



2012, Obama, and the GOP

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, a plurality of registered voters nationally say they plan to vote against President Barack Obama in the 2012 presidential election. However, regardless of whom voters support, the national electorate divides about who they think will actually win. Is there a Republican candidate who can mount a formidable challenge to the president? In an evolving Republican field, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney receives the backing of only 19% of Republican and Republican leaning independent voters. And, three of the top four vote getters for the Republican nomination are still on the sidelines.

“All signs point to a competitive 2012 election cycle,” says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. “But, which scenario ends up ruling the day is still anyone's guess.”

Second Term for Obama? 43% Plan to Vote Against President

Looking to 2012, 43% of registered voters nationwide report they plan to vote against President Obama in 2012. This compares with 36% who say they definitely plan to support him. A notable 21% are unsure. Little has changed on this question since McClatchy-Marist last reported it in April. At that time, 44% reported they planned to back someone else while 37% said they planned to vote for the president. 18%, at the time, were unsure.

Independents play a key role in Obama's re-election bid. 43% say they would vote against Mr. Obama in 2012 while 29% are securely in his corner. Nearly three in ten independent voters -- 28% -- are unsure. The president has failed to make inroads with these all-important voters. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 47% of independents reported they would not support the president while 32% said they would cast their ballot for Mr. Obama. 21% were unsure.

While 70% of Democratic voters report they will unequivocally cast their ballot for the president and only 10% say they will vote against him, a notable one in five -- 20% -- are unsure. Not surprisingly, most Republicans -- 85% -- don't plan on supporting the president while just 4% say they will. One in ten -- 10% -- are unsure.

Regardless of whether registered voters plan to support the president or the Republican candidate in 2012, voters divide about who will win. 44% believe the president will be victorious while 42% say the Republican candidate will win. 15% are undecided.

Looking at party lines, 67% of Democrats think the president will retain the White House while 69% of Republicans believe their candidate will defeat him. Independents divide. 44% think the Republican challenger will be sworn into office while 42% say the president will achieve a second term.

Obama Receives Majority Support Against Palin...Plurality Lead Over Rest of Field

While President Obama either leads or runs neck-in-neck with many potential Republican challengers, there is only one candidate over whom the president receives majority support. When up against former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, 56% of registered voters say they would support the president while three in ten -- 30% -- would back Palin. 14% are undecided. Little has changed on this question since McClatchy-Marist last reported it in April when 56% supported Obama, 34% were behind Palin, and 10% were undecided.

When the president is matched up against other leading Republican challengers, here is how the contests stand:

- The closest contest occurs between President Obama and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Here, **46%** of registered voters nationally report they would cast their ballot for **the president** while **42%** say they would cast their ballot for **Romney**. **11%** are **undecided**. Little has changed on this question since April. At that time, 46% backed the president while 45% supported Romney. Nine percent were unsure.
- When paired against former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, **48%** of voters report they would vote for **President Obama** while **41%** say they would cast their ballot for **Giuliani**. **12%** are **undecided**.
- When Mr. Obama goes head-to-head with Texas Governor Rick Perry, **the president** receives the backing of **48%** of registered voters while **Perry** garners **39%**. **13%** are **undecided**.
- Nearly half of registered voters -- **49%** -- report they would cast their ballot for **President Obama** if he were to face off against Minnesota Congresswoman **Michele Bachmann**. In this potential contest, **37%** say they would support Representative Bachmann. **14%** are **undecided**.
- When matched up against former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, the president has a 14 percentage point advantage. **President Obama** receives the backing of **47%** of registered voters while **Pawlenty** garners **33%**. A notable **20%** are **undecided**.

Romney Edges Wide Field of Republican Primary Candidates

As the Republican field for 2012 evolves, is there a runaway favorite? Among Republicans and Republican leaning independents, here is how the contest stands:

- 19% for former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney
- 13% for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani
- 13% for Texas Governor Rick Perry
- 11% for former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin
- 8% for Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann
- 5% for former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty
- 5% for Texas Congressman Ron Paul
- 5% for businessman Herman Cain
- 2% for former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich
- 2% for former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman
- 1% for former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum
- Less than 1% for Political Activist Fred Karger
- Less than 1% for former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson
- 15% are undecided

What Matters to GOP Voters?

When it comes to the quality that is most important to Republicans and Republican leaning independents, 38% want a candidate who shares their values. Nearly one in four -- 24% -- believe it's most important that the Republican candidate is closest to them on the issues. 20% say they want a candidate who has the experience to govern, and 15% say the most important quality in a Republican presidential candidate is that he or she can beat President Obama. Only 4% are unsure.

When it comes to Tea Party backing, 70% of Republicans and Republican leaning independents report that it makes no difference to their vote if a candidate is supported by the Tea Party movement. However, 20% say the Tea Party endorsement will make them more likely to vote for a candidate while 10% report it will make them less likely to vote for a specific candidate.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,003 Adults

This survey of 1,003 adults was conducted on June 15th through June 23rd, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 801 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 308 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 5.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
Registered Voters		80%
Region	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%
	\$50,000 or more	49%
Race	White	67%
	African American	10%
	Latino	11%
	Other	11%
Race	White	67%
	Non-white	33%
Age	Under 45	42%
	45 or older	58%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	21%
	Gen X (31-46)	25%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	33%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	21%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Interview Type	Landline	74%
	Cell Phone	26%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=1003 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters		
		Registered Voters
		Col %
Registered Voters		100%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	72%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	28%
Party ID	Democrat	34%
	Republican	27%
	Independent	38%
	Other	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	25%
Political Ideology	Liberal	21%
	Moderate	36%
	Conservative	43%
Region	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	24%
	South	37%
	West	20%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%
	\$50,000 or more	53%
Race	White	71%
	African American	10%
	Latino	10%
	Other	9%
Race	White	71%
	Non-white	29%
Age	Under 45	37%
	45 or older	63%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	15%
	Gen X (31-46)	25%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	36%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	24%
Gender	Men	47%
	Women	53%
Interview Type	Landline	77%
	Cell Phone	23%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=801 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Nature of the Sample - Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents		
		Republicans and Republican leaning independents
		Col %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		100%
Party ID	Republican	67%
	Independent	33%
Support Tea Party	Yes	46%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000 or more	52%
Age	Under 45	32%
	45 or older	68%
Gender	Men	50%
	Women	50%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=308 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Definitely Vote For or Against President Obama in 2012

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you definitely plan to vote for Barack Obama for re-election as president or do you definitely plan to vote against him?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you definitely plan to vote for Barack Obama for re-election as president or do you definitely plan to vote against him?		
		Definitely vote for President Obama	Definitely vote against him	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		36%	43%	21%
Party ID	Democrat	70%	10%	20%
	Republican	4%	85%	10%
	Independent	29%	43%	28%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	80%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	72%	13%	15%
	Moderate	40%	31%	29%
	Conservative	16%	70%	14%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	36%	43%	22%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	36%	44%	20%
Region	Northeast	38%	33%	29%
	Midwest	35%	46%	20%
	South	32%	50%	17%
	West	42%	36%	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	46%	18%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	42%	21%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	46%	18%
	College graduate	37%	39%	24%
Age	Under 45	40%	35%	25%
	45 or older	34%	48%	18%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	37%	34%	29%
	Gen X (31-46)	39%	39%	22%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	34%	47%	19%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	36%	47%	16%
Race	White	31%	50%	19%
	Non-white	50%	26%	24%
Gender	Men	31%	45%	23%
	Women	40%	41%	19%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	46%	18%
	Cell Phone	36%	32%	33%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=801 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Definitely Vote For or Against President Obama in 2012 (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you definitely plan to vote for Barack Obama for re-election as president or do you definitely plan to vote against him?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you definitely plan to vote for Barack Obama for re-election as president or do you definitely plan to vote against him?		
	Definitely vote for President Obama	Definitely vote against him	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
June 2011	36%	43%	21%
April 2011	37%	44%	18%
November 2010	36%	48%	16%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

2012 Presidential Prediction

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Regardless of whom you support, who do you think will win the 2012 presidential election: President Obama or the Republican candidate?

		Registered Voters		
		Regardless of whom you support, who do you think will win the 2012 presidential election:		
		President Obama	The Republican candidate	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		44%	42%	15%
Party ID	Democrat	67%	18%	15%
	Republican	20%	69%	11%
	Independent	42%	44%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		23%	67%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	73%	19%	9%
	Moderate	47%	39%	14%
	Conservative	30%	57%	14%
2012 Vote	For Obama	80%	11%	10%
	Against Obama	15%	77%	9%
	Unsure	42%	25%	33%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	46%	40%	14%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	38%	46%	16%
Region	Northeast	51%	35%	14%
	Midwest	44%	47%	10%
	South	37%	45%	17%
	West	50%	35%	15%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	42%	14%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	42%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	46%	12%
	College graduate	47%	37%	17%
Age	Under 45	48%	42%	10%
	45 or older	42%	42%	16%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	46%	44%	10%
	Gen X (31-46)	47%	42%	11%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	44%	43%	14%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	40%	41%	19%
Race	White	39%	48%	13%
	Non-white	55%	29%	15%
Gender	Men	44%	41%	15%
	Women	44%	43%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	43%	14%
	Cell Phone	46%	36%	18%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=801 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Palin

Asked of Registered Voters Split Sample

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Sarah Palin, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		56%	30%	14%
Party ID	Democrat	86%	10%	4%
	Republican	22%	66%	12%
	Independent	52%	28%	20%
Tea Party Supporters		23%	67%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	89%	10%	1%
	Moderate	63%	19%	18%
	Conservative	36%	49%	15%
2012 Vote	For Obama	97%	<1%	3%
	Against Obama	14%	70%	16%
	Unsure	61%	8%	31%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	57%	30%	12%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	53%	30%	17%
Region	Northeast	56%	32%	12%
	Midwest	51%	28%	22%
	South	57%	30%	13%
	West	61%	32%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	33%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	59%	28%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	55%	34%	11%
	College graduate	57%	27%	17%
Age	Under 45	62%	23%	15%
	45 or older	52%	35%	13%
Race	White	51%	37%	12%
	Non-white	69%	16%	15%
Gender	Men	54%	28%	19%
	Women	58%	33%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	34%	11%
	Cell Phone	61%	17%	21%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=393 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Palin (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters		
	If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Barack Obama, the Democrat	Sarah Palin, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
June 2011	56%	30%	14%
April 2011	56%	34%	10%
January 2011	56%	30%	13%
December 2010	52%	40%	9%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Romney

Asked of Registered Voters Split Sample

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		46%	42%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	87%	6%	7%
	Republican	6%	86%	9%
	Independent	43%	39%	17%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	81%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	78%	19%	3%
	Moderate	60%	26%	14%
	Conservative	19%	75%	6%
2012 Vote	For Obama	95%	2%	2%
	Against Obama	6%	83%	11%
	Unsure	51%	23%	26%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	47%	43%	10%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	44%	42%	14%
Region	Northeast	57%	28%	14%
	Midwest	43%	45%	12%
	South	41%	48%	11%
	West	48%	44%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	42%	17%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	45%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	43%	14%
	College graduate	50%	42%	8%
Age	Under 45	51%	36%	13%
	45 or older	44%	46%	10%
Race	White	44%	47%	9%
	Non-white	53%	29%	19%
Gender	Men	40%	45%	15%
	Women	52%	40%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	46%	7%
	Cell Phone	45%	30%	25%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=390 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Romney (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters		
	If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
June 2011	46%	42%	11%
April 2011	46%	45%	9%
January 2011	51%	38%	11%
December 2010	44%	46%	10%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Giuliani

Asked of Registered Voters Split Sample

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Rudy Giuliani, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	41%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	79%	14%	7%
	Republican	12%	84%	4%
	Independent	43%	38%	19%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	79%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	88%	11%	1%
	Moderate	52%	34%	14%
	Conservative	28%	61%	12%
2012 Vote	For Obama	94%	3%	3%
	Against Obama	6%	84%	10%
	Unsure	47%	25%	28%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	47%	41%	12%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	49%	39%	13%
Region	Northeast	52%	42%	6%
	Midwest	44%	42%	14%
	South	44%	37%	18%
	West	54%	44%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	43%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	40%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	43%	11%
	College graduate	50%	38%	12%
Age	Under 45	52%	37%	12%
	45 or older	45%	43%	11%
Race	White	43%	50%	7%
	Non-white	61%	21%	18%
Gender	Men	45%	41%	14%
	Women	50%	40%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	45%	8%
	Cell Phone	50%	26%	23%

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2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Perry

Asked of Registered Voters Split Sample

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Rick Perry, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	39%	13%
Party ID	Democrat	88%	3%	9%
	Republican	7%	82%	11%
	Independent	48%	35%	17%
Tea Party Supporters		14%	82%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	80%	13%	7%
	Moderate	62%	23%	14%
	Conservative	22%	70%	8%
2012 Vote	For Obama	97%	2%	2%
	Against Obama	6%	82%	12%
	Unsure	57%	12%	31%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	48%	40%	12%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	48%	38%	14%
Region	Northeast	57%	25%	17%
	Midwest	44%	42%	14%
	South	42%	46%	12%
	West	55%	38%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	42%	17%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	37%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	43%	14%
	College graduate	56%	35%	9%
Age	Under 45	53%	34%	13%
	45 or older	46%	42%	12%
Race	White	44%	44%	11%
	Non-white	61%	23%	16%
Gender	Men	41%	45%	14%
	Women	54%	35%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	48%	41%	11%
	Cell Phone	48%	34%	18%

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2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Bachmann

Asked of Registered Voters Split Sample

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Michele Bachmann, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		49%	37%	14%
Party ID	Democrat	89%	2%	8%
	Republican	9%	73%	18%
	Independent	45%	39%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	80%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	80%	14%	6%
	Moderate	61%	23%	17%
	Conservative	22%	65%	13%
2012 Vote	For Obama	99%	1%	<1%
	Against Obama	6%	80%	14%
	Unsure	54%	9%	37%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	49%	36%	16%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	48%	40%	11%
Region	Northeast	58%	22%	20%
	Midwest	44%	41%	15%
	South	41%	45%	13%
	West	57%	33%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	41%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	35%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	40%	13%
	College graduate	50%	35%	16%
Age	Under 45	49%	34%	17%
	45 or older	49%	39%	12%
Race	White	46%	43%	11%
	Non-white	56%	20%	24%
Gender	Men	41%	40%	19%
	Women	55%	35%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	40%	11%
	Cell Phone	48%	28%	24%

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2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Pawlenty

Asked of Registered Voters Split Sample

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Tim Pawlenty, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		47%	33%	20%
Party ID	Democrat	77%	11%	12%
	Republican	11%	74%	16%
	Independent	46%	28%	25%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	66%	15%
Political Ideology	Liberal	85%	8%	7%
	Moderate	54%	25%	21%
	Conservative	28%	51%	21%
2012 Vote	For Obama	98%	<1%	2%
	Against Obama	5%	75%	20%
	Unsure	41%	10%	49%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	47%	32%	21%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	49%	35%	16%
Region	Northeast	49%	31%	20%
	Midwest	46%	32%	21%
	South	44%	35%	21%
	West	55%	30%	15%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	36%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	31%	20%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	36%	16%
	College graduate	47%	29%	24%
Age	Under 45	55%	25%	20%
	45 or older	44%	37%	19%
Race	White	42%	40%	18%
	Non-white	61%	18%	21%
Gender	Men	44%	30%	26%
	Women	51%	35%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	46%	39%	15%
	Cell Phone	51%	13%	36%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=393 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Republican Presidential Primary

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents	Party ID		Tea Party Supporters	Interview Date	
			Republican	Independent		Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:	Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	19%	21%	14%	17%	17%	24%
	Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	13%	12%	17%	6%	15%	9%
	Texas Governor Rick Perry	13%	15%	9%	20%	12%	17%
	Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	11%	11%	12%	16%	13%	8%
	Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann	8%	7%	9%	12%	9%	5%
	Former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	10%
	Texas Congressman Ron Paul	5%	4%	6%	6%	4%	7%
	Businessman Herman Cain	5%	4%	7%	5%	6%	3%
	Former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%
	Former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%
	Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	Political Activist Fred Karger	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
	Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Undecided	15%	14%	17%	7%	16%	13%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=308
MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Republican Presidential Primary (Over Time)

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		June 2011	April 2011	November 2010
If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:	Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	19%	18%	20%
	Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	13%	9%	NA
	Texas Governor Rick Perry	13%	NA	NA
	Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	11%	8%	13%
	Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann	8%	3%	NA
	Former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty	5%	2%	2%
	Texas Congressman Ron Paul	5%	7%	NA
	Businessman Herman Cain	5%	2%	NA
	Former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich	2%	4%	10%
	Former Utah governor and current U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman	2%	1%	NA
	Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum	1%	2%	NA
	Political Activist Fred Karger	<1%	NA	NA
	Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson	<1%	NA	NA
	Undecided	15%	11%	14%
	Other	NA	33%	41%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Most Important Quality in a Republican Nominee

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: Which one of the following qualities is most important to you in deciding who to support for the Republican presidential nomination, a candidate who shares your values, is closest to you on the issues, can beat President Obama in 2012, or has the experience to govern?

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents	Party ID		Tea Party Supporters	Interview Date	
			Republican	Independent		Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Which one of the following qualities is most important to you in deciding who to support for the Republican presidential nomination? A candidate who:	Shares your values	38%	37%	40%	38%	41%	32%
	Is closest to you on the issues	24%	18%	34%	25%	23%	25%
	Can beat President Obama in 2012	15%	19%	8%	19%	12%	21%
	Has the experience to govern	20%	22%	15%	16%	22%	14%
	Unsure	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	7%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=308 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Importance of Candidate's Tea Party Backing

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: Are you more or less likely to support a candidate whom has the backing of the Tea Party movement? If it makes no difference to you, please say so.

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents	Party ID		Tea Party Supporters	Interview Date	
			Republican	Independent		Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Are you more or less likely to support a candidate who has the backing of the Tea Party movement? If it makes no difference to you, please say so.	More likely	20%	22%	15%	38%	18%	23%
	Less likely	10%	8%	15%	1%	10%	11%
	Makes no difference	70%	70%	70%	61%	72%	66%

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