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Interviews with 1,055 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 22-23, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 924 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points) and 719 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 802 interviews among landline respondents and 253 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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6. Which of the following do you think will be most important to you when you decide whom to vote for -- where the candidates stand on issues that matter to you, or the leadership skills and vision you think the candidates would have as president?

	<u>Stance on issues</u>	<u>Leadership skills and vision</u>	<u>Both equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters					
August 22-23, 2012	45%	40%	12%	1%	1%
Registered Voters					
August 22-23, 2012	46%	40%	12%	1%	1%
All Americans					
December 16-18, 2011	31%	62%	6%	1%	*
September 23-25, 2011	41%	53%	5%	*	1%
June 3-7, 2011	47%	45%	7%	1%	*

7. Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	46%	50%	3%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	46%	49%	4%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	47%	48%	5%	1%
Foreign policy				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	51%	44%	3%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	55%	40%	3%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	53%	41%	4%	1%
Health care				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	49%	48%	1%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	46%	2%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	44%	4%	1%
The federal budget deficit				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	42%	52%	6%	*
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	42%	50%	6%	1%
June 28-July 1, 2012	42%	52%	5%	1%
Medicare				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	49%	48%	3%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	45%	4%	1%
Taxes				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	46%	3%	*
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	52%	42%	4%	2%

BASED ON 355 LIKELY VOTERS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 5.0% PTS.

BASED ON 457 REGISTERED VOTERS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

7. Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President. (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Illegal immigration				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	42%	52%	5%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	45%	48%	5%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	46%	49%	4%	1%
Terrorism				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	43%	5%	2%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	52%	40%	5%	3%
Policies toward gays and lesbians				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	59%	33%	5%	3%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	62%	30%	5%	3%

BASED ON 364 LIKELY VOTERS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 5.0% PTS.

BASED ON 467 REGISTERED VOTERS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

7. Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President. (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Welfare policy				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	51%	47%	1%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	52%	45%	2%	2%
Energy policy				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	51%	45%	2%	2%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	51%	44%	2%	2%
Abortion policy				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	53%	40%	3%	3%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 22-23, 2012	55%	36%	4%	5%

9. In general, do you think the policies being proposed by each of the following presidential candidates would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Barack Obama			
Likely Voters			
Aug. 22-23, 2012	49%	50%	1%
Registered Voters			
Aug. 22-23, 2012	52%	47%	1%
Mitt Romney			
Likely Voters			
Aug. 22-23, 2012	52%	45%	3%
Registered Voters			
Aug. 22-23, 2012	51%	46%	3%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
John Kerry			
<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>			
2004 Sep 24-26	44	49	7
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>			
2004 Sep 24-26	42	49	9
<u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u>			
2004 Sep 24-26	43	48	9

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Likely Voters

Question 6

Which of the following do you think will be most important to you when you decide whom to vote for -- where the candidates stand on issues that matter to you, or the leadership skills and vision you think the candidates would have as president?

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Issues	45%	45%	45%	46%	N/A	45%
Leadership skills	40%	41%	40%	40%	N/A	40%
Both equally	12%	12%	13%	13%	N/A	12%
Neither	1%	*	1%	1%	N/A	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Issues	45%	N/A	N/A	42%	34%	54%	39%
Leadership skills	40%	N/A	N/A	40%	46%	38%	43%
Both equally	12%	N/A	N/A	14%	16%	9%	15%
Neither	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	*	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Issues	45%	45%	48%	33%	51%
Leadership skills	40%	40%	42%	47%	37%
Both equally	12%	14%	9%	16%	11%
Neither	1%	*	*	2%	*
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Issues	45%	46%	45%	44%	48%	48%	42%
Leadership skills	40%	38%	40%	44%	38%	41%	41%
Both equally	12%	12%	14%	12%	13%	8%	16%
Neither	1%	2%	1%	*	*	2%	*
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Issues	45%	47%	47%	41%	46%	49%	43%	41%
Leadership skills	40%	37%	42%	42%	39%	38%	41%	44%
Both equally	12%	15%	11%	13%	12%	10%	14%	15%
Neither	1%	1%	*	2%	*	1%	2%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	3%	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Issues	45%	45%	40%	51%
Leadership skills	40%	41%	45%	35%
Both equally	12%	14%	11%	12%
Neither	1%	*	3%	*
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 7A

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

A. The economy

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	46%	39%	51%	38%	N/A	46%
Romney	50%	57%	45%	59%	N/A	50%
Neither	3%	4%	3%	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	46%	N/A	N/A	43%	42%	50%	43%
Romney	50%	N/A	N/A	52%	53%	46%	53%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	3%	4%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	46%	48%	48%	41%	48%
Romney	50%	47%	49%	55%	47%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	46%	89%	40%	5%	92%	51%	16%
Romney	50%	7%	54%	93%	7%	44%	79%
Neither	3%	2%	6%	2%	1%	3%	5%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	46%	54%	48%	37%	49%	58%	45%	27%
Romney	50%	42%	49%	57%	46%	39%	49%	71%
Neither	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	46%	7%	37%	86%
Romney	50%	90%	57%	12%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 7B

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

B. Foreign policy

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	51%	48%	55%	44%	N/A	51%
Romney	44%	50%	40%	52%	N/A	44%
Neither	3%	1%	4%	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	48%	45%	57%	47%
Romney	44%	N/A	N/A	48%	48%	40%	48%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	5%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	51%	50%	56%	45%	55%
Romney	44%	46%	40%	51%	41%
Neither	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	51%	89%	50%	12%	92%	63%	20%
Romney	44%	7%	43%	86%	6%	32%	75%
Neither	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%	*	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	51%	60%	54%	44%	54%	64%	50%	35%
Romney	44%	35%	45%	53%	40%	34%	45%	60%
Neither	3%	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	3%	4%
No opinion	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	51%	10%	48%	90%
Romney	44%	87%	43%	9%
Neither	3%	3%	6%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	4%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 7C

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

C. Health care

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	49%	44%	53%	39%	N/A	49%
Romney	48%	54%	44%	57%	N/A	48%
Neither	1%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	49%	N/A	N/A	45%	44%	54%	45%
Romney	48%	N/A	N/A	52%	49%	45%	51%
Neither	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	3%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	4%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	49%	50%	52%	43%	52%
Romney	48%	45%	47%	54%	46%
Neither	1%	3%	*	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	49%	88%	46%	9%	91%	59%	17%
Romney	48%	9%	50%	89%	9%	38%	79%
Neither	1%	1%	3%	1%	*	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	*	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	49%	53%	52%	40%	54%	64%	45%	30%
Romney	48%	43%	42%	59%	44%	35%	52%	65%
Neither	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	3%	*	2%	*	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	49%	9%	42%	89%
Romney	48%	89%	53%	10%
Neither	1%	1%	3%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 7D

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

D. The federal budget deficit

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	42%	36%	46%	34%	N/A	42%
Romney	52%	60%	46%	60%	N/A	52%
Neither	6%	4%	7%	6%	N/A	6%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	42%	N/A	N/A	41%	37%	45%	39%
Romney	52%	N/A	N/A	53%	55%	51%	54%
Neither	6%	N/A	N/A	7%	7%	4%	7%
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	42%	45%	43%	37%	44%
Romney	52%	49%	52%	56%	50%
Neither	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	42%	82%	34%	6%	84%	46%	15%
Romney	52%	10%	58%	92%	12%	45%	81%
Neither	6%	8%	7%	2%	5%	8%	3%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	42%	45%	42%	35%	48%	55%	40%	25%
Romney	52%	49%	53%	57%	48%	42%	52%	69%
Neither	6%	5%	4%	8%	5%	3%	7%	6%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	42%	8%	32%	78%
Romney	52%	91%	55%	17%
Neither	6%	1%	12%	5%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 7E

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

E. Medicare

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	49%	44%	53%	40%	N/A	49%
Romney	48%	52%	44%	56%	N/A	48%
Neither	3%	2%	3%	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	49%	N/A	N/A	45%	44%	54%	45%
Romney	48%	N/A	N/A	50%	51%	45%	50%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	4%	3%	1%	4%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	49%	52%	52%	41%	53%
Romney	48%	44%	46%	54%	44%
Neither	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	49%	87%	48%	10%	91%	58%	19%
Romney	48%	9%	48%	89%	8%	39%	76%
Neither	3%	3%	4%	2%	*	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	49%	55%	54%	39%	54%	65%	45%	30%
Romney	48%	42%	41%	58%	44%	34%	50%	65%
Neither	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	3%	*	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	49%	9%	42%	89%
Romney	48%	89%	51%	9%
Neither	3%	2%	7%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7F

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

F. Taxes

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	50%	43%	57%	43%	N/A	50%
Romney	46%	55%	39%	53%	N/A	46%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	N/A	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	50%	N/A	N/A	47%	44%	57%	45%
Romney	46%	N/A	N/A	49%	50%	41%	50%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	5%	2%	4%
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	50%	53%	52%	47%	52%
Romney	46%	43%	46%	48%	45%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	50%	91%	48%	10%	93%	60%	20%
Romney	46%	6%	48%	89%	5%	37%	77%
Neither	3%	4%	4%	1%	1%	3%	3%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	50%	55%	56%	42%	53%	64%	48%	32%
Romney	46%	39%	43%	54%	44%	34%	48%	63%
Neither	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	50%	11%	47%	87%
Romney	46%	88%	45%	11%
Neither	3%	1%	8%	2%
No opinion	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7G

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

G. Illegal immigration

Base = Half Sample, Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	42%	33%	48%	35%	N/A	42%
Romney	52%	62%	46%	59%	N/A	52%
Neither	5%	4%	6%	6%	N/A	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5		+/-5.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	42%	N/A	N/A	40%	42%	N/A	41%
Romney	52%	N/A	N/A	55%	46%	N/A	51%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	5%	9%	N/A	6%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	*	3%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5	+/-8.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	42%	N/A	43%	N/A	41%
Romney	52%	N/A	53%	N/A	54%
Neither	5%	N/A	4%	N/A	4%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	N/A	*
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-7.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	42%	N/A	N/A	7%	N/A	N/A	18%
Romney	52%	N/A	N/A	87%	N/A	N/A	76%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	N/A	5%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.0			+/-7.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	42%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A
Romney	52%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49%	N/A
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0						+/-7.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	42%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romney	52%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7H

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

H. Terrorism

Base = Half Sample, Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	50%	43%	55%	43%	N/A	50%
Romney	43%	52%	36%	47%	N/A	43%
Neither	5%	3%	7%	8%	N/A	5%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	N/A	2%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5		+/-5.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	50%	N/A	N/A	47%	48%	N/A	47%
Romney	43%	N/A	N/A	46%	41%	N/A	44%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	6%	5%	N/A	5%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	7%	N/A	3%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5	+/-8.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	50%	N/A	49%	N/A	54%
Romney	43%	N/A	46%	N/A	40%
Neither	5%	N/A	3%	N/A	4%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-7.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	50%	N/A	N/A	9%	N/A	N/A	20%
Romney	43%	N/A	N/A	85%	N/A	N/A	71%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	N/A	6%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	N/A	4%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.0			+/-7.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A
Romney	43%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42%	N/A
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0						+/-7.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romney	43%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7I

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

I. Policies toward gays and lesbians

Base = Half Sample, Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	59%	52%	63%	54%	N/A	59%
Romney	33%	39%	29%	38%	N/A	33%
Neither	5%	5%	5%	6%	N/A	5%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	2%	N/A	3%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5		+/-5.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	59%	N/A	N/A	53%	46%	N/A	50%
Romney	33%	N/A	N/A	39%	35%	N/A	37%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	7%	8%	N/A	8%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	10%	N/A	5%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5	+/-8.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	59%	N/A	66%	N/A	63%
Romney	33%	N/A	30%	N/A	31%
Neither	5%	N/A	3%	N/A	4%
No opinion	3%	N/A	*	N/A	2%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-7.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	59%	N/A	N/A	27%	N/A	N/A	37%
Romney	33%	N/A	N/A	65%	N/A	N/A	56%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	N/A	5%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	N/A	3%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.0			+/-7.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	59%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59%	N/A
Romney	33%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32%	N/A
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0						+/-7.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	59%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romney	33%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7J

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

J. Welfare policy

Base = Half Sample, Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	51%	48%	53%	40%	N/A	51%
Romney	47%	50%	45%	57%	N/A	47%
Neither	1%	2%	1%	2%	N/A	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5		+/-5.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	N/A	36%	N/A	47%
Romney	47%	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%	N/A	50%
Neither	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0				+/-8.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	51%	N/A	58%	N/A	54%
Romney	47%	N/A	41%	N/A	44%
Neither	1%	N/A	1%	N/A	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	N/A	*
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-7.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	51%	N/A	49%	10%	N/A	N/A	23%
Romney	47%	N/A	47%	89%	N/A	N/A	77%
Neither	1%	N/A	3%	*	N/A	N/A	*
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	*	N/A	N/A	*
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-8.5	+/-8.5			+/-7.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	49%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A
Romney	47%	N/A	N/A	50%	N/A	N/A	50%	N/A
Neither	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5			+/-7.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romney	47%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7K

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

K. Energy policy

Base = Half Sample, Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	51%	46%	56%	43%	N/A	51%
Romney	45%	53%	38%	54%	N/A	45%
Neither	2%	1%	3%	2%	N/A	2%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	1%	N/A	2%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5		+/-5.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	N/A	38%	N/A	46%
Romney	45%	N/A	N/A	N/A	57%	N/A	48%
Neither	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	3%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0				+/-8.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	51%	N/A	60%	N/A	55%
Romney	45%	N/A	38%	N/A	41%
Neither	2%	N/A	2%	N/A	3%
No opinion	2%	N/A	*	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-7.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	51%	N/A	49%	10%	N/A	N/A	21%
Romney	45%	N/A	44%	87%	N/A	N/A	76%
Neither	2%	N/A	4%	2%	N/A	N/A	2%
No opinion	2%	N/A	2%	*	N/A	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-8.5	+/-8.5			+/-7.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	51%	N/A	N/A	46%	N/A
Romney	45%	N/A	N/A	45%	N/A	N/A	49%	N/A
Neither	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5			+/-7.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	51%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romney	45%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7L

Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would better handle that issue if they were elected President.

L. Abortion policy

Base = Half Sample, Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	53%	48%	58%	44%	N/A	53%
Romney	40%	42%	39%	48%	N/A	40%
Neither	3%	5%	1%	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	5%	N/A	3%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5		+/-5.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	53%	N/A	N/A	N/A	42%	N/A	51%
Romney	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	45%	N/A	39%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	5%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8%	N/A	5%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0				+/-8.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	53%	N/A	62%	N/A	56%
Romney	40%	N/A	32%	N/A	39%
Neither	3%	N/A	3%	N/A	4%
No opinion	3%	N/A	3%	N/A	2%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-7.5		+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	53%	N/A	49%	14%	N/A	N/A	22%
Romney	40%	N/A	42%	80%	N/A	N/A	73%
Neither	3%	N/A	5%	3%	N/A	N/A	3%
No opinion	3%	N/A	4%	3%	N/A	N/A	2%
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-8.5	+/-8.5			+/-7.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	53%	N/A	N/A	50%	N/A	N/A	52%	N/A
Romney	40%	N/A	N/A	46%	N/A	N/A	42%	N/A
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	N/A	4%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5			+/-7.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	53%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romney	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 9A

In general, do you think the policies being proposed by each of the following presidential candidates would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

A. Barack Obama

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Right direction	49%	43%	54%	40%	N/A	49%		
Wrong direction	50%	57%	45%	59%	N/A	50%		
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	N/A	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5		
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Right direction	49%	N/A	N/A	47%	43%	53%	46%	
Wrong direction	50%	N/A	N/A	52%	57%	46%	54%	
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	*	1%	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	
		Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Right direction	49%	49%	52%	43%	52%			
Wrong direction	50%	49%	48%	57%	47%			
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5			
		Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Right direction	49%	91%	45%	7%	93%	55%	19%	
Wrong direction	50%	9%	54%	92%	7%	44%	80%	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	
		North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Right direction	49%	58%	48%	42%	52%	63%	46%	31%
Wrong direction	50%	41%	49%	58%	48%	36%	54%	69%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	*	2%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5
		Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Right direction	49%	9%	43%	87%				
Wrong direction	50%	91%	56%	11%				
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5				

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 9B

In general, do you think the policies being proposed by each of the following presidential candidates would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

B. Mitt Romney

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Right direction	52%	58%	47%	58%	N/A	52%		
Wrong direction	45%	40%	50%	39%	N/A	45%		
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	N/A	3%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5		
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Right direction	52%	N/A	N/A	53%	54%	50%	54%	
Wrong direction	45%	N/A	N/A	44%	40%	49%	43%	
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	6%	1%	4%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5			+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	
		Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Right direction	52%	53%	48%	55%	50%			
Wrong direction	45%	45%	49%	40%	48%			
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5			
		Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Right direction	52%	12%	53%	94%	13%	43%	81%	
Wrong direction	45%	86%	44%	4%	84%	53%	17%	
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	
		North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Right direction	52%	44%	50%	60%	49%	40%	54%	68%
Wrong direction	45%	54%	46%	37%	49%	59%	43%	28%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5
		Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Right direction	52%	94%	53%	15%				
Wrong direction	45%	6%	41%	83%				
No opinion	3%	1%	6%	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5				

* percentage less than 1%