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DECEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Note: Q. 4-7 should be cited as a Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 15-18, 2011 with a random sample of –1,019— 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 –898— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –468—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –461—Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –564—professional football fans, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 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.

8. Next we have some questions about the 2012 presidential campaign. Please try to answer each question based on what you may have heard or read so far about the campaign and the candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties. [RANDOM ORDER]

A. Does it make a real difference to you who is elected president, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Dec 15-18	79	20	1
2008 Jan 10-13	87	12	1
2007 Dec 14-16	90	10	*
2000 Mar 10-12	60	35	5
2000 Jan 7-10	54	37	9
1996 May 9-12	57	40	3
1992 Oct 23-25	76	22	2
1992 Sep 11-15	66	30	4
1992 Apr 20-22	53	43	4
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	53	42	5
1992 Jan 6-9	60	30	10

B. Is there any candidate running who you think would make a good president, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Dec 15-18	48	46	6
2008 Jan 10-13	84	11	5
2007 Dec 14-16	83	14	4
2000 Mar 10-12	71	24	5
2000 Jan 7-10	75	16	9
1996 May 9-12	57	39	4
1992 Oct 23-25	68	26	6
1992 Sep 11-15	61	32	7
1992 Apr 20-22	47	44	9
1992 Jan 6-9	40	41	19

C. Does the way the presidential campaign is being conducted make you feel as though the election process is working as it should, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Dec 15-18	39	58	3
2008 Jan 10-13	67	30	3
2007 Dec 14-16	47	49	3
2000 Mar 10-12	53	43	4
2000 Jan 7-10	57	37	6

Q.8 CONTINUED

D. Are the presidential candidates talking about issues you really care about, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Dec 15-18	57	38	4
2008 Jan 10-13	72	24	4
2000 Oct 13-15 ^	77	20	3
2000 Mar 10-12	60	35	5
2000 Jan 7-10	54	37	9
1996 May 9-12	57	40	3
1992 Oct 23-25	76	22	2
1992 Sep 11-15	66	30	4
1992 Apr 20-22	53	43	4
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	53	42	5
1992 Jan 6-9	60	30	10

^ Based on registered voters.

E. Do you feel that any of the presidential candidates have come up with good ideas for solving the country's problems, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Dec 15-18	42	54	5
2008 Jan 10-13	58	36	6
1996 May 9-12	44	52	4
1992 Oct 23-25	65	30	5
1992 Sep 11-15	50	44	6
1992 Apr 20-22	35	58	7
1992 Mar 20-22	32	57	11
1992 Jan 6-9	29	61	10

1992-2008 wording: Next we have some questions about the 2008 presidential campaign. Please try to answer each question based on what you may have heard or read so far about the campaign and the candidates.

14. Next, we'd like you to rate the job elected officials in Washington have done this year. Please say whether you think each of the following has done an excellent, good, fair or poor job this year. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2011 Dec 15-18</i> <i>(sorted by "excellent")</i>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No opinion
President Barack Obama	8	24	28	39	*
The Democrats in Congress	3	15	34	47	2
The Republicans in Congress	2	10	36	51	2