



**Obama's Re-Election Prospects: Voters Divide**

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**This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:**

President Barack Obama asserts that change doesn't occur overnight. But, will registered voters nationwide give him the opportunity to fulfill his promise during a second term? According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, voters divide. Four in ten -- 40% -- say they will definitely vote for the president next year while 40% think they will definitely vote against him. A notable one in five -- 20% -- is unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in June, 43% of registered voters thought they would definitely vote against President Obama while 36% said they would definitely vote for him. 21%, at the time, were unsure.

"Voters nationally continue to be mixed about President Obama's re-election prospects," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "The difference occurs when he is matched against specific GOP wannabes. Here, he has the edge against a host of possible challengers."

Although 40% of independent voters report they plan to vote against President Obama next year, more than one-third of independents -- 35% -- currently plan to vote for the president, and a notable 25% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, only 29% of independents thought they would back the president while 43% planned to vote for another candidate. 28%, at the time, were unsure.

There has been little change among Democrats. 69% report they will support President Obama, 14% will not, and 16% are unsure. In June, those proportions stood at 70%, 10%, and 20%, respectively. Among Republican voters nationally, 7% plan to vote for the president. 77% say they will cast their ballot for another candidate, and 16% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, only 4% of GOP voters reported Mr. Obama would receive their vote while 85% said they were not planning to back the president. 10%, then, were unsure.

## **Obama Leads GOP Challengers...Majority Support Against Bachmann, Perry, & Palin**

Regardless of whether or not voters plan to cast their ballot for the president next year, Mr. Obama fares well against most potential Republican challengers. In fact, the president has either majority support or his backing has remained consistent since McClatchy-Marist's previous survey in June.

When paired against leading Republican challengers, here is how the contests stand:

- **President Obama** receives **46%** of registered voters' support to **41%** for former Massachusetts Governor **Mitt Romney**. 13% are undecided. In June, 46% backed Obama while 42% rallied for Romney. 11%, at the time, were undecided.
- When the president goes head-to-head with former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, **48%** say they are for **Obama** while **43%** are behind **Giuliani**. Nine percent are undecided. Little has changed on this question since June when 48% backed Obama, 41% touted Giuliani, and 12% were undecided.
- President Obama has a 13 percentage point lead over former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. Nearly half -- **49%** -- support **the president** while **36%** throw their support behind **Pawlenty**. 15% are undecided. In June, 47% supported the president, about one-third -- 33% -- backed Pawlenty, and one in five -- 20% -- was undecided.
- When matched against Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, the president receives majority support. **52%** rally behind **the president** while **35%** are in **Bachmann's** corner. 13% are undecided. A couple of months ago, 49% backed Obama, 37% were behind Bachmann, and 14% were undecided.
- The president has a 19 percentage point lead over Texas Governor Rick Perry. Here, **52%** support **the president**, **33%** are behind **Perry**, and 14% are undecided. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 48% said they would vote for Obama while 39% reported they would cast their ballot for Perry. 13%, at the time, were undecided.
- President Obama receives the greatest support when up against former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. **56%** support **the president** while **35%** are in **Palin's** camp. Nine percent are undecided. In June, 56% gave their endorsement to Obama, 30% touted Palin, and 14% were undecided.

## **Romney, Perry Lead Pack of GOP Contenders**

Is there a likely Republican candidate to face-off against President Barack Obama in next year's general election? Although Mitt Romney and Rick Perry top the list of potential candidates, they each only receive support from about one in five Republican primary voters.

Among Republicans and Republican leaning independents, here is how the contest stands:

- 21% for former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney

- 18% for Texas Governor Rick Perry
- 10% for former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin
- 9% for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani
- 8% for Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann
- 6% for businessman Herman Cain
- 3% for Texas Congressman Ron Paul
- 3% for former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum
- 2% for former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich
- 2% for former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty
- 2% for former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson
- 2% for former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer
- 1% for former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman
- Less than 1% for Political Activist Fred Karger
- 14% are undecided

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,000 Adults**

This survey of 1,000 adults was conducted on August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. There are 807 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. There are 301 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 6.0$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
<b>National Adults</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>81%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>51%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>41%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>26%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>33%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>28%</b>

**Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=1000 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Party Identification</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Support Tea Party</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>43%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>21%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>38%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>46%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>70%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>70%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>36%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>15%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>26%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>36%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>47%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>76%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>24%</b>

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

## Nature of the Sample: Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

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Nature of the Sample - Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents		
		Republicans and Republican leaning independents
		Col %
<b>Republicans and Republican leaning independents</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Party Identification</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>66%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Support Tea Party</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>41%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>33%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>55%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>45%</b>

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=301 MOE +/- 6%. 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		40%	40%	20%
<b>Party Identification</b>	Democrat	69%	14%	16%
	Republican	7%	77%	16%
	Independent	35%	40%	25%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		18%	75%	8%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	69%	10%	22%
	Moderate	43%	29%	28%
	Conservative	23%	68%	9%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	41%	32%	27%
	Midwest	35%	43%	22%
	South	43%	43%	15%
	West	38%	41%	21%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	45%	36%	19%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	40%	20%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	38%	42%	20%
	College graduate	44%	36%	20%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	46%	30%	23%
	45 or older	36%	45%	18%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	51%	22%	27%
	Gen X (31-46)	43%	36%	20%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	38%	43%	20%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	33%	52%	16%
<b>Race</b>	White	32%	47%	22%
	Non-white	60%	23%	18%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	31%	50%	19%
	Women	47%	32%	21%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	39%	42%	19%
	Cell Phone	43%	33%	24%

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=807 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 %
August 2011	40%	40%	20%
June 2011	36%	43%	21%
April 2011	37%	44%	18%
November 2010	36%	48%	16%

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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>46%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Party Identification</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>21%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>2012 Vote</b>	<b>For Obama</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>
	<b>Against Obama</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>14%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>17%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>17%</b>

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=414 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 %
August 2011	46%	41%	13%
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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>48%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Party Identification</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>2012 Vote</b>	<b>For Obama</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	<b>Against Obama</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>7%</b>

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=393 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		49%	36%	15%
<b>Party Identification</b>	Democrat	80%	9%	11%
	Republican	5%	72%	22%
	Independent	49%	37%	15%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		23%	66%	11%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	85%	3%	12%
	Moderate	55%	28%	17%
	Conservative	25%	63%	13%
<b>2012 Vote</b>	For Obama	95%	2%	3%
	Against Obama	4%	79%	16%
	Unsure	49%	16%	35%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	62%	22%	16%
	Midwest	36%	43%	21%
	South	51%	37%	13%
	West	47%	39%	14%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	57%	28%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	40%	11%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	48%	35%	17%
	College graduate	50%	38%	12%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	58%	34%	9%
	45 or older	44%	37%	19%
<b>Race</b>	White	43%	42%	15%
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<b>Gender</b>	Men	40%	48%	13%
	Women	57%	26%	17%
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	Cell Phone	52%	37%	12%

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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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		52%	35%	13%
<b>Party Identification</b>	Democrat	84%	10%	7%
	Republican	15%	73%	12%
	Independent	46%	34%	20%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		19%	77%	4%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	83%	13%	4%
	Moderate	63%	19%	18%
	Conservative	28%	66%	6%
<b>2012 Vote</b>	For Obama	94%	5%	1%
	Against Obama	8%	78%	15%
	Unsure	59%	12%	29%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	56%	29%	16%
	Midwest	50%	36%	14%
	South	49%	41%	10%
	West	57%	29%	14%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	53%	36%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	54%	32%	14%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	49%	39%	12%
	College graduate	60%	29%	12%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	57%	26%	17%
	45 or older	50%	40%	11%
<b>Race</b>	White	48%	39%	13%
	Non-white	67%	22%	11%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	47%	38%	15%
	Women	57%	32%	11%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	49%	40%	11%
	Cell Phone	61%	20%	19%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=414 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		52%	33%	14%
<b>Party Identification</b>	Democrat	84%	10%	6%
	Republican	10%	74%	16%
	Independent	49%	30%	22%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		23%	69%	8%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	81%	14%	6%
	Moderate	62%	19%	19%
	Conservative	30%	62%	8%
<b>2012 Vote</b>	For Obama	95%	4%	1%
	Against Obama	5%	78%	17%
	Unsure	61%	8%	31%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	57%	23%	19%
	Midwest	51%	37%	12%
	South	51%	39%	10%
	West	50%	30%	20%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	51%	37%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	57%	29%	15%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	49%	38%	13%
	College graduate	61%	26%	13%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	57%	22%	21%
	45 or older	50%	40%	10%
<b>Race</b>	White	48%	37%	15%
	Non-white	68%	22%	11%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	48%	36%	16%
	Women	57%	31%	12%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	50%	38%	12%
	Cell Phone	59%	20%	21%

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=414 MOE +/- 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		56%	35%	9%
<b>Party Identification</b>	Democrat	86%	11%	3%
	Republican	23%	60%	17%
	Independent	48%	42%	10%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		22%	70%	8%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	93%	4%	3%
	Moderate	63%	26%	12%
	Conservative	29%	64%	7%
<b>2012 Vote</b>	For Obama	95%	3%	2%
	Against Obama	7%	80%	13%
	Unsure	78%	8%	14%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	67%	20%	13%
	Midwest	53%	34%	13%
	South	52%	41%	7%
	West	55%	41%	4%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	64%	27%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	39%	9%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	52%	38%	9%
	College graduate	62%	30%	8%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	59%	33%	8%
	45 or older	55%	37%	9%
<b>Race</b>	White	49%	40%	11%
	Non-white	71%	24%	5%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	46%	45%	9%
	Women	64%	28%	8%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	54%	36%	10%
	Cell Phone	62%	33%	5%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 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 %
August 2011	56%	35%	9%
June 2011	56%	30%	14%
April 2011	56%	34%	10%
January 2011	56%	30%	13%
December 2010	52%	40%	9%

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## 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 Identification		Tea Party Supporters
		Col %	Republican Col %	Independent Col %	Col %
If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:	Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	21%	24%	15%	14%
	Texas Governor Rick Perry	18%	16%	24%	25%
	Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	10%	10%	9%	12%
	Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	9%	9%	9%	6%
	Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann	8%	4%	17%	12%
	Businessman Herman Cain	6%	4%	9%	9%
	Texas Congressman Ron Paul	3%	4%	3%	5%
	Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum	3%	3%	2%	1%
	Former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich	2%	2%	2%	1%
	Former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty	2%	2%	2%	1%
	Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson	2%	2%	2%	1%
	Former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer	2%	2%	0%	2%
	Former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Political Activist Fred Karger	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Undecided	14%	17%	7%	9%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=301 MOE +/- 6%. 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			
		August 2011	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	21%	19%	18%	20%
	Texas Governor Rick Perry	18%	13%	NA	NA
	Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	10%	11%	8%	13%
	Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	9%	13%	9%	NA
	Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann	8%	8%	3%	NA
	Businessman Herman Cain	6%	5%	2%	NA
	Texas Congressman Ron Paul	3%	5%	7%	NA
	Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum	3%	1%	2%	NA
	Former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich	2%	2%	4%	10%
	Former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty	2%	5%	2%	2%
	Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson	2%	<1%	NA	NA
	Former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer	2%	NA	NA	NA
	Former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman	1%	2%	1%	NA
	Political Activist Fred Karger	<1%	<1%	NA	NA
	Undecided	14%	15%	11%	14%
Other	NA	NA	33%	41%	
<b>Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents</b>					