



Nearly Half Plan to Vote Against Obama, But Is There a Winner in the GOP Field?

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

President Barack Obama has his work cut out for him on the campaign trail. According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, 49% of registered voters nationally say they definitely plan to vote against the president in next year's election. 36% say they will cast their ballot for Mr. Obama, and 15% are unsure. This is the highest proportion of voters since November 2010 who say they don't think they will back the president in his re-election bid. At that time, 48% said they would definitely vote against him.

When McClatchy-Marist previously reported this question in August, 40% thought they would definitely vote against President Obama, 40% believed they would definitely vote for him, and a notable one in five -- 20% -- were unsure.

"On the one hand, President Obama's re-election numbers are very low. On the other hand, no GOP potential opponent has stepped up to the plate and demonstrated sufficient electoral power to beat him," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

By party:

- A majority of **independent voters** -- 53% -- say they will not support the president, 28% believe they will, and 20% are unsure. There has been an increase in the proportion of independents who say they definitely will not vote for Mr. Obama. In August, those proportions stood at 40%, 35%, and 25%, respectively.
- Most **Republicans** -- 89% -- plan to back someone else. Last month, 77% reported the same.
- Little has changed among **Democrats**. 70% say they will cast their ballot for the president while 69% shared these views in McClatchy-Marist's previous survey.

There has also been an increase in the proportion of registered voters who believe, regardless of who they support, the Republican challenger will defeat President Obama in next year's election. A majority of the national electorate -- 52% -- says the GOP candidate

will be victorious, 38% believe the president will be re-elected, and one in ten -- 10% -- is undecided.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in June, voters divided. 44% said Mr. Obama will be re-elected to another four years in office while 42% reported the Republican candidate will claim the White House. 15%, at that time, were undecided.

Giuliani Strongest GOPer Against Obama

Despite weak re-election numbers, President Obama either leads or is competitive with most of his Republican challengers. There is one exception, unannounced candidate former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

- **Giuliani** receives 49% to **Obama's** 42% among registered voters. Nine percent are undecided. In August, 48% backed the president, 43% supported Giuliani, and 9% were undecided.

Key points:

- A slim majority of independent voters -- 51% -- supports Giuliani while only 37% throw their support behind Obama. 13% are undecided.
- President **Obama** is neck and neck with former Massachusetts Governor Mitt **Romney**. 46% say they are for Obama while 44% report they back Romney. One in ten -- 10% -- is undecided. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 46% supported Obama, 41% tossed their support behind Romney, and 13%, at the time, were undecided.

Key points:

- Among **independent voters**, 44% are behind Romney, 40% back the president, and 16% are undecided. In August, the *president* received the support of 41% of independents to Romney's 35%. 23% were undecided.
- When up against former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, 49% of voters say they are for **Obama** while 44% rally for the unannounced **Palin**. Six percent are undecided. However, this is the first time that Obama has fallen below 50% in this hypothetical scenario. And, the president has lost ground since the last time McClatchy-Marist reported this question. In August, a majority -- 56% -- tossed their support behind Obama while 35% backed Palin. Nine percent, at the time, were undecided.

Key points:

- Among **independent voters**, 47% tout Palin while 43% are behind Obama. In August, 48% backed the president while 42% were for Palin.
- Palin has gained some support within her **Republican base**. 81% now say they are for Palin compared with 60% last month.

- 87% of voters who support the Tea Party rally behind Palin compared with 70% last month.
- **Obama's** lead over Texas Governor Rick **Perry** has shrunk. 50% of voters support Obama while 41% are for Perry, a nine percentage point lead for the president. Nine percent are undecided. Last month, Obama outpaced Perry by 19 percentage points, 52% to 33%. 14% were undecided.

Key points:

- Perry has made some in-roads with **independent voters**. They now divide. 43% support Obama, and 43% are behind Perry. 13% are undecided. In August, 49% of independents backed Obama and 30% supported Perry. 22% were undecided.
- Perry has also gained the support of more **Republicans**. 87% now support him compared with 74% last month.
- 84% of Tea Party supporters are for Perry. 69% had this view in August.
- 53% of voters support **Obama** while 40% are for Minnesota Congresswoman Michele **Bachmann**. Seven percent are undecided. Similar proportions shared these views in August when Obama garnered the support of 52%. 35% were for Bachmann, and 13% were undecided.

Key points:

- Bachmann has gained some ground within her **Republican** base. 86% now back her while 73% did so in August.

Perry Leads Republican Contenders

In the quest for the Republican nomination, Texas Governor Rick Perry has an eight percentage point advantage over former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

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

- 30% for Texas Governor Rick Perry
- 22% for former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney
- 12% for Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann
- 7% for Texas Congressman Ron Paul
- 6% for former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich
- 5% for businessman Herman Cain
- 2% for former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum
- 1% for former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman
- 15% are undecided

But, how firmly are Republicans and Republican leaning independents in their candidates' camp? Three in ten -- 30% -- report they strongly support their choice of candidate, nearly four in ten -- 39% -- say they somewhat support their candidate, and 31% think they might vote differently.

The top two candidates -- Rick Perry and Mitt Romney -- share similar intensity of support from their backers. 30% of GOP voters who back Perry firmly support him while 26% of those who are behind Romney say the same.

The story changes **for the Republican field** when two prominent Republicans come into play. If **Rudy Giuliani and Sarah Palin were to announce their candidacies**, here is how the contest stands among Republicans and Republican leaning independents:

- 20% for Texas Governor Rick Perry
- 14% for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani
- 13% for former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney
- 13% for former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin
- 6% for Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann
- 6% for former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich
- 6% for Texas Congressman Ron Paul
- 4% for businessman Herman Cain
- 2% for former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum
- 2% for former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman
- 14% are undecided

However, 72% of Republicans and Republican leaning independent voters do not want Palin to seek the office, 24% do, and 4% are unsure.

Giuliani fares somewhat better, but nearly six in ten -- 58% -- do not want him to enter the race either. 32% would like to see him step back onto the national stage, and 10% are unsure.

Shared Values Tops List of Candidates' Qualities

More than one-third of Republicans and Republican leaning independents -- 35% -- say it's most important that a Republican presidential candidate share their values. 26% want a candidate who has the experience to govern, and 20% prefer a candidate who is closest to them on the issues. The ability to defeat President Obama is most important to 17%, and 2% are unsure.

Candidates' Tea Party Backing Not Top of Mind for Seven in Ten Republicans

How important is it that a Republican candidate has the support of the Tea Party? 70% of Republicans and Republican leaning independents report it makes no difference to their

vote. More than one in five -- 22% -- say it makes them more likely to vote for a candidate while only 8% think it makes them less likely to vote for a candidate.

The proportion of registered voters who are Tea Party supporters has changed little. 27% either strongly support or support the Tea Party while 64% do not. Among those that support the Tea Party, 8% strongly support the movement, and 19% support it. Nine percent are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 29% supported the Tea Party movement, 61% did not, and 9% were unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,042 Adults

This survey of 1,042 adults was conducted on September 13th and September 14th, 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 825 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 317 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		79%
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)	22%
	Gen X (31-46)	23%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	34%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	21%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Interview Type	Landline	72%
	Cell Phone	28%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=1042 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%
Party Identification	Democrat	34%
	Republican	26%
	Independent	39%
	Other	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	27%
Political Ideology	Liberal	20%
	Moderate	42%
	Conservative	38%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	24%
	South	38%
	West	21%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%
	\$50,000 or more	53%
Race	White	70%
	African American	10%
	Latino	9%
	Other	11%
Race	White	70%
	Non-white	30%
Age	Under 45	32%
	45 or older	68%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	14%
	Gen X (31-46)	22%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	39%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	25%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	78%
	Cell Phone	22%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=825 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 Identification	Republican	66%
	Independent	34%
Support Tea Party	Yes	50%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%
	\$50,000 or more	57%
Age	Under 45	29%
	45 or older	71%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 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%	49%	15%
Party Identification	Democrat	70%	14%	16%
	Republican	5%	89%	6%
	Independent	28%	53%	20%
Tea Party Supporters		5%	88%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	65%	14%	21%
	Moderate	43%	39%	18%
	Conservative	12%	79%	9%
Region	Northeast	37%	51%	12%
	Midwest	36%	49%	16%
	South	35%	51%	14%
	West	38%	42%	21%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	44%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	52%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	50%	17%
	College graduate	39%	47%	13%
Age	Under 45	36%	46%	18%
	45 or older	36%	50%	14%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	47%	37%	16%
	Gen X (31-46)	29%	53%	18%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	38%	49%	14%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	33%	52%	15%
Race	White	28%	58%	14%
	Non-white	54%	28%	17%
Gender	Men	33%	53%	15%
	Women	39%	45%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	35%	50%	15%
	Cell Phone	39%	44%	18%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=825 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 %
September 2011	36%	49%	15%
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 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		38%	52%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	59%	31%	10%
	Republican	12%	82%	5%
	Independent	36%	51%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	82%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	57%	27%	16%
	Moderate	44%	47%	9%
	Conservative	20%	73%	7%
Region	Northeast	30%	59%	10%
	Midwest	44%	46%	10%
	South	35%	55%	10%
	West	44%	45%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	42%	48%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	54%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	34%	55%	10%
	College graduate	43%	47%	9%
Age	Under 45	42%	52%	7%
	45 or older	36%	52%	12%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	49%	48%	3%
	Gen X (31-46)	40%	52%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	36%	54%	10%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	33%	50%	16%
Race	White	34%	57%	9%
	Non-white	48%	41%	12%
Gender	Men	37%	51%	12%
	Women	39%	52%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	37%	54%	9%
	Cell Phone	44%	42%	14%

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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		42%	49%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	79%	16%	5%
	Republican	9%	84%	8%
	Independent	37%	51%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		9%	80%	11%
Political Ideology	Liberal	72%	18%	10%
	Moderate	58%	35%	7%
	Conservative	13%	79%	8%
2012 Vote	For Obama	90%	9%	1%
	Against Obama	5%	85%	9%
	Unsure	52%	20%	28%
Region	Northeast	39%	54%	7%
	Midwest	35%	53%	12%
	South	48%	46%	6%
	West	42%	44%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	43%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	52%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	48%	8%
	College graduate	40%	51%	9%
Age	Under 45	43%	45%	12%
	45 or older	41%	51%	8%
Race	White	34%	58%	8%
	Non-white	61%	29%	11%
Gender	Men	40%	52%	8%
	Women	44%	46%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	50%	6%
	Cell Phone	38%	44%	19%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=421 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/ Giuliani (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	Rudy Giuliani, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	42%	49%	9%
August 2011	48%	43%	9%
June 2011	48%	41%	12%
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%	44%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	84%	11%	6%
	Republican	2%	93%	5%
	Independent	40%	44%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		9%	87%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	74%	11%	15%
	Moderate	51%	37%	12%
	Conservative	21%	74%	5%
2012 Vote	For Obama	92%	5%	3%
	Against Obama	5%	87%	8%
	Unsure	50%	15%	35%
Region	Northeast	45%	42%	12%
	Midwest	51%	41%	9%
	South	37%	50%	13%
	West	55%	41%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	40%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	48%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	49%	7%
	College graduate	48%	38%	14%
Age	Under 45	46%	45%	10%
	45 or older	45%	45%	10%
Race	White	41%	50%	8%
	Non-white	55%	30%	15%
Gender	Men	36%	51%	13%
	Women	54%	39%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	46%	46%	8%
	Cell Phone	44%	39%	18%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=405 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 %
September 2011	46%	44%	10%
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/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		49%	44%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	84%	13%	3%
	Republican	15%	81%	5%
	Independent	43%	47%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		10%	87%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	78%	17%	4%
	Moderate	65%	30%	5%
	Conservative	19%	74%	7%
2012 Vote	For Obama	97%	3%	<1%
	Against Obama	9%	82%	9%
	Unsure	68%	18%	14%
Region	Northeast	49%	46%	5%
	Midwest	41%	50%	8%
	South	53%	42%	5%
	West	52%	40%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	42%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	44%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	45%	9%
	College graduate	54%	43%	3%
Age	Under 45	55%	42%	4%
	45 or older	47%	46%	8%
Race	White	42%	52%	6%
	Non-white	67%	26%	6%
Gender	Men	46%	48%	6%
	Women	52%	41%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	46%	6%
	Cell Phone	53%	38%	9%

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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 %
September 2011	49%	44%	6%
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%
Marist Poll Registered Voters			

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		50%	41%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	6%	4%
	Republican	5%	87%	8%
	Independent	43%	43%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	84%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	86%	6%	7%
	Moderate	56%	33%	11%
	Conservative	21%	73%	6%
2012 Vote	For Obama	95%	2%	3%
	Against Obama	9%	82%	9%
	Unsure	62%	17%	21%
Region	Northeast	50%	36%	14%
	Midwest	52%	41%	7%
	South	42%	50%	8%
	West	62%	31%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	35%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	45%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	51%	42%	7%
	College graduate	50%	39%	11%
Age	Under 45	52%	38%	10%
	45 or older	49%	43%	8%
Race	White	43%	50%	7%
	Non-white	68%	20%	12%
Gender	Men	46%	47%	8%
	Women	54%	36%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	48%	45%	7%
	Cell Phone	59%	26%	15%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=405 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Perry (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	Rick Perry, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	50%	41%	9%
August 2011	52%	33%	14%
June 2011	48%	39%	13%
Marist Poll Registered Voters			

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		53%	40%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	8%	<1%
	Republican	7%	86%	6%
	Independent	48%	38%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	84%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	87%	10%	4%
	Moderate	61%	30%	9%
	Conservative	23%	72%	5%
2012 Vote	For Obama	97%	3%	<1%
	Against Obama	8%	80%	11%
	Unsure	75%	14%	12%
Region	Northeast	56%	35%	9%
	Midwest	57%	39%	4%
	South	41%	48%	11%
	West	66%	31%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	35%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	43%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	50%	43%	7%
	College graduate	56%	37%	7%
Age	Under 45	53%	41%	7%
	45 or older	53%	40%	7%
Race	White	45%	47%	8%
	Non-white	71%	23%	6%
Gender	Men	51%	43%	6%
	Women	55%	37%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	43%	7%
	Cell Phone	64%	31%	6%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=405 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Matchup: Obama/Bachmann (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	Michele Bachmann, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	53%	40%	7%
August 2011	52%	35%	13%
June 2011	49%	37%	14%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

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	Most important quality in Republican presidential candidate					
			Col %	Republican		Independent	Col %	Shares your values	Is closest to you on the issues	Can beat President Obama in 2012	Has the experience to govern
				Col %		Col %		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:	Rick Perry	30%	29%	31%	36%	33%	21%	41%	26%		
	Mitt Romney	22%	22%	23%	17%	18%	24%	23%	27%		
	Michele Bachmann	12%	13%	9%	12%	15%	10%	4%	15%		
	Ron Paul	7%	9%	5%	7%	8%	11%	3%	7%		
	Newt Gingrich	6%	5%	8%	8%	1%	8%	9%	7%		
	Herman Cain	5%	5%	4%	8%	4%	6%	5%	3%		
	Rick Santorum	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	<1%	1%		
	Jon Huntsman	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%		
	Undecided	15%	15%	15%	9%	16%	14%	14%	13%		

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Intensity of Support

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: Would you say you strongly support <candidate>, somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently in your primary or caucus?

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		Would you say you strongly support <candidate>, somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently in your primary or caucus?		
		Strongly support	Somewhat support	Might vote differently
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		30%	39%	31%
Party Identification	Republican	30%	39%	31%
	Independent	30%	39%	31%
Tea Party Supporters		34%	37%	29%
Top 2 Republican Candidates	Rick Perry	30%	41%	29%
	Mitt Romney	26%	43%	30%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	37%	28%	35%
	\$50,000 or more	25%	44%	31%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	39%	29%
	College graduate	28%	38%	34%
Age	Under 45	24%	45%	32%
	45 or older	33%	37%	31%
Gender	Men	35%	35%	30%
	Women	24%	44%	32%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

2012 Republican Presidential Primary with Giuliani and Palin

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
			Republican	Independent	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
How about if the candidates are [If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are]:	Rick Perry	20%	19%	20%	24%
	Rudy Giuliani	14%	13%	16%	9%
	Mitt Romney	13%	14%	12%	11%
	Sarah Palin	13%	12%	13%	11%
	Michele Bachmann	6%	9%	2%	9%
	Newt Gingrich	6%	5%	7%	10%
	Ron Paul	6%	6%	5%	6%
	Herman Cain	4%	4%	4%	6%
	Rick Santorum	2%	2%	4%	3%
	Jon Huntsman	2%	2%	2%	<1%
	Undecided	14%	14%	15%	11%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Sarah Palin 2012 Presidential Run

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: Do you want Sarah Palin to run for president in 2012, or not?

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		Do you want Sarah Palin to run for president in 2012, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		24%	72%	4%
Party Identification	Republican	27%	68%	5%
	Independent	19%	78%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		28%	68%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	31%	67%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	19%	75%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	67%	2%
	College graduate	17%	76%	7%
Age	Under 45	26%	68%	6%
	45 or older	24%	73%	3%
Gender	Men	19%	78%	3%
	Women	29%	65%	5%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Rudy Giuliani 2012 Presidential Run

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: Do you want Rudy Giuliani to run for president in 2012, or not?

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		Do you want Rudy Giuliani to run for president in 2012, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		32%	58%	10%
Party Identification	Republican	36%	53%	11%
	Independent	25%	67%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		26%	66%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	29%	60%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	54%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	64%	9%
	College graduate	38%	51%	10%
Age	Under 45	35%	52%	13%
	45 or older	31%	60%	9%
Gender	Men	30%	65%	5%
	Women	35%	51%	15%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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:

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents				
		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	Has the experience to govern	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		35%	20%	17%	26%	2%
Party Identification	Republican	38%	22%	16%	23%	2%
	Independent	29%	18%	19%	33%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		35%	18%	21%	24%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%	18%	13%	28%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	32%	23%	19%	25%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	18%	16%	28%	2%
	College graduate	34%	19%	19%	27%	1%
Age	Under 45	37%	20%	16%	26%	1%
	45 or older	34%	21%	17%	26%	2%
Gender	Men	32%	18%	24%	25%	1%
	Women	38%	23%	10%	27%	2%

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Importance of Tea Party Backing of Republican Presidential Candidate

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: 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.

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		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	Less likely	Makes no difference
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		22%	8%	70%
Party Identification	Republican	20%	10%	70%
	Independent	25%	5%	69%
Tea Party Supporters		41%	<1%	59%
Top 2 Republican Candidates	Rick Perry	23%	3%	74%
	Mitt Romney	20%	15%	65%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	26%	5%	70%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	10%	69%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	8%	71%
	College graduate	23%	10%	67%
Age	Under 45	18%	8%	74%
	45 or older	24%	9%	68%
Gender	Men	28%	10%	62%
	Women	16%	7%	77%

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Tea Party Supporters

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?			
		Strongly support Tea Party	Support Tea Party	Does not support Tea Party	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		8%	19%	64%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	1%	7%	84%	8%
	Republican	14%	36%	39%	10%
	Independent	9%	17%	64%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		30%	70%	<1%	<1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	4%	8%	78%	9%
	Moderate	2%	11%	79%	8%
	Conservative	17%	32%	44%	7%
Region	Northeast	5%	18%	69%	9%
	Midwest	8%	21%	64%	7%
	South	8%	19%	62%	11%
	West	12%	15%	64%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	9%	17%	60%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	7%	18%	70%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	8%	20%	59%	13%
	College graduate	9%	16%	73%	3%
Age	Under 45	7%	17%	63%	13%
	45 or older	9%	20%	64%	7%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	6%	11%	67%	16%
	Gen X (31-46)	8%	19%	64%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	7%	20%	66%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	11%	20%	59%	10%
Race	White	9%	22%	60%	9%
	Non-white	6%	10%	73%	11%
Gender	Men	12%	18%	64%	6%
	Women	4%	19%	65%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	8%	19%	64%	8%
	Cell Phone	8%	15%	65%	13%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=825 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Tea Party Supporters (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	Registered Voters				
	Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?				
	Strongly support/ Support Tea Party	Strongly support Tea Party	Support Tea Party	Does not support Tea Party	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	27%	8%	19%	64%	9%
August 2011	29%	9%	20%	61%	9%
June 2011	25%	9%	16%	64%	11%
April 2011	28%	9%	19%	65%	7%
January 2011	29%	9%	20%	63%	8%
December 10, 2010	29%	10%	19%	62%	9%
November 23, 2010	29%	9%	20%	60%	10%
October 28, 2010	29%	9%	20%	62%	9%
October 8, 2010	30%	12%	18%	62%	8%
September 22, 2010	34%	11%	23%	55%	11%
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