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Florida
Total N = 1,239
Registered N = 1,122
Likely voters N = 1,073

Ohio
Total N = 1,236
Registered N = 1,154
Likely voters N = 1,110

Virginia
Total N = 1,207
Registered N = 1,118
Likely voters N = 1,074

All results are among likely voters unless otherwise noted.

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

		A lot	Some	Only a little	None	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	54	25	14	7	
	8/15-21/12	58	24	13	4	-
	9/18-24/12	69	22	7	3	-
	10/23-28/12	74	17	6	3	-
OH	7/24-30/12	50	32	12	7	
	8/15-21/12	52	31	13	4	-
	9/18-24/12	61	25	9	4	_
	10/23-28/12	75	15	6	3	-
VA	7/31-8/6/12	54	29	14	3	
	9/11-17/12	63	24	10	2	-
	10/4-9/12	69	20	8	4	
	10/23-28/12	78	15	4	3	-

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? (Among registered voters)

		Already	Definitely	Probably	Possibly	Definitely	
		voted	vote	vote	not vote	Not vote	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	NA	85	9	4	1	_
	8/15-21/12	NA	90	7	1	1	_
	9/18-24/12	NA	92	6	1	_	_
	10/23-28/12	20	73	5	1	1	
OH	7/24-30/12	NA	87	7	4	1	1
	8/15-21/12	NA	88	9	2	1	-
	9/18-24/12	NA	92	5	2	-	-
	10/23-28/12	23	72	3	1	1	-
VA	7/31-8/6/12	NA	NA	89	8	2	1
	9/11-17/12	NA	NA	90	7	2	-
	10/4-9/12	NA	2	92	4	2	-
	10/23-28/12	6	88	5	1	-	

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, ASK:) As of today, do you lean more toward Obama or Romney? (Candidate names ROTATED) RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS AND EARLY VOTERS

		Obama	Romney	Someone else(vol.)	DK/NA
${ t FL}$	7/24-30/12	51	45	1	4
	8/15-21/12	49	46	1	5
	9/18-24/12	53	44	1	3
	10/23-28/12	48	47	1	3
OH	7/24-30/12	50	44	1	4
	8/15-21/12	50	44	2	4
	9/18-24/12	53	43	1	3
	10/17-20/12*	50	45	1	3
	10/23-28/12	50	45	1	4
VA	7/31-8/6/12	49	45	1	5
	9/11-17/12	50	46	1	3
	10/4-9/12	51	46	1	3
	10/23-28/12	49	47	1	3

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(If already voted) In the election for president, did you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

		Obama	Romney	Someone else (vol.)	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	50	44	1	5
ОН	10/17-20/12*	54	39	1	6
	10/23-28/12	60	34	2	5
VA	10/23-28/12**				

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^{**}Sample size too small to measure

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

			Mind made	Might change mind	DK/NA
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FL	7/24-30/12	All voters	89	10	_
		Obama voters	89	11	_
	8/15-21/12	Romney voters All voters	90 89	10 9	_ 1
	0/13-21/12	Obama voters	89	10	1
		Romney voters	90	9	1
	9/18-24/12	All voters	92	7	1
	3/10 21/12	Obama voters	91	8	1
		Romney voters	92	7	1
	10/23-28/12	All voters	96	3	_
	10, 23 20, 12	Obama voters	98	2	_
		Romney voters	95	5	_
ОН	7/24-30/12	All voters	87	12	1
011	7/24 30/12	Obama voters	86	13	1
		Romney voters	89	10	1
	8/15-21/12	All voters	89	11	1
	0/13-21/12	Obama voters	89	11	1
		Romney voters	88	12	1
	9/18-24/12	All voters	92	7	1
	9/10-24/12	Obama voters	91	8	_
				-	2
	10/17 20/12+	Romney voters	92	6	۷
	10/17-20/12*	All voters	95	4	_
		Obama voters	95	5	_
	10/00 00/10	Romney voters	95	4	-
	10/23-28/12	All voters	96	4	1
		Obama voters	96	4	1
	_ / / _ /	Romney voters	96	4	-
VA	7/31-8/6/12	All voters	90	9	1
		Obama voters	90	9	1
		Romney voters	90	8	1
	9/11-17/12	All voters	92	8	-
		Obama voters	91	9	-
		Romney voters	92	7	-
	10/4-9/12	All voters	93	6	1
		Obama voters	94	6	1
		Romney voters	93	7	-
	10/23-28/12	All voters	96	4	-
		Obama voters	95	4	-
		Romney voters	97	3	-
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QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 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
FL	7/24-30/12	41	42	14	3
	8/15-21/12	45	42	11	2
	9/18-24/12	41	48	9	2
	10/23-28/12	48	47	3	2
OH	7/24-30/12	40	43	15	3
	8/15-21/12	39	45	12	3
	9/18-24/12	41	49	8	2
	10/17-20/12*	46	48	4	2
	10/23-28/12	46	48	4	2
VA	7/31-8/6/12	40	44	13	3
	9/11-17/12	45	44	9	2
	10/4-9/12	46	46	7	1
	10/23-28/12	49	46	3	2

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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
FL	7/24-30/12	50	46	2	2
	8/15-21/12	50	45	3	2
	9/18-24/12	54	42	2	2
	10/23-28/12	51	46	2	2
OH	7/24-30/12	51	45	2	2
	8/15-21/12	51	45	2	3
	9/18-24/12	54	43	1	2
	10/17-20/12	51	45	2	2
	10/23-28/12	52	44	2	2
VA	7/31-8/6/12	50	46	2	2
	9/11-17/12	53	43	3	2
	10/4-9/12	54	43	2	1
	10/23-28/12	52	46	1	2

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4. & 5. (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		
			favor	reservations	Dislike other	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	Obama voters	65	24	10	1
		Romney voters	49	29	19	3
	9/18-24/12	Obama voters	73	20	6	1
		Romney voters	57	22	20	1
	10/23-28/12	Obama voters	76	18	5	-
		Romney voters	74	19	6	1
OH	7/24-30/12	Obama voters	60	31	9	1
		Romney voters	42	35	22	1
	9/18-24/12	Obama voters	66	25	8	1
		Romney voters	51	30	18	1
	10/17-20/12*	Obama voters	74	19	6	1
		Romney voters	63	27	10	1
	10/23-28/12	Obama voters	74	18	7	-
		Romney voters	67	22	10	1
VA	7/31-8/6/12	Obama voters	68	25	7	1
		Romney voters	40	36	22	2
	9/11-17/12	Obama voters	71	24	4	1
		Romney voters	55	28	15	2
	10/4-9/12	Obama voters	72	23	5	-
		Romney voters	62	27	9	2
	10/23-28/12	Obama voters	79	15	5	1
		Romney voters	67	21	10	2

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FLORIDA:

6. 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 Bill Nelson the Democrat and Connie Mack the Republican, for whom would you vote? As of today, do you lean more toward Nelson or Mack? (Candidate names ROTATED) RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS AND EARLY VOTERS

		Nelson	Mack	Someone else (vol.)	DK/NA
${ t FL}$	7/24-30/12	47	40	1	12
	8/15-21/12	50	41	-	9
	9/18-24/12	53	39	-	8
	10/23-28/12	52	39	1	8

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

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		Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	36	52	13
	8/15-21/12	41	47	13
	9/18-24/12	38	48	14
	10/23-28/12	39	45	16

OHIO:

6. 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, ASK:) As of today, do you lean more toward Brown or Mandel? (Candidate names ROTATED) RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS AND EARLY VOTERS

		Brown	Mandel	Someone else (vol.)	DK/NA
OH	7/24-30/12	51	39	1	9
	8/15-21/12	48	41	1	10
	9/18-24/12	50	40	_	9
	10/17-20/12*	51	42	1	7
	10/23-28/12	51	42	1	6
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		Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
ОН	7/24-30/12	47	38	15
	8/15-21/12	45	40	16
	9/18-24/12	48	35	18
	10/23-28/12	49	37	14

VIRGINIA:

6. Turning to this year's general election for United States Senator from Virginia, if the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were George Allen the Republican and Tim Kaine the Democrat, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Allen or Kaine? (Candidate names ROTATED) RESULTS INCLUDE LEANERS AND EARLY VOTERS

	10/23-28/12	50	46	-	4
	10/4-9/12	51	44	-	5
	9/11-17/12	51	44	-	5
VA	7/31-8/6/1	48	46	-	6
		Kaine	Allen	Someone else	(vol.) DK/NA

		Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
VA	7/31-8/6/1	52	29	20
	9/11-17/12	54	27	19
	10/4-9/12	52	29	19
	10/23-28/12	49	31	20

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

		Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	48	48	4
	8/15-21/12	47	48	5
	9/18-24/12	50	47	3
	10/23-28/12	49	48	3
OH	7/24-30/12	48	48	3
	8/15-21/12	49	48	2
	9/18-24/12	50	47	3
	10/17-23/12*	50	47	4
	10/23-28/12	50	47	4
VA	7/31-8/6/12	47	49	4
	9/11-17/12	49	47	3
	10/4-9/12	52	46	3
	10/23-28/12	49	49	2

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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
FL	7/24-30/12	32	19	49	1
	8/15-21/12	42	16	42	_
	9/18-24/12	47	14	39	_
	10/23-28/12	51	10	38	1
OH	7/24-30/12	32	21	47	-
	8/15-21/12	33	22	44	1
	9/18-24/12	35	17	48	1
	10/17-20/12	41	12	46	1
	10/23-28/12	45	12	42	-
VA	7/31-8/6/12	32	18	48	1
	9/11-17/12	39	15	46	1
	10/4-9/12	43	11	45	-
	10/23-28/12	48	9	42	-

FLORIDA and OHIO

10. (If voted early) Did you vote early by mail or absentee ballot or did you vote at an early voting location?

		Early/Mail	Early/Voting	
		or Absentee	Location	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	88	11	1
ОН	10/17-20/12	75	25	-
	10/23-28/12	71	29	-

11a. In deciding who you would like to see elected President this year, which one of the following issues will be most important to you: terrorism, foreign policy, the economy, the budget deficit, taxes, health care, Medicare, or something else?

AND

llb. And which one of the following issues will be the next most important to you in deciding who you would like to see elected this year: terrorism, foreign policy, the economy, the budget deficit, taxes, health care, Medicare, or something else?

	FL 10/23-28/12 1 st 2 nd		OH 10/23-28/12 1 st 2 nd		VA 10/23-28/12 1 st 2 nd		8/12		
	most	most		most	most		most	most	
	imp.	imp.	NET	imp.	imp.	NET	imp.	imp.	NET
Terrorism	1	5	6	2	3	5	2	4	6
For. policy	3	11	14	4	10	14	4	12	16
Economy	51	18	69	49	21	70	49	19	68
Budg.deficit	7	17	24	7	17	24	9	19	28
Taxes	4	11	15	3	11	14	3	11	14
Health Care	15	21	36	17	21	38	15	17	32
Medicare	9	8	17	10	8	18	7	9	16
Something	7	7	14	8	7	15	8	6	14
else									
DK/NA	2	3	5	1	2	3	2	2	4

Past trend, varied wording:

	F	'L	0	H		VA	
	7/24-	9/18-	7/24-	9/18-	7/31-	9/11-	10/4-
	30/12	24/12	30/12	24/12	8/6/12	17/12	9/12
National security	3	8	4	5	4	5	7
Economy	52	47	48	49	49	50	42
Energy ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Health care	22	20	20	21	19	20	16
Budget deficit	9	10	12	12	10	8	11
Taxes	5	4	5	4	6	3	4
Immigration ¹	2	2	2	-	2	1	NA
Medicare ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9
Something else	5	7	7	6	7	10	8
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	3	2

1 Not included as an answer choice in October in Virginia. 2 Added as a choice in October.

QUESTIONS 12 and 13 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
FL	7/24-30/12	55	42	3
	8/15-21/12	57	40	3
	9/18-24/12	57	40	3
	10/23-28/12	60	38	2
OH	7/24-30/12	55	43	2
	8/15-21/12	59	39	3
	9/18-24/12	59	38	3
	10/17-20/12*	60	37	
	10/23-28/12	62	36	2
VA	7/31-8/6/12	59	37	4
	9/11-17/12	59	37	3
	10/4-9/12	63	34	3
	10/23-28/12	60	36	4

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

		Does	Does not	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	42	49	9
	8/15-21/12	44	48	8
	9/18-24/12	41	55	4
	10/23-28/12	47	49	4
ОН	7/24-30/12	38	55	7
	8/15-21/12	41	53	6
	9/18-24/12	38	57	5
	10/17-20/12*	45	50	5
	10/23-28/12	44	52	3
VA	7/31-8/6/12	44	48	8
	9/11-17/12	44	50	6
	10/4-9/12	46	49	5
	10/23-28/12	49	48	3

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QUESTIONS 14 and 15 ROTATED

		Does	Does not	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	65	31	5
OH	10/23-28/12	65	27	8
VA	10/23-28/12	68	27	5

15. Do you think Mitt Romney understands the needs and problems of women in the workforce, or not?

		Does	Does not	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	45	50	5
OH	10/23-28/12	40	54	7
VA	10/23-28/12	45	50	5

QUESTIONS 16 and 17 ROTATED

16. Would you say that Barack Obama has strong leadership qualities, or not?

		Has strong		
		qualities	Does not	DK/NA
${f FL}$	10/23-28/12	55	43	2
OH	10/17-20/12*	58	40	1
	10/23-28/12	58	40	2
VA	10/4-9/12	62	37	2
	10/23-28/12	55	43	2

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17. Would you say that Mitt Romney has strong leadership qualities, or not?

		Has strong		
		qualities	Does not	DK/NA
${f FL}$	10/23-28/12	65	31	4
OH	10/17-20/12	64	32	5
	10/23-28/12	64	32	4
VA	10/4-9/12	64	30	6
	10/23-28/12	64	31	5

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QUESTIONS 18 and 19 ROTATED

18. Would you say that Barack Obama is honest and trustworthy, or not?

		Is honest and		
		trustworthy	Is not	DK/NA
${ t FL}$	10/23-28/12	54	43	3
OH	10/23-28/12	54	42	4
VA	10/4-9/12	59	38	4
	10/23-28/12	53	43	4

19. Would you say that Mitt Romney is honest and trustworthy, or not?

		Is honest and		
		trustworthy	Is not	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	47	47	6
OH	10/23-28/12	45	50	6
VA	10/4-9/12	45	50	6
	10/23-28/12	45	48	7

QUESTIONS 20 and 21 ROTATED

20. Do you think Barack Obama has clearly explained his specific plans for the next four years, or hasn't he clearly explained them?

Has clearly				
		explained	Has not	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	45	52	3
OH	10/23-28/12	47	51	2
VA	10/4-9/12	49	48	3
	10/23-28/12	45	53	2

21. Do you think Mitt Romney has clearly explained his specific plans for the next four years, or hasn't he clearly explained them?

		Has clearly		
		explained	Has not	DK/NA
${ t FL}$	10/23-28/12	40	57	3
OH	10/23-28/12	37	61	2
VA	10/4-9/12	34	63	3
	10/23-28/12	41	58	2

QUESTIONS 22 THROUGH 32 ROTATED

Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on [ISSUE BELOW] -- Barack Obama or Mitt Romney? (Candidate names rotated)

22. The economy

-	Obama	Romney	DK/NA
7/24-30/12	45	47	9
8/15-21/12	45	48	7
9/18-24/12	51	46	4
10/23-28/12	47	49	4
7/24-30/12	46	45	8
8/15-21/12	47	47	6
9/18-24/12	51	45	3
10/17-20/12*	48	48	4
10/23-28/12	49	48	3
7/31-8/6/12	45	47	8
9/11-17/12	49	47	4
10/4-9/12	48	48	4
10/23-28/12	46	50	3
	8/15-21/12 9/18-24/12 10/23-28/12 7/24-30/12 8/15-21/12 9/18-24/12 10/17-20/12* 10/23-28/12 7/31-8/6/12 9/11-17/12 10/4-9/12	7/24-30/12 45 8/15-21/12 45 9/18-24/12 51 10/23-28/12 47 7/24-30/12 46 8/15-21/12 47 9/18-24/12 51 10/17-20/12* 48 10/23-28/12 49 7/31-8/6/12 45 9/11-17/12 49 10/4-9/12 48	7/24-30/12 45 47 8/15-21/12 45 48 9/18-24/12 51 46 10/23-28/12 47 49 7/24-30/12 46 45 8/15-21/12 47 47 9/18-24/12 51 45 10/17-20/12* 48 48 10/23-28/12 49 48 7/31-8/6/12 49 47 9/11-17/12 49 47 10/4-9/12 48

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23. Health care

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
${ t FL}$	7/24-30/12	50	42	8
	8/15-21/12	51	43	6
	9/18-24/12	54	41	5
	10/23-28/12	52	43	6
OH	7/24-30/12	48	42	9
	8/15-21/12	51	43	6
	9/18-24/12	54	40	5
	10/23-28/12	52	43	5
VA	7/31-8/6/12	49	42	9
	9/11-17/12	52	44	4
	10/4-9/12	54	42	4
	10/23-28/12	51	45	4

24. Helping the middle class

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	51	44	4
OH	10/17-20/12*	54	41	4
	10/23-28/12	54	42	5
VA	10/4-9/12	55	42	4
	10/23-28/12	52	44	4

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25. Med	icare			
		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	8/15-21/12	50	42	8
	9/18-24/12	55	40	5
	10/23-28/12	50	44	6
ОН	8/15-21/12	51	41	7
	9/18-24/12	55	39	5
	10/23-28/12	53	42	5
VA	9/11-17/12	52	42	6
	10/4-9/12	55	40	5
	10/23-28/12	51	44	5
26. Taxe	29			
20. Iax		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	8/15-21/12	48	44	8
	9/18-24/12	52	43	5
	10/23-28/12	48	47	5
ОН	8/15-21/12	51	41	8
On	9/18-24/12	53	43	4
	10/17-20/12*	51	43	6
	10/23-28/12	50	45	5
VA	9/11-17/12	50 50	45	5
VA				
	10/4-9/12	50	44	6
	10/23-28/12	48	47	6
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27. The	budget deficit			
		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	8/15-21/12	37	53	9
	9/18-24/12	46	48	6
	10/23-28/12	40	53	7
OH	8/15-21/12	40	50	9
	9/18-24/12	45	49	6
	10/17-20/12*	43	51	6
	10/23-28/12	40	55	5
VA	10/4-9/12	43	51	6
	10/23-28/12	40	54	6
28. For	eign policy			
		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	8/15-21/12	50	42	8
	9/18-24/12	52	42	5
	10/23-28/12	50	44	6
ОН	8/15-21/12	50	40	10
	9/18-24/12	54	41	6
	10/17-20/12*	50	43	7
	10/23-28/12	51	42	7
VA	10/23-28/12	52	44	4
*Quinni	piac/CBS			
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29. Social issues, like abortion and same-sex marriage

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	57	34	9
OH	10/23-28/12	56	35	9
VA	10/23-28/12	58	36	7

30. Education

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	53	40	7
OH	10/23-28/12	60	33	7
VA	10/23-28/12	56	39	6

31. Terrorism

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	49	44	7
OH	10/23-28/12	51	42	7
VA	10/23-28/12	50	45	6

32. Working with both Democrats and Republicans in Congress

		Obama	Romney	DK/NA
${ t FL}$	10/23-28/12	41	50	9
OH	10/23-28/12	45	46	9
VA	10/23-28/12	42	49	9

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

		Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
${f FL}$	7/24-30/12	26	41	32	1
	10/23-28/12	42	33	24	1
ОН	7/24-30/12	26	39	34	1
	10/17-20/12*	37	36	25	1
	10/23-28/12	40	30	29	1
VA	7/31-8/6/12	24	38	36	2
	10/4-9/12	42	35	22	1
	10/23-28/12	40	35	25	-

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

		Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
FL	7/24-30/12	23	32	43	2
	10/23-28/12	37	25	36	3
OH	7/24-30/12	33	26	40	1
	10/17-20/12*	46	22	30	1
	10/23-28/12	52	17	30	1
VA	7/31-8/6/12	30	16	51	3
	10/4-9/12	37	15	45	3
	10/23-28/12	39	19	40	2

35a. (If better) How much credit, if any do you think the Obama administration should receive for this - a lot of credit, some, a little, or none at all?

		A lot				
		of credit	Some	A little	None at all	DK/NA
${f FL}$	10/23-28/12	49	31	8	12	1
OH	10/23-28/12	41	26	13	19	-
VA	10/23-28/12	41	34	8	16	1

35b. (If worse) How much blame, if any do you think the Obama administration should receive for this - a lot of blame, some, a little, or none at all?

		A lot				
		of blame	Some	A little	None at all	DK/NA
FL	10/23-28/12	50	28	11	10	_
OH	10/23-28/12	45	31	14	9	-
VA	10/23-28/12	63	25	6	5	1

36. How important to you are the presidential and vice-presidential debates in deciding how you are going to vote? Are they very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all in deciding how you are going to vote?

					Already	
	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not important	Voted	DK/
	important	important	important	at all	(vol.)	NA
10/23-28/12	30	39	15	14	1	1
10/23-28/12	24	38	21	15	1	1
10/23-28/12	29	38	16	16	-	-
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xx. Have you been contacted on behalf of either presidential candidate over the past couple of weeks, whether it was by a letter, by e-mail, by telephone, or in person by a campaign worker? IF YES, ASK: For which candidate?

		Yes,	Yes,			
		Romney	Obama	Yes, both	No contact	DK/NA
${f FL}$	10/23-28/12	16	15	37	30	2
OH	10/23-28/12	14	12	47	25	2
VA	10/23-28/12	14	12	50	23	1

xx. How concerned are you that you will encounter problems that might prevent you from voting or prevent your vote from being counted accurately, very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/
		concerned	concerned	concerned	concerned	NA
FL	10/23-28/12	18	21	18	42	1
ОН	10/23-28/12	12	19	19	48	1
VA	10/23-28/12	10	15	22	51	1

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

		Republican	Democrat	Independent	Other	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	30	37	29	3	1
	OH	29	37	30	2	2
	VA	27	35	35	2	1

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

		Strong	Republican	Not	strong	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL		73		24	3
	OH		67		31	2
	VA		70		29	1

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

		Strong Democrat	Not strong	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	77	21	2
	OH	77	22	1
	VA	79	20	1

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

		Republican	Democrat	Neither (vol.)	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	39	40	20	2
	OH	44	36	18	3
	VA	45	32	20	3

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
10/23-28/12	FL	21	40	36	3
	OH	21	40	35	4
	VA	20	42	34	4

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

					Unaffiliated/	
		Republican	Democrat	Other party	No party	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	37	41	1	20	2
	OH	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	VA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

		Yes	No	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	12	85	4
	OH	10	88	2
	VA	11	87	3

Are you currently married?

		Yes	No	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	${ t FL}$	56	43	1
	ОН	58	41	1
	VA	59	40	1

Do you have any children under the age of 18?

		Yes	No	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	${f FL}$	27	72	1
	ОН	27	72	-
	VA	32	68	_

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

		Yes	No	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	12	86	1
	OH	23	76	1
	VA	10	90	_

Are you or is anyone in your household currently in military service, a military veteran, or a reservist?

		Yes	No	DK/N
10/23-28/12	FL	29	70	1
	OH	25	75	-
	VA	29	71	-

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

10/23-28/12	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Mormon	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
FL	45	23	5	_	_	9	15	2
OH	50	23	1	_	_	7	16	2
VA	55	13	2	1	1	11	16	2

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

				Not	
		Yes	No	asked	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	31	44	23	2
	OH	32	47	19	2
	VA	36	41	21	3

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

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

		White	Black	Asian	Other	DK/NA
10/23-28/12	FL	75	15	1	7	2
	OH	85	10	-	3	2
	VA	76	17	2	4	1

In what year were you born?

10/23-28/12	FL	ОН	VA
18-29	12	9	15
30-44	23	20	26
45-64	37	43	39
65+	28	28	21

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?

10/23-28/12	FL	ОН	VA
Less than HS	7	5	8
High School	18	21	14
Some College	44	34	37
College Grad	13	16	15
Some Grad School	4	5	7
Post Grad Degree	14	18	18

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

10/23-28	3/12			FL	ОН	VA
Less tha	an \$15,00	0.0		8	9	8
Between	\$15,000	and	\$30,000	16	16	12
Between	\$30,000	and	\$50,000	20	17	15
Between	\$50,000	and	\$100,000	27	27	26
Or over	\$100,000)		19	20	29
DK/NA				11	10	11

IF INCOME OVER \$100,000:

Would you say that your total household income will be under \$250,000, or \$250,000 or more?

10/23-28/12	FL OH VA	Less than \$250,000 79 86 80	\$250,000 or more 15 10 18	DK/NA 5 3 2
		Male	Female	
10/23-28/12	FL OH VA	47 49 46	53 51 54	