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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 16-19, 2012 with a random sample of **~1,014**—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 **~481**—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±6** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~437**—Democrats and Democratic-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 2011 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.

6. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Are you generally pleased with the selection of the candidates running for the Republican nomination, or do you wish someone else was running for president?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	<u>Pleased with selection</u>	<u>Wish someone else was running</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012			
2012 Feb 16-19	44	55	2
2008			
2007 Sep 7-8 ^	70	26	4
2007 Apr 13-15 ^	61	33	7
1996			
1996 Feb 23-25	46	49	5
1992			
1992 Mar 11-12	59	39	2
1992 Feb 19-20	62	32	6

^ WORDING: Given your understanding of who is definitely running for the Republican nomination for president, are you generally pleased with that selection of candidates, or do you wish someone else would get into the race?

9. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Do you think the continuing campaign for the Republican nomination is hurting the party or not hurting the party?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	<u>Hurting</u>	<u>Not hurting</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	40	57	4

10. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* In your view, would it be better for one of the four Republican candidates running to win enough delegates in the primaries to secure the presidential nomination before the party's convention, or would it be better if none of the four candidates won enough delegates so that the party can pick someone else to be the nominee at the convention?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	<u>Better if one wins enough delegates in primaries</u>	<u>Better if none wins enough delegates and convention chooses</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	66	29	6