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 2012 Republican Presidential Primary/Caucus State
 Questionnaire
 Florida

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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

- 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=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

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

	Percent
Cell	28
Regular home phone	72
Total	100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

	Percent
Cell	30
Regular home phone	70
Total	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Percent
Yes	84
No	15
Not a U.S. Citizen	0
Unsure	0
Refused	0
Total	100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

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

Registered voters (NRVOTE=1,2)

	Percent
Registered voters (NRVOTE=1,2)	84

	Percent
Registered voters (NRVOTE=1,2)	88

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

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

	Percent
Approve	46
Disapprove	45
Unsure	9
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Percent
Barack Obama, the Democrat	51
Newt Gingrich, the Republican	39
Undecided	10
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Percent
Barack Obama, the Democrat	49
Ron Paul, the Republican	36
Undecided	14
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Percent
Barack Obama, the Democrat	48
Mitt Romney, the Republican	41
Undecided	11
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

Do you plan to vote in the Florida:

	Percent
Republican primary	30
Democratic primary	31
Or do you plan to wait to vote in the general election	33
Not planning to vote	2
Unsure	4
Refused	0
Total	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

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

	Percent
18 to 29	18
30 to 44	22
45 to 59	27
60 or older	33
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2225, MOE +/-2.1%

Percent
41
49
10
100

Percent
n/a
n/a
n/a
n/a

Percent
n/a
n/a
n/a
n/a

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2225, MOE +/-2.1%

Percent
45
43
12
100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2225, MOE +/-2.1%

Percent
32
30
32
1
4
1
100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
17
24
29
30
100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

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	64
African American or Black	13
Latino or Hispanic	18
Other	5
Total	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

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

	Percent
Less than \$15,000 a year	14
15,000 to just under \$25,000	13
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	28
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	16
Total	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

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

	Percent
North/Panhandle	19
Orlando/Central Atlantic Coast	21
Tampa Bay Area	16
South Central	14
Miami/South	30
Total	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

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

	Percent
Yes	82
No	18
Unsure	0
Total	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

Of all the telephone calls that you receive are:

	Percent
All calls received on a cell phone	21
Almost all calls received on a cell phone	18
Some received on a cell phone and some received on a regular home phone	28
Very few received on a cell phone	16
None received on a cell phone	15
Unsure	1
Refused	1
Total	100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
64
13
19
4
100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
14
14
27
19
11
15
100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
19
21
16
14
30
100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
85
14
1
100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
22
19
29
17
12
0
1
100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

Are you registered to vote as a:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Democrat	44	
Republican	33	100
Independent, that is not enrolled in any party	22	
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2119, MOE +/-2.1%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	24	51
No	66	40
Unsure	10	9
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1 & REPSEL=1)

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	7	21
Support Tea Party	17	30
Does not support Tea Party	66	40
Unsure	10	9
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

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Would you rate your chances of voting in the Republican presidential primary in Florida as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Excellent	71	80
Good	15	15
Fair	9	3
Poor	5	2
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

If the 2012 Republican presidential primary in Florida were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	39	42
Mitt Romney	26	27
Michele Bachmann	4	3
Rick Santorum	1	2
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Herman Cain	n/a	n/a
Ron Paul	9	8
Gary Johnson	n/a	n/a
Rick Perry	4	4
Undecided	14	12
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2225, MOE +/-2.1%

Are you registered to vote as a:

	Percent	Likely Voters
Democrat	43	
Republican	35	100
Independent, that is not enrolled in any party	22	
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2225, MOE +/-2.1%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	26	50
No	65	44
Unsure	9	6
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1 & REPSEL=1)

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	8	20
Support Tea Party	18	30
Does not support Tea Party	65	44
Unsure	9	6
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Excellent	75	83
Good	14	13
Fair	5	2
Poor	5	2
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	6	6
Mitt Romney	30	31
Michele Bachmann	3	2
Rick Santorum	1	1
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Herman Cain	29	32
Ron Paul	7	6
Gary Johnson	1	0
Rick Perry	9	8
Undecided	13	11
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

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	44	47
Somewhat support	34	31
Might vote differently	20	20
Unsure	2	2
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
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Newt Gingrich	41	44
Mitt Romney	28	29
Michele Bachmann	4	3
Rick Santorum	1	2
Jon Huntsman	3	3
Herman Cain	n/a	n/a
Ron Paul	9	8
Gary Johnson	n/a	n/a
Rick Perry	4	4
Undecided	10	8
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1) with a candidate preference: n=570, MOE +/-4.1%; Likely voters: n=406, MOE +/- 4.9%

Who is your second choice for the Republican presidential primary in Florida?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	23	24
Mitt Romney	31	31
Michele Bachmann	10	10
Rick Santorum	6	6
Jon Huntsman	4	4
Ron Paul	7	7
Rick Perry	9	9
Undecided	10	9
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

If the 2012 Republican presidential primary in Florida were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are: (Three Candidate Field)

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	48	51
Mitt Romney	31	31
Ron Paul	11	10
Undecided	11	9
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

If the 2012 Republican presidential primary in Florida were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are: (Two Candidate Field)

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	51	54
Mitt Romney	37	36
Undecided	12	10
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Strongly support	40	44
Somewhat support	29	27
Might vote differently	28	27
Unsure	2	2
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	6	6
Mitt Romney	32	33
Michele Bachmann	3	2
Rick Santorum	1	1
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Herman Cain	30	32
Ron Paul	7	6
Gary Johnson	1	0
Rick Perry	10	9
Undecided	9	8
Total	100	100

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	n/a	n/a
Mitt Romney	n/a	n/a
Michele Bachmann	n/a	n/a
Rick Santorum	n/a	n/a
Jon Huntsman	n/a	n/a
Ron Paul	n/a	n/a
Rick Perry	n/a	n/a
Undecided	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	n/a	n/a
Mitt Romney	n/a	n/a
Ron Paul	n/a	n/a
Undecided	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a

	Percent	Likely Voters
Newt Gingrich	n/a	n/a
Mitt Romney	n/a	n/a
Undecided	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%
 Using the numbers 1 to 5, with 1 meaning very interested and 5 meaning not interested at all, how interested are you in the Florida Republican presidential primary?

	Percent	Likely Voters
1 - Very interested	58	69
2	10	11
3	15	10
4	7	5
5 - Not interested at all	9	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%
 Have you ever voted before in the Florida Republican presidential primary?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	87	92
No	13	8
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%
 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	27	26
Is closest to you on the issues	24	23
Can beat President Obama in 2012	24	28
Has the experience to govern	21	20
Unsure	5	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%
 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	57	58
Acceptable but with reservations	26	28
Not acceptable	11	10
Unsure	5	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%
 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	62	65
Acceptable but with reservations	19	20
Not acceptable	13	11
Unsure	5	4
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%
 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	27	27
Acceptable but with reservations	29	31
Not acceptable	35	35
Unsure	9	7
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
1 - Very interested	61	71
2	10	11
3	15	10
4	5	3
5 - Not interested at all	8	5
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	86	92
No	14	8
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

	Percent	Likely Voters
Shares your values	27	26
Is closest to you on the issues	27	28
Can beat President Obama in 2012	22	23
Has the experience to govern	22	21
Unsure	3	3
Total	100	100

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	n/a	n/a
Acceptable but with reservations	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	n/a	n/a
Unsure	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	n/a	n/a
Acceptable but with reservations	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	n/a	n/a
Unsure	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a

	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	n/a	n/a
Acceptable but with reservations	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	n/a	n/a
Unsure	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

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	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	26	27	n/a	n/a
Acceptable but with reservations	29	30	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	37	37	n/a	n/a
Unsure	8	6	n/a	n/a
Total	100	100	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Would it be acceptable or not acceptable if the Republican presidential nominee supports an individual mandate for health-care insurance?

	Percent	Likely Voters	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	29	25	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	61	64	n/a	n/a
Unsure	10	10	n/a	n/a
Total	100	100	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Would it be acceptable or not acceptable if the Republican presidential nominee favors allowing illegal immigrants to obtain in-state tuition?

	Percent	Likely Voters	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	14	14	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	79	80	n/a	n/a
Unsure	6	6	n/a	n/a
Total	100	100	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Would it be acceptable or not acceptable if the Republican presidential nominee tolerates Iran building a nuclear weapon?

	Percent	Likely Voters	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	5	5	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	91	92	n/a	n/a
Unsure	4	3	n/a	n/a
Total	100	100	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Would it be acceptable or not acceptable if the Republican presidential nominee supports limited amnesty for some illegal immigrants?

	Percent	Likely Voters	Percent	Likely Voters
Acceptable	51	53	n/a	n/a
Not acceptable	42	41	n/a	n/a
Unsure	7	7	n/a	n/a
Total	100	100	n/a	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Politically speaking, do you think Mitt Romney is a:

	Percent	Likely Voters	Percent
Liberal	9	10	n/a
Moderate	54	56	n/a
Conservative	23	23	n/a
Unsure	13	10	n/a
Total	100	100	n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination who is endorsed by Herman Cain?

	Percent	Likely Voters
More likely	30	33
Less likely	31	29
Makes no difference	31	32
Unsure	8	6
Total	100	100

Percent
n/a
n/a
n/a
n/a
n/a

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

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	5	3
Moderate	27	26
Conservative	48	49
Very conservative	19	21
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

Percent	Likely Voters
1	1
4	4
31	28
45	47
19	21
100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Percent	Likely Voters
Protestant	63	64
Catholic	26	26
Jewish	2	2
Other	3	2
No Religion	5	5
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

Percent	Likely Voters
56	58
28	28
4	4
3	2
9	8
100	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	41	42
No	59	58
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

Percent	Likely Voters
27	28
73	72
100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Yes	55	57
No-Unsure	45	43
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

Percent	Likely Voters
56	58
44	42
100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=683, MOE +/-3.8%; Likely voters: n=469, MOE +/- 4.5%

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

	Percent	Likely Voters
Not college graduate	54	51
College graduate	46	49
Total	100	100

Potential Republican primary electorate (POTREP=1): n=748, MOE +/-3.6%; Likely Voters: n=524, MOE +/-4.3%

Percent	Likely Voters
54	53
46	47
100	100

Residents: n=2524, MOE +/-2.0%

Are you male or female?

	Percent
Male	48
Female	52
Total	100

Residents: n=2520, MOE +/-2.0%

Percent
48
52
100