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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 6-9, 2012 with a random sample of -1,017—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 -923—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 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.

1. I'm going to read a list of five candidates for president who may appear on the ballot in a significant number of states this November. Supposing that all of these candidates were on the ballot in your state, which one would you be most likely to vote for -- [ROTATED: Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate, Mitt Romney, the Republican candidate, Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party candidate, Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, Virgil Goode, the Constitution Party candidate,] or will you be voting for someone else?
- 1A. *(Asked of those who are undecided)* As of today, which one of these candidates do you lean toward?

COMBINED RESULTS: Q.1/1A

	Registered voters		National adults	
	2012 Sep 6-9	2012 Jun 7-10	2012 Sep 6-9	2012 Jun 7-10
Barack Obama (Democrat)	50	47	51	45
Mitt Romney (Republican)	43	40	40	39
Jill Stein (Green Party)	1	1	1	*
Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party)	1	3	1	2
Virgil Goode (Constitution Party)	1	*	1	*
Ron Paul (vol.)	*	2	*	2
Other	1	1	*	1
Won't vote (vol.)	1	5	3	8
No opinion	3	2	3	2

20. In your view, do the Republican and Democratic parties do an adequate job of representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?

	<u>Do adequate job</u>	<u>Third party needed</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Sep 6-9	45	46	9
2011 Sep 8-11	38	55	8
2011 Apr 20-23	40	52	8
2010 Aug 27-30	35	58	7
2008 Sep 8-11	47	47	6
2007 Sep 14-16	39	57	4
2007 Jul 6-8	33	58	10
2006 Sep 7-10	45	48	7
2003 Oct 10-12	56	40	4