

NBC News/Marist Poll
Nevada 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 Nevada?

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GENDER GUESS

Residents: n=1265, MOE +/-2.8%

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

	Residents
Cell	28
Regular home phone	72
Total	100

Residents: n=1265, MOE +/-2.8%

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

	Residents
Yes	82
No	17
Unsure	1
Refused	0
Total	100

Registered voters

Percent
82

Registered voters: n=1040, MOE +/- 3.0%

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

	Registered Voters
Excellent	76
Good	14
Fair	6
Poor	4
Total	100

Registered voters: n=1040, MOE +/- 3.0%

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
46
44
1
10
100

TOSSUP TO BE USED	
Registered Voters Including Those Who are Undecided yet Leaning Toward a Candidate	
	48
	46
	1
	5
	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
74
20
5
1
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
61
9
14
5
10
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	42
Vote on Election Day	25
Have not decided	33
Total	100

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Have you ever voted before in a presidential election?

	Registered Voters
Yes	90
No	10
Total	100

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

	Registered Voters
Approve	46
Disapprove	47
Unsure	7
Total	100

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If November's election for U.S. Senate in Nevada were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters	TOSSUP TO BE USED
		Registered Voters Including Those
		Who are Undecided yet Leaning
		Toward a Candidate
Shelley Berkley, the Democrat	41	44
Dean Heller, the Republican	44	46
Undecided	15	10
Total	100	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	39	39
Off on the wrong track	53	55
Unsure	8	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	20	15
30 to 44	28	28
45 to 59	27	29
60 or older	25	28
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	60	64
African American or Black	7	8
Latino or Hispanic	22	19
Other	11	9
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	10
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	12	11
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	26	26
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	20	20
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	12	12
\$100,000 or more	18	21
Total	100	100

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

	Residents	Registered Voters
Washoe County	16	17
Clark County	72	72
Rest of State	12	11
Total	100	100

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Do you consider yourself a:

	Registered Voters
Democrat	40
Republican	38
Independent	21
Other	1
Total	100

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

	Registered Voters
Tea Party Supporters	27
No	63
Unsure	10
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	18
Does not support Tea Party	63
Unsure	10
Total	100

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

	Registered Voters
Favorable	48
Unfavorable	46
Unsure	6
Total	100

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

	Registered Voters
Favorable	44
Unfavorable	41
Unsure	15
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	50
Somewhat enthusiastic	32
Not too enthusiastic	10
Not enthusiastic at all	7
Total	100

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Which candidate will do a better job handling the economy:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	44
Mitt Romney	44
Unsure	11
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	50
Mitt Romney	40
Unsure	10
Total	100

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Which is more important in deciding your vote for president:

	Registered Voters
The economy	78
Social issues	17
Undecided	5
Total	100

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Which candidate will do a better job handling foreign policy:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	50
Mitt Romney	40
Undecided	11
Total	100

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

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama	39
Mitt Romney	50
Undecided	11
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	11
Total	100

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Would you be more likely to vote for:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama because he supports same-sex marriage	25
Mitt Romney because he opposes same-sex marriage	27
Or does this not make much difference in how you might vote	47
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	12
Somewhat more likely to vote for Barack Obama because he supports same-sex marriage	13
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	47
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	56
Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	36
Unsure	8
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	40	40
The worst is behind us	52	52
Unsure	9	8
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	31	33
Economy will get worse	18	18
Economy will stay about the same	46	44
Unsure	5	5
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	38	35
Get worse	10	11
Stay about the same	52	54
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	3
Liberal	20
Moderate	36
Conservative	30
Very conservative	11
Total	100

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Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Protestant	43	44
Catholic	29	27
Jewish	2	3
Other	12	13
No Religion	14	14
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	14	16
No	86	84
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	65	62
College graduate	35	38
Total	100	100

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Are you male or female?

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