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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.

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19. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with – [RANDOM ORDER] -- on the issues that matter most to you.

**A. Barack Obama**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	47	50	3
2011 May 12-15 ^	46	51	2
2011 Apr 20-23 ^	45	52	3
2008 Oct 23-26	52	45	3
2007 Nov 2-4	48	38	13

^ Asked as a single item/Not in rotation with other items

**B. Mitt Romney**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	42	47	10
2007 Nov 2-4	26	49	26

**C. Rick Santorum**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	42	42	15

20. For each of the following candidates, please say whether you think his political views are too conservative, about right, or too liberal. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

**A. Barack Obama**

	<u>Too conservative</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	10	35	51	4
2009 Jan 9-11 ^	5	57	34	4
2008 Sep 5-7	6	44	45	5
2008 Aug 21-23	6	43	43	8
2008 Jun 15-19	9	43	40	8
2008 Feb 8-10	8	47	37	8

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**B. Mitt Romney**

	<u>Too conservative</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	33	36	22	9

**C. Rick Santorum**

	<u>Too conservative</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 16-19	38	37	13	13