

THE UPI/CVOTER TRACKING POLL

OCTOBER; 2012

A CATI SURVEY OF AMERICAN GENERAL POPULATION (18+ ADULTS)

INTERVIEW DATES: 4/10 TO 10/10

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS; ALL ADULTS:	1428
NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS; LIKELY VOTERS:	1110

All tables show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level and margin of error for likely voters: +/-4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Data weighted to the known demographic profile. The tables may add up to 99.9% or 100.1% due to rounding up of data by computer.

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When do you expect the economy to improve in future?

	03.10.2012	10.10.2012	CHANGE
1 Within next 6 months	5	9	3
2 Within a year	16	18	2
3 Within 2 to 3 years	34	31	-3
4 More than 3 years	27	24	-3
5 Never	9	8	-1
6 No impact on my family	1	1	0
0 Can't Say/No opinion	7	9	2

ECONOMIC RECOVERY SENTIMENT

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 SHORT TERM (LESS THAN 3 YEARS)	56	58	2
2 LONG TERM (MORE THAN 3 YEARS)	27	24	-3
3 DEPRESSION (NEVER/DKCS)	16	17	1

ECONOMIC RECOVERY INDEX

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
SHORT TERM - (LONG TERM+DEPRESSION)	13	18	4

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Under Obama, America's relations with the rest of the world has :

		Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1	Become a lot better	14	17	3
2	Become somewhat better	25	22	-3
3	Stayed about the same	17	17	0
4	Become somewhat worse	14	14	0
5	Become a lot worse	29	29	0
0	Can't Say/No opinion	2	2	0

GLOBAL IMAGE SENTIMENT

		Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1	IMPROVED (1+2)	38	38	38
2	REMAINED THE SAME (3)	17	17	18
3	DETERIORATED (4+5)	43	43	43

GLOBAL IMAGE INDEX

		Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
	(IMPROVED + REMAINED THE SAME) - DETERIORATED	13	13	13

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

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 Approve	49	48	-1
2 Disapprove	47	47	0
0 Can't Say/No opinion	4	5	1

PRESIDENT APPROVAL INDEX

APPROVE-DISAPPROVE

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

2 1 -1

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How important do you think are the following issues and problems faced by our country today? (those who say 'Extremely Important') And who can handle this problem better: Obama or Romney?

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

A	Lack of enough Jobs	88	88	0
B	Overall Economic Crisis	84	84	0
C	War In Iraq & Afghanistan	60	62	2
D	Possible war with Iran	66	67	1
E	Health Care for all	65	71	6
F	Fluctuating Gas prices	61	63	2
G	America's stature in the world	58	66	8
H	Illegal Immigration	47	52	5
I	Big Government/Bureaucracy expenditure	55	57	2
J	Moral values in American society	58	60	2
K	Better Tax/IRS system	59	64	5
L	Jobs going overseas/Outsourcing	62	68	6
M	Inflation in food items	64	68	4
N	Proper functioning of Wall Street/Banks	57	64	7
O	Home/Housing Mortgage Crisis	62	68	6

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How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days?

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 Very Good	5	6	1
2 Fairly Good	29	27	-2
3 Fairly Bad	31	29	-2
4 Very Bad	34	37	3
0 Can't Say/No opinion	1	1	0

NATIONAL ECONOMIC SENTIMENT

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 VERY GOOD+FAIRLY GOOD	34	33	-1
2 VERY BAD+FAIRLY BAD	65	66	1

NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDEX

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
GOOD - BAD	-32	-34	-2

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"Who will you vote for if the presidential election were held today?"

base=LV

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Change

SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDATES (LV: LIKELY VOTERS)

964

1110

LV

1 Barack Obama

48

46

-2

2 Mitt Romney

46

49

3

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How would you rate on a scale of 0 to 10 the performance of the following? (0=Completely Dissatisfies; 10=Completely Satisfied)

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
A President Barack Obama	5.12	5.05	-0.07
B VP Joe Biden	4.39	4.33	-0.06
C Speaker of the House	4.52	4.56	0.04
D The House of Representative in US Congress	3.90	4.04	0.14
E The Senate in the US Congress	4.16	4.26	0.10
F Your district representative in the US Congress	5.53	5.51	-0.02
G Your states's senators in the US Congress	5.53	5.60	0.07
H Your State Governor	5.52	5.66	0.14
I The US Armed forces	8.49	8.67	0.18
J The Supreme Court of US	5.97	6.04	0.07

INSTITUTIONAL RATING INDEX

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 DEMOCRAT INSTITUTIONS (A+B+E)	4.6	4.5	0.0
2 REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS (C+D)	4.2	4.3	0.1
3 REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS (F+G+H)	5.5	5.6	0.1
4 INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS (I+J)	7.2	7.4	0.1

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In last one year your living standard

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 Improved	25	24	-1.2
2 Remained the same	46	45	-0.8
3 Deteriorated	28	31	2.3
0 Can't Say	1	1	-0.4

QUALITY OF LIFE SENTIMENT

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 POSITIVE (1)	25	24	-1.2
2 NEGATIVE (3)	28	31	2.3

QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
POSITIVE - NEGATIVE	-3	-7	-3.5

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Do you feel that in the next one year , your living standard

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 Will Improve	45	50	5.0
2 Will remain as it is	37	33	-4.7
3 Will Deteriorate	12	9	-2.6
0 Can't Say	5	8	2.4

QOL OPTIMISM SENTIMENT

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
1 POSITIVE (1)	45	50	5.0
2 NEGATIVE (3)	12	9	-2.6

QOL OPTIMISM INDEX

	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate	Change
POSITIVE - NEGATIVE	33	41	7.6

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What are your views about progress of your own life and the country? Would you say:

- 1 Country is moving forward but NOT my life
- 2 Country is moving forward and my life too.
- 3 My life is moving forward but NOT my country
- 4 My life & country-both are in a poor state.
- 0 Can't Say

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

7	7	0.0
36	37	1.4
35	31	-3.3
19	20	1.6
4	4	0.3

OVERALL PROGRESS SENTIMENT

- 1 **POSITIVE (2)**
- 2 **NEGATIVE (1+3+4)**

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

36	37	1.4
60	58	-1.7

OVERALL PROGRESS INDEX

POSITIVE - NEGATIVE

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-24	-21	3.1
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With whom are you most angry with? Given a chance; which one would you like to be changed immediately?

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

1	Local Mayor/ Sherrif	4	3	-0.3
2	Congress person from my area	6	5	-1.7
3	Present Senator from my area	4	4	-0.1
4	Governer of my state	12	14	2.1
5	The President of the United States	37	38	0.5
6	VP of the United States	4	3	-0.7
7	Judge of Supreme Court	4	3	-0.5
8	Chief of Army Staff	1	0	-0.3
9	Speaker of the house	15	14	-0.9
0	Can't say	14	16	2.0

ANTI INCUMBENCY SENTIMENT

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

1	LOCAL (1 TO 4)	26	26	0.0
2	FEDERAL (5 TO 9)	60	58	-1.9

ANTI INCUMBENCY INDEX

Pre-Debate Post-Debate Change

	LOCAL-FEDERAL	-34	-32	1.9
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There are many problems facing our country today. Which one do you think is THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE.

Pre-Debate

Post-Debate

Change

1	<i>Economic crisis</i>	40	42	1.6
2	War on terror	3	3	-0.1
3	<i>Unemployment/Jobs related issues</i>	15	18	2.3
4	Family income/Poverty	2	2	-0.3
5	Ethnic and religious conflicts	1	1	-0.3
6	<i>Health facilities & Hospitals</i>	6	5	-1.0
7	Drug or alcohol abuse	0	0	-0.2
8	Rising prices	1	1	0.0
9	International relations	3	2	-0.8
10	Natural disasters	1	1	-0.3
11	Inadequate bureaucracy	0	0	0.1
12	Crime	2	2	-0.4
13	Educational system	2	3	0.6
14	Inefficiency of the legal/justice system	1	2	0.5
15	Immigration	1	1	0.4
16	Moral Values	4	3	-1.0
17	Taxes/IRS	1	1	0.2
18	Jobs going overseas/Outsourcing	2	1	-0.4
19	Wall Street / Banks	0	0	0.1
20	Home / Housing mortgage crisis	2	1	-0.7
0	Others / Cant Say	13	13	0.0

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Which party can best manage/handle this particular issue?

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1	Republicans	35	36	0.9
2	Democrats	31	31	0.3
3	Other Parties	5	4	-0.5
4	All are equal on this point	8	8	-0.7
5	No party can handle this issue	16	16	0.4
0	Can't say	5	4	-0.4

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METHODOLOGY

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Each week rolling average is based on telephone interviews with approximately 1000 registered voters. Results for this release are based on seven day rolling sample size of registered voters for general questions and LV (Likely Voters) for candidate support question. The candidate support figures are result of the question "Who will you vote for if the presidential election were held today?" and "How likely are you to vote? Would you say "Yes, for sure" or "May be, but I am unsure at the moment" or you are sure not to vote at all". These questions were asked to all registered voters and analysed after screening only for the respondents who confirmed that they will vote or showed likeliness to vote in the coming elections. Those respondents who are confirmed to vote but undecided on which candidate to support are analysed as undecided. Data is weighted to known census profile and margin of error is +/- 3.5 for the total sample at the 95% confidence level and margin of error for likely voters is +/-4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Data weighted to the known demographic profile. The tables may add up to 99.9% or 100.1% due to rounding up of data by computer.