



Interviews with 1,005 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 31-September 3, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 877 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points) and 735 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 753 interviews among landline respondents and 252 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 4 PM

1. Suppose that the presidential election were being held today and you had to choose between Barack Obama and Joe Biden as the Democratic Party's candidates, and Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan as the Republican Party's candidates. Who would you be more likely to vote for -- Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republicans? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Obama/ Biden</u>	<u>Romney/ Ryan</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Likely Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	48%	2%	*	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	49%	47%	2%	*	2%
Registered Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	52%	45%	2%	1%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	52%	43%	3%	1%	1%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	52%	45%	3%	*	1%
June 28-July 1, 2012	49%	46%	3%	1%	*
May 29-31, 2012	49%	46%	4%	1%	*
April 13-15, 2012	52%	43%	5%	1%	1%
March 24-25, 2012	54%	43%	3%	*	*
February 10-13, 2012	51%	46%	2%	*	*
January 11-12, 2012	47%	48%	3%	1%	1%
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%	*	*

QUESTION WORDING BEFORE APRIL, 2012: "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?"

QUESTION WORDING APRIL, 2012 TO AUGUST 8, 2012: "Suppose that the presidential election were being held today and you had to choose between Barack Obama as the Democratic Party's candidate, and Mitt Romney as the Republican Party's candidate. Who would you be more likely to vote for -- Barack Obama, the Democrat, or Mitt Romney, the Republican? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?"

2. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for president in November -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all enthusiastic</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered Voters						
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	32%	25%	20%	11%	11%	*
Aug. 22-23, 2012	31%	27%	23%	10%	9%	1%
June 28-July 1, 2012	28%	25%	25%	13%	9%	*
Mar. 24-25, 2012	24%	23%	29%	11%	12%	*
Feb. 10-13, 2012	22%	26%	26%	13%	13%	*
Jan. 11-12, 2012	24%	27%	27%	10%	12%	*
Oct. 14-16, 2011	28%	23%	28%	9%	12%	*
June 3-7, 2011	29%	25%	25%	10%	10%	1%
March 11-13, 2011	28%	30%	24%	11%	7%	*
Oct. 5-7, 2010*	20%	22%	30%	16%	12%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010*	23%	17%	31%	17%	12%	*
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	37%	32%	16%	7%	8%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	34%	24%	23%	11%	8%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	30%	30%	23%	11%	6%	*
June 23-24, 2007	26%	28%	27%	13%	6%	*
Oct. 14-16 2004	36%	34%	17%	8%	4%	1%
Sept. 3-5 2004	32%	32%	23%	9%	4%	*
Oct. 24-26 2003	19%	34%	31%	11%	4%	1%

BASED ON 391 REGISTERED DEMOCRATS -- (SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 5% PTS.);
 BASED ON 432 REGISTERED REPUBLICANS -- (SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.)

2. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for president in November -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all enthusiastic</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered Democrats						
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	32%	24%	23%	9%	12%	*
Aug. 22-23, 2012	29%	29%	24%	11%	6%	1%
June 28-July 1, 2012	27%	32%	26%	9%	6%	*
Mar. 24-25, 2012	25%	21%	33%	10%	10%	*
Feb. 10-13, 2012	20%	29%	27%	11%	12%	*
Jan. 11-12, 2012	21%	28%	31%	10%	9%	1%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	21%	22%	34%	10%	12%	*
June 3-7, 2011	26%	29%	29%	9%	6%	2%
March 11-13, 2011	26%	30%	27%	12%	5%	*
Oct. 5-7, 2010*	13%	21%	35%	18%	12%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010*	16%	14%	36%	19%	15%	*
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	45%	34%	13%	4%	3%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	45%	23%	20%	7%	5%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	36%	30%	21%	6%	6%	*
June 23-24, 2007	28%	32%	27%	9%	4%	*
Oct. 14-16 2004	38%	27%	19%	8%	7%	1%
Sept. 3-5 2004	31%	26%	23%	10%	10%	*
Oct. 24-26 2003	19%	29%	31%	16%	5%	*
Registered Republicans						
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	35%	27%	17%	12%	8%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	35%	26%	22%	8%	10%	*
June 28-July 1, 2012	31%	20%	24%	15%	9%	1%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	25%	27%	25%	13%	11%	*
Feb. 10-13, 2012	26%	25%	25%	15%	10%	*
Jan. 11-12, 2012	26%	28%	25%	12%	9%	*
Oct. 14-16, 2011	38%	26%	20%	7%	9%	*
June 3-7, 2011	38%	23%	18%	10%	10%	*
March 11-13, 2011	33%	31%	19%	10%	6%	*
Oct. 5-7, 2010*	29%	25%	25%	13%	8%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010*	31%	22%	27%	13%	7%	*
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	28%	32%	19%	9%	12%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	24%	26%	27%	12%	10%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	26%	28%	26%	15%	4%	*
June 23-24, 2007	27%	25%	27%	16%	6%	*
Oct. 14-16 2004	35%	42%	15%	6%	2%	*
Sept. 3-5 2004	31%	39%	21%	6%	3%	*
Oct. 24-26 2003	19%	39%	32%	7%	2%	1%

*QUESTION WORDING: How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Mar. 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Mar. 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
Mar. 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Mar. 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
				March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
				Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
				Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
- 3a. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

QUESTIONS 3 AND 3a COMBINED

	Aug. 31-Sept. 3 <u>2012</u>	Mar. 24-25 <u>2012</u>	Aug. 5-7 <u>2011</u>	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Approve (from Question 3)	48%	51%	44%	45%	51%
Disapprove, too liberal	32%	35%	36%	38%	36%
Disapprove, not liberal enough	8%	8%	16%	13%	7%
Disapprove, unsure on Question 3a	5%	2%	2%	3%	4%
No opinion	7%	4%	2%	2%	3%

	Nov. 11-14 <u>2010</u>	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 25-28 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Approve (from Question 3)	48%	47%	51%	54%	48%
Disapprove, too liberal	38%	38%	40%	34%	40%
Disapprove, not liberal enough	9%	9%	6%	8%	8%
Disapprove, unsure on Question 3a	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
No opinion	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%

4. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Barack Obama				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	51%	48%	*	1%
August 22-23, 2012	52%	47%	*	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	54%	44%	*	2%
August 22-23, 2012	54%	44%	*	2%
August 7-8, 2012	55%	44%	*	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	54%	45%	*	1%
May 29-31, 2012	53%	46%	*	2%
April 13-15, 2012	55%	43%	*	1%
March 24-25, 2012	55%	44%	*	1%
February 10-13, 2012	51%	47%	*	1%
January 11-12, 2012	48%	50%	*	1%
Mitt Romney				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	53%	43%	1%	4%
August 22-23, 2012	50%	46%	1%	2%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	49%	43%	1%	8%
August 22-23, 2012	48%	46%	2%	4%
August 7-8, 2012	48%	47%	1%	4%
June 28-July 1, 2012	49%	42%	3%	5%
May 29-31, 2012	51%	41%	2%	5%
April 13-15, 2012	46%	44%	5%	5%
March 24-25, 2012	39%	49%	3%	9%
February 10-13, 2012	36%	54%	4%	7%
January 11-12, 2012	44%	43%	6%	7%

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	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	Never heard of	No opinion
Barack Obama				
All Americans				
August 7-8, 2012	56%	42%	*	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	55%	44%	*	1%
May 29-31, 2012	56%	42%	*	2%
April 13-15, 2012	56%	42%	*	2%
March 24-25, 2012	56%	42%	*	2%
February 10-13, 2012	53%	45%	*	1%
January 11-12, 2012	49%	49%	*	2%
September 23-25, 2011	53%	45%	*	2%
January 14-16, 2011	56%	42%	*	2%
October 27-30, 2010	48%	48%	*	3%
September 1-2, 2010	53%	45%	*	1%
April 9-11, 2010	57%	41%	*	2%
December 16-20, 2009	58%	40%	*	3%
October 16-18, 2009	60%	39%	*	1%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	64%	34%	*	2%
April 23-26, 2009	69%	29%	*	2%
January 12-15, 2009	78%	17%	1%	4%
December 1-2, 2008	76%	21%	*	3%
November 6-9, 2008	75%	22%	*	3%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	63%	33%	*	3%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	62%	36%	*	2%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	63%	34%	*	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	60%	34%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	64%	33%	*	2%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	60%	36%	*	3%
July 27-29, 2008 (RV)	63%	33%	*	4%
June 26-29, 2008 (RV)	63%	32%	*	4%
April 28-30, 2008	56%	38%	*	5%
February 1-3, 2008	58%	31%	2%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	55%	28%	6%	11%
September 7-9, 2007	49%	27%	10%	13%
June 23-24, 2007	47%	24%	14%	15%
March 9-11, 2007	44%	21%	19%	16%
November 3-5, 2006	36%	11%	37%	16%
Mitt Romney				
All Americans				
August 7-8, 2012	47%	48%	2%	4%
June 28-July 1, 2012	48%	42%	5%	6%
May 29-31, 2012	48%	42%	4%	7%
April 13-15, 2012	44%	43%	7%	6%
March 24-25, 2012	37%	49%	5%	9%
February 10-13, 2012	34%	54%	5%	7%
January 11-12, 2012	43%	42%	8%	7%
November 11-13, 2011	39%	35%	14%	12%
June 3-7, 2011	39%	29%	17%	15%
April 29-May 1, 2011	40%	30%	19%	11%
October 27-30, 2010	36%	29%	18%	17%
April 9-11, 2010	40%	34%	12%	14%
October 16-18, 2009	36%	26%	17%	20%
May 14-17, 2009	42%	29%	12%	17%
July 27-29, 2008	41%	32%	13%	13%
February 1-3, 2008	38%	38%	9%	14%
January 9-10, 2008	31%	39%	11%	19%
September 7-9, 2007	28%	28%	24%	19%
June 22-24, 2007	27%	23%	26%	24%
March 9-11, 2007	18%	18%	42%	22%

**Wording Prior to Jan 2012: Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney*
(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

4. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Joe Biden				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	46%	47%	2%	5%
August 22-23, 2012	46%	47%	2%	6%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	46%	43%	3%	8%
August 22-23, 2012	44%	47%	3%	6%
May 29-31, 2012	41%	46%	4%	9%
All Americans				
May 29-31, 2012	41%	44%	6%	9%
September 23-25, 2011	42%	41%	7%	10%
July 18-20, 2011	43%	43%	6%	8%
January 14-16, 2011	47%	38%	8%	7%
September 1-2, 2010	43%	43%	7%	8%
January 22-24, 2010	44%	39%	7%	9%
December 2-3, 2009	47%	36%	6%	10%
October 16-18, 2009	45%	40%	7%	8%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	47%	33%	7%	13%
April 23-26, 2009	51%	34%	6%	9%
February 18-19, 2009	57%	29%	5%	9%
January 12-15, 2009	52%	26%	8%	13%
December 1-2, 2008	56%	28%	6%	10%
November 6-9, 2008	64%	25%	3%	8%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	56%	31%	4%	9%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	56%	32%	6%	7%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	52%	31%	6%	11%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	28%	7%	14%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	53%	25%	7%	15%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	38%	25%	12%	25%
July 27-29, 2008* (RV)	27%	22%	35%	16%

*QUESTION WORDING: "Delaware Senator Joe Biden"

Paul Ryan

Likely Voters

Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	49%	38%	4%	9%
August 22-23, 2012	45%	39%	6%	10%

Registered Voters

Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	42%	38%	8%	13%
August 22-23, 2012	41%	38%	10%	10%
August 7-8, 2012	29%	20%	34%	16%
June 28-July 1, 2012	25%	22%	37%	17%

All Americans

August 7-8, 2012	27%	19%	38%	16%
June 28-July 1, 2012	24%	20%	40%	16%

*QUESTION WORDING BEFORE AUGUST, 2012: "Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan"
(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

5. 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. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	45%	51%	3%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	46%	50%	3%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	46%	48%	4%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	46%	49%	4%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	47%	48%	5%	1%
Foreign policy				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	49%	46%	2%	2%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	51%	44%	3%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	53%	41%	4%	2%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	55%	40%	3%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	53%	41%	4%	1%
Medicare				
Likely Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	49%	46%	2%	3%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	49%	48%	3%	1%
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	50%	43%	3%	3%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	45%	4%	1%

6. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to Mitt Romney. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not support him. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Both (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Is a strong and decisive leader					
Likely Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	43%	48%	3%	4%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	49%	46%	2%	4%	*
Registered Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	46%	43%	4%	6%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	42%	3%	5%	1%
April 13-15, 2012	51%	35%	6%	8%	1%
Has an optimistic vision for the country's future					
Likely Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	43%	47%	7%	2%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012*	48%	45%	5%	2%	*
Registered Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	47%	42%	7%	3%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012*	51%	41%	6%	3%	*
Is in touch with the problems facing middle class Americans today					
Likely Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	49%	43%	1%	5%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012*	53%	39%	1%	7%	*
Registered Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	52%	39%	1%	7%	2%
Aug. 22-23, 2012*	58%	33%	1%	7%	1%
April 13-15, 2012	50%	36%	2%	11%	1%
Is in touch with the problems facing women today					
Likely Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	56%	36%	2%	3%	3%
Aug. 22-23, 2012*	60%	31%	1%	6%	3%
Registered Voters					
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	57%	32%	1%	4%	5%
Aug. 22-23, 2012*	62%	27%	1%	8%	2%
April 13-15, 2012	54%	28%	3%	12%	2%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

7. Does what you saw or read of the Republican National Convention in Tampa make you more likely or less likely to vote for Mitt Romney?

	<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered Voters				
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	36%	46%	13%	4%

CNN/ORC AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Post-Dem. Convention 2008	51	32	16	1
Post-GOP Convention 2008	48	38	13	1
Post-GOP Convention 2004	41	38	15	6
Post-Dem. Convention 2004	44	30	18	8
Post-Dem. Convention 2000	43	28	19	10
Post-GOP Convention 2000	44	27	15	14
Post-Dem. Convention 1996	44	29	19	8
Post-GOP Convention 1996	45	34	13	8
Post-Dem. Convention 1992	60	15	17	8
Post-GOP Convention 1988	43	27	16	14
Post-Dem. Convention 1988	56	21	9	14
Post-Dem. Convention 1984	45	29	12	14

8. At their convention, do you think the Republicans maintained the right balance between criticizing the Democrats and saying positive things about themselves, or do you think they spent too much time criticizing the Democrats?

	<u>Maintained the right balance</u>	<u>Too much time criticizing</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered Voters			
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	34%	56%	10%

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	<u>Maintained the right balance</u>	<u>Too much time criticizing</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Post-GOP Convention 2004	39	50	11
Post-Dem. Convention 2000	47	34	19
Post-GOP Convention 2000	45	38	17
Post-GOP Convention 1992	26	56	18

CONVENTION BOUNCES IN HISTORY

	DEMOCRATS				REPUBLICANS			
		Before Conven- tion	After Conven- tion	Bounce		Before Conven- tion	After Conven- tion	Bounce
2008	Obama	47%	49%	+2	McCain	48%	48%	None
2004	Kerry	49%	48%	None	Bush	47%	49%	+2
2000	Gore	40%	48%	+8	Bush	46%	54%	+8
1996	Clinton	50%	55%	+5	Dole	30%	41%	+11
1992	Clinton	40%	56%	+16	Bush	37%	42%	+5
1988	Dukakis	47%	54%	+7	Bush	42%	48%	+6
1984	Mondale	39%	48%	+9	Reagan	NA*	55%	+3 to +5*
1980	Carter	22%	32%	+10	Reagan	42%	55%	+13
1976	Carter	NA*	62%	+7 to +9*	Ford	NA*	39%	+6 to +7*
1972	McGovern	NA*	37%	None*	Nixon	NA*	64%	+4 to +7*
1968	Humphrey	NA*	31%	None*	Nixon	NA*	44%	+4 to +6*

Source: 2008 - CNN/ORC polls; 1992-2004: CNNUSA Today/Gallup polls; 1968-1988: Gallup polls.

**Polling data taken immediately before the convention not available in some years. Bounce is estimated from earlier polls; ranges provided since precise measure not available*

Likely Voters

Question 1/1A

Q1. Suppose that the presidential election were being held today and you had to choose between Barack Obama and Joe Biden as the Democratic Party's candidates, and Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan as the Republican Party's candidates. Who would you be more likely to vote for -- ?

Q1A. As of today, do you lean more toward -- ?

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama,Biden, lean	48%	43%	54%	39%	N/A	48%
Romney,Ryan, lean	48%	55%	42%	57%	N/A	48%
Other	*	*	*	*	N/A	*
Neither	2%	2%	2%	3%	N/A	2%
No opinion	1%	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,Biden, lean	48%	N/A	42%	52%	43%	49%	48%
Romney,Ryan, lean	48%	N/A	55%	47%	53%	47%	50%
Other	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Neither	2%	N/A	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama,Biden, lean	48%	57%	45%	49%	48%
Romney,Ryan, lean	48%	42%	52%	48%	48%
Other	*	*	*	*	*
Neither	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama,Biden, lean	48%	93%	42%	7%	93%	59%	19%
Romney,Ryan, lean	48%	5%	52%	92%	5%	38%	78%
Other	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*
Neither	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama,Biden, lean	48%	58%	50%	44%	46%	56%	49%	37%
Romney,Ryan, lean	48%	38%	46%	55%	51%	40%	50%	57%
Other	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	1%
Neither	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	*	*	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

Registered voters

Question 2

How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for president in November -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Extremely enthusiastic	32%	36%	28%	31%	33%	32%
Very enthusiastic	25%	24%	25%	24%	26%	25%
Somewhat enthusiastic	20%	17%	23%	22%	18%	20%
Not too enthusiastic	11%	13%	10%	11%	11%	11%
Not at all enthusiastic	11%	9%	13%	11%	12%	11%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-3.5

	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+ 65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Extremely enthusiastic	32%	N/A	35%	37%	31%	30%	34%
Very enthusiastic	25%	N/A	20%	24%	36%	21%	29%
Somewhat enthusiastic	20%	N/A	20%	21%	14%	22%	18%
Not too enthusiastic	11%	N/A	11%	8%	10%	14%	9%
Not at all enthusiastic	11%	N/A	14%	10%	7%	13%	9%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Extremely enthusiastic	32%	23%	40%	26%	36%
Very enthusiastic	25%	24%	23%	27%	23%
Somewhat enthusiastic	20%	23%	18%	20%	21%
Not too enthusiastic	11%	17%	9%	10%	11%
Not at all enthusiastic	11%	14%	11%	16%	8%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Extremely enthusiastic	32%	38%	20%	42%	35%	27%	35%
Very enthusiastic	25%	26%	23%	26%	27%	22%	26%
Somewhat enthusiastic	20%	21%	21%	19%	18%	26%	17%
Not too enthusiastic	11%	6%	19%	7%	11%	14%	10%
Not at all enthusiastic	11%	9%	17%	5%	9%	12%	10%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Extremely enthusiastic	32%	29%	24%	41%	30%	33%	36%	19%
Very enthusiastic	25%	26%	31%	23%	20%	21%	26%	28%
Somewhat enthusiastic	20%	24%	19%	16%	25%	25%	19%	19%
Not too enthusiastic	11%	11%	9%	8%	18%	10%	9%	19%
Not at all enthusiastic	11%	10%	15%	12%	7%	11%	9%	15%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 3

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Approve	48%	44%	52%	40%	69%	50%		
Disapprove	45%	51%	39%	54%	21%	46%		
No opinion	7%	5%	9%	6%	10%	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5		
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Approve	48%	52%	48%	48%	42%	50%	45%	
Disapprove	45%	37%	47%	44%	55%	42%	49%	
No opinion	7%	11%	5%	8%	3%	8%	6%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Approve	48%	50%	49%	46%	50%			
Disapprove	45%	42%	47%	44%	45%			
No opinion	7%	8%	5%	10%	5%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Approve	48%	84%	43%	12%	79%	57%	21%	
Disapprove	45%	11%	47%	84%	15%	37%	72%	
No opinion	7%	5%	10%	4%	6%	6%	7%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Approve	48%	60%	43%	41%	54%	59%	44%	44%
Disapprove	45%	36%	47%	52%	39%	36%	48%	48%
No opinion	7%	4%	10%	7%	7%	4%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 3/3A

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Q3A. Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Approve	48%	44%	52%	40%	69%	50%		
Disapprove -- too liberal	32%	38%	25%	39%	13%	35%		
Disapp - not liberal enough	8%	7%	9%	9%	7%	6%		
Disapp - unsure	5%	6%	4%	6%	1%	5%		
No opinion	7%	5%	9%	6%	10%	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Approve	48%	52%	48%	48%	42%	50%	45%	
Disapprove -- too liberal	32%	19%	36%	36%	40%	27%	38%	
Disapp - not liberal enough	8%	12%	7%	4%	9%	10%	6%	
Disapp - unsure	5%	6%	3%	4%	6%	5%	5%	
No opinion	7%	11%	5%	8%	3%	8%	6%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Approve	48%	50%	49%	46%	50%			
Disapprove -- too liberal	32%	24%	40%	28%	34%			
Disapp - not liberal enough	8%	14%	3%	11%	6%			
Disapp - unsure	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%			
No opinion	7%	8%	5%	10%	5%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0			
	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative	
Approve	48%	84%	43%	12%	79%	57%	21%	
Disapprove -- too liberal	32%	3%	31%	69%	7%	23%	59%	
Disapp - not liberal enough	8%	7%	9%	9%	7%	9%	7%	
Disapp - unsure	5%	1%	7%	6%	2%	5%	5%	
No opinion	7%	5%	10%	4%	6%	6%	7%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	48%	60%	43%	41%	54%	59%	44%	44%
Disapprove -- too liberal	32%	22%	34%	36%	31%	28%	33%	33%
Disapp - not liberal enough	8%	9%	8%	11%	4%	6%	9%	8%
Disapp - unsure	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	2%	6%	7%
No opinion	7%	4%	10%	7%	7%	4%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Likely Voters

Question 4A

We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.

A. Barack Obama

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Favorable Opinion	51%	46%	55%	42%	N/A	51%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	53%	43%	55%	N/A	48%
Heard of, no Opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%
Never Heard of	*	*	*	*	N/A	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	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
Favorable Opinion	51%	N/A	46%	56%	44%	50%	51%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	N/A	53%	43%	54%	48%	48%
Heard of, no Opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Never Heard of	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favorable Opinion	51%	54%	51%	49%	52%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	44%	48%	48%	47%
Heard of, no Opinion	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Never Heard of	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable Opinion	51%	92%	46%	10%	93%	65%	18%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	7%	53%	87%	4%	34%	80%
Heard of, no Opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Never Heard of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favorable Opinion	51%	59%	50%	45%	53%	61%	48%	42%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	40%	50%	52%	45%	38%	51%	56%
Heard of, no Opinion	1%	1%	*	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Never Heard of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 4B

We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.

B. Mitt Romney

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Favorable Opinion	53%	58%	47%	62%	N/A	53%
Unfavorable Opinion	43%	37%	49%	34%	N/A	43%
Heard of, no Opinion	4%	4%	3%	3%	N/A	4%
Never Heard of	1%	1%	1%	*	N/A	1%
Refused	*	*	*	*	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
Favorable Opinion	53%	N/A	56%	49%	61%	50%	54%
Unfavorable Opinion	43%	N/A	41%	46%	35%	44%	41%
Heard of, no Opinion	4%	N/A	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Never Heard of	1%	N/A	*	*	1%	1%	*
Refused	*	N/A	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favorable Opinion	53%	43%	57%	49%	54%
Unfavorable Opinion	43%	52%	39%	43%	43%
Heard of, no Opinion	4%	5%	2%	7%	2%
Never Heard of	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Refused	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable Opinion	53%	10%	60%	91%	11%	43%	80%
Unfavorable Opinion	43%	86%	32%	7%	84%	51%	17%
Heard of, no Opinion	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	5%	1%
Never Heard of	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	*	1%
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favorable Opinion	53%	49%	52%	55%	52%	45%	55%	57%
Unfavorable Opinion	43%	48%	42%	39%	43%	50%	42%	34%
Heard of, no Opinion	4%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%
Never Heard of	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	*	*	3%
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 4C

We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.

C. Joe Biden

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Favorable Opinion	46%	41%	50%	39%	N/A	46%		
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	54%	40%	55%	N/A	47%		
Heard of, no Opinion	6%	4%	8%	6%	N/A	6%		
Never Heard of	2%	1%	2%	1%	N/A	2%		
Refused	*	*	*	*	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	
Favorable Opinion	46%	N/A	42%	46%	46%	45%	46%	
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	N/A	49%	45%	50%	46%	47%	
Heard of, no Opinion	6%	N/A	5%	9%	3%	6%	6%	
Never Heard of	2%	N/A	3%	*	1%	3%	*	
Refused	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Favorable Opinion	46%	51%	45%	45%	46%			
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	42%	49%	47%	46%			
Heard of, no Opinion	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%			
Never Heard of	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%			
Refused	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Favorable Opinion	46%	86%	40%	8%	86%	57%	18%	
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	8%	50%	85%	10%	33%	74%	
Heard of, no Opinion	6%	6%	6%	5%	1%	9%	5%	
Never Heard of	2%	*	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favorable Opinion	46%	53%	47%	40%	45%	53%	44%	37%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	40%	48%	52%	42%	39%	48%	54%
Heard of, no Opinion	6%	6%	1%	5%	11%	7%	6%	5%
Never Heard of	2%	*	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 4D

We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.

D. Paul Ryan

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Favorable Opinion	49%	56%	43%	55%	N/A	49%		
Unfavorable Opinion	38%	35%	41%	34%	N/A	38%		
Heard of, no Opinion	9%	5%	12%	9%	N/A	9%		
Never Heard of	4%	4%	3%	2%	N/A	4%		
Refused	*	*	*	*	N/A	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0		+/-3.5		
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Favorable Opinion	49%	N/A	55%	46%	53%	49%	49%	
Unfavorable Opinion	38%	N/A	34%	37%	37%	40%	37%	
Heard of, no Opinion	9%	N/A	8%	13%	7%	7%	10%	
Never Heard of	4%	N/A	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	
Refused	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	
		Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
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Favorable Opinion	49%	44%	53%	46%	51%			
Unfavorable Opinion	38%	40%	38%	38%	39%			
Heard of, no Opinion	9%	12%	7%	10%	8%			
Never Heard of	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%			
Refused	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
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Favorable Opinion	49%	12%	54%	85%	5%	44%	75%	
Unfavorable Opinion	38%	75%	31%	6%	89%	43%	12%	
Heard of, no Opinion	9%	9%	11%	5%	3%	11%	9%	
Never Heard of	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	
		North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Favorable Opinion	49%	43%	54%	54%	43%	42%	52%	55%
Unfavorable Opinion	38%	46%	37%	35%	38%	42%	38%	31%
Heard of, no Opinion	9%	8%	3%	9%	14%	13%	6%	8%
Never Heard of	4%	2%	7%	2%	4%	2%	4%	6%
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 5A

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	45%	38%	51%	34%	N/A	45%
Romney	51%	57%	45%	61%	N/A	51%
Neither	3%	5%	2%	4%	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	45%	N/A	37%	49%	39%	44%	45%
Romney	51%	N/A	58%	49%	56%	50%	52%
Neither	3%	N/A	5%	2%	1%	5%	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	*	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	45%	49%	44%	43%	46%
Romney	51%	45%	54%	51%	51%
Neither	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	45%	91%	35%	5%	89%	53%	17%
Romney	51%	5%	57%	93%	10%	41%	79%
Neither	3%	3%	6%	1%	1%	4%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	45%	51%	47%	40%	43%	55%	41%	38%
Romney	51%	42%	49%	57%	52%	43%	53%	59%
Neither	3%	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%	5%	1%
No opinion	1%	4%	*	1%	*	*	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 5B

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	49%	44%	55%	40%	N/A	49%
Romney	46%	52%	40%	54%	N/A	46%
Neither	2%	3%	2%	3%	N/A	2%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	N/A	2%
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	44%	54%	42%	49%	49%
Romney	46%	N/A	52%	42%	51%	46%	46%
Neither	2%	N/A	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
No opinion	2%	N/A	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	49%	52%	48%	46%	51%
Romney	46%	41%	48%	47%	45%
Neither	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	49%	89%	46%	9%	91%	63%	19%
Romney	46%	8%	45%	88%	8%	29%	78%
Neither	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%
No opinion	2%	1%	5%	2%	*	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	49%	56%	49%	45%	49%	58%	46%	43%
Romney	46%	34%	48%	52%	45%	39%	48%	51%
Neither	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	2%	6%	1%	1%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

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Likely Voters

Question 5C

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. Medicare

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	49%	44%	53%	39%	N/A	49%
Romney	46%	50%	43%	55%	N/A	46%
Neither	2%	4%	1%	3%	N/A	2%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	4%	N/A	3%
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	41%	52%	41%	50%	47%
Romney	46%	N/A	54%	45%	52%	45%	48%
Neither	2%	N/A	*	2%	3%	2%	2%
No opinion	3%	N/A	4%	1%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	49%	51%	49%	46%	50%
Romney	46%	41%	48%	48%	45%
Neither	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	49%	94%	40%	9%	89%	58%	22%
Romney	46%	4%	51%	88%	7%	34%	75%
Neither	2%	1%	4%	1%	*	4%	2%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	49%	55%	48%	44%	50%	58%	45%	42%
Romney	46%	37%	47%	52%	46%	39%	49%	52%
Neither	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
No opinion	3%	5%	4%	1%	2%	1%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

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Question 6A

Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to Mitt Romney. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not support him.

A. Is a strong and decisive leader

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	43%	38%	47%	34%	N/A	43%
Romney	48%	55%	41%	56%	N/A	48%
Both	3%	2%	4%	4%	N/A	3%
Neither	4%	4%	5%	5%	N/A	4%
No opinion	1%	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	43%	N/A	39%	46%	37%	44%	42%
Romney	48%	N/A	51%	46%	57%	45%	51%
Both	3%	N/A	3%	3%	1%	5%	2%
Neither	4%	N/A	6%	4%	3%	6%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	43%	44%	45%	43%	43%
Romney	48%	42%	50%	49%	48%
Both	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Neither	4%	11%	1%	4%	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	43%	83%	36%	6%	86%	51%	15%
Romney	48%	6%	51%	91%	7%	39%	76%
Both	3%	5%	3%	2%	6%	4%	2%
Neither	4%	6%	6%	1%	1%	4%	6%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	43%	49%	46%	40%	38%	49%	39%	42%
Romney	48%	39%	47%	53%	52%	41%	51%	53%
Both	3%	5%	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%	1%
Neither	4%	5%	6%	3%	4%	4%	5%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	3%	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

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Question 6B

Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to Mitt Romney. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not support him.

B. Has an optimistic vision for the country's future

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	43%	39%	46%	34%	N/A	43%
Romney	47%	54%	41%	53%	N/A	47%
Both	7%	5%	9%	9%	N/A	7%
Neither	2%	2%	3%	3%	N/A	2%
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	43%	N/A	35%	44%	38%	44%	41%
Romney	47%	N/A	50%	51%	53%	42%	52%
Both	7%	N/A	12%	3%	5%	11%	4%
Neither	2%	N/A	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	43%	49%	41%	43%	43%
Romney	47%	38%	50%	49%	46%
Both	7%	6%	8%	3%	9%
Neither	2%	5%	*	3%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	43%	79%	38%	9%	85%	50%	17%
Romney	47%	11%	47%	87%	10%	37%	74%
Both	7%	5%	13%	3%	5%	11%	6%
Neither	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	43%	46%	46%	37%	45%	51%	39%	38%
Romney	47%	39%	47%	56%	41%	38%	50%	55%
Both	7%	10%	4%	4%	12%	10%	7%	4%
Neither	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

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Question 6C

Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to Mitt Romney. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not support him.

C. Is in touch with the problems facing middle class Americans today

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	49%	46%	53%	40%	N/A	49%
Romney	43%	48%	39%	51%	N/A	43%
Both	1%	1%	1%	1%	N/A	1%
Neither	5%	5%	5%	6%	N/A	5%
No opinion	1%	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	49%	N/A	45%	53%	40%	52%	47%
Romney	43%	N/A	42%	42%	53%	39%	47%
Both	1%	N/A	3%	*	1%	2%	1%
Neither	5%	N/A	10%	3%	3%	7%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	4%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	49%	52%	51%	46%	52%
Romney	43%	37%	43%	43%	43%
Both	1%	*	2%	1%	1%
Neither	5%	8%	4%	8%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	49%	91%	44%	10%	93%	60%	21%
Romney	43%	5%	45%	82%	6%	31%	71%
Both	1%	*	2%	1%	*	3%	*
Neither	5%	2%	7%	6%	1%	5%	7%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	49%	57%	48%	42%	56%	57%	47%	43%
Romney	43%	30%	44%	53%	40%	39%	44%	47%
Both	1%	1%	*	*	4%	*	*	4%
Neither	5%	5%	8%	5%	1%	3%	7%	4%
No opinion	1%	7%	*	*	*	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

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Question 6D

Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to Mitt Romney. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not support him.

D. Is in touch with the problems facing women today

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	56%	51%	61%	50%	N/A	56%
Romney	36%	41%	32%	42%	N/A	36%
Both	2%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	2%
Neither	3%	3%	2%	3%	N/A	3%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	N/A	3%
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	56%	N/A	53%	61%	45%	59%	54%
Romney	36%	N/A	36%	34%	49%	31%	41%
Both	2%	N/A	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Neither	3%	N/A	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%
No opinion	3%	N/A	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	56%	60%	57%	53%	58%
Romney	36%	36%	35%	42%	33%
Both	2%	*	2%	1%	2%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	56%	96%	55%	14%	92%	68%	30%
Romney	36%	3%	34%	75%	5%	22%	63%
Both	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Neither	3%	*	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%
No opinion	3%	*	5%	3%	1%	6%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	56%	63%	56%	49%	61%	67%	52%	49%
Romney	36%	27%	39%	47%	26%	27%	40%	43%
Both	2%	5%	*	1%	1%	*	2%	2%
Neither	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	3%
No opinion	3%	*	2%	2%	8%	4%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

Registered voters

Question 7

Does what you saw or read of the Republican National Convention in Tampa make you more likely or less likely to vote for Mitt Romney?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters

More likely	36%	40%	33%	43%	20%	36%
Less likely	46%	42%	50%	39%	66%	46%
No difference	13%	15%	11%	13%	12%	13%
No opinion	4%	2%	6%	5%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older

More likely	36%	N/A	40%	36%	46%	33%	40%
Less likely	46%	N/A	36%	49%	40%	47%	45%
No difference	13%	N/A	19%	13%	11%	14%	12%
No opinion	4%	N/A	5%	2%	3%	6%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College

More likely	36%	30%	41%	34%	38%
Less likely	46%	55%	44%	52%	43%
No difference	13%	12%	12%	10%	15%
No opinion	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative

More likely	36%	5%	36%	76%	13%	27%	61%
Less likely	46%	83%	41%	8%	70%	54%	24%
No difference	13%	7%	18%	13%	13%	14%	12%
No opinion	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural

More likely	36%	29%	38%	42%	34%	33%	35%	41%
Less likely	46%	53%	45%	43%	47%	53%	46%	39%
No difference	13%	13%	12%	13%	15%	12%	14%	14%
No opinion	4%	5%	6%	2%	4%	3%	4%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Registered voters

Question 8

At their convention, do you think the Republicans maintained the right balance between criticizing the Democrats and saying positive things about themselves, or do you think they spent too much time criticizing the Democrats?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
Maintained right balance	34%	36%	32%	40%	18%	34%	
Too much time criticizing	56%	56%	56%	48%	77%	56%	
No opinion	10%	8%	12%	12%	5%	10%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Maintained right balance	34%	N/A	34%	38%	41%	30%	39%
Too much time criticizing	56%	N/A	55%	53%	46%	61%	50%
No opinion	10%	N/A	11%	9%	13%	10%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Maintained right balance	34%	26%	39%	30%	36%		
Too much time criticizing	56%	65%	52%	60%	53%		
No opinion	10%	9%	9%	10%	11%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0		

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Maintained right balance	34%	11%	32%	66%	12%	26%	56%
Too much time criticizing	56%	80%	58%	22%	79%	64%	33%
No opinion	10%	8%	10%	13%	8%	10%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Maintained right balance	34%	33%	34%	36%	32%	32%	37%	30%
Too much time criticizing	56%	57%	56%	53%	59%	60%	52%	57%
No opinion	10%	11%	10%	11%	9%	8%	11%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%