

## **Johnny Depp is America's Favorite Actor, While Denzel Washington is Number 2**

*Last year's number one, Clint Eastwood, drops to number 9 on the list*

**New York, N.Y. — January 12, 2011** — It's red carpet season and the stars are getting ready for the Golden Globes and the Oscars. Some movie stars are more loved than others and this year, America's favorite movie star is Captain Jack himself, Johnny Depp who moves up from being number 2 last year. Denzel Washington also moves up one notch this year from number 3 to number 2. And the Duke, John Wayne, moves from number 7 to number 3. John Wayne also has the distinction of being the only actor to be on this list every year since 1994.

These are some of the results of [\*The Harris Poll\*](#)® of 2,331 adults surveyed online between December 6 and 13, 2010 by [Harris Interactive](#)®.

### ***The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly***

Returning to the list after a one year absence is *Indiana Jones*, Harrison Ford in the number 4 spot. Also returning to the list is *Lara Croft* or Angelina Jolie in the number 5 spot. *Forrest Gump* or rather Tom Hanks is tied for 6<sup>th</sup> on the America's favorite actor list. They shared the screen in *Ocean's 11* and they also share the 6<sup>th</sup> place with Tom Hanks — George Clooney and Julia Roberts are also tied for number 6.

Last year's number one, Clint Eastwood, drops 8 spots this year and is on the list at number 9. Rounding out the top ten is *Miss Congeniality*, Sandra Bullock at the number 10 spot, a drop from number 4 last year.

### ***One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest***

This year there are two additions to the list from last year, which means that two actors have dropped out of the top ten. Last year she was in *Julie and Julia*, but this year Meryl Streep drops from the number 8 spot to out of the top ten. Morgan Freeman was in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot last year, but this year is off the top ten as well.

### ***Analyze This***

Depending on how old you are, where you live and your political leanings, you have different favorite actors. Men cite Denzel Washington as their favorite while women say it is Johnny Depp. Echo Boomers (those aged 18-33) say Johnny Depp is their favorite actor while for both Gen Xers (aged 34-45) and Baby Boomers (aged 46-64) it is Denzel and for Matures (those aged 65 and older), John Wayne is their favorite actor.

Westerners are a region that stands alone. Those who live in the East, Midwest and South all say Denzel Washington is their favorite while for Westerners, their favorite is Johnny Depp. Johnny Depp is also the favorite actor for both Republicans and Independents, but Democrats say Denzel Washington is their favorite actor. Political ideology shows differences as well with Liberals citing Johnny Depp as their favorite actor, Moderates saying it is Denzel Washington and for Conservatives John Wayne is their favorite.

**TABLE 1**  
**FAVORITE MOVIE STAR**  
 “Who is your favorite movie star?”  
*Unprompted responses*

Base: All adults

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Johnny Depp	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Denzel Washington	*	4	8	10	10	*	=7	8
John Wayne	2	1	2	4	2	2	2	6
Harrison Ford	4	*	*	5	1	1	1	3
Angelina Jolie	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tom Hanks	5	6	7	*	*	=5	6	2
George Clooney	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Julia Roberts	*	*	*	*	*	8	4	1
Clint Eastwood	1	2	4	1	=4	4	5	7
Sandra Bullock	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10

\*Not in top 10.

“=” prior to a number indicates a tie

**TABLE 1, continued**  
**FAVORITE MOVIE STAR**  
 “Who is your favorite movie star?”  
*Unprompted responses*

Base: All adults

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Johnny Depp	*	10	4	2	=7	3	8	2	1
Denzel Washington	7	9	6	*	1	1	1	3	2
John Wayne	6	7	7	=3	3	6	=3	7	3
Harrison Ford	4	=5	5	=3	10	*	5	*	4
Angelina Jolie	*	*	*	*	*	*	=9	*	5
Tom Hanks	1	4	1	1	2	2	7	5	=6
George Clooney	*	*	10	8	9	*	*	6	=6
Julia Roberts	3	2	3	5	=5	4	6	10	=6
Clint Eastwood	8	8	8	6	1	*	2	1	9
Sandra Bullock	10	*	*	10	*	9	*	4	10

\*Not in top 10.

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**DROPPED OUT OF TOP 10 IN 2010**  
 Meryl Streep (#8) and Morgan Freeman (#9)

**TABLE 2**  
**WHICH MOVIE STAR IS #1 AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS?**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Favorite Movie Star</b>
Men	Denzel Washington
Women	Johnny Depp
Republican	Johnny Depp
Democrat	Denzel Washington
Independent	Johnny Depp
Conservative	John Wayne
Moderate	Denzel Washington
Liberal	Johnny Depp
Echo Boomers (18-33)	Johnny Depp
Gen X (34-45)	Denzel Washington
Baby Boomers (46-64)	Denzel Washington
Matures (65+)	John Wayne
East	Denzel Washington
Midwest	Denzel Washington
South	Denzel Washington
West	Johnny Depp

### **Methodology**

This **Harris Poll** was conducted online within the United States between December 6 to 13, 2010 among 2,331 adults (aged 18 and over). Figures for age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region and household income were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

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