tea Party, *that's* a winning streak. Expect more of the same.