

NBC News/Marist Poll
Colorado 2012 Presidential Election
Questionnaire

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<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in Colorado?

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GENDER GUESS

Residents: n=1257, MOE +/-2.8%

Have I reached you on your cell phone or on your regular home phone?

	Residents
Cell	30
Regular home phone	70
Total	100

Residents: n=1257, MOE +/-2.8%

Are you registered to vote at your current address in Colorado?

	Residents
Yes	82
No	17
Unsure	1
Refused	0
Total	100

Registered voters

Percent
82

Registered voters: n=1030, MOE +/- 3.0%

Would you rate your chances of voting in November's presidential election as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Registered Voters
Excellent	79
Good	13
Fair	5
Poor	3
Total	100

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

Barack Obama, the Democrat
Mitt Romney, the Republican
Other
Undecided
Total

Registered Voters
44
42
1
13
100

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Registered Voters Including Those Who are Undecided yet Leaning Toward a Candidate	
	46
	45
	1
	8
	100

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Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on Election Day?

Strongly support
Somewhat support
Might vote differently
Unsure
Total

Registered Voters
71
23
6
0
100

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Using the numbers 1 through 5, with 1 meaning very interested and 5 meaning not interested at all, how interested are you in the presidential election?

1 - Very interested
2
3
4
5 - Not interested at all
Total

Registered Voters
56
12
14
9
9
100

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Thinking about November's presidential election, do you plan to vote early or by absentee, vote on Election Day, or have you not decided?

	Registered Voters
Vote early or by absentee	50
Vote on Election Day	20
Have not decided	30
Total	100

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Have you ever voted before in a presidential election?

	Registered Voters
Yes	92
No	8
Total	100

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters
Approve	45
Disapprove	49
Unsure	6
Total	100

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All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Headed in the right direction	38	38
Off on the wrong track	56	56
Unsure	6	6
Total	100	100

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In which year were you born (recoded into age of respondent)?

	Residents	Registered Voters
18 to 29	18	13
30 to 44	27	27
45 to 59	28	30
60 or older	27	31
Total	100	100

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Are you white, black or African-American, Latino or Hispanic, Asian, or Native American? (If not Latino: Are you Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?)

	Residents	Registered Voters
White	76	79
African American or Black	3	3
Latino or Hispanic	18	16
Other	3	3
Total	100	100

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Which of the following includes your combined family income before taxes:

	Residents	Registered Voters
Less than \$15,000 a year	12	8
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	13	12
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	21	22
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	19	20
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	13	13
\$100,000 or more	22	25
Total	100	100

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Which county in Colorado do you live in (recoded into region of the state)?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Denver/Boulder	19	19
Denver Suburbs	30	31
Front Range	34	34
Rest of State	17	16
Total	100	100

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Do you consider yourself a:

	Registered Voters
Democrat	31
Republican	35
Independent	34
Other	100
Total	

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

	Registered Voters
Tea Party Supporters	26
No	67
Unsure	7
Total	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1)

Would you say you strongly support the Tea Party Movement or just support it?

	Registered Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	9
Support Tea Party	17
Does not support Tea Party	67
Unsure	7
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

	Registered Voters
Favorable	47
Unfavorable	47
Unsure	6
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Mitt Romney?

	Registered Voters
Favorable	43
Unfavorable	43
Unsure	14
Total	100

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Thinking about November's presidential election, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting?

	Registered Voters
Very enthusiastic	44
Somewhat enthusiastic	37
Not too enthusiastic	14
Not enthusiastic at all	5
Total	100

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Which candidate will do a better job handling the economy:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	42
Mitt Romney	45
Unsure	13
Total	100

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Which candidate comes closer to your views on social issues such as abortion, contraception, and same-sex marriage:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	48
Mitt Romney	41
Unsure	11
Total	100

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Which is more important in deciding your vote for president:

	Registered Voters
The economy	74
Social issues	20
Undecided	6
Total	100

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Which candidate will do a better job handling foreign policy:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	47
Mitt Romney	39
Undecided	14
Total	100

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Which candidate will do a better job reducing the national debt:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	37
Mitt Romney	50
Undecided	14
Total	100

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Which candidate best understands the problems of people like yourself:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	49
Mitt Romney	40
Undecided	12
Total	100

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Would you be more likely to vote for:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama because he supports same-sex marriage	28
Mitt Romney because he opposes same-sex marriage	27
Or does this not make much difference in how you might vote	45
Unsure	1
Total	100

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Would you be more likely to vote for: Barack Obama because he supports same-sex marriage, Mitt Romney because he opposes same-sex marriage, or does this not make much difference in how you might vote? [And, would you be much more likely to vote for Barack Obama/Mitt Romney because he supports/opposes same-sex marriage, or just somewhat more likely]?

	Registered Voters
Much more likely to vote for Barack Obama because he supports same-sex marriage	13
Somewhat more likely to vote for Barack Obama because he supports same-sex marriage	14
Somewhat more likely to vote for Mitt Romney because he opposes same-sex marriage	12
Much more likely to vote for Mitt Romney because he opposes same-sex marriage	15
Does not make a difference in how you might vote	46
Unsure	1
Total	100

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Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?

	Registered Voters
Economic conditions mostly inherited	54
Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	37
Unsure	9
Total	100

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When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:

	Residents	Registered Voters
The worst is yet to come	41	39
The worst is behind us	52	54
Unsure	7	7
Total	100	100

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During the next 12 months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Economy will get better	32	33
Economy will get worse	16	14
Economy will stay about the same	47	48
Unsure	4	4
Total	100	100

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In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Get better	31	29
Get worse	9	10
Stay about the same	59	61
Total	100	100

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On another topic, politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

	Registered Voters
Very liberal	5
Liberal	18
Moderate	34
Conservative	31
Very conservative	12
Total	100

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Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Protestant	47	50
Catholic	22	22
Jewish	2	2
Other	11	10
No Religion	17	16
Total	100	100

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Would you describe yourself as a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Yes	19	20
No	81	80
Total	100	100

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What is the highest level of school you completed or the highest degree you received (recoded)?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Not college graduate	58	53
College graduate	42	47
Total	100	100

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Are you male or female?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Male	50	48
Female	50	52
Total	100	100