

NBC News/Marist Poll  
Arizona Republican Presidential Primary State - 2012  
Questionnaire

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<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in Arizona?

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GENDER GUESS

PRIMRULE: STATE PRIMARY RULES.

- Open - enrollment - walk-up
- Open - enrollment - no walk-up
- Open - no enrollment - walk-up
- Open - no enrollment - no walk-up
- Semi-open - enrollment - walk-up
- Semi-open - enrollment - no walk-up
- Closed - enrollment - walk-up
- Closed - enrollment - no walk-up**

Residents: n=3048, MOE +/-1.8%

Have I reached you on your cell phone or on your regular home phone?

	Residents
Cell	29
Regular home phone	71
Total	100

Residents: n=3048, MOE +/-1.8%

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Residents
Yes	82
No	17
Not a U.S. Citizen	0
Unsure	1
Refused	0
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2)

Percent  
82

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters
Approve	38
Disapprove	51
Unsure	10
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1265, MOE +/-2.8%**

**If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	40
Mitt Romney, the Republican	45
Undecided	15
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1265, MOE +/-2.8%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	45
Newt Gingrich, the Republican	40
Undecided	16
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1222, MOE +/-2.8%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	41
Ron Paul, the Republican	43
Undecided	16
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1222, MOE +/-2.8%**

**If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	42
Rick Santorum, the Republican	45
Undecided	12
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%**

**If November's election for U.S. Senate in Arizona were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	Registered Voters
Richard Carmona, the Democrat	29
Jeff Flake, the Republican	42
Undecided	28
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%**

**When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:**

	Registered Voters
The worst is yet to come	44
The worst is behind us	47
Undecided	9
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%**

**Do you plan to vote in the Arizona:**

	Registered Voters
Republican primary	37
Democratic primary	22
Or do you plan to wait to vote in the general election	35
Not planning to vote	2
Unsure	4
Total	100

**Residents: n=3048, MOE +/-1.8%**

**In which year were you born (recoded into age of respondent)?**

	Residents
18 to 29	18
30 to 44	25
45 to 59	23
60 or older	34
Total	100

**Residents: n=3048, MOE +/-1.8%**

**Are you white, black or African-American, Latino or Hispanic, Asian, or Native American? (If not Latino: Are you Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?)**

	Residents
White	65
African American or Black	3
Latino or Hispanic	25
Other	7
Total	100

**Residents: n=3048, MOE +/-1.8%**

**Which of the following includes your combined family income before taxes:**

	Residents
Less than \$15,000 a year	13
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	13
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	26
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	17
Total	100

**Residents: n=3048, MOE +/-1.8%**

**Which county in Arizona do you live in (recoded into region of the state)?**

	Residents
Maricopa County (Phoenix)	60
Pima County (Tucson)	16
Rest of State	24
Total	100

**Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%; Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%**

**Are you registered to vote as a:**

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Democrat	31	
Republican	40	100
Independent, that is not enrolled in any party	28	
Other	1	
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%; Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	29	51
No	61	41
Unsure	9	7
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1)

Would you say you strongly support the Tea Party Movement or just support it?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	9	18
Support Tea Party	20	33
Does not support Tea Party	61	41
Unsure	9	7
Total	100	100

POTREP=1

IF (REPSEL=1)

OR (PRIMRULE=1, 2, 3, 4, 7 AND PRIMPRF=1)

OR ((PRIMRULE=5, 6) AND (PARTYR=03 OR PRTDF=02, 03) AND (PRIMPRF=1))

POTREP: POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTORATE=1

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

In the upcoming primary election for president next week, have you already voted early or by absentee, or not?

	Likely Voters
Yes, already voted early or by absentee	53
No	47
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Would you rate your chances of voting in the Republican presidential primary in Arizona as excellent, good, fair, or poor? If you have already voted early or by absentee, please say so.

	Likely Voters
Excellent (including early voters and absentee)	89
Good	9
Fair	2
Poor	1
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

If next week's Republican presidential primary in Arizona were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (Tossup including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate, voted early, or by absentee):

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	43
Rick Santorum	27
Newt Gingrich	16
Ron Paul	11
Other	0
Undecided	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on primary day?

	Likely Voters
Strongly support	78
Somewhat support	14
Might vote differently	6
Unsure	1
Total	100

Likely voters with a candidate preference: n=312, MOE +/- 5.6%

Who is your second choice for the Republican presidential primary in Arizona?

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	28
Newt Gingrich	25
Mitt Romney	24
Ron Paul	12
Undecided	11
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Using the numbers 1 to 5, with 1 meaning very interested and 5 meaning not interested at all, how interested are you in the Arizona Republican presidential primary?

	Likely Voters
1 - Very interested	81
2	8
3	6
4	3
5 - Not interested at all	2
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Have you ever voted before in the Arizona Republican presidential primary?

	Likely Voters
Yes	88
No	12
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Which one of the following qualities is most important to you in deciding whom to support for the Republican presidential nomination? A candidate who:

	Likely Voters
Shares your values	23
Is closest to you on the issues	25
Can beat President Obama in 2012	33
Has the experience to govern	16
Unsure	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Have the debates helped decide your vote: A great deal, a good amount, some, not very much, or not at all?

	Likely Voters
A great deal	15
A good amount	15
Some	34
Not very much	17
Not at all	19
Total	100
A great deal/A good amount/Some	64
Not very much/Not at all	36
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Mitt Romney?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	56
Acceptable but with reservations	32
Not acceptable	11
Unsure	1
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Newt Gingrich?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	36
Acceptable but with reservations	30
Not acceptable	33
Unsure	1
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Ron Paul?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	25
Acceptable but with reservations	29
Not acceptable	43
Unsure	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Rick Santorum?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	54
Acceptable but with reservations	27
Not acceptable	15
Unsure	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Are you currently satisfied with the Republican candidates who are running for president or would you like to see someone else run?

	Likely Voters
Satisfied with current candidates	49
Like to see someone else run	48
Undecided	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Which one of the following candidates do you consider to be the true conservative:

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	37
Mitt Romney	18
Ron Paul	17
Newt Gingrich	14
None	5
Undecided	9
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Which one of the following candidates do you think has the best chance to beat President Obama:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	57
Rick Santorum	17
Newt Gingrich	11
Ron Paul	4
None	3
Undecided	7
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Which is more important to you:

	Likely Voters
The Republican nominee for president is a true conservative	29
The Republican nominee for president has the best chance to beat President Obama	63
Unsure	8
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Which one of the following candidates best represents your views on immigration:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	24
Newt Gingrich	20
Rick Santorum	18
Ron Paul	11
None	6
Undecided	20
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Regardless of whom you support, who do you think will be the Republican nominee to run against President Obama:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	66
Rick Santorum	14
Newt Gingrich	7
Ron Paul	2
None	1
Undecided	10
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%

Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of immigration?

	Registered Voters
Approve	31
Disapprove	60
Unsure	9
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%; Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

The Arizona immigration law requires police officers to check the citizenship papers of people they stop or arrest if the officer suspects the person may be in this country illegally. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a presidential candidate who supports this law or would this not affect your vote either way?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
More likely	45	67
Less likely	20	6
Does not affect vote	31	25
Unsure	3	2
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%

Did you vote in the 2008 presidential election, were you not eligible to vote at the time, or did you not get a chance to vote in the 2008 presidential election?

	Registered Voters
Yes, voted in 2008 presidential election	85
Not eligible in 2008	6
Did not get a chance to vote in 2008	9
Unsure	0
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=2487, MOE +/-2.0%

How about in November of 2010...Did you vote in the 2010 Congressional elections, were you not eligible to vote at the time, or did you not get a chance to vote in the 2010 congressional elections?

	Registered Voters
Yes, voted in 2010 Congressional elections	67
Not eligible in 2010	5
Did not get a chance to vote in 2010	25
Undecided	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

On another topic, politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

	Likely Voters
Very liberal	1
Liberal	3
Moderate	25
Conservative	49
Very conservative	23
Total	100



Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Likely Voters
Protestant	61
Catholic	18
Jewish	2
Other	11
No Religion	8
Total	100

Likely voters & religion is Protestant, Other, None, or Refused

Would you describe yourself as a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

	Likely Voters
Yes	35
No	65
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

Do you consider a Mormon to be a Christian, or not?

	Likely Voters
Yes	63
No-Unsure	37
Total	100

Likely voters: n=767, MOE +/- 3.5%

What is the highest level of school you completed or the highest degree you received (recoded)?

	Likely Voters
Not college graduate	52
College graduate	48
Total	100

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Are you male or female?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Male	48	50
Female	52	50
Total	100	100