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Obama leads by 6 in Nevada

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama continues to be favored to win Nevada again in 2012, but his position there is a good deal weaker than it was in 2008. Obama leads Romney 48-42. That's down a touch from our last poll in late March when he was ahead 51-43. And it's down quite a bit from his 12 point margin of victory in the state in 2008.

Obama's struggles, at least compared to last time, in Nevada can be traced back to the state's economy. A 41% plurality of voters in the state think the economy has gotten worse since Obama took office to only 37% who think it's gotten better. Independents are more pessimistic than the electorate as a whole, with 44% of them feeling things have worsened to 33% who believe Obama has brought an improvement.

Obama has a narrowly positive approval rating in the state, with 49% of voters giving him good marks to 47% who dissent. Nevadans still aren't real high on Romney and that's serving to help Obama's prospects there. Romney has a 41% favorability rating with 53% of voters rating him negatively.

This is a rare state where Romney's running mate choice really could have an impact on how 'in play' it is for the fall. Brian Sandoval is one of the most popular Governors in the country with a 52/28 approval rating. If he was on the ticket Obama's lead in the state would drop to 47-44, very much within the winnable range for Romney. Sandoval's presence would flip Romney from trailing 37-35 with independents to leading 43-39 with them.

36% of voters think the Supreme Court should rule the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional, while 34% think it should be upheld. What might be most noteworthy though is that 30% of voters don't care one way or the other, suggesting that the health care issue may not have the same salience with voters in 2012 that it did in 2010.

“Barack Obama’s still a clear favorite to win Nevada this fall,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But he’s not nearly as strong there as he was in 2008.”

PPP surveyed 500 Nevada voters from June 7th to 10th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Nevada Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 47%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 41%
Unfavorable 53%
Not sure 7%

Q3 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 48%
Mitt Romney..... 42%
Undecided..... 10%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Brian Sandoval's job performance?

Approve..... 52% *Not sure* 19%
Disapprove..... 28%

Q5 If the Democratic ticket this fall was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Brian Sandoval for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 47%
Romney-Sandoval 44%
Not sure 9%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 41%
Not sure 23%

Q7 If the Democratic ticket this fall was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Ron Paul for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 46%
Romney-Paul..... 42%
Not sure 12%

Q8 Do you think the economy has gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same since Barack Obama became President?

Better 37%
Worse 41%
About the same..... 19%
Not sure 3%

Q9 Do you think that the Supreme Court should rule the Affordable Care Act to be constitutional or unconstitutional?

Constitutional..... 34%
Unconstitutional 36%
Not sure 30%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 50%
Someone else/Don't remember 9%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate..... 34%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 14%





Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%

Man..... 47%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 40%

Republican..... 38%

Independent/Other..... 21%

Q14 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 12%

White 72%

African-American 7%

Other..... 9%

Q15 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 14%

30 to 45..... 30%

46 to 65..... 36%

Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	12%	79%	46%
Disapprove	47%	84%	17%	47%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	7%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	41%	74%	16%	30%
Unfavorable	53%	21%	78%	54%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	48%	10%	80%	41%
Mitt Romney	42%	81%	11%	40%
Undecided	10%	9%	9%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Sandoval Approval				
Approve	52%	73%	37%	45%
Disapprove	28%	11%	42%	30%
Not sure	19%	16%	20%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama-Biden/Romney-Sandoval				
Obama-Biden	47%	11%	77%	39%
Romney-Sandoval	44%	79%	17%	39%
Not sure	9%	10%	5%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	37%	45%	29%	44%
Unfavorable	41%	35%	49%	20%
Not sure	23%	20%	22%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama-Biden/Romney-Paul				
Obama-Biden	46%	8%	77%	47%
Romney-Paul	42%	75%	17%	31%
Not sure	12%	18%	5%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Econ. Better/Worse/Same Since Obama Became Pres.?				
Better	37%	10%	60%	32%
Worse	41%	74%	13%	40%
About the same	19%	14%	22%	28%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?				
Constitutional	34%	12%	54%	37%
Unconstitutional	36%	59%	18%	25%
Not sure	30%	29%	29%	37%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	84%	79%	57%	13%	20%
Disapprove	47%	13%	16%	38%	83%	79%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	41%	18%	16%	29%	69%	72%
Unfavorable	53%	78%	77%	64%	22%	26%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	7%	9%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	48%	78%	76%	57%	15%	18%
Mitt Romney	42%	14%	11%	30%	77%	79%
Undecided	10%	8%	13%	12%	8%	3%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Sandoval Approval						
Approve	52%	35%	46%	40%	72%	74%
Disapprove	28%	43%	39%	34%	12%	15%
Not sure	19%	22%	14%	26%	15%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Sandoval						
Obama-Biden	47%	83%	77%	55%	12%	15%
Romney-Sandoval	44%	17%	15%	33%	78%	76%
Not sure	9%	1%	7%	12%	10%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	37%	27%	48%	35%	42%	29%
Unfavorable	41%	47%	40%	37%	37%	50%
Not sure	23%	26%	12%	28%	21%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Paul						
Obama-Biden	46%	78%	77%	52%	14%	18%
Romney-Paul	42%	20%	16%	35%	70%	63%
Not sure	12%	2%	7%	13%	16%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Econ. Better/Worse/Same Since Obama Became Pres.?						
Better	37%	63%	68%	39%	9%	19%
Worse	41%	15%	11%	30%	71%	76%
About the same	19%	18%	21%	28%	15%	5%
Not sure	3%	5%	-	3%	5%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?						
Constitutional	34%	58%	65%	40%	10%	8%
Unconstitutional	36%	13%	18%	22%	59%	69%
Not sure	30%	29%	17%	38%	31%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	51%	46%
Disapprove	47%	44%	50%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	41%	40%	41%
Unfavorable	53%	52%	54%
Not sure	7%	8%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	48%	52%	43%
Mitt Romney	42%	39%	46%
Undecided	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sandoval Approval			
Approve	52%	49%	56%
Disapprove	28%	28%	29%
Not sure	19%	23%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Sandoval			
Obama-Biden	47%	50%	43%
Romney-Sandoval	44%	42%	48%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	37%	32%	42%
Unfavorable	41%	43%	38%
Not sure	23%	25%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Paul			
Obama-Biden	46%	50%	42%
Romney-Paul	42%	39%	46%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Econ. Better/Worse/Same Since Obama Became Pres.?			
Better	37%	39%	35%
Worse	41%	38%	43%
About the same	19%	19%	19%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?			
Constitutional	34%	32%	36%
Unconstitutional	36%	30%	43%
Not sure	30%	37%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	82%	16%	44%
Disapprove	47%	16%	80%	49%
Not sure	4%	2%	4%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	41%	16%	71%	32%
Unfavorable	53%	80%	23%	54%
Not sure	7%	4%	6%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	48%	84%	16%	37%
Mitt Romney	42%	11%	80%	35%
Undecided	10%	5%	5%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sandoval Approval				
Approve	52%	35%	71%	53%
Disapprove	28%	45%	12%	26%
Not sure	19%	20%	17%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Sandoval				
Obama-Biden	47%	83%	13%	39%
Romney-Sandoval	44%	15%	77%	43%
Not sure	9%	2%	11%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	37%	35%	41%	33%
Unfavorable	41%	45%	37%	38%
Not sure	23%	20%	22%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Paul				
Obama-Biden	46%	80%	13%	40%
Romney-Paul	42%	16%	68%	45%
Not sure	12%	4%	19%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Econ. Better/Worse/Same Since Obama Became Pres.?				
Better	37%	66%	10%	33%
Worse	41%	14%	67%	44%
About the same	19%	16%	21%	22%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?				
Constitutional	34%	57%	11%	33%
Unconstitutional	36%	17%	55%	40%
Not sure	30%	26%	35%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	50%	44%	69%	70%
Disapprove	47%	50%	51%	31%	22%
Not sure	4%	-	5%	-	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	41%	39%	42%	41%	34%
Unfavorable	53%	57%	51%	50%	65%
Not sure	7%	4%	7%	9%	1%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	48%	52%	43%	69%	63%
Mitt Romney	42%	39%	46%	28%	26%
Undecided	10%	9%	10%	3%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Sandoval Approval					
Approve	52%	63%	52%	39%	50%
Disapprove	28%	27%	28%	40%	30%
Not sure	19%	10%	20%	21%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Sandoval					
Obama-Biden	47%	49%	42%	69%	68%
Romney-Sandoval	44%	49%	48%	28%	26%
Not sure	9%	2%	11%	3%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	37%	38%	39%	10%	38%
Unfavorable	41%	35%	38%	74%	48%
Not sure	23%	28%	23%	16%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Paul					
Obama-Biden	46%	53%	41%	67%	62%
Romney-Paul	42%	36%	46%	23%	33%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	9%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Econ. Better/Worse/Same Since Obama Became Pres.?					
Better	37%	40%	32%	49%	66%
Worse	41%	50%	42%	31%	24%
About the same	19%	6%	23%	15%	10%
Not sure	3%	5%	3%	4%	-





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?					
Constitutional	34%	34%	32%	24%	55%
Unconstitutional	36%	43%	36%	43%	23%
Not sure	30%	23%	32%	33%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	48%	58%	45%	43%
Disapprove	47%	44%	38%	50%	57%
Not sure	4%	7%	4%	5%	0%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	41%	50%	25%	43%	55%
Unfavorable	53%	50%	68%	48%	41%
Not sure	7%	-	8%	9%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	48%	44%	56%	46%	41%
Mitt Romney	42%	41%	32%	45%	55%
Undecided	10%	15%	12%	9%	5%





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Sandoval Approval					
Approve	52%	48%	40%	60%	60%
Disapprove	28%	30%	34%	25%	27%
Not sure	19%	22%	26%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama-Biden/Romney-Sandoval					
Obama-Biden	47%	48%	56%	42%	40%
Romney-Sandoval	44%	44%	34%	49%	52%
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	9%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	37%	46%	39%	33%	34%
Unfavorable	41%	35%	35%	45%	46%
Not sure	23%	19%	26%	22%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama-Biden/Romney-Paul					
Obama-Biden	46%	41%	56%	43%	40%
Romney-Paul	42%	52%	31%	45%	45%
Not sure	12%	7%	13%	11%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
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Not sure	30%	25%	29%	27%	38%

