

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## 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  $\pm 3$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –1,301— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  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.**

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Thinking now about Congress,

8. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?
- 8A. (*If undecided or other*) As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

**COMBINED RESULTS (Q.8/8A): BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS**

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Other/ undecided</u>
<b>Registered voters</b>			
2012 Sep 24-27	47	46	8
2012 Aug 20-22	47	47	6
2012 May 10-13	44	50	6
2012 Feb 16-19	47	47	6
2011 Dec 15-18	49	45	6
2011 Aug 4-7	51	44	6
<b>National adults</b>			
2012 Sep 24-27	49	43	8
2012 Aug 20-22	49	44	7
2012 May 10-13	46	47	7
2012 Feb 16-19	46	48	6
2011 Dec 15-18	49	45	7
2011 Aug 4-7	49	45	6