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# **Dead even in North Carolina**

**Raleigh, N.C.--** In 2008 North Carolina was the second closest state in the Presidential race. It looks more and more like it could be the closest this year. PPP's newest poll finds Barack Obama and Mitt Romney dead even at 48%. In 3 September PPP polls of the state we found a tie twice and a one point Obama lead the third time. Taking a bigger picture look, in 26 Obama/Romney polls dating back to November of 2010 we have only found the candidates separated by more than 3 points one time. It would be hard for the race in North Carolina to be much tighter.

North Carolinians narrowly disapprove of Obama, with 48% giving him good marks to 49% who are unhappy with his performance. They also have a narrowly unfavorable opinion of Romney with 46% of voters rating him positively to 49% with a negative opinion. The candidates are incredibly close on other measures as well. Romney leads Obama 49/47 in terms of who voters trust more on the economy, but Obama reverses those numbers for the 49/47 lead on who voters trust more on foreign policy.

57% of voters say they've been personally contacted by the Obama campaign, and 55% say they've been personally contacted by the Romney campaign. That those numbers are so close is an indication of the race in North Carolina being much different than 2008- the McCain campaign was sort of caught by surprise here and significantly lagged Obama's field operation.

Democrats in North Carolina are feeling more excitement about the campaign at this point than Republicans are. 69% say they're 'very excited' about voting this fall compared to 58% of GOP voters. Beyond that 80% of African Americans and 75% of voters under 30 said they were 'very excited' about voting. Those are the groups that fueled Obama's surprise North Carolina victory in 2008 so their continued excitement bodes very well for his ability to do it again.

"The race in North Carolina couldn't be much closer," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Someone will probably end up winning it by less than a point. It's likely to be a late election night."

PPP surveyed 981 likely North Carolina voters from September 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization.

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# **North Carolina Survey Results**

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?	Q7	Have you been personally contacted by the Obama campaign, Romney campaign, both
	Approve48%		campaigns, or neither campaign about voting for them this fall?
	Disapprove49%		Obama campaign18%
	Not sure		Romney campaign16%
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?		Both campaigns 39%
	Favorable46%		Neither campaign24%
	Unfavorable49%		Not sure
	Not sure 6%	Q8	Which candidate for President do you think better understands the struggles you and your
Q3	The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If		family are going through?
	the election was today, who would you vote		Barack Obama48%
	for?		Mitt Romney42%
	Barack Obama48%		Not sure
	Mitt Romney48%	Q9	Are you familiar with comments Mitt Romney has made about the '47%', or not?
	Undecided		·
Q4	Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?		Familiar with Romney's comments91%  Not familiar 9%
	Barack Obama47%	010	Not familiar
	Mitt Romney49%	QIU	percent of the people who will vote for the
			president no matter what. All right? There are
Q5	Not sure		47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that
Q.J	more on the issue of foreign policy?		they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who
	Barack Obama49%		believe that they are entitled to health care, to
	Mitt Romney47%		food, to housing, to you-name-it, that that's an entitlement. And the government should give it
	Not sure		to them. And they will vote for this president no
Q6	Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?		matter what These are people who pay no income tax." Do you think Romney's comments were appropriate or inappropriate?
	Very excited 63%		Appropriate44%
	Somewhat excited23%		Inappropriate50%
	Not at all excited14%		Not sure 6%





Q11 Do these comments make you more or less likely to vote for Mitt Romney, or do they not make a difference?	Q16 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
More likely28%	Very liberal13%
Less likely38%	Somewhat liberal14%
Don't make a difference32%	Moderate30%
Not sure	Somewhat conservative24%
Q12 Do you think Mitt Romney should release his tax returns for the last 12 years, or not?	Very conservative
He should50%	Woman56%
He should not41%	Man44%
Not sure	Q18 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
not?	Democrat48%
They are intentionally skewing their polls46%	Republican34%
They are not38%	Independent/Other19%
Not sure	Q19 If you are white, press 1. If African-American,
Q14 Were you born in North Carolina or in another state?	press 2. If other, press 3.
Born in NC58%	White
Born in another state42%	African-American22%
Q15 How long have you lived in North Carolina: 10 years or less, 11 to 20 years, 21 to 30 years, 31 to 40 years, or more than 40 years?	Other
10 years or less14%	18 to 2915%
11 to 20 years	30 to 4522%
21 to 30 years	46 to 65
31 to 40 years13%	Older than 65
More than 40 years41%	older than oo





### Q21 Area Code

252	12%
336	23%
704	21%
828	11%
910	12%
919	





		Born in NC or Othe St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Obama Approval		•	
Approve	48%	47%	51%
Disapprove	49%	50%	47%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%

		Born i St.?	n NC or Other
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Romney Favorability		<u>-</u>	
Favorable	46%	47%	45%
Unfavorable	49%	48%	50%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%

		Born in NC or Othe St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Obama/Romney		•	
Barack Obama	48%	47%	49%
Mitt Romney	48%	50%	47%
Undecided	4%	3%	4%

		Born in NC or Othe St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Trust More on Econ.?			
Barack Obama	47%	46%	49%
Mitt Romney	49%	50%	48%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%





		Born in NC or Othe St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			
Barack Obama	49%	47%	51%
Mitt Romney	47%	48%	45%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

		Born in NC or Othe St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	63%	64%	62%
Somewhat excited	23%	21%	25%
Not at all excited	14%	15%	14%

		Born in NC or Other St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?			
Obama campaign	18%	20%	16%
Romney campaign	16%	14%	19%
Both campaigns	39%	38%	39%
Neither campaign	24%	24%	24%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%

		Born in NC or Other St.?		
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state	
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?		-		
Barack Obama	48%	46%	51%	
Mitt Romney	42%	43%	41%	
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	





		Born in NC or Other St.?	
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Familiar w/ Romney 47% Comments?		-	
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	88%	96%
Not familiar	9%	12%	4%

		Born in NC or Other St.?			
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state		
Romney's			-		
Comments Appropriate?					
Appropriate	44%	46%	41%		
Inappropriate	50%	47%	54%		
Not sure	6%	7%	5%		

		Born in NC or Other St.?				
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state			
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?						
More likely	28%	28%	28%			
Less likely	38%	38%	40%			
Don't make a difference	32%	33%	32%			
Not sure	2%	2%	1%			

		Born in NC or Other St.?			
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state		
Should Romney Release Taxes?					
He should	50%	49%	52%		
He should not	41%	41%	42%		
Not sure	8%	10%	6%		





		Born i	n NC or Other
	Base	Born in NC	Born in another state
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?			
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	47%	44%
They are not	38%	37%	39%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%

		Length of NC Residence					
	Base	10 years or less				More than 40 years	
Obama Approval							
Approve	48%	58%	53%	45%	47%	45%	
Disapprove	49%	40%	46%	50%	53%	52%	
Not sure	2%	2%	0%	5%	0%	3%	

		Length of NC Residence					
	Base	10 years or less				More than 40 years	
Romney Favorability							
Favorable	46%	39%	41%	51%	48%	48%	
Unfavorable	49%	56%	51%	44%	49%	46%	
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	5%	3%	6%	

		Length of NC Residence					
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years		31 to 40 years	More than 40 years	
Obam a/Romney							
Barack Obama	48%	58%	51%	43%	47%	45%	
Mitt Romney	48%	36%	45%	50%	53%	52%	
Undecided	4%	5%	4%	7%	1%	3%	





		Length o	Length of NC Residence						
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years		31 to 40 years	More than 40 years			
Trust More on Econ.?		•							
Barack Obama	47%	56%	51%	44%	45%	45%			
Mitt Romney	49%	40%	45%	50%	53%	51%			
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	6%	2%	4%			

		Length of NC Residence						
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years	21 to 30 years	31 to 40 years	More than 40 years		
Trust More on Foreign Policy?		•						
Barack Obama	49%	59%	53%	46%	47%	45%		
Mitt Romney	47%	37%	42%	54%	51%	48%		
Not sure	4%	4%	5%	0%	2%	6%		

		Length of NC Residence						
	Base	10 years or less				More than 40 years		
Voter Enthusiasm								
Very excited	63%	70%	67%	60%	66%	59%		
Somewhat excited	23%	19%	16%	29%	19%	25%		
Not at all excited	14%	11%	16%	10%	15%	16%		

		Length of NC Residence					
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years	21 to 30 years	31 to 40 years	More than 40 years	
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?							
Obam a cam paign	18%	26%	16%	16%	21%	17%	
Romney campaign	16%	19%	22%	13%	13%	15%	
Both campaigns	39%	33%	35%	45%	44%	38%	
Neither campaign	24%	18%	24%	24%	20%	26%	
Not sure	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	





		Length o	Length of NC Residence					
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years	21 to 30 years	31 to 40 years	More than 40 years		
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?								
Barack Obama	48%	58%	53%	46%	45%	45%		
Mitt Romney	42%	38%	36%	45%	45%	45%		
Not sure	10%	5%	11%	10%	10%	11%		

		Length of NC Residence						
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years		31 to 40 years	More than 40 years		
Familiar w/Romney 47% Comments?								
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	97%	97%	91%	87%	88%		
Not familiar	9%	3%	3%	9%	13%	12%		

		Length of NC Residence							
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years	21 to 30 years	31 to 40 years	More than 40 years			
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?									
Appropriate	44%	50%	34%	54%	50%	42%			
Inappropriate	50%	49%	60%	41%	46%	50%			
Not sure	6%	1%	6%	5%	3%	8%			

		Length o	Length of NC Residence							
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years	21 to 30 years	31 to 40 years	More than 40 years				
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to	base	or less	years	years	years	40 years				
Vote for Him?  More likely	28%	41%	19%	34%	26%	26%				
Less likely	38%	42%	36%	39%	47%	36%				
Don't make a difference	32%	13%	45%	28%	25%	36%				
Not sure	2%	4%	-	-	2%	2%				





		Length of NC Residence						
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years		31 to 40 years	More than 40 years		
Should Romney Release Taxes?		•						
He should	50%	62%	50%	49%	50%	47%		
He should not	41%	33%	41%	48%	40%	42%		
Not sure	8%	5%	9%	3%	10%	10%		

		Length of NC Residence							
	Base	10 years or less	11 to 20 years	21 to 30 years	31 to 40 years	More than 40 years			
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?									
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	41%	41%	50%	50%	46%			
They are not	38%	40%	40%	35%	34%	38%			
Not sure	17%	18%	20%	14%	15%	16%			

		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative		
Obama Approval			<u>-</u>	_	<u>-</u>	='	
Approve	48%	88%	85%	63%	20%	8%	
Disapprove	49%	10%	14%	34%	78%	91%	
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Romney Favorability			-	-	-			
Favorable	46%	13%	12%	32%	72%	82%		
Unfavorable	49%	84%	81%	62%	23%	12%		
Not sure	6%	3%	7%	6%	5%	6%		





		ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	
Obam a/Rom ney		-	3	<u>-</u>			
Barack Obama	48%	88%	83%	63%	17%	9%	
Mitt Romney	48%	10%	12%	32%	79%	90%	
Undecided	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	1%	

		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Trust More on Econ.?							
Barack Obama	47%	86%	86%	61%	17%	8%	
Mitt Romney	49%	11%	11%	34%	78%	89%	
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	

		Ideolo	deology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative			
Trust More on Foreign Policy?		=	•	•	•	•			
Barack Obama	49%	87%	85%	64%	20%	10%			
Mitt Romney	47%	12%	12%	31%	73%	88%			
Not sure	4%	1%	2%	5%	7%	2%			

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Voter Enthusiasm			_					
Very excited	63%	86%	71%	59%	54%	61%		
Somew hat excited	23%	10%	20%	26%	26%	23%		
Not at all excited	14%	3%	9%	15%	20%	16%		





		ldeolog	ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?	2.00	J		<u>                                 </u>		<u>                                     </u>		
Obama campaign	18%	44%	31%	16%	9%	7%		
Romney campaign	16%	2%	8%	10%	26%	28%		
Both campaigns	39%	36%	40%	45%	36%	33%		
Neither campaign	24%	17%	18%	25%	25%	28%		
Not sure	3%	1%	4%	4%	4%	4%		

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?						
Barack Obama	48%	88%	87%	62%	17%	10%
Mitt Romney	42%	8%	7%	26%	69%	83%
Not sure	10%	4%	6%	12%	13%	8%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	. ,
Familiar w/ Romney 47% Comments?		•				
Familiar with Romney's comments		97%	92%	91%	88%	90%
Not familiar	9%	3%	8%	9%	12%	10%

		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?							
Appropriate	44%	24%	12%	29%	69%	76%	
Inappropriate	50%	73%	84%	66%	22%	16%	
Not sure	6%	3%	3%	5%	9%	7%	





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?						
More likely	28%	24%	7%	17%	39%	51%
Less likely	38%	66%	65%	52%	14%	8%
Don't make a difference	32%	7%	27%	29%	47%	39%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%

		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal			Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Should Romney Release Taxes?						
He should	50%	84%	83%	63%	20%	20%
He should not	41%	13%	14%	30%	67%	68%
Not sure	8%	3%	3%	7%	13%	13%

		ldeolog	deology				
		Very	Som ew hat		Som ew hat	Very	
	Base	liberal	liberal	Moderate	conservative	conservative	
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?		•	•	-			
They are intentionally skewing their polls		19%	10%	32%	73%	78%	
They are not	38%	66%	74%	50%	9%	9%	
Not sure	17%	16%	16%	18%	18%	13%	

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Obama Approval		- -		
Approve	48%	55%	41%	
Disapprove	49%	42%	58%	
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability		-	
Favorable	46%	40%	53%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	42%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obam a/Rom ne y		-	
Barack Obama	48%	54%	40%
Mitt Romney	48%	42%	57%
Undecided	4%	4%	3%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Trust More on Econ.?				
Barack Obama	47%	54%	39%	
Mitt Romney	49%	41%	58%	
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Trust More on Foreign Policy?				
Barack Obama	49%	55%	42%	
Mitt Romney	47%	41%	54%	
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Voter Enthusiasm		-	
Very excited	63%	64%	62%
Somewhat excited	23%	22%	24%
Not at all excited	14%	15%	14%

		Gender	Gender		
	Base	Base Woman			
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?					
Obam a cam paign	18%	22%	13%		
Romney campaign	16%	16%	16%		
Both campaigns	39%	38%	40%		
Neither campaign	24%	20%	28%		
Not sure	3%	4%	3%		

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?				
Barack Obama	48%	54%	41%	
Mitt Romney	42%	38%	48%	
Not sure	10%	9%	11%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Familiar w/Romney 47% Comments?			
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	89%	94%
Not familiar	9%	11%	6%





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?		-		
Appropriate	44%	41%	48%	
Inappropriate	50%	53%	47%	
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?				
More likely	28%	30%	25%	
Less likely	38%	41%	36%	
Don't make a difference	32%	27%	38%	
Not sure	2%	3%	0%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Should Romney Release Taxes?			
He should	50%	53%	47%
He should not	41%	38%	46%
Not sure	8%	9%	8%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?			
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	43%	49%
They are not	38%	39%	36%
Not sure	17%	18%	15%





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama Approval		='		-		
Approve	48%	79%	11%	38%		
Disapprove	49%	18%	89%	58%		
Not sure	2%	3%	0%	4%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Romney Favorability		='				
Favorable	46%	18%	82%	52%		
Unfavorable	49%	77%	13%	42%		
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	7%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama/Romney		='		•		
Barack Obama	48%	80%	9%	36%		
Mitt Romney	48%	18%	88%	54%		
Undecided	4%	2%	3%	10%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Trust More on Econ.?						
Barack Obama	47%	80%	7%	36%		
Mitt Romney	49%	17%	89%	58%		
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	6%		





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			•			
Barack Obama	49%	80%	10%	39%		
Mitt Romney	47%	17%	87%	52%		
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	9%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Voter Enthusiasm		='				
Very excited	63%	69%	58%	56%		
Somew hat excited	23%	20%	26%	24%		
Not at all excited	14%	11%	16%	20%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?						
Obama campaign	18%	30%	5%	11%		
Romney campaign	16%	5%	34%	12%		
Both campaigns	39%	42%	34%	38%		
Neither campaign	24%	19%	24%	36%		
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	2%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?						
Barack Obama	48%	80%	10%	38%		
Mitt Romney	42%	12%	79%	49%		
Not sure	10%	8%	11%	13%		





		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Familiar w/ Romney 47% Comments?		-	•				
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	91%	90%	93%			
Not familiar	9%	9%	10%	7%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat Republican Independent/Othe					
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?							
Appropriate	44%	19%	74%	54%			
Inappropriate	50%	77%	17%	42%			
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	4%			

		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?							
More likely	28%	13%	46%	32%			
Less likely	38%	62%	12%	27%			
Don't make a difference	32%	23%	41%	40%			
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	0%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Should Romney Release Taxes?						
He should	50%	76%	20%	40%		
He should not	41%	17%	68%	55%		
Not sure	8%	7%	12%	5%		





		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?							
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	19%	77%	55%			
They are not	38%	61%	9%	30%			
Not sure	17%	19%	14%	15%			

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	35%	91%	55%
Disapprove	49%	63%	6%	37%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	8%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	46%	59%	7%	34%
Unfavorable	49%	36%	88%	54%
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	12%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	48%	35%	92%	47%
Mitt Romney	48%	62%	7%	33%
Undecided	4%	3%	1%	20%





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Trust More on Econ.?		•		
Barack Obama	47%	33%	92%	51%
Mitt Romney	49%	63%	7%	33%
Not sure	4%	4%	1%	16%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Trust More on Foreign Policy?				
Barack Obama	49%	35%	92%	55%
Mitt Romney	47%	60%	7%	39%
Not sure	4%	5%	1%	6%

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	63%	58%	80%	65%	
Som ew hat excited	23%	25%	15%	17%	
Not at all excited	14%	17%	5%	18%	

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?					
Obama campaign	18%	12%	40%	13%	
Rom ney cam paign	16%	19%	2%	31%	
Both campaigns	39%	41%	34%	30%	
Neither campaign	24%	26%	15%	25%	
Not sure	3%	2%	8%	1%	





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?				
Barack Obama	48%	35%	92%	57%
Mitt Romney	42%	54%	3%	29%
Not sure	10%	11%	5%	14%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Familiar w/ Romney 47% Comments?				
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	92%	90%	91%
Not familiar	9%	8%	10%	9%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?				
Appropriate	44%	54%	10%	43%
Inappropriate	50%	39%	86%	56%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%	1%

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?					
More likely	28%	32%	10%	43%	
Less likely	38%	29%	69%	44%	
Don't make a difference	32%	38%	17%	13%	
Not sure	2%	1%	4%	-	





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Should Romney Release Taxes?		•		
He should	50%	39%	87%	59%
He should not	41%	51%	8%	41%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%	-

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?		-		
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	55%	12%	46%
They are not	38%	28%	70%	48%
Not sure	17%	17%	18%	5%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Obama Approval						
Approve	48%	58%	47%	49%	41%	
Disapprove	49%	35%	52%	50%	56%	
Not sure	2%	7%	1%	1%	3%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	46%	36%	47%	46%	52%	
Unfavorable	49%	54%	49%	49%	43%	
Not sure	6%	10%	4%	5%	5%	





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Obam a/Rom ney						
Barack Obama	48%	60%	45%	49%	40%	
Mitt Romney	48%	32%	52%	49%	56%	
Undecided	4%	8%	3%	3%	4%	

		Age					
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65		
Trust More on Econ.?							
Barack Obama	47%	58%	45%	48%	39%		
Mitt Romney	49%	34%	53%	49%	56%		
Not sure	4%	8%	2%	3%	5%		

		Age					
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65		
Trust More on Foreign Policy?		-					
Barack Obama	49%	61%	48%	49%	41%		
Mitt Romney	47%	34%	48%	47%	55%		
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%		

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	63%	75%	61%	62%	59%
Somewhat excited	23%	15%	26%	24%	22%
Not at all excited	14%	10%	13%	14%	19%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?					
Obam a campaign	18%	27%	20%	17%	14%
Romney campaign	16%	16%	15%	15%	19%
Both campaigns	39%	33%	34%	40%	43%
Neither campaign	24%	20%	29%	25%	19%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%

		Age					
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65		
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?							
Barack Obama	48%	60%	44%	49%	40%		
Mitt Romney	42%	33%	40%	44%	49%		
Not sure	10%	6%	16%	7%	11%		

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Familiar w/ Romney 47% Comments?					
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	90%	92%	93%	88%
Not familiar	9%	10%	8%	7%	12%

		Age						
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65			
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?								
Appropriate	44%	44%	40%	46%	46%			
Inappropriate	50%	51%	53%	50%	45%			
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	4%	9%			





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?					
More likely	28%	29%	26%	27%	30%
Less likely	38%	44%	40%	39%	32%
Don't make a difference	32%	27%	32%	33%	34%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	1%	3%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Should Romney Release Taxes?						
He should	50%	59%	48%	52%	44%	
He should not	41%	37%	42%	40%	47%	
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	9%	9%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?					
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	45%	43%	45%	50%
They are not	38%	43%	38%	39%	31%
Not sure	17%	13%	19%	16%	18%

		Area Code							
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Obama Approval									
Approve	48%	55%	50%	43%	36%	46%	57%		
Disapprove	49%	43%	47%	54%	64%	51%	41%		
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	3%	-	3%	1%		





		Area Code					
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Romney Favorability							
Favorable	46%	44%	43%	49%	54%	49%	40%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	51%	45%	39%	44%	54%
Not sure	6%	2%	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%

		Area Code						
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Obama/Romney								
Barack Obama	48%	54%	51%	41%	33%	43%	59%	
Mitt Romney	48%	43%	45%	55%	62%	52%	39%	
Undecided	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	

		Area Code							
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Trust More on									
Econ.?									
Barack Obama	47%	54%	49%	43%	33%	44%	56%		
Mitt Romney	49%	43%	46%	52%	64%	52%	42%		
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	4%	3%		

		Area Code						
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Trust More on Foreign Policy?		•		•				
Barack Obama	49%	54%	51%	45%	32%	45%	59%	
Mitt Romney	47%	43%	45%	50%	61%	50%	38%	
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	5%	7%	5%	3%	





		Area Code						
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Voter Enthusiasm								
Very excited	63%	68%	65%	71%	54%	60%	58%	
Somewhat excited	23%	16%	21%	15%	33%	29%	26%	
Not at all excited	14%	16%	14%	14%	14%	11%	16%	

		Area (	Code				
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Been Contacted by Obama, Romney, Both, or Neither?							
Obam a campaign	18%	19%	19%	17%	10%	17%	23%
Rom ney cam paign	16%	17%	19%	21%	14%	10%	12%
Both campaigns	39%	31%	39%	39%	43%	40%	38%
Neither campaign	24%	27%	20%	19%	31%	30%	24%
Not sure	3%	6%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%

		Area Code							
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Who Better Understands Your Struggles?									
Barack Obama	48%	43%	50%	47%	37%	48%	56%		
Mitt Romney	42%	45%	37%	46%	54%	42%	36%		
Not sure	10%	12%	12%	7%	10%	11%	8%		

		Area Code							
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Familiar w/ Romney 47% Comments?									
Familiar with Romney's comments	91%	89%	91%	94%	93%	90%	90%		
Not familiar	9%	11%	9%	6%	7%	10%	10%		





		Area Code							
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Romney's Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?									
Appropriate	44%	46%	39%	46%	57%	48%	38%		
Inappropriate	50%	50%	52%	50%	37%	46%	57%		
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	4%	7%	6%	5%		

		Area Code						
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Romney's Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him?								
More likely	28%	31%	24%	29%	28%	31%	28%	
Less likely	38%	32%	47%	37%	31%	30%	42%	
Don't make a difference	32%	36%	28%	33%	40%	36%	28%	
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	

		Area Code						
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Should Romney Release Taxes?			,	•				
He should	50%	46%	53%	54%	31%	50%	57%	
He should not	41%	45%	43%	40%	55%	38%	33%	
Not sure	8%	9%	4%	6%	14%	11%	10%	

		Area (	Code				
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Are Pollsters Skewing Polls to Help Obama?							
They are intentionally skewing their polls	46%	52%	36%	53%	55%	49%	39%
They are not	38%	31%	47%	35%	28%	34%	40%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%	12%	17%	16%	20%

