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Obama Remains Ahead in Nevada

Raleigh, N.C. –As the election grows near, Obama leads swing state Nevada by 3, a poll conducted over the weekend shows. 50% of those surveyed stated they would vote for Barack Obama, while 47% would vote for Mitt Romney. This survey shows an increase in likelihood of voters for both Obama and Romney: Barack Obama is up 2 points from a previous survey conducted in June (from 48% to 50%), while Mitt Romney is up by 5 from June (from 42% to 47%).

Opinions of Obama and Romney have fluctuated in the state since June. Obama's approval rating from the state has declined by 1 point (49-48), but Romney's favorability has increased from 41% to 46% over the past two months. Fortunately, Obama still has his backing from previous supporters in the state. 75% of those who voted for Obama in 2008 still approve, while only 20% of past Obama supporters favor Romney. This comes with 91% of Democrats in the state approving Obama's job performance.

While Romney's favorability in Nevada has increased in recent months, 53% of voters agree that he should release his tax returns for the last 12 years. 57% of Nevada women and 47% of Nevada men agree that Romney should release his taxes, and 91% of Democrats in the state believe this information should be public knowledge.

Paul Ryan's and his Medicare reform proposal have mixed opinions in the state. Nevada voters are split on their opinion of Ryan, with 45% having a favorable opinion and 46% having an unfavorable opinion of him. In addition, 43% support Ryan's Medicare reform plan, 47% oppose it, and 11% are unsure. This comes after Ryan's recent visit in the state earlier this month.

“We consistently find Barack Obama leading in our Nevada polling but it's by a much smaller margin than 2008,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It's one of the states where he's fallen the furthest.”

Public Policy Polling surveyed 831 likely Nevada voters from August 23 to 26. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. 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 48%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not sure 2%

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

Favorable..... 46%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 5%

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

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 47%
Undecided..... 4%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Paul Ryan?

Favorable..... 45%
Unfavorable 46%
Not sure 9%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

Favorable..... 8%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 68%

Q6 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, and Libertarian Gary Johnson, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Gary Johnson 2%
Undecided..... 2%

Q7 Do you support or oppose Paul Ryan's proposal for reforming Medicare?

Support 43%
Oppose 47%
Not sure 11%

Q8 Do you think Mitt Romney should release his tax returns for the last 12 years, or not?

He should..... 53%
He should not..... 44%
Not sure 3%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 39%
Barack Obama..... 54%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 13%
Somewhat liberal 16%
Moderate..... 35%
Somewhat conservative..... 21%
Very conservative 15%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 56%
Man..... 44%

Q12 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..... 38%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 28%





Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	18%
<i>White</i>	66%
<i>African-American</i>	10%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q14 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	30%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	16%	75%	20%
Disapprove	49%	83%	23%	71%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	46%	80%	20%	61%
Unfavorable	49%	15%	76%	28%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	50%	16%	78%	22%
Mitt Romney	47%	82%	20%	56%
Undecided	4%	2%	3%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ryan Favorability				
Favorable	45%	79%	19%	60%
Unfavorable	46%	14%	73%	20%
Not sure	9%	7%	8%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	8%	11%	6%	12%
Unfavorable	24%	18%	28%	17%
Not sure	68%	71%	66%	71%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	49%	17%	76%	21%
Mitt Romney	46%	80%	20%	54%
Gary Johnson	2%	1%	2%	17%
Undecided	2%	2%	2%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Ryan Plan				
Support	43%	72%	20%	51%
Oppose	47%	13%	74%	20%
Not sure	11%	15%	6%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Should Romney Release Taxes?				
He should	53%	21%	78%	34%
He should not	44%	74%	20%	63%
Not sure	3%	5%	2%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	48%	88%	85%	49%	15%	20%
Disapprove	49%	11%	15%	46%	83%	80%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	5%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	46%	13%	11%	42%	76%	79%
Unfavorable	49%	79%	84%	54%	17%	21%
Not sure	5%	8%	4%	4%	8%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	50%	87%	88%	53%	15%	18%
Mitt Romney	47%	11%	11%	40%	82%	81%
Undecided	4%	1%	1%	7%	3%	1%

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Ryan Favorability						
Favorable	45%	15%	12%	39%	75%	79%
Unfavorable	46%	76%	84%	53%	13%	15%
Not sure	9%	9%	4%	9%	13%	7%





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Johnson Favorability						
Favorable	8%	12%	2%	10%	5%	13%
Unfavorable	24%	28%	28%	22%	19%	25%
Not sure	68%	60%	70%	68%	76%	62%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney/Johnson						
Barack Obama	49%	90%	85%	51%	17%	19%
Mitt Romney	46%	8%	11%	41%	78%	80%
Gary Johnson	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	-
Undecided	2%	-	1%	4%	4%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Ryan Plan						
Support	43%	17%	8%	36%	70%	79%
Oppose	47%	75%	87%	53%	12%	13%
Not sure	11%	8%	5%	12%	18%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Romney Release Taxes?						
He should	53%	95%	86%	54%	18%	21%
He should not	44%	4%	9%	44%	77%	77%
Not sure	3%	1%	5%	2%	5%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	53%	43%
Disapprove	49%	45%	55%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	46%	43%	50%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	44%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	50%	54%	44%
Mitt Romney	47%	43%	52%
Undecided	4%	3%	4%

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Ryan Favorability			
Favorable	45%	41%	51%
Unfavorable	46%	50%	41%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%





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		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney/Johnson			
Barack Obama	49%	54%	43%
Mitt Romney	46%	42%	50%
Gary Johnson	2%	2%	3%
Undecided	2%	2%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Ryan Plan			
Support	43%	38%	48%
Oppose	47%	49%	43%
Not sure	11%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Romney Release Taxes?			
He should	53%	57%	47%
He should not	44%	40%	50%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	91%	10%	36%
Disapprove	49%	7%	90%	58%
Not sure	2%	2%	0%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	46%	9%	85%	49%
Unfavorable	49%	84%	13%	46%
Not sure	5%	7%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
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Barack Obama	50%	90%	12%	41%
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Ryan Favorability				
Favorable	45%	10%	81%	49%
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Not sure	3%	2%	6%	2%





Crosstabs

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	65%	39%	79%	51%
Disapprove	49%	30%	59%	21%	46%
Not sure	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	46%	33%	55%	12%	42%
Unfavorable	49%	56%	42%	81%	53%
Not sure	5%	11%	3%	6%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	50%	67%	40%	83%	50%
Mitt Romney	47%	28%	57%	16%	45%
Undecided	4%	5%	3%	1%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Ryan Favorability					
Favorable	45%	34%	53%	18%	42%
Unfavorable	46%	55%	40%	71%	42%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%	11%	16%





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Johnson Favorability					
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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	61%	52%	45%	42%
Disapprove	49%	36%	48%	52%	54%
Not sure	2%	4%	-	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	46%	36%	45%	47%	53%
Unfavorable	49%	61%	49%	49%	43%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	50%	68%	51%	46%	45%
Mitt Romney	47%	29%	49%	48%	51%
Undecided	4%	4%	-	6%	4%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ryan Favorability					
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Unfavorable	46%	61%	44%	46%	42%
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