

**NBC News/Marist Poll
2012 Republican Presidential Iowa Caucus
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 <state name>:

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GENDER GUESS

PRIMRULE: STATE PRIMARY RULES.

- Open - enrollment - walk-up
- Open - enrollment - no walk-up
- Open - no enrollment - walk-up
- Open - no enrollment - no walk-up
- Semi-open - enrollment - walk-up
- Semi-open - enrollment - no walk-up
- Closed - enrollment - walk-up
- Closed - enrollment - no walk-up

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

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

	Percent
Cell	27
Regular home phone	73
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

	Percent
Cell	32
Regular home phone	68
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Percent
Yes	88
No	11
Not a U.S. Citizen	0
Unsure	1
Refused	0
Total	100

Non-registered voters

What are the chances that you will register to vote in time for the Iowa caucus, are you:

	Percent
Almost certain to register to vote	11
Probably going to register to vote	7
The chances are fifty-fifty	17
Or you do not think you will register to vote by then	60
Unsure	4
Refused	1
Total	100

NRVVOTE: Are you registered to vote at your current address? If NO: What are the chances that you will register to vote in time for the Iowa caucus, are you:

	Percent
Registered to vote	88
Almost certain/Probably will register	2
Not registered/Not likely to register	9
Unsure	0
Refused	0
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2)

Percent
90

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2905, MOE +/-1.8%

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

	Percent
Approve	45
Disapprove	43
Unsure	12
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Percent
87
12
0
1
0
100

Non-registered voters

Percent
12
8
16
54
7
4
100

Percent
87
2
9
1
1
100

Percent
90

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2896, MOE +/-1.8%

Percent
43
46
12
100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2905, MOE +/-1.8%

Do you plan to participate in the Iowa:

	Percent
Republican caucus	20
Democratic caucus	15
Or do you plan to wait to vote in the general election	53
Not planning to vote	6
Unsure	6
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

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

	Percent
18 to 29	16
30 to 44	24
45 to 59	28
60 or older	32
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

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

	Percent
White	91
African American or Black	2
Latino or Hispanic	4
Other	3
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

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

	Percent
Less than \$15,000 a year	12
15,000 to just under \$25,000	14
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	26
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 or more	15
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2896, MOE +/-1.8%

	Percent
Republican caucus	18
Democratic caucus	17
Or do you plan to wait to vote in the general election	54
Not planning to vote	4
Unsure	6
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

	Percent
18 to 29	22
30 to 44	24
45 to 59	28
60 or older	27
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

	Percent
White	91
African American or Black	2
Latino or Hispanic	4
Other	3
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

	Percent
Less than \$15,000 a year	12
15,000 to just under \$25,000	13
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	26
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	21
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 or more	15
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

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

	Percent
Eastern Cities	25
East Central	24
Central	30
West	22
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Percent
Yes	78
No	21
Unsure	0
Refused	0
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Of all the telephone calls that you receive are:

	Percent
All calls received on a cell phone	18
Almost all calls received on a cell phone	15
Some received on a cell phone and some received on a regular home phone	31
Very few received on a cell phone	19
None received on a cell phone	17
Unsure	1
Refused	1
Total	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Percent
25
24
30
22
100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Percent
77
23
0
1
100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Percent
20
16
30
16
18
0
1
100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2905, MOE +/-1.8%

Are you registered/Will you register to vote as a:

	Percent
Democrat	38
Republican	28
Independent, that is not enrolled in any party	34
Other	0
Total	100

REPSEL: REPUBLICANS – PRTID=05 OR PRTDF=04 OR PARTYR=05
 Republican=1

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	19	46
No	70	47
Unsure	11	7
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1)

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	6	19
Support Tea Party	13	27
Does not support Tea Party	70	47
Unsure	11	7
Total	100	100

POTREP=1
 IF (REPSEL=1)
 OR (PRIMRULE=1, 2, 3, 4, 7 AND PRIMPRF=1)
 OR ((PRIMRULE=5, 6) AND (PARTYR=03 OR PRTDF=02, 03) AND (PRIMPRF=1))

POTREP: POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTORATE=1

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2896, MOE +/-1.8%

	Percent
Democrat	36
Republican	28
Independent, that is not enrolled in any party	35
Other	0
Total	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	21	47
No	70	45
Unsure	9	8
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1)

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	6	20
Support Tea Party	15	27
Does not support Tea Party	70	45
Unsure	9	8
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1):
n=884, MOE +/-3.3%

Would you rate your chances of participating in the Republican presidential caucus in Iowa as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Percent
Excellent	34
Good	25
Fair	16
Poor	25
Total	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters:
n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

December 30: If the 2012 Republican presidential caucus in Iowa were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

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	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	13	13
Mitt Romney	22	22
Michele Bachmann	5	6
Rick Santorum	11	14
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Ron Paul	19	19
Rick Perry	13	13
Undecided	16	12
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters:
n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support	48	53
Somewhat support	36	33
Might vote differently	15	13
Unsure	2	2
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%

	Percent
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Fair	17
Poor	25
Total	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

December 4: Tossup with Cain supporters' second choice:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	26	27
Mitt Romney	19	19
Michele Bachmann	7	7
Rick Santorum	4	6
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Ron Paul	17	18
Rick Perry	10	10
Undecided	15	12
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support	36	40
Somewhat support	39	40
Might vote differently	23	19
Unsure	2	1
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

December 30: Tossup including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate:

	Percent	TOSSUP TO BE USED Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	23	23
Ron Paul	20	21
Rick Santorum	12	15
Rick Perry	14	14
Newt Gingrich	14	13
Michele Bachmann	5	6
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Undecided	10	7
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

December 4: Tossup with Cain supporters' second choice:

	Percent	COMPARISON Likely Voters
	19	19
	18	19
	4	6
	11	10
	27	28
	7	7
	2	2
	12	9
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1) with a candidate preference: n=738, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely voters: n=379, MOE +/- 5.0%

Who is your second choice for the Republican presidential caucus in Iowa?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	11	13
Mitt Romney	22	21
Michele Bachmann	10	11
Rick Santorum	13	15
Jon Huntsman	3	3
Herman Cain	n/a	n/a
Ron Paul	11	9
Rick Perry	21	20
Undecided	9	8
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1) with a candidate preference: n=765, MOE +/-3.5%; Likely voters: n=372, MOE +/- 5.1%

	Percent	Likely Voters
	18	19
	19	17
	12	12
	7	8
	3	3
	10	11
	11	10
	13	11
	8	9
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1):
n=884, MOE +/-3.3%

Using the numbers 1 to 5, with 1 meaning very interested and 5 meaning not interested at all,
how interested are you in the Iowa Republican presidential caucus?

	Percent
1 - Very interested	40
2	15
3	22
4	10
5 - Not interested at all	12
Total	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters:
n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Have you ever participated before in the Iowa Republican presidential caucus?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	47	63
No	53	37
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters:
n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Which one of the following qualities is most important to you in deciding who to support for
the Republican presidential nomination? A candidate who:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Shares your values	30	30
Is closest to you on the issues	23	23
Can beat President Obama in 2012	27	28
Has the experience to govern	16	15
Unsure	4	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%

Percent
33
16
24
12
16
100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

Percent	Likely Voters
45	65
55	35
100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

Percent	Likely Voters
29	29
29	31
21	21
19	16
3	2
100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Mitt Romney?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	50	50
Acceptable but with reservations	27	27
Not acceptable	19	21
Unsure	4	3
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Newt Gingrich?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	33	35
Acceptable but with reservations	27	28
Not acceptable	36	35
Unsure	5	3
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Rick Perry?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	43	44
Acceptable but with reservations	29	29
Not acceptable	22	24
Unsure	6	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	48	46
Acceptable but with reservations	25	28
Not acceptable	23	24
Unsure	4	3
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	50	54
Acceptable but with reservations	28	27
Not acceptable	18	16
Unsure	5	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	39	38
Acceptable but with reservations	30	31
Not acceptable	26	27
Unsure	5	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Ron Paul?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	35	35
Acceptable but with reservations	23	21
Not acceptable	36	41
Unsure	5	3
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Michele Bachmann?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	34	37
Acceptable but with reservations	26	25
Not acceptable	34	34
Unsure	6	3
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Rick Santorum?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	42	49
Acceptable but with reservations	23	22
Not acceptable	23	22
Unsure	12	7
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	38	38
Acceptable but with reservations	33	34
Not acceptable	25	26
Unsure	5	3
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Which one of the following candidates do you consider to be the true conservative:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	7	6
Mitt Romney	8	7
Michele Bachmann	15	16
Rick Santorum	19	23
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Ron Paul	21	21
Rick Perry	13	11
None	4	4
Undecided	11	9
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Which one of the following candidates do you think can best debate President Obama:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	34	37
Mitt Romney	25	26
Michele Bachmann	3	4
Rick Santorum	3	3
Jon Huntsman	1	1
Ron Paul	14	13
Rick Perry	8	7
None	2	2
Undecided	10	7
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Which is more important to you:

	Percent	Likely Voters
The Republican nominee for president is a true conservative	53	54
The Republican nominee for president can best debate President Obama	38	39
Unsure	9	7
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

In the past month, have you been contacted by Newt Gingrich's campaign?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	61	68
No/Unsure	39	32
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

In the past month, have you been contacted by Mitt Romney's campaign?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	62	68
No/Unsure	38	32
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

In the past month, have you been contacted by Michele Bachmann's campaign?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	56	62
No/Unsure	44	38
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

In the past month, have you been contacted by Rick Santorum's campaign?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	37	44
No/Unsure	63	56
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

In the past month, have you been contacted by Ron Paul's campaign?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	65	72
No/Unsure	35	28
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

In the past month, have you been contacted by Rick Perry's campaign?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	62	69
No/Unsure	38	31
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Do you want Sarah Palin to run for president in 2012, or not?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	15	14
No	80	81
Unsure	5	6
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

Do you want Jeb Bush to run for president in 2012, or not?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	15	17
No	70	70
Unsure	15	13
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters: n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Very liberal	1	1
Liberal	4	3
Moderate	25	23
Conservative	45	42
Very conservative	26	31
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916, MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%

	Percent	Likely Voters
	3	3
	6	5
	27	25
	45	42
	20	26
Total	100	100

**Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1):
n=884, MOE +/-3.3%**

Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Percent
Protestant	71
Catholic	22
Other	3
No Religion	4
Total	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1) & Religion is Protestant, Other, None, or Refused

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	45	46
No	55	54
Total	100	100

**Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters:
n=433, MOE +/- 4.7%**

Do you consider a Mormon to be a Christian, or not?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	55	55
No-Unsure	45	45
Total	100	100

**Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=884, MOE +/-3.3%; Likely voters:
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What is the highest level of school you completed or the highest degree you received (recoded)?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Not college graduate	64	60
College graduate	36	40
Total	100	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

Are you male or female?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Male	49	59
Female	51	41
Total	100	100

**Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%**

	Percent
Protestant	71
Catholic	22
Other	5
No Religion	3
Total	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1) & Religion is Protestant, Other, None, or Refused

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	36	38
No	64	62
Total	100	100

**Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%**

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	54	55
No-Unsure	46	45
Total	100	100

**Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=916,
MOE +/-3.2%; Likely voters: n=425, MOE +/- 4.8%**

	Percent	Likely Voters
Not college graduate	59	51
College graduate	41	49
Total	100	100

Residents: n=3223, MOE +/-1.7%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Male	49	59
Female	51	41
Total	100	100