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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 15-18, 2011 with a random sample of **~1,004**—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~889**—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~439**—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

4. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Next, I'm going to read a list of people who are considered the most likely candidates to run in the Republican primaries for president. After I read all the names, please tell me which one you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for president in 2012, or if you would support someone else. [RANDOM ORDER: Minnesota Congresswoman, Michele Bachmann; Businessman, Herman Cain; Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich; Former Utah governor, Jon Huntsman; Texas Congressman, Ron Paul; Texas governor, Rick Perry; Former Massachusetts governor, Mitt Romney; Former Pennsylvania senator, Rick Santorum].

BASED ON -439—REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	2011 Sep 15-18	2011 Aug 4-7
Rick Perry	31	17
Mitt Romney	24	24
Ron Paul	13	14
Michele Bachmann	5	13
Newt Gingrich	5	7
Herman Cain	5	4
Rick Santorum	2	1
Jon Huntsman	1	2
Tim Pawlenty	--	3
Other	4	4
None/Any/No opinion	10	10

5. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Suppose the choice for the Republican presidential nomination narrows down to Rick Perry and Mitt Romney. Which one would you prefer the Republican Party nominate for president – [ROTATED: Rick Perry (or) Mitt Romney]?

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	<u>Perry</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	49	39	11

6. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Which type of candidate would you prefer to see the Republicans nominate for president in 2012 – [ROTATED: a candidate who agrees with you on almost all of the issues you care about but does not have the best chance of beating Barack Obama, (or) a candidate who has the best chance of beating Barack Obama, but who does not agree with you on almost all of the issues you care about]?

BASED ON –439—REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	<u>Agrees on issues</u>	<u>Best chance of beating Obama</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	43	53	4

Thinking now about the general election for president in November 2012, suppose the election were being held today...

Q.7/7A-Q.8/8A ROTATED IN PAIRS

7. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- [ROTATED: Barack Obama, the Democrat (or) Mitt Romney, the Republican]?

7A. *(Asked of those who are undecided)* As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATED: Obama, the Democrat (or) Romney, the Republican]?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>					
2011 Sep 15-18	47	49	*	3	1
<u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u>					
2011 Sep 15-18	46	48	*	3	2

8. If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Texas governor Rick Perry were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- [ROTATED: Barack Obama, the Democrat (or) Rick Perry, the Republican]?

8A. *(Asked of those who are undecided)* As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATED: Obama, the Democrat (or) Perry, the Republican]?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Perry</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>					
2011 Sep 15-18	50	45	*	3	2
<u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u>					
2011 Sep 15-18	49	45	*	4	2