



# Ipsos Poll Conducted for Reuters

Daily Election Tracking: 10.15.12

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Thomson Reuters from Oct. 11-15, 2012. For the survey, a sample of 2,106 American registered voters and 1,864 Likely Voters (all age 18 and over) was interviewed online. Likely voter model adjusted to include all respondents who have voted, as of 10/15/12. The precision of the Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a [credibility interval](#). In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.4 percentage points for Registered Voters and 2.6 for Likely Voters. For more information about credibility intervals, please see the appendix.

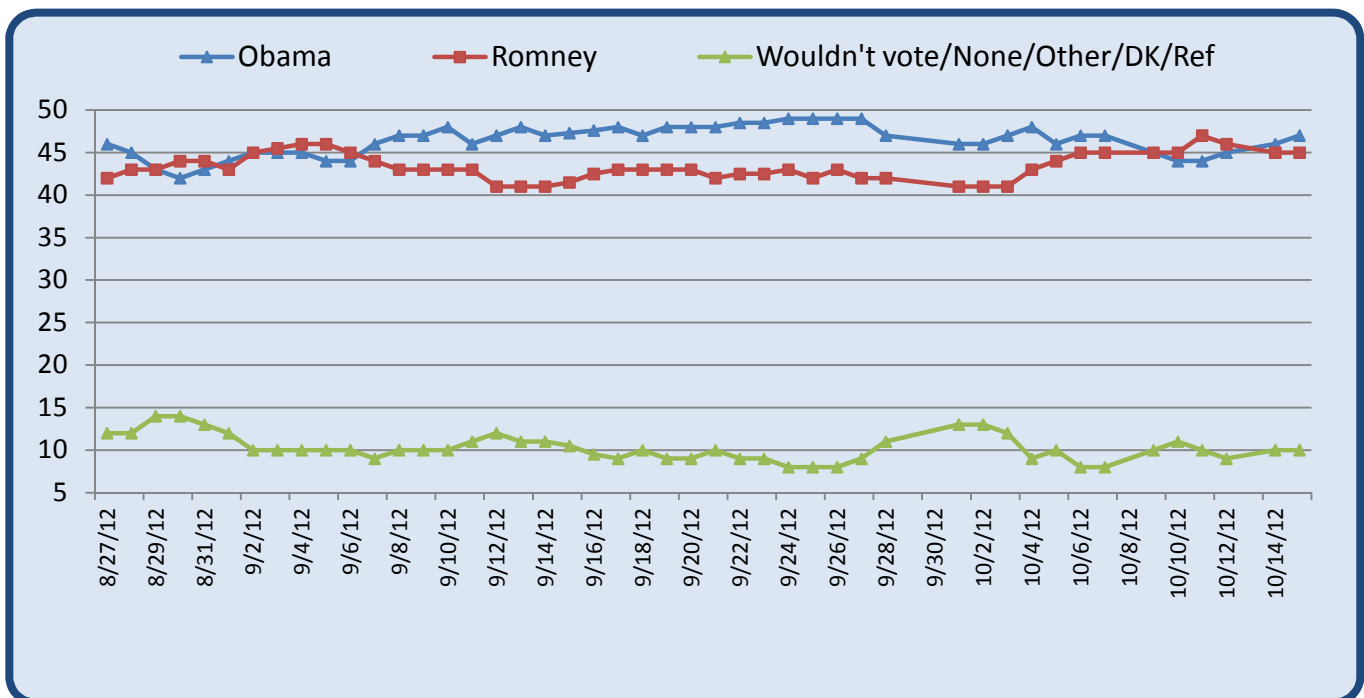
The data were weighted to the U.S. current population data by gender, age, education, and ethnicity. Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Figures marked by an asterisk (\*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a percent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.

## VOTING INTENTION

Q1. If the 2012 Presidential Election were being held today and the candidates were [ROTATE] Barack Obama for president and Joe Biden for vice president, the Democrats, and Mitt Romney for president and Paul Ryan for vice president, the Republicans [END ROTATE], for whom would you vote?

	All LIKELY Voters (LV)	All Registered Voters (RV)	Democrats (RV)	Republicans (RV)	Independents (RV)
Barack Obama for president and Joe Biden for vice president, the Democrats	47%	46%	85%	8%	33%
Mitt Romney for president and Paul Ryan for vice president, the Republicans	45%	42%	8%	85%	32%
Wouldn't vote	1%	3%	1%	1%	8%
None / Other	3%	4%	2%	3%	8%
Don't know / Refused	6%	7%	5%	3%	19%

Obama & Romney Vote Share Daily Data: 2012 Conventions to present (Likely Voters only)





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### OTHER VOTING QUESTIONS

[ASK IF OBAMA OR ROMNEY SELECTED IN Q1]

Q2. Have you definitely decided to vote for [INSERT RESPONSE FROM Q1], or is there a chance you might change your mind before you vote?

<i>(n=1,841)</i>	<u>All Registered Voters (RV)</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Definitely will vote for candidate	85%	85%	88%	72%
Could change my mind	15%	15%	12%	28%

Q3. Have you already voted in the upcoming November general election by going to an early voting location, or by mailing in an early voting or absentee ballot, or not?

	<u>All Registered Voters (RV)</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Yes	10%	9%	11%	10%
No	90%	91%	89%	90%

[IF "Yes" at Q3, ASK Q4]

Q4. For whom did you vote for President?

<i>(n=163)</i>	<u>All Registered Voters (RV)</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President,	55%			
Mitt Romney for President and Paul Ryan for Vice President,	43%	<i>Base size too small to report data</i>		
Other	2%			

[IF "No" at Q3, ASK Q5]

Q5. And do you plan to vote at an early voting location or by mailing in an early voting or absentee ballot?

<i>(n=1,943)</i>	<u>All Registered Voters (RV)</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Yes – I plan to vote at an early voting location	13%	16%	13%	7%
Yes – I plan to mail in an early voting ballot	8%	8%	11%	5%
Yes – I plan to mail in an absentee ballot	7%	8%	7%	5%
No – I do not plan to vote early	71%	68%	69%	83%



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### CANDIDATE PREFERENCES ON POLICIES

Q6. In your opinion, which candidate for President has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following?

		All Registered Voters (RV)	Democrats (RV)	Republicans (RV)	Independents (RV)
Healthcare	Barack Obama, Democrat	42%	76%	9%	33%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	35%	6%	71%	25%
	Neither	11%	8%	9%	21%
	Don't know	12%	10%	10%	21%
The war on terror	Barack Obama, Democrat	37%	68%	9%	25%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	32%	6%	67%	22%
	Neither	12%	10%	10%	23%
	Don't know	18%	16%	14%	29%
The US Economy	Barack Obama, Democrat	37%	70%	7%	22%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	38%	7%	77%	29%
	Neither	12%	9%	8%	26%
	Don't know	13%	13%	8%	23%
Immigration	Barack Obama, Democrat	32%	60%	8%	21%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	31%	6%	63%	21%
	Neither	15%	12%	12%	25%
	Don't know	22%	21%	17%	33%
Social Security	Barack Obama, Democrat	40%	72%	10%	26%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	32%	6%	67%	23%
	Neither	13%	10%	11%	23%
	Don't know	15%	11%	12%	27%
Medicare	Barack Obama, Democrat	41%	75%	10%	29%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	33%	6%	68%	25%
	Neither	12%	8%	10%	26%
	Don't know	14%	12%	12%	21%
Taxes	Barack Obama, Democrat	41%	74%	9%	32%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	35%	6%	73%	27%
	Neither	12%	9%	9%	21%
	Don't know	12%	11%	9%	20%
Gay marriage	Barack Obama, Democrat	43%	72%	17%	31%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	25%	6%	51%	16%
	Neither	15%	10%	15%	25%
	Don't know	17%	13%	17%	28%
Jobs and employment	Barack Obama, Democrat	39%	72%	8%	23%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	38%	9%	75%	30%
	Neither	10%	8%	8%	20%
	Don't know	13%	11%	9%	27%
The federal government deficit	Barack Obama, Democrat	29%	56%	4%	21%
	Mitt Romney, Republican	38%	9%	75%	33%
	Neither	16%	17%	11%	25%
	Don't know	16%	17%	10%	21%



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### MIDDLE EAST

Q7. How much, if anything, have you heard about the violence in several Middle Eastern countries including Egypt, Libya and Yemen that included attacks on U.S. embassies or consulates?

	All Registered Voters (RV)	Democrats (RV)	Republicans (RV)	Independents (RV)
Heard a great deal	36%	32%	46%	25%
Heard a fair amount	35%	34%	36%	35%
Heard a little bit	23%	28%	15%	35%
Not heard anything at all	6%	7%	3%	5%
<b>Heard at least a little</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>95%</b>

Q8. Do you approve or disapprove about the way each leader is handling the current situation in the Egypt and Libya?

	All Registered Voters (RV)	Democrats (RV)	Republicans (RV)	Independents (RV)
<b>Secretary of State Hillary Clinton</b>				
Strongly approve	20%	38%	5%	11%
Somewhat approve	15%	23%	7%	12%
Lean towards approve	16%	16%	15%	14%
Lean towards disapprove	9%	5%	14%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	2%	14%	9%
Strongly disapprove	16%	2%	31%	18%
Don't know	17%	15%	14%	26%
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>President Barack Obama</b>				
Strongly approve	19%	36%	5%	12%
Somewhat approve	14%	24%	4%	13%
Lean towards approve	12%	17%	6%	13%
Lean towards disapprove	8%	4%	11%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	7%	2%	12%	5%
Strongly disapprove	25%	3%	52%	22%
Don't know	15%	13%	10%	23%
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney</b>				
Strongly approve	12%	3%	25%	8%
Somewhat approve	13%	5%	25%	6%
Lean towards approve	13%	8%	20%	16%
Lean towards disapprove	12%	18%	4%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	7%	10%	3%	7%
Strongly disapprove	17%	31%	2%	14%
Don't know	26%	25%	22%	35%
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>36%</b>



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<b>PARTY ID</b>	<u>All Registered Voters (RV)</u>
Strong Democrat	19%
Moderate Democrat	18%
Lean Democrat	7%
Lean Republican	8%
Moderate Republican	19%
Strong Republican	13%
Independent	13%
None of these	2%
DK	2%