

President Obama Leads in Florida, Ohio & Pennsylvania

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Recent national and state polls have moved in the President's favor; he now leads in many battleground states and national polls. These battleground polls show a similar trend toward President Obama.

- **In Ohio**, President Obama has increased his lead among those who say they will definitely vote, from six points last month to 10 points today. Romney leads among men, but Mr. Obama has a 25-point lead among women. The race narrows among voters paying a lot of attention to the campaign.
- **In Pennsylvania**, President Obama maintains a double-digit lead over Mitt Romney overall, and a 21-point lead among women.
- **In Florida**, President Obama has widened his lead over Mitt Romney from three points before the conventions to nine points today. The President has gained ground among women, white voters and seniors. But the race is tighter (a four-point lead for the President), among voters who are paying a lot of attention to the campaign.
- Florida Democrats have become more energized over the last month. 48% say they are more enthusiastic about voting this year than in past years - up from 24% at the beginning of August.
- The President is now seen as the candidate who would do a better job on the economy in all three states. In Florida, Romney had the edge on the issue in August. Romney does best on handling the federal budget deficit. And majorities of voters in all three states think Romney's policies will favor the rich.

Where the Race Stands

In Florida, President Barack Obama has stretched a three point lead last month before the conventions to a 9-point advantage today among those who will definitely vote. In Ohio, the President has gone from a six point advantage in August to 10 points now. In Pennsylvania – where the President already had a double-digit lead at the beginning of August – the race remains about the same, with President Obama ahead by 12 points.

2012 Vote for President

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>			<u>Ohio</u>			<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Now	8/23	8/1	Now	8/23	8/1	Now	8/1
Obama	53%	49%	51%	53%	50%	50%	54%	53%
Romney	44	46	45	43	44	44	42	42
Don't know	3	5	4	3	4	4	2	4

Among Florida likely voters paying a lot of attention to the campaign, the race is closer: 51% for Mr. Obama and 47% for Mitt Romney. Among voters paying a lot of attention in Ohio, 49% support the president, while 48% back Romney.

In Ohio and Pennsylvania, Republicans remain considerably more enthusiastic than Democrats about voting this year, but in Florida – where the Obama campaign has made the most progress over the past month – Democratic voters have become much more energized. 48% of Democratic likely voters there now say they are more enthusiastic about voting this year than in past years - up from 24% at the beginning of August – approaching the level of voter enthusiasm among Republicans.

More Enthusiastic About Voting this Year

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>			<u>Ohio</u>			<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Now	8/23	8/1	Now	8/23	8/1	Now	8/1
Among Republicans	52%	53%	44%	43%	45%	37%	45%	35%
Among Democrats	48%	36%	24%	33%	34%	32%	28%	26%

Mr. Obama has also made headway on the issue that is most important to voters – the economy. President Obama now has a five-point advantage over Romney on the economy in Florida and a six-point advantage in Ohio. A month ago Romney held a three-point edge in Florida and the candidates were even in Ohio. The President has also made modest gains on this issue in Pennsylvania.

Who Would Do a Better Job on the Economy?

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>			<u>Ohio</u>			<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Now	8/23	8/1	Now	8/23	8/1	Now	8/1
Barack Obama	51%	45%	45%	51%	47%	46%	51%	48%
Mitt Romney	46	48	47	45	47	45	45	44

Mitt Romney is also less likely than the President to be seen as an advocate for the middle class. In each of these three states a majority of voters think if elected president, Romney's policies will favor the rich, and few voters think his policies will favor the middle class.

At the same time, views of the President's policies are more mixed, and fewer than one in 10 say his polices would favor the rich.

Who Will the Candidates' Policies Favor?

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>		<u>Ohio</u>		<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney
Rich	7%	56%	8%	58%	9%	59%
Middle Class	26	8	28	9	30	9
Poor	29	0	25	1	26	0
Treat the same	31	31	31	29	29	29

As has been the case throughout much of this campaign, the President has the advantage on compassion. More than half of voters in each state say the President cares about their needs and problems. About four in 10 say that about Mitt Romney.

Cares About Your Needs and Problems

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>		<u>Ohio</u>		<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Barack Obama	57%	40	59%	38	60%	37
Mitt Romney	41%	55	38%	57	38%	57

The Race in Florida

President Obama has increased his lead over Mitt Romney among women here, from 12 points in August to 19 points today. Mitt Romney still has a slight edge among men.

Mr. Obama has increased his lead among all age groups, and now has a small lead among seniors age 65 and older. A month ago Barack Obama trailed among seniors in Florida by 13 points.

Among whites, Barack Obama has cut down a 19-point Romney lead to just six points, and he is now polling nearly even with Romney among whites with college degrees. The President maintains a lead among Hispanic voters.

2012 Vote for President - Florida

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Now</u>		<u>8/23/2012</u>	
	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney
All	53%	44	49%	46
Men	47%	50	45%	51
Women	58%	39	53%	41
Age 18-34	65%	31	60%	33
Age 35-64	51%	45	49%	45
Age 65+	51%	47	42%	55
Republicans	7%	91	7%	91
Democrats	94%	5	90%	6
Independents	46%	49	44%	48
Whites	46%	52	38%	57
White, college degree	48%	50	41%	55
White, no college degree	45%	53	37%	57

Florida and Immigration

Two in three likely voters in Florida support the Obama administration's recent policy that would allow young illegal immigrants who came to the country as children to obtain work permits and not face deportation. Majorities of Democrats and independents favor this policy, as do eight in 10 Hispanic voters, while most Republicans oppose it.

Do You Support or Oppose the Dream Act?

(Among likely voters in Florida)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds	Hispanics
Support	66%	36%	93%	63%	82%
Oppose	28	55	4	32	14

The Race in Ohio

The gender gap has widened in Ohio, with Mitt Romney now expanding his lead among men to eight points, though this is more than offset by the President's 25-point advantage among women. Mr. Obama continues to hold a wide lead among voters 35 and under. The race has become closer among white voters and independents.

2012 Vote for President - Ohio

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Now</u>		<u>8/23/2012</u>	
	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney
All	53%	43	50%	44
Men	44%	52	46%	48
Women	60%	35	54	41
Age 18-34	66%	31	66%	28
Age 35-64	51%	46	47%	47
Age 65+	48%	47	44%	52
Republicans	6%	92	5%	94
Democrats	96%	2	94%	3
Independents	46%	47	43%	48
Whites	46%	49	43%	52
White, college degree	48%	49	48%	48
White, no college degree	46%	49	40%	53
Non-whites	88%	9	92%	6

Ohio and the Auto Bailout

Six in 10 Ohio likely voters describe the government loans to the U.S. auto industry as mostly a success, while 30% think the loans were a failure. Views are colored by partisanship.

The Auto Bailout was Mostly...

(Among likely voters in Ohio)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
A success	62%	36%	87%	59%
A failure	30	50	9	33

The Race in Pennsylvania

Barack Obama continues to hold a strong double-digit lead over Mitt Romney in Pennsylvania: although the two candidates are polling about evenly among men, President Obama has a commanding 21-point advantage among women. Mr. Obama leads among voters under 65, but Romney has opened up a five-point lead among seniors in Pennsylvania.

2012 Vote for President - Pennsylvania

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Now</u>		<u>8/1/2012</u>	
	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney
All	54%	42	53%	42
Men	48%	49	47%	50
Women	58%	37	59%	35
Age 18-34	64%	30	68%	30
Age 35-64	56%	42	52%	43
Age 65+	45%	50	49%	46

2012 Vote for President - Pennsylvania

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Now</u>		<u>8/1/2012</u>	
	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney
Whites	48%	48	47%	49
White, college degree	52%	46	55%	41
White, no college degree	46%	49	42%	53
Non-whites	87%	11	85%	10

Pennsylvania and Voter ID

Six in 10 of Pennsylvania's likely voters support efforts requiring voters to show photo identification to vote in order to prevent those who are ineligible from casting ballots. A third are opposed saying such efforts are designed to suppress voting by minorities. Significant majorities of Republicans and independents support voter id requirements, while Democrats are opposed.

Photo IDs be Required to Vote

(Among likely voters in Pennsylvania)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
Support	62%	92%	37%	66%
Oppose	35	8	60	33

Obama v. Romney: Handling the Issues

In the aftermath of the violence in the Middle East, more than half of voters in these states say they have at least some confidence that the President would make the right decisions concerning that region of the world. Fewer than half of voters have confidence in Romney.

And more voters in these states say they are very confident in Mr. Obama's ability to be an effective commander in chief. However, about half of voters express at least some confidence in Romney on this measure.

How Confident are you in their Abilities to...

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Barack Obama</u>			<u>Mitt Romney</u>		
	FL	OH	PA	FL	OH	PA
Make decisions about the Middle East?						
Very confident	30%	27%	27%	20%	17%	18%
Somewhat confident	23	28	30	26	29	26
Not very/at all confident	46	44	43	51	52	54
Be an effective Commander-in-Chief?						
Very confident	37%	35%	36%	23%	20%	19%
Somewhat confident	18	23	24	26	32	31
Not very/at all confident	44	41	39	49	45	48

President Obama has an advantage over his Republican rival on nearly all the issues asked about in these polls. Romney does best on handling the budget deficit: he has the edge on this in all three states. The President does best on handling women's health issues; he leads Romney on this by nearly two to one in all three states.

Who Would Do a Better Job Handling...?

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>		<u>Ohio</u>		<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney	Obama	Romney
The economy	51%	46	51%	45	51%	45
Taxes	52%	43	53%	43	53%	42
Budget deficit	46%	48	45%	49	45%	48
Health care	54%	41	54%	40	54%	41
Medicare	55%	40	55%	39	55%	39
Women's health issues	60%	32	59%	30	58%	32
Foreign policy	52%	42	54%	41	56%	40
National security	52%	44	53%	41	55%	40
An international crisis	53%	42	54%	39	56%	39
Immigration	51%	42	48%	43	51%	41

When asked specifically about withdrawing troops from Afghanistan, a plurality in each of the states say the President is removing troops from that country at about the right pace. There are partisan differences: Florida and Ohio Republicans are more likely to say troops are being removed too quickly (about four in 10), while most Democrats say it's about right.

Barack Obama is Removing U.S. Troops from Afghanistan...

(Among likely voters)

	FL	OH	PA
Too quickly	19%	19%	15%
Not quickly enough	34	27	32
About right	42	47	43

Assessing the President

Likely voters in all three swing states have improved their assessment of President Obama's job performance. Now 50% of voters in Florida and Ohio, and 51% in Pennsylvania approve of the job he's doing as President.

Pres. Obama's Job Rating

(Among likely voters)

	<u>Florida</u>			<u>Ohio</u>			<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
	Now	8/23/12	8/1/12	Now	8/23/12	8/1/12	Now	8/1/12
Approve	50%	47%	48%	50%	49%	48%	51%	49%
Disapprove	47	48	48	47	48	48	45	46

There has also been an increase in the percentage of likely voters in each state that thinks Barack Obama's policies are improving the economy now. Still, about four in 10 voters in each state think his policies will never improve the economy.

Effect of Barack Obama's Policies on the Economy

	Florida		Ohio		Pennsylvania	
	Now	8/1	Now	8/1	Now	8/1
Improving it now	34%	25%	33%	24%	27%	21%
Will improve it if given more time	22	30	25	30	30	35
Will never improve it	43	43	41	44	42	42

But these polls also suggest some frustration with the President. Voters are divided in their feelings about the Obama Presidency so far; about half are at least somewhat satisfied, and half at least somewhat disappointed. About one in five says they are very satisfied, while more -- about one in three -- are very disappointed.

Feelings About the Obama Presidency so Far

(Among likely voters)

	FL	OH	PA
Very satisfied	20%	16%	15%
Somewhat satisfied	29	33	34
Somewhat disappointed	13	17	16
Very disappointed	37	34	34

In Florida and Ohio, voters are divided as to whether or not their family and the country are better or worse off than they were four years ago. In Pennsylvania, more voters think both their family and the country are worse off.

Better or Worse Off Compared to Four Years Ago?

(Among likely voters)

	The Country			Your Family		
	FL	OH	PA	FL	OH	PA
Better off	40%	39%	35%	28%	29%	23%
Worse off	43	39	41	32	29	30
About the same	16	22	24	40	41	46

Opinion of the Candidates, the Parties, and Others

In all three states, overall views of Barack Obama have become more favorable, while views of Mitt Romney have become more negative. A majority of voters in each of the three states now has a favorable opinion of Barack Obama, while Mitt Romney is viewed more unfavorably than favorably.

As they have throughout the summer, Obama voters in these swing states are more likely than Romney voters to strongly favor their candidate. About one in five Romney voters are more motivated to vote because they dislike Barack Obama.

Looking at the vice-presidential candidates, Joe Biden has a net favorable rating in Pennsylvania, while views are more divided in Ohio and Florida. Voters are divided in their opinion of Paul Ryan in all three states, with many not having an opinion.

Meanwhile, Bill Clinton receives very high favorable ratings in all three of these swing states.

Opinion of Bill Clinton

(Among likely voters)

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	68%	66%	67%
Unfavorable	28	30	27

In Florida, likely voters have mixed views of former Republican-turned-independent Governor Charlie Crist, while they have net favorable opinions of the man he ran against and lost to in the 2010 Florida Senate race, Marco Rubio.

Opinion of...		
(Among likely voters in Florida)		
	Charlie Crist	Marco Rubio
Favorable	40%	47%
Unfavorable	40	27
Haven't heard enough	17	25

Overall, likely voters in each of the three swing states have net favorable views of the Democratic party, while they have net unfavorable views of the Republican Party.

Opinion of the Parties						
(Among likely voters)						
	Democratic Party			Republican Party		
	FL	OH	PA	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	49%	48%	50%	38%	37%	37%
Unfavorable	43	40	40	50	49	51

The Role of Government

When voters in each of these states are asked about the role of government, views are mixed. On one hand, voters are more likely to say government is doing too many things that should be left to businesses and individuals. On a separate question, they divide on whether government is more successful when it emphasizes community and shared responsibility or when it emphasizes self-reliance and individual responsibility.

What Should the Government Do?			
(Among likely voters)			
	FL	OH	PA
Do more to solve national problems	42%	40%	42%
Leave more things to businesses and individuals	49	54	51
Emphasize community and shared responsibility	47%	44%	45%
Emphasize self-reliance and individual responsibility	45	47	47

The 2012 Senate Races

In all three states, Democratic candidates are leading their Republican rivals in the 2012 Senate races this year.

2012 Senate Races			
(Among likely voters)			
		Now	8/23/2012
Florida	Nelson (D)	53%	50%
	Mack (R)	39	41
Ohio	Brown (D)	50%	48%
	Mandel (R)	40	41

2012 Senate Races
(Among likely voters)

Pennsylvania	Casey (D)	49%	--
	Smith (R)	43	--

Rating the Governors

In Ohio, Republican Governor John Kasich has a net positive approval rating, while Florida governor Rick Scott and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett are both given a negative assessment by likely voters in their states.

Rating of Governors
(Among likely voters)

	<u>FL–Rick Scott (R)</u>		<u>OH–John Kasich (R)</u>		<u>PA–Tom Corbett (R)</u>	
	Now	8/23/2012	Now	8/23/2012	Now	8/1/2012
Approve	38%	41%	48%	45%	36%	38%
Disapprove	48	47	35	40	47	45

This poll was conducted by telephone from Quinnipiac University’s interviewing facility September 18--24, 2012. The number of likely voters interviewed in each state is 1,196 in Florida, 1,162 in Ohio and 1,180 in Pennsylvania. In all three states, phone numbers were dialed from samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the sample in each state could be plus or minus three percentage points in Florida, Ohio, and in Pennsylvania. The error for subgroups may be higher. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY/CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL
Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania
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>att< How much attention have you been paying to the election campaign for President, a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **		
	FL	OH	PA
A lot	72%	64%	66%
Some	21	24	24
Only a little	5	8	8
None at all	2	3	2
DK/NA	-	-	-

1. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Obama or Romney? (Table includes leaners)

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	53%	53%	54%
Romney	44	43	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
DK/NA	3	3	2

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	** AMONG VOTERS WHO CHOSE OBAMA OR ROMNEY IN Q1 **		
	FL	OH	PA
Mind made up	92%	92%	92%
Might change	7	7	7
DK/NA	1	1	1

1b. (If Obama q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	** AMONG OBAMA VOTERS **		
	FL	OH	PA
Mind made up	91%	91%	91%
Might change	8	8	8
DK/NA	1	-	1

1c. (If Romney q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	** AMONG ROMNEY VOTERS **		
	FL	OH	PA
Mind made up	92%	92%	92%
Might change	7	6	7
DK/NA	1	2	1

2. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	41%	41%	41%
Unfavorable	48	49	50
Hvn't hrd enough	9	8	8
REFUSED	2	2	2

3. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	54%	54%	54%
Unfavorable	42	43	43
Hvn't hrd enough	2	1	2
REFUSED	2	2	2

4. (If Obama q1) Would you describe your support for Barack Obama as strongly favoring him, or do you like him but with reservations, or do you support him because you dislike Mitt Romney?

** AMONG OBAMA VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Strongly favor	73%	66%	66%
Like/Reservations	20	25	25
Dislike Romney	6	8	7
DK/NA	1	1	2

5. (If Romney q1) Would you describe your support for Mitt Romney as strongly favoring him, or do you like him but with reservations, or do you support him because you dislike Barack Obama?

** AMONG ROMNEY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Strongly favor	57%	51%	52%
Like/Reservations	22	30	28
Dislike Obama	20	18	19
DK/NA	1	1	1

6. If the election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Bill Nelson(FL)/Sherrod Brown(OH)/Bob Casey Jr.(PA) the Democrat and Connie Mack(FL)/Josh Mandel(OH)/Tom Smith(PA) the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Nelson(FL)/Brown(OH)/Casey Jr.(PA) or Mack(FL)/Mandel(OH)/Smith(PA)? (Table includes leaners)

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Democrat	53%	50%	49%
Republican	39	40	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	8	9	8

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Scott (FL)/John Kasich (OH)/Tom Corbett (PA) is handling his job as Governor?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Approve	38%	48%	36%
Disapprove	48	35	47
DK/NA	14	18	17

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

	FL	OH	PA
Approve	50%	50%	51%
Disapprove	47	47	45
DK/NA	3	3	3

9. (FL & OH) Do you think you'll vote in person on Election Day, or do you think that you will vote early by mail or absentee ballot or will you vote at an early voting location?

(PA) Do you think you'll vote in person on Election Day, or do you think that you will vote early by mail or absentee ballot? (na=not asked)

	FL	OH	PA
Election day	58%	67%	94%
Mail/Absentee	18	23	5
Early voting locatn	21	8	na
DK/NA	3	2	1

10. Is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	49%	48%	50%
Unfavorable	43	40	40
Hvn't hrd enough	5	7	6
REFUSED	3	4	4

11. Is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	38%	37%	37%
Unfavorable	50	49	51
Hvn't hrd enough	8	9	8
REFUSED	4	4	3

12. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	43%	38%	45%
Unfavorable	41	40	40
Hvn't hrd enough	15	21	14
REFUSED	1	1	1

13. Is your opinion of Paul Ryan favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	36%	34%	33%
Unfavorable	36	33	36
Hvn't hrd enough	26	32	31
REFUSED	1	-	1

14. Is your opinion of Bill Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	68%	66%	67%
Unfavorable	28	30	27
Hvn't hrd enough	2	3	2
REFUSED	2	2	3

14a. (FL) Is your opinion of Charlie Crist favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

** FLORIDA LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	40%	-	-
Unfavorable	40	-	-
Hvn't hrd enough	17	-	-
REFUSED	2	-	-

14b. (FL) Is your opinion of Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

** FLORIDA LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Favorable	47%	-	-
Unfavorable	27	-	-
Hvn't hrd enough	25	-	-
REFUSED	1	-	-

15. In general which comes closest to your feelings about the Obama presidency so far? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat disappointed or very disappointed?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Very satisfied	20%	16%	15%
Somewhat satisfied	29	33	34
Somewht disappointed	13	17	16
Very disappointed	37	34	34
DK/NA	1	1	1

16. In deciding who you would like to see elected President this year, which one of the following issues will be most important to you, national security, the economy, health care, the budget deficit, taxes, immigration, or something else?

	** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **		
	FL	OH	PA
National security	8%	5%	7%
The economy	47	49	48
Health care	20	21	20
The budget deficit	10	12	11
Taxes	4	4	4
Immigration	2	-	1
Something else	7	6	7
DK/NA	2	2	2

17. Compared to past presidential elections, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about voting in this year's presidential election; are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

	FL	OH	PA
More	47%	35%	32%
Less	14	17	18
About the same	39	48	50
DK/NA	-	1	-

18. Would you say that - Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	57%	59%	60%
No	40	38	37
DK/NA	3	3	3

19. Would you say that - Mitt Romney cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	41%	38%	38%
No	55	57	57
DK/NA	4	5	5

20. How confident are you in - Barack Obama's ability to be an effective Commander-in-Chief of the nation's military; are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	FL	OH	PA
Very confident	37%	35%	36%
Somewhat confident	18	23	24
Not too confident	13	14	12
Not at all confident	31	27	27
DK/NA	1	1	-

21. How confident are you in - Mitt Romney's ability to be an effective Commander-in-Chief of the nation's military; are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Very confident	23%	20%	19%
Somewhat confident	26	32	31
Not too confident	18	17	21
Not at all confident	31	28	27
DK/NA	2	3	2

22. How confident are you in - Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about events in the Middle East; are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	FL	OH	PA
Very confident	30%	27%	27%
Somewhat confident	23	28	30
Not too confident	10	13	12
Not at all confident	36	31	31
DK/NA	1	-	-

23. How confident are you in - Mitt Romney's ability to make the right decisions about events in the Middle East; are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	FL	OH	PA
Very confident	20%	17%	18%
Somewhat confident	26	29	26
Not too confident	18	19	23
Not at all confident	33	33	31
DK/NA	2	2	2

24. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - the economy, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	51%	51%	51%
Romney	46	45	45
DK/NA	4	3	4

25. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - health care, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	54%	54%	54%
Romney	41	40	41
DK/NA	5	5	4

26. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - national security, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	52%	53%	55%
Romney	44	41	40
DK/NA	5	6	5

27. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - Medicare, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	55%	55%	55%
Romney	40	39	39
DK/NA	5	5	6

28. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - taxes, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	52%	53%	53%
Romney	43	43	42
DK/NA	5	4	5

29. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - women's reproductive health issues, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	60%	59%	58%
Romney	32	30	32
DK/NA	9	11	9

30. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling an international crisis, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	53%	54%	56%
Romney	42	39	39
DK/NA	5	7	5

31. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - foreign policy, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	52%	54%	56%
Romney	42	41	40
DK/NA	5	6	4

32. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - the budget deficit, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	46%	45%	45%
Romney	48	49	48
DK/NA	6	6	7

33. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on - immigration, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Obama	51%	48%	51%
Romney	42	43	41
DK/NA	7	9	8

34. Which comes closest to your view of Barack Obama's economic policies, A) They are improving the economy now, and will probably continue to do so, or B) They have not improved the economy yet, but will if given more time, or C) They are not improving the economy and probably never will.

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **			
	FL	OH	PA
A) Improving now	34%	33%	27%
B) Will improve	22	25	30
C) Will never improve	43	41	42
ECONOMY WORSE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	1	1	1

35. If Barack Obama is re-elected President, do you think the policies of his administration will favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor, or will they treat all groups the same?

	FL	OH	PA
Favor the rich	7%	8%	9%
Favor middle class	26	28	30
Favor the poor	29	25	26
Treat all the same	31	31	29
DK/NA	7	7	6

36. If Mitt Romney is elected President, do you think the policies of his administration will favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor, or will they treat all groups the same?

	FL	OH	PA
Favor the rich	56%	58%	59%
Favor middle class	8	9	9
Favor the poor	-	1	-
Treat all the same	31	29	29
DK/NA	4	2	3

37. Compared with four years ago, is the United States better off today, worse off today, or about the same?

	FL	OH	PA
Better off	40%	39%	35%
Worse off	43	39	41
About the same	16	22	24
DK/NA	1	1	1

38. Compared with four years ago, are you and your family better off today, worse off today, or about the same?

	FL	OH	PA
Better off	28%	29%	23%
Worse off	32	29	30
About the same	40	41	46
DK/NA	1	-	-

39. Which of these comes closer to your opinion, The United States is more successful when the government emphasizes self-reliance and individual responsibility, or The United States is more successful when the government emphasizes community and shared responsibility.

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Self-reliance	45%	47%	47%
Community	47	44	45
BOTH (VOL)	2	2	3
DK/NA	6	6	5

40. In general, do you support or oppose the United States increasing the amount of drilling for oil and natural gas in offshore waters?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	62%	68%	65%
Oppose	32	26	27
DK/NA	6	6	7

41. In general, do you support or oppose the United States increasing the amount of drilling for oil and natural gas on federally owned land?

	FL	OH	PA
Support	70%	69%	69%
Oppose	23	24	25
DK/NA	7	7	7

42. Which comes closer to your view, Government should do more to solve national problems or government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	FL	OH	PA
Should do more	42%	40%	42%
Doing too much	49	54	51
DK/NA	9	6	7

43. Do you think the Obama campaign is saying things it believes to be true, or is it deliberately misleading people?

	FL	OH	PA
Saying true things	53%	53%	55%
Misleading people	43	42	39
DK/NA	5	5	6

44. Do you think the Romney campaign is saying things it believes to be true, or is it deliberately misleading people?

	FL	OH	PA
Saying true things	43%	40%	45%
Misleading people	49	54	49
DK/NA	7	7	6

45. Have you seen any commercials on television for - Mitt Romney, or not?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	94%	95%	84%
No/Haven't seen	6	5	16
DK/NA	-	-	1

46. Have you seen any commercials on television for - Barack Obama, or not?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	94%	95%	83%
No/Haven't seen	5	4	17
DK/NA	-	-	1

47. Do you plan on watching any of the upcoming presidential debates between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney?

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	91%	87%	86%
No	7	10	12
DK/NA	3	3	2

47a. (FL) As you may know, the Obama administration has announced a new policy in which young illegal immigrants who came to the country as children will be able to obtain work permits and will not face deportation. Do you support or oppose this new policy?

** FLORIDA LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Support	66%	n/a	n/a
Oppose	28	n/a	n/a
DK/NA	6	n/a	n/a

47b. (OH) Do you think the government loans to the American auto industry were mostly a success or mostly a failure?

** OHIO LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Mostly a success	n/a	62%	n/a
Mostly a failure	n/a	30	n/a
DK/NA	n/a	8	n/a

47c. (PA) As you may know, there have been efforts in some states to require voters to show a photo identification card to vote. Some people say this is needed to prevent people from voting who are not eligible to vote. Other people say such efforts are designed to suppress voting by minorities. What do you think, do you support or oppose efforts to require voters to show a photo identification card to vote?

** PENNSYLVANIA LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Support	n/a	n/a	62%
Oppose	n/a	n/a	35
DK/NA	n/a	n/a	2

47d. (PA) Do you currently have government-issued photo identification such as a driver's license or U.S. passport, or not?

** PENNSYLVANIA LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Yes	n/a	n/a	99%
No	n/a	n/a	1
DK/NA	n/a	n/a	-

48. From what you've read and heard, do you think Barack Obama is removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan too quickly, not quickly enough, or is he handling this about right?

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Too quickly	19%	19%	15%
Not quickly enough	34	27	32
About right	42	47	43
DK/NA	5	7	9

** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Likely voters	1196	1162	1180
MoE (+/-%)	3 pts	3pts	3pt

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** TOTAL LIKELY VOTERS **

	FL	OH	PA
Republican	27%	26%	28%
Democrat	36	35	39
Independent	33	35	27
Other	3	3	4
DK/NA	1	1	2