



**Battle for the White House:
The Final National Poll**

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This Marist Poll reports:

- **The End of the Road...Obama Leads McCain by 9 Percentage Points Nationally Going Into Today's Election:** The campaign trail comes to an end today for Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain. In a Marist Poll, conducted entirely on the eve of Election Day, Barack Obama leads John McCain by 9 percentage points nationally -- 52% to 43% -- among likely voters including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate. In Marist's Sunday night poll, McCain trailed Obama by the same margin among this group. Among registered voters nationwide, Obama is now ahead of McCain 50% to 42%.

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

	John McCain/ Sarah Palin the Republicans	Barack Obama/ Joe Biden the Democrats	Other	Undecided
Likely voters w/ leaners				
November 4, 2008	43%	52%	3%	2%
November 3, 2008	44%	53%	1%	2%
October 31, 2008	43%	50%	3%	4%
October 2, 2008	44%	49%	1%	6%
September 25, 2008	44%	49%	<1%	7%

	John McCain/ Sarah Palin the Republicans	Barack Obama/ Joe Biden the Democrats	Other	Undecided
Registered voters				
November 4, 2008	42%	50%	3%	5%
November 3, 2008	42%	51%	1%	6%
October 31, 2008	39%	48%	2%	11%
October 2, 2008	43%	47%	1%	9%
September 25, 2008	43%	47%	2%	8%

Nature of the Sample: 1,011 Americans

This survey was conducted on November 3, 2008. 1,011 adults 18 years of age or older within 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. The results of the entire survey are statistically significant at $\pm 3\%$. There are 910 registered voters and 804 likely voters. The results for these sub-samples are each statistically significant at $\pm 3.5\%$. The margin for error increases for cross-tabulations.