How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,010 Adults

This survey of 1,010 adults was conducted July 9th through July 11th, 2012. 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 landline 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 849 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.