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Interviews with 1,015 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 16-18, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 928 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 814 interviews among landline respondents and 201 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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QUESTIONS 42 THROUGH 51 ROTATED. NAMES OF CANDIDATES WERE READ IN RANDOM ORDER.

42/43. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Michele Bachmann were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Obama, the Democrat, or Bachman, the Republican? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Bachmann</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Opinion</u>
Registered Voters					
December 16-18, 2011	57%	38%	3%	1%	*
September 23-25, 2011	54%	42%	2%	1%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	51%	45%	3%	*	1%
All Respondents					
December 16-18, 2011	58%	37%	3%	1%	*
September 23-25, 2011	57%	40%	2%	1%	*
August 5-7, 2011	51%	45%	3%	1%	1%

44/45. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Newt Gingrich were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Gingrich</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Opinion</u>
Registered Voters					
December 16-18, 2011	56%	40%	2%	1%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	53%	45%	2%	*	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	57%	40%	2%	*	*
Oct. 27-30, 2010	49%	47%	3%	*	1%
Apr. 9-11, 2010	55%	43%	1%	*	*
All Respondents					
December 16-18, 2011	57%	39%	3%	1%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	54%	43%	2%	1%	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	58%	39%	3%	*	*
Oct. 27-30, 2010	50%	45%	4%	*	1%
Apr. 9-11, 2010	57%	41%	2%	*	*

46/47. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Ron Paul were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Paul</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Registered Voters					
December 16-18, 2011	52%	45%	3%	*	*
September 23-25, 2011	51%	47%	2%	1%	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	52%	45%	3%	*	*
All Respondents					
December 16-18, 2011	54%	43%	3%	*	*
September 23-25, 2011	52%	46%	2%	*	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	53%	43%	3%	*	1%

48/49. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Rick Perry were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Obama, the Democrat, or Perry, the Republican? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Perry</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Registered Voters					
December 16-18, 2011	57%	39%	3%	1%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	52%	45%	2%	*	*
Sept. 23-25, 2011	51%	46%	2%	1%	1%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	51%	46%	3%	*	*
All Respondents					
December 16-18, 2011	59%	37%	3%	1%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	53%	43%	2%	1%	*
Sept. 23-25, 2011	52%	44%	2%	1%	*
Aug. 5-7, 2011	51%	45%	3%	1%	1%

50/51. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Mitt Romney were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Obama, the Democrat, or Romney, the Republican? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Opinion</u>
Registered Voters					
December 16-18, 2011	52%	45%	2%	1%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	47%	51%	2%	*	*
Sept. 23-25, 2011	49%	48%	2%	1%	*
Aug. 5-7, 2011	49%	48%	2%	*	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	54%	43%	2%	1%	*
Oct. 27-30, 2010	45%	50%	3%	*	1%
Apr. 9-11, 2010	53%	45%	1%	*	*
All Respondents					
December 16-18, 2011	53%	43%	3%	1%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	48%	48%	3%	1%	*
Sept. 23-25, 2011	51%	46%	2%	1%	*
Aug. 5-7, 2011	49%	47%	3%	1%	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	55%	42%	2%	1%	*
Oct. 27-30, 2010	47%	48%	3%	*	1%
Apr. 9-11, 2010	54%	43%	2%	*	*

Q42. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Michele Bachmann were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- ?

Q43. As of today, do you lean more toward -- ?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama/Leans Obama	58%	58%	58%	50%	79%
Bachmann/Lean Bachmann	37%	37%	38%	45%	18%
Neither	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%
Other	1%	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama/Leans Obama	58%	66%	56%	61%	46%	62%	55%
Bachmann/Lean Bachmann	37%	28%	41%	36%	48%	34%	41%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Other	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama/Leans Obama	58%	59%	60%	54%	61%
Bachmann/Lean Bachmann	37%	36%	37%	44%	33%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Leans Obama	58%	90%	56%	21%	86%	66%	36%
Bachmann/Lean Bachmann	37%	7%	38%	77%	12%	31%	60%
Neither	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama/Leans Obama	58%	66%	56%	53%	62%	64%	57%	43%
Bachmann/Lean Bachmann	37%	26%	38%	46%	35%	32%	37%	54%
Neither	3%	5%	5%	1%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama/Leans Obama	58%	14%	59%	89%
Bachmann/Lean Bachmann	37%	81%	36%	9%
Neither	3%	3%	4%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Q44. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Newt Gingrich were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- ?

Q45. As of today, do you lean more toward -- ?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama/Lean Obama	57%	54%	60%	46%	83%
Gingrich/Lean Gingrich	39%	41%	37%	49%	15%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama/Lean Obama	57%	63%	59%	58%	43%	61%	52%
Gingrich/Lean Gingrich	39%	31%	38%	38%	55%	34%	45%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	1%	2%	*	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama/Lean Obama	57%	61%	55%	57%	57%
Gingrich/Lean Gingrich	39%	35%	41%	41%	38%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Other	1%	*	1%	*	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Lean Obama	57%	92%	53%	19%	88%	65%	33%
Gingrich/Lean Gingrich	39%	6%	41%	80%	10%	32%	63%
Neither	3%	1%	5%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama/Lean Obama	57%	64%	51%	55%	60%	65%	52%	46%
Gingrich/Lean Gingrich	39%	30%	44%	42%	38%	31%	44%	51%
Neither	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama/Lean Obama	57%	13%	60%	85%
Gingrich/Lean Gingrich	39%	85%	35%	12%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	2%
Other	1%	*	2%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 46/47

Q46. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Ron Paul were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- ?

Q47. As of today, do you lean more toward -- ?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama/Lean Obama	54%	50%	57%	46%	72%
Paul/Lean Paul	43%	46%	41%	51%	25%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Other	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama/Lean Obama	54%	53%	56%	57%	46%	55%	53%
Paul/Lean Paul	43%	47%	39%	40%	47%	43%	43%
Neither	3%	*	5%	2%	6%	2%	4%
Other	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama/Lean Obama	54%	57%	53%	53%	54%
Paul/Lean Paul	43%	41%	44%	44%	43%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Other	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Lean Obama	54%	89%	47%	18%	84%	56%	35%
Paul/Lean Paul	43%	10%	48%	79%	13%	42%	61%
Neither	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama/Lean Obama	54%	58%	49%	52%	56%	60%	50%	44%
Paul/Lean Paul	43%	38%	46%	46%	41%	38%	45%	52%
Neither	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama/Lean Obama	54%	16%	57%	75%
Paul/Lean Paul	43%	79%	39%	23%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%
Other	*	1%	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Q48. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Rick Perry were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- ?

Q49. As of today, do you lean more toward -- ?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama/Lean Obama	59%	57%	60%	50%	80%
Perry/Lean Perry	37%	39%	35%	46%	17%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama/Lean Obama	59%	69%	58%	59%	43%	64%	53%
Perry/Lean Perry	37%	28%	38%	37%	53%	33%	43%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Other	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama/Lean Obama	59%	61%	58%	52%	63%
Perry/Lean Perry	37%	36%	38%	45%	32%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%
Other	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Lean Obama	59%	92%	59%	15%	89%	66%	35%
Perry/Lean Perry	37%	5%	35%	85%	8%	30%	61%
Neither	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	3%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama/Lean Obama	59%	66%	56%	54%	62%	64%	55%	49%
Perry/Lean Perry	37%	27%	39%	43%	35%	31%	40%	49%
Neither	3%	5%	5%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%
Other	1%	2%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama/Lean Obama	59%	16%	60%	87%
Perry/Lean Perry	37%	83%	34%	10%
Neither	3%	1%	5%	2%
Other	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Q50. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Mitt Romney were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- ?

Q51. As of today, do you lean more toward -- ?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama/Lean Obama	53%	51%	56%	43%	77%
Romney/Lean Romney	43%	45%	42%	53%	20%
Neither	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama/Lean Obama	53%	60%	55%	53%	39%	58%	47%
Romney/Lean Romney	43%	36%	41%	44%	57%	39%	49%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama/Lean Obama	53%	57%	51%	51%	54%
Romney/Lean Romney	43%	39%	46%	47%	41%
Neither	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Lean Obama	53%	89%	49%	13%	88%	58%	30%
Romney/Lean Romney	43%	8%	46%	85%	10%	40%	65%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama/Lean Obama	53%	59%	53%	49%	56%	60%	48%	41%
Romney/Lean Romney	43%	34%	42%	50%	43%	37%	47%	56%
Neither	3%	5%	5%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	*	2%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama/Lean Obama	53%	9%	55%	82%
Romney/Lean Romney	43%	88%	40%	16%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%