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PRE-DEBATES POLL

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Note: Q.18-19 should be cited as a Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 24-27, 2012 with a random sample of –1,446— 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 ± 3 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –1,301— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 3 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 per 1,000 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.

3. Regardless of which candidate you support, who do you think will do a better job in the upcoming presidential debates –[ROTATED: Mitt Romney, (or) Barack Obama]?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Sep 24-27	57	33	3	6

4. (*Asked of Obama or Romney voters*) Is there anything [Mitt Romney/Barack Obama] could say or do during the upcoming presidential debates that would cause you to change your vote for president?

<i>2012 Sep 24-27</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
All Obama/Romney voters ^	15	83	2
<i>Obama voters</i>	16	82	2
<i>Romney voters</i>	13	86	2

^ Based on -1,317—who support Obama or Romney; ± 3 pct pts

10. Next, we'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. How about -- [ITEMS A-B READ IN ORDER, THEN ITEMS C-D READ IN RANDOM ORDER]?

A. Barack Obama

	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion		Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion
<u>2012</u>				<u>2008</u>			
2012 Sep 24-27	55	44	1	2008 Aug 21-23	63	32	5
				2008 Jul 25-27	61	35	4
2012 Aug 20-22	53	46	1	2008 Jun 15-19	64	31	5
2012 Jul 19-22	53	45	2	2008 May 30-Jun 1	58	37	5
2012 Jul 9-12	54	43	3	2008 May 1-3	58	37	5
2012 May 10-13	52	46	2	2008 Apr 18-20	60	34	6
2012 Feb 16-19	50	48	2	2008 Mar 14-16	62	33	6
<u>2011</u>				2008 Feb 21-24	61	32	7
2011 Dec 15-18	55	44	1	2008 Feb 8-10	58	34	8
2011 Apr 20-23	52	46	2	2008 Jan 30-Feb 2	59	32	8
2011 Mar 25-27	54	43	3	2008 Jan 10-13	59	32	9
2011 Jan 14-16	53	45	2	<u>2007</u>			
<u>2010</u>				2007 Dec 14-16	57	30	13
2010 Nov 4-7	49	48	3	2007 Nov 30-Dec 2	53	33	13
2010 Oct 14-17	47	50	3	2007 Nov 2-4	53	30	17
2010 Jul 8-11	52	44	4	2007 Oct 12-14	53	32	15
2010 May 24-25	54	43	3	2007 Oct 4-7	54	27	19
2010 Mar 26-28	52	48	1	2007 Sep 14-16	56	29	15
<u>2009</u>				2007 Sep 7-8	48	32	21
2009 Dec 11-13	56	42	2	2007 Aug 13-16	52	29	19
2009 Oct 16-19	55	42	3	2007 Aug 3-5	48	34	18
2009 Oct 1-4	56	40	4	2007 Jul 12-15	49	26	25
2009 Jul 10-12	66	33	1	2007 Jul 6-8	53	27	21
2009 May 29-31	67	32	1	2007 Jun 1-3	53	25	23
2009 Mar 27-29	69	28	3	2007 May 10-13	55	20	25
2009 Jan 9-11	78	18	5	2007 May 4-6	50	24	25
<u>2008</u>				2007 Apr 13-15	52	27	20
2008 Nov 7-9	68	27	4	2007 Apr 2-5	49	24	26
2008 Oct 31-Nov 2 †	62	34	4	2007 Mar 23-25	53	24	23
2008 Oct 10-12	62	35	2	2007 Mar 2-4	58	18	24
2008 Oct 3-5	62	34	3	2007 Feb 9-11	53	19	28
2008 Sep 5-7	62	35	3	<u>2006</u>			
2008 Aug 30-31 †	61	32	8	2006 Dec 8-10 ^	42	11	47

^ WORDING: Illinois Senator, Barack Obama.

† USA Today/Gallup poll asked on Gallup tracking survey

Q.10 (FAVORABLES) CONTINUED

B. Mitt Romney

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Sep 24-27	47	48	1	4
2012 Aug 20-22	48	46	1	4
2012 Jul 19-22	46	45	3	6
2012 Jul 9-12	39	48	4	9
2012 May 10-13	50	41	2	7
2012 Feb 16-19	39	47	7	7
2011 Dec 15-18	40	42	9	9
2010 Jul 8-11	36	28	18	18
2009 Jul 10-12	37	29	16	18
2008 Feb 8-10	34	46	7	13
2008 Jan 30- Feb 2	37	39	10	14
2008 Jan 10-13 ^	32	42	13	14
2007 Dec 14-16	32	35	17	15
2007 Nov 30-Dec 2	36	30	20	14
2007 Nov 2-4	28	31	24	17
2007 Oct 12-14	26	34	23	17
2007 Oct 4-7	29	26	29	15
2007 Sep 14-16	27	35	23	15
2007 Sep 7-8	27	28	28	17
2007 Aug 13-16	33	24	26	17
2007 Aug 3-5	22	31	30	17
2007 Jul 12-15	22	28	31	18
2007 Jul 6-8	23	31	30	16
2007 Jun 1-3	25	24	31	19
2007 May 10-13	27	19	41	14
2007 May 4-6	24	22	39	15
2007 Apr 13-15	23	24	36	17
2007 Apr 2-5	25	21	37	17
2007 Mar 23-25	22	18	37	22
2007 Mar 2-4	23	19	41	17
2007 Feb 9-11	18	18	47	18
2006 Dec 8-10 †	19	12	52	17

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: Massachusetts Governor, Mitt Romney.