

FOX NEWS POLL

Anderson Robbins Research (D) / Shaw & Company Research (R)
N= 925 registered voters (718 landline, 207 cell phone)

Interviews Conducted:
September 25-27, 2011

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Methodology

The Fox News Poll is conducted under the joint direction of Anderson Robbins Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R). The poll is based on live telephone interviews with a national sample of 925 registered voters, and was conducted September 25-27, 2011 in the evenings.

Landline and cell phone telephone numbers were randomly selected for inclusion in the survey using a probability proportionate to size method, which means that phone numbers for each state are proportional to the number of voters in each state.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of error of $\pm 3\%$

Results among subgroups have larger sampling errors, including:

Democrats (n = 382) $\pm 5\%$

Republicans (n = 338) $\pm 5.5\%$

Independents (n = 189) $\pm 7\%$

GOP Primary Voters (n = 363) $\pm 5\%$

Dem Primary Voters (n = 356) $\pm 5\%$

Results from Fox News polls before February 2011 were conducted by Opinion Dynamics Corp.

Questions 1 – 4 released separately

5. Right now, how interested are you in the 2012 presidential election? Are you:

	<u>Extremely interested</u>	<u>Very interested</u>	<u>Somewhat interested</u>	<u>Not at all interested</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
25-27 Sep 11	32%	33	27	7	-
PAST TREND					
1-2 Nov 08	60%	30	8	2	-
28-29 Oct 08	56%	29	12	3	-
20-21 Oct 08	56%	32	11	1	-
8-9 Oct 08	54%	32	12	2	-
22-23 Sep 08	50%	35	12	2	-
8-9 Sep 08	43%	38	15	4	-
19-20 Aug 08	35%	39	20	5	-
17-18 Jun 08	35%	38	19	8	1
18-19 Mar 08	34%	40	20	5	1
30-31 Jan 08	36%	40	20	4	1
23-24 Oct 07	30%	37	26	6	1
15-16 May 07	27%	35	29	8	1

6. In the presidential primary election or caucus in your state next year, are you more likely to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary for president, or are you unlikely to participate in either?
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|--------------------|-----|
| Democratic Primary | 38% |
| Republican Primary | 39 |
| Neither | 15 |
| (Other/Don't know) | 8 |

If the presidential election were held today...

(RANDOMIZE Q7 and 8)

7. How would you vote if the candidates were:
(ROTATE NAMES)

	Democrat Barack <u>Obama</u>	Republican <u>Mitt Romney</u>	(<u>Other</u>)	(Wouldn't <u>vote</u>)	(Don't <u>know</u>)
25-27 Sep 11	45%	42	3	4	6
17-19 Jul 11	47%	41	1	3	8
5-7 Jun 11	48%	41	1	3	7
7-9 Feb 11	48%	41	2	3	5
28-29 Sep 10	41%	40	7	2	11
12-13 Jan 10	47%	35	5	3	10

For reference: Thinking ahead to the next presidential election, if the 2008 general election were held today and the candidates were Democrat [NAME] and Republican [NAME], for whom would you vote? (ROTATE CHOICES)

	Democrat Barack <u>Obama</u>	Republican <u>Mitt Romney</u>	(<i>Other/don't know</i>)
30-31 Jan 08	51%	33	16

8. How would you vote if the candidates were:
(ROTATE NAMES)

	Democrat Barack <u>Obama</u>	Republican <u>Rick Perry</u>	(<u>Other</u>)	(Wouldn't <u>vote</u>)	(Don't <u>know</u>)
25-27 Sep 11	47%	39	2	4	7
17-19 Jul 11	47%	37	1	3	11

9. Just your best guess -- as of today, do you think Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(<u>Don't know</u>)
25-27 Sep 11	40%	50	10
15-17 May 11	57%	36	8
14-15 Dec 10	29%	64	7
8-9 Dec 09	44%	46	9

(REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY)

10. I'm going to read a list of the announced candidates for the 2012 Republican nomination. Please tell me which one you would like to see as the Republican presidential nominee. **(RANDOMIZE LIST)**

	25-27 Sep 11 (N = 363)	29-31 Aug 11 (N = 341)	7-9 Aug 11 (N = 319)	17-19 Jul 11 (N = 323)
Mitt Romney	23%	22%	26%	26%
Rick Perry	19	29	N/A	N/A
Herman Cain	17	6	9	9
Newt Gingrich	11	3	9	9
Ron Paul	6	8	10	10
Jon Huntsman	4	1	2	2
Michele Bachmann	3	8	13	15
Rick Santorum	3	4	4	4
Gary Johnson	-	-	1	1
Buddy Roemer	-	1	N/A	N/A
Fred Karger	-	-	-	-
<i>Thaddeus McCotter</i>	<i>N/A</i>	-	<i>1</i>	-
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>
(Someone else)	2	2	4	2
(Too soon to say)	5	6	8	7
(Don't know)	7	10	9	13

11. Which one of the Republican presidential candidates do you have the most in common with? **(DO NOT READ LIST UNLESS ASKED TO DO SO.)**

Rick Perry	17%
Herman Cain	14
Mitt Romney	12
Michele Bachmann	10
Newt Gingrich	7
Ron Paul	6
Jon Huntsman	2
Rick Santorum	2
Gary Johnson	-
Fred Karger	-
Buddy Roemer	-
(Someone else)	1
(Too soon to say)	6
(Don't know)	22

(DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY)

12. Would you like to see Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic presidential nominee in 2012?

(N = 356)

Obama	66%
Clinton	27
(Other)	3
(Don't know)	3

(RESUME ALL)

13. How impressed are you with the overall field of Republican candidates challenging Barack Obama in the 2012 presidential election?

	Very <u>impressed</u>	Somewhat <u>impressed</u>	Not very <u>impressed</u>	Not at all <u>impressed</u>	(Don't <u>know</u>)
25-27 Sep 11	7%	31	28	30	4
3-5 April 11*	5%	26	27	38	5

*Wording: "...candidates who have so far expressed interest in challenging..."

Questions 14 - 19 and 22 released separately

20. Some Republicans are encouraging New Jersey Governor Chris Christie to run for president because they see him as a strong leader and a straight talker. Do you think Chris Christie should run for president, or not?

Yes	32%
No	39
(Don't know)	28

21. If a candidate receives the endorsement of Donald Trump, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it not make a difference to your vote?

More likely	6%
Less likely	31
No difference	62
(Don't know)	2

23. Do you think Barack Obama's political strategy for re-election is to bring people together with a hopeful message or drive people apart with a partisan message?

Bring people together	56%
Drive people apart	32
(Mixed)	4
(Don't know)	8

5. Right now, how interested are you in the 2012 presidential election? Are you:

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non- white	College Degree	No College
Extremely interested	32%	30%	39%	26%	53%	32%	32%	32%	34%	38%	26%
Very interested	33%	34%	35%	31%	34%	34%	33%	35%	29%	34%	33%
Somewhat interested	27%	31%	22%	28%	10%	27%	28%	26%	32%	22%	32%
Not at all interested	7%	6%	4%	14%	3%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	8%
(Don't know)	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*
INTERESTED	66%	63%	74%	58%	87%	66%	65%	67%	62%	72%	59%
NOT INTERESTED	34%	37%	26%	42%	13%	34%	35%	33%	38%	28%	40%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	Under \$50k	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Extremely interested	32%	24%	34%	34%	29%	25%	37%	30%	31%	35%
Very interested	33%	23%	34%	38%	41%	30%	35%	32%	33%	35%
Somewhat interested	27%	41%	26%	21%	21%	33%	23%	32%	30%	23%
Not at all interested	7%	12%	5%	6%	7%	11%	4%	6%	5%	7%
(Don't know)	*	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-	*	1%	*
INTERESTED	66%	48%	68%	73%	70%	55%	73%	62%	64%	70%
NOT INTERESTED	34%	52%	32%	27%	29%	44%	27%	38%	35%	30%

6. In the presidential primary election or caucus in your state next year, are you more likely to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary for president, or are you unlikely to participate in either?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non- white	College Degree	No College
Democratic Primary	38%	82%	2%	17%	10%	34%	42%	30%	62%	37%	39%
Republican Primary	39%	5%	86%	27%	80%	43%	36%	46%	19%	40%	39%
Neither	15%	9%	7%	38%	5%	16%	13%	15%	12%	16%	14%
(Other/Don't know)	8%	4%	4%	18%	4%	7%	8%	8%	6%	7%	8%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	Under \$50k	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Democratic Primary	38%	47%	37%	35%	40%	48%	36%	69%	49%	17%
Republican Primary	39%	25%	43%	43%	41%	30%	44%	10%	18%	63%
Neither	15%	20%	14%	13%	11%	11%	15%	16%	16%	14%
(Other/Don't know)	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	11%	5%	5%	17%	7%

7. If the presidential election were held today, how would you vote if the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non- white	College Degree	No College
Democrat Barack Obama	45%	85%	8%	34%	9%	45%	46%	36%	71%	48%	43%
Republican Mitt Romney	42%	9%	83%	36%	80%	42%	41%	50%	17%	42%	42%
(Other)	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
(Wouldn't vote)	4%	2%	2%	14%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%
(Don't know)	6%	3%	5%	12%	3%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	Under \$50k	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Democrat Barack Obama	45%	61%	44%	38%	42%	52%	44%	76%	70%	21%
Republican Mitt Romney	42%	27%	45%	46%	43%	35%	45%	14%	17%	65%
(Other)	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%
(Wouldn't vote)	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%
(Don't know)	6%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%

8. If the presidential election were held today, how would you vote if the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Rick Perry?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non- white	College Degree	No College
Democrat Barack Obama	47%	84%	10%	38%	11%	46%	48%	38%	73%	50%	45%
Republican Rick Perry	39%	9%	78%	32%	84%	40%	37%	47%	17%	39%	40%
(Other)	2%	2%	1%	6%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
(Wouldn't vote)	4%	2%	3%	12%	1%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%
(Don't know)	7%	4%	8%	11%	2%	6%	8%	8%	4%	6%	8%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	Under \$50k	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Democrat Barack Obama	47%	60%	46%	41%	41%	50%	48%	78%	71%	23%
Republican Rick Perry	39%	24%	42%	44%	42%	36%	40%	11%	12%	62%
(Other)	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
(Wouldn't vote)	4%	4%	4%	6%	7%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%
(Don't know)	7%	10%	6%	7%	8%	9%	6%	6%	11%	7%

9. Just your best guess -- as of today, do you think Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012, or not?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	College Degree	No College
Yes	40%	61%	14%	39%	24%	41%	38%	35%	53%	45%	34%
No	50%	27%	78%	49%	70%	50%	51%	56%	33%	46%	55%
(Not sure)	10%	12%	8%	12%	6%	9%	11%	9%	14%	9%	11%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	Under \$50k	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Yes	40%	37%	43%	37%	39%	39%	41%	60%	47%	25%
No	50%	49%	51%	50%	49%	50%	50%	30%	28%	68%
(Not sure)	10%	13%	6%	13%	12%	12%	9%	10%	25%	8%

13. How impressed are you with the overall field of Republican candidates challenging Barack Obama in the 2012 presidential election?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	College Degree	No College
Very impressed	7%	3%	15%	1%	17%	8%	6%	8%	5%	6%	8%
Somewhat impressed	31%	18%	48%	31%	55%	36%	28%	34%	24%	26%	37%
Not very impressed	28%	26%	27%	32%	18%	26%	29%	27%	29%	28%	27%
Not at all impressed	30%	51%	7%	29%	8%	27%	33%	27%	39%	35%	24%
(Don't know)	4%	2%	2%	7%	1%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
IMPRESSED	38%	20%	63%	32%	73%	43%	34%	42%	29%	32%	45%
NOT IMPRESSED	58%	78%	35%	61%	26%	53%	62%	54%	68%	64%	51%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	Under \$50k	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Very impressed	7%	5%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	3%	4%	10%
Somewhat impressed	31%	31%	33%	30%	26%	29%	32%	21%	17%	42%
Not very impressed	28%	31%	28%	25%	28%	28%	28%	25%	29%	29%
Not at all impressed	30%	29%	27%	34%	37%	31%	31%	50%	36%	16%
(Don't know)	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	2%	1%	14%	3%
IMPRESSED	38%	36%	39%	38%	33%	36%	39%	24%	21%	52%
NOT IMPRESSED	58%	60%	56%	59%	64%	59%	59%	75%	65%	45%

20. Some Republicans are encouraging New Jersey Governor Chris Christie to run for president because they see him as a strong leader and a straight talker. Do you think Chris Christie should run for president, or not?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	College Degree	No College
Yes	32%	26%	40%	34%	43%	37%	28%	35%	26%	31%	34%
No	39%	48%	33%	35%	39%	42%	37%	35%	51%	40%	39%
(Don't know)	28%	26%	27%	32%	19%	21%	35%	30%	23%	29%	27%

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No	39%	42%	34%	44%	43%	42%	40%	44%	48%	35%
(Don't know)	28%	33%	28%	26%	25%	27%	27%	26%	31%	29%

21. If a candidate receives the endorsement of Donald Trump, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it not make a difference to your vote?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	College Degree	No College
More likely	6%	3%	10%	5%	11%	7%	5%	7%	3%	6%	6%
Less likely	31%	44%	18%	26%	12%	28%	33%	31%	30%	31%	30%
No difference	62%	51%	71%	67%	76%	63%	61%	61%	63%	63%	61%
(Don't know)	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%

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More likely	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	3%	4%	7%
Less likely	31%	31%	29%	32%	35%	32%	30%	45%	37%	21%
No difference	62%	63%	65%	58%	55%	59%	63%	51%	54%	70%
(Don't know)	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%	1%	6%	1%

23. Do you think Barack Obama's political strategy for re-election is to bring people together with a hopeful message or drive people apart with a partisan message?

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Bring people together	56%	82%	30%	53%	23%	54%	59%	49%	76%	57%	55%
Drive people apart	32%	9%	57%	33%	68%	32%	31%	37%	15%	31%	32%
(Mixed)	4%	3%	5%	4%	1%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%
(Don't know)	8%	7%	9%	11%	8%	9%	7%	9%	6%	8%	8%

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(Mixed)	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	6%	3%	2%	11%	3%
(Don't know)	8%	8%	6%	11%	13%	10%	7%	7%	11%	8%