

The New York Times **POLL**

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Florida Likely voters N = 1,177 Ohio Likely voters N = 1,193 Pennsylvania Likely voters N = 1,168

All results are among likely voters.

How much attention have you been paying to the election campaign for President - a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None
7/24-30/12 FL	60	25	11	4
OH	54	31	10	4
PA	54	33	11	2

Most people do not vote in every election. How likely is it that you will vote in the Presidential election in November - would you say you will definitely vote, probably vote, possibly not vote, or definitely not vote?

	Definitely	Probably	Possibly	Definitely	
	Vote	vote	not vote	not vote	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	100				
OH	100				
PA	100				

1. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote? (Candidate names ROTATED) (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Obama or Romney? (Candidate names ROTATED) *RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS*

		Obama	Romney	Someone else	(vol.)	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	51	45	1		4
	он	50	44	1		4
	PA	53	42	1		4

1a.(If candidate chosen in Q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	Minal made	Might change mind	DIZ /NIA
	Mind made up	Might change mind	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	89	10	-
Obama voters	89	11	-
Romney voters	90	10	-
OH	87	12	1
Obama voters	86	13	1
Romney voters	89	10	1
PA	87	12	1
Obama voters	84	15	1
Romney voters	90	9	1

Questions Q2 and Q3 ROTATED

2. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Haven't heard enough	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	41	42	14	3
OH	40	43	15	3
PA	39	47	11	3

3. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Haven't heard enough	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	50	46	2	2
OH	51	45	2	2
PA	53	42	2	3

4a. & 4b. (If candidate chosen in Q1) Thinking about your vote for president, would you describe your support for [SELECTED CANDIDATE] as strongly favoring him, or do you like him but with reservations, or do you support him because you dislike [SELECTED CANDIDATE]?

	Strongly	Like with	Dislike	
	favor	reservations	other	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	58	26	14	2
Obama voters	65	24	10	1
Romney voters	s 49	29	19	3
OH	52	33	15	1
Obama voters	60	31	9	1
Romney voters	s 42	35	22	1
PA	51	34	13	1
Obama voters	59	33	7	1
Romney voters	s 41	37	22	1

FLORIDA:

5. Turning to this year's general election for United States Senator from Florida, if the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Connie Mack the Republican and Bill Nelson the Democrat, for whom would you vote? As of today, do you lean more toward Mack or Nelson? (Candidate names ROTATED) *RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS*

	Mack	Nelson	Someone else	(vol.)	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	40	47	1		12

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Scott is handling his job as Governor?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	36	52	13

OHIO:

5. Turning to this year's general election for United States Senator from Ohio, if the election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Sherrod Brown the Democrat and Josh Mandel the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Brown or Mandel? (Candidate names ROTATED) *RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS*

	Brown	Mandel	Someone else	(vol.)	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	51	39	1		9

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Kasich is handling his job as Governor?

	Approve	Dısapprove	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	47	38	15

PENNSYLVANIA:

5. Turning to this year's general election for United States Senator from Pennsylvania, if the election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Bob Casey Jr. the Democrat and Tom Smith the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Casey Jr. or Smith? *RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS*

Casey Smith Someone else (vol.) DK/NA 7/24-30/12 55 37 - 8

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling his job as Governor?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	38	45	17

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

		Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	48	48	4
	OH	48	48	3
	PA	49	46	4

8. In deciding who you would like to see elected President this year, which one of the following issues will be most important to you ROTATE OPTION LIST (national security, the economy, health care, the budget deficit, taxes, immigration, or something else?)

	FL	OH	PA
National security	3	4	3
Economy	52	48	54
Health care	22	20	20
Budget deficit	9	12	8
Taxes	5	5	6
Immigration	2	2	1
Something else	5	7	7
DK/NA	2	2	2

9. Compared to past presidential elections, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about voting in this year's presidential election -- are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

	More	Less	Same	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	32	19	49	1
OH	32	21	47	-
PA	29	22	49	-

10. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	26	41	32	1
OH	26	39	34	1
PA	20	39	39	2

11. Do you think (Ohio's/Florida's/Pennsylvania's) economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA	
7/24-30/12 FL	23	32	43	2	
OH	33	26	40	1	
PA	16	32	49	3	

Questions Q12 and Q13 ROTATED 12. Would you say that Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Does	Does not	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	55	42	3
OH	55	43	2
PA	58	39	3

13. Would you say that Mitt Romney cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

		Does	Does	not	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	42	49		9
	ОН	38	55		7
	PA	39	54		7

14. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on the economy - Barack Obama or Mitt Romney? (Candidate names ROTATED)

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	45	47	9
	OH	46	45	8
	PA	48	44	7

15. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on health care - Barack Obama or Mitt Romney? (Candidate names ROTATED)

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	50	42	8
	OH	48	42	9
	PA	51	41	8

16. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on national security - Barack Obama or Mitt Romney? (Candidate names ROTATED)

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	48	44	8
	OH	50	41	9
	PA	50	40	9

Questions Q17 and Q18 ROTATED

17. If Barack Obama is reelected, do you think his economic policies would help your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or won't make a difference?

7/24-30/12		Help 23	Hurt 38	No difference 36	DK/NA
	OH PA	26 23	38 37	34 37	1

18. If Mitt Romney is elected, do you think his economic policies would help your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or won't make a difference?

	Help	Hurt	No difference	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	31	30	34	4
OH	26	37	34	4
PA	26	32	37	5

19. From what you have read or heard, does Mitt Romney have the right kind of business experience to get the economy creating jobs again or is Romney's kind of business experience too focused on making profits?

	Right kind of experie	ence Too focused on profits	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	42	48	10
OH	41	50	9
PA	42	51	8

20. Which comes closest to your view of Barack Obama's economic policies: 1. They are improving the economy now, and will probably continue to do so, OR 2. They have not improved the economy yet, but will if given more time, OR 3. They are not improving the economy and probably never will.

		Improving	Will	No	Made	DK/
		now	improve	improvement	worse (vol.)	NA
7/24-30/12	FL	25	30	43	1	1
	ОН	24	30	44	-	1
	PA	21	35	42	-	1

21. Do you think presidential candidates should publicly release several years of tax returns, or is releasing only one or two years of tax returns necessary, or don't you think it is necessary for presidential candidates to release any of their tax returns?

	Should release	Should release	Not	DK/
	several years	1-2 years	necessary	NA
7/24-30/12 FL	53	19	23	5
OH	51	18	28	3
PA	54	17	25	4

22. In order to reduce the federal budget deficit, do you support or oppose raising income taxes on households making more than \$250,000 per year?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	58	37	6
OH	60	37	3
PA	62	34	3

23. How important will television campaign ads be to your vote for president this year? Very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	10	14	17	58	-
OH	8	14	20	58	1
PA	7	14	23	56	-

Questions Q24 and Q25 ROTATED

Have you seen any commercials on television for Mitt Romney, or not? IF YES, ASK: Did most of Mitt Romney's television commercials spend more time explaining what Mitt Romney stands for, or did they spend more time attacking Barack Obama?

	Yes, explained	Yes, attacked	No, haven't seen	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	20	62	8	10
OH	21	62	7	9
PA	18	51	21	10

Have you seen any commercials on television for Barack Obama, or not? IF YES, ASK: Did most of Barack Obama's television commercials spend more time explaining what Barack Obama stands for, or did they spend more time attacking Mitt Romney?

	Yes, explai	ned Yes,	attacked No,	haven't seen	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	24		57	7	12
OH	28		55	7	10
PA	24		50	16	10

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

7/24-30/12 FI	Republican L 27	Democrat 36	Independent 32	Other 4	DK/NA 1	
OI	H 27	35	32	4	1	
PZ	A 32	38	26	3	1	

IF REPUBLICAN: Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a strong Republican?

	Strong Republican	Not strong	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	67	28	5
OH	59	39	2
PA	63	35	2

IF DEMOCRAT: Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or not a strong Democrat?

		Strong Democrat	Not	strong	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	73		26	1
	OH	68		31	1
	PA	66		32	1

IF INDEPENDENT: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican party or the Democratic party?

	Republican	Democrat	Neither (vo	DL.) DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	39	38	22	1
OH	37	38	21	3
PA	33	48	18	2

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	17	40	38	5
OH	21	39	35	4
PA	20	43	35	2

Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, some other party, or are you not affiliated with any party?

	Rep	Dem	Other party	Indep/Unaffiliated/No party	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	36	42	1	20	1
OH	35	42	-	20	2
PA	40	46	1	11	1

Do you consider yourself part of the Tea Party movement or not?

		Yes	No	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	13	83	4
	OH	13	83	4
	PA	11	87	2

Did you vote for President in 2008, did something prevent you from voting, or did you choose not to vote for President in 2008?

	Voted	Didn't vote	Couldn't/Ineligible	(Vol.)	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	92	4	3		-
OH	89	7	3		-
PA	92	5	2		1

Did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

	Obama	McCain	Someone else	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	53	40	4	3
OH	53	38	5	4
PA	54	40	3	3

Are you currently married?

		Yes	No	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	53	47	-
	OH	54	45	-
	PA	58	41	-

Do you have any children under the age of 18?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 F	l 23	77	-
01	н 25	74	-
P	A 28	71	

Are you or is any member of your household a member of a LABOR UNION?

		Yes	No	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	FL	10	90	-
	OH	23	76	1
	PA	22	77	1

What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Mormon	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FI	42	22	6	-	-	9	18	3
OF	i 47	23	1	-	-	7	16	4
PF	40	33	3	-	1	5	15	3

Would you consider yourself a born-again Christian or evangelical Christian, or wouldn't you consider yourself either of those?

	Yes	No	DK/NA	Not asked
7/24-30/12 FL	32	38	3	27
OH	32	42	3	22
PA	26	50	2	22

Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or any other Spanish speaking background?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
FL	12	87	-
OH	2	98	1
PA	3	96	1
	•	FL 12 OH 2	FL 12 87 OH 2 98

Do you identify yourself as white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	77	13	1	7	1
OH	84	11	-	3	1
PA	83	11	1	4	2

In what year were you born?

7/24-30/12	\mathbf{FL}	OH	PA
18-29	12	13	8
30-44	15	18	21
45-64	43	47	43
65+	31	22	28

Education question series: Did you receive a high school diploma? IF RECEIVED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: Did you ever attend college? IF "YES": Did you graduate? IF ATTENDED COLLEGE: Was this from a 4-year college, a junior college/two year program, or a vocational/technical school? IF ATTENDED/GRADUATED FOUR YEAR COLLEGE: Did you ever attend graduate school? IF "YES": Did you receive a graduate degree?

7/24-30/12	\mathbf{FL}	OH	PA
Less than HS	8	7	5
High School	16	21	23
Some College	44	43	38
College Grad	15	11	14
Some Grad School	4	5	4
Post Grad Degree	13	12	16

About what do you think your total household income will be this year? Will it be \ldots

WIII IC DC	FL	ОН	PA
Less than \$15,000	10	12	6
Between \$15,000 and \$30,000	16	16	16
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000	22	19	19
Between \$50,000 and \$100,000	25	24	27
Or over \$100,000	16	17	20
DK/NA	11	12	11

IF INCOME OVER \$100,000: Would you say that your total household income will be under \$250,000, or \$250,000 or more?

	Less than \$250,000	\$250,000 or more	DK/NA
7/24-30/12 FL	84	13	3
OH	82	17	1
PA	84	15	2

		Male	Female
7/24-30/12 F	L	46	54
0	н	48	52
P	А	48	52