NBC News/WSJ/Marist Poll Iowa October 31, 2012 Presidential Election 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 lowa?

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GENDER GUESS

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Cell	24	20	25
Regular home phone	76	80	75
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Cell	26	22	28
Regular home phone	74	78	72
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Cell	27	24	29
Regular home phone	73	76	71
Total	100	100	100

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Are you registered to vote at your current address in lowa?

RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Yes	94	92	91
No	5	7	9
Not a U.S. Citizen	0	0	0
Unsure	1	0	0
Total	100	100	100
Registered voters	October 31, 2012 94	October 18, 2012 92	September 2012 91

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

LIKELY VOTERS - Including leaners*	October 31, 2012 (including absentee)	October 18, 2012 (including absentee)	September 2012
Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the	50	51	50
Democrats			
Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the	44	43	42
Republicans			
Other	2	2	1
Undecided	4	4	7
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS - Including	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
leaners*	(including absentee)	(including absentee)	September 2012
Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the	49	50	51
Democrats			
Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the	43	43	40
Republicans			
Other	2	2	1
Undecided	6	5	8
Total	100	100	100

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Would you say you strongly support <candidates> somewhat support <candidates>, or do you think you might vote differently on Election Day?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Strongly support	88	86	81
Somewhat support	12	13	16
Might vote differently	0	1	2
Unsure	0	0	1
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Strongly support	86	84	79
Somewhat support	13	14	17
Might vote differently	0	2	3
Unsure	0	0	1
Total	100	100	100

^{*} Leaners are defined as voters who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate

In the upcoming election for president, have you already voted early or by absentee, or have you not voted early or by absentee? (If not early voter: Thinking about November's presidential election, do you plan to vote early or by absentee, vote on Election Day, or have you not decided?)

REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Voted/Plan to vote early or by absentee	45	40	n/a/27
Vote on Election Day	46	49	54
Have not decided	10	12	19
Total	100	100	100

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Have you ever voted before in a presidential election?

	LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Yes		93	94	96
No		6	6	4
Total		100	100	100
	REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
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Yes		91	91	93
yes No		91 9	91 9	93 7

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Approve	48	51	49
Disapprove	46	44	44
Unsure	6	5	7
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Approve	48	50	49
Disapprove	45	43	43
Unsure	7	6	8
Total	100	100	100

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All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Headed in the right direction	45	48	43
Off on the wrong track	50	47	49
Unsure	5	5	7
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Headed in the right direction	44	47	43
Off on the wrong track	50	47	49
Unsure	6	6	8
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Headed in the right direction	44	47	42
Off on the wrong track	49	47	49
Unsure	6	6	9
Total	100	100	100

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
18 to 29	11	10	10
30 to 44	23	21	22
45 to 59	30	29	30
60 or older	36	39	39
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
18 to 29	14	12	13
30 to 44	24	23	22
45 to 59	29	29	29
60 or older	34	37	37
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
18 to 29	16	14	15
30 to 44	24	23	22
45 to 59	28	28	28
60 or older	32	35	35
Total	100	100	100

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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?)

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LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
White	93	93	93
African American or Black	2	2	2
Latino or Hispanic	3	3	3
Other	2	2	2
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
White	92	92	92
African American or Black	2	2	2
Latino or Hispanic	4	4	4
Other	2	2	2
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
White	91	92	92
African American or Black	2	2	2
Latino or Hispanic	4	4	4
Other	3	2	2
Total	100	100	100

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Less than \$15,000 a year	10	11	10
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	12	11	11
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	27	27	27
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	22	21	21
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	12	14	14
\$100,000 or more	17	16	17
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Less than \$15,000 a year	10	10	10
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	13	12	11
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	27	27	28
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	21	21	21
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	12	14	14
\$100,000 or more	17	16	16
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Less than \$15,000 a year	12	12	12
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	14	12	11
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	26	28	28
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	20	20	20
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	12	13	13
\$100,000 or more	16	15	16
Total	100	100	100

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Eastern Cities	26	26	26
East Central	23	23	23
Central	30	30	30
West	21	21	21
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Eastern Cities	25	24	24
East Central	24	24	25
Central	29	30	30
West	22	22	21
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Eastern Cities	25	25	25
East Central	24	24	24
Central	29	29	29
West	22	22	22
Total	100	100	100

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Do you consider yourself a: (party identification)

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Democrat	34	33	36
Republican	31	31	31
Independent	34	35	33
Other	0	1	0
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
REGISTERED VOTERS Democrat	October 31, 2012 32	October 18, 2012 31	September 2012 35
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Democrat	32	31	35
Democrat Republican	32 31	31 30	35 29

Do you consider yourself a: (party identification)

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Strong Democrat	27	26	27
Not strong Democrat	7	6	8
Democrat leaning Independent	11	13	12
Just Independent	13	11	11
Republican leaning Independent	10	11	10
Not strong Republican	7	8	8
Strong Republican	24	23	22
Other	0	1	0
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
REGISTERED VOTERS Strong Democrat	October 31, 2012 25	October 18, 2012 24	September 2012 26
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Strong Democrat	25	24	. 26
Strong Democrat Not strong Democrat	25 8	24 7	26 9
Strong Democrat Not strong Democrat Democrat leaning Independent	25 8 12	24 7 14	26 9 13
Strong Democrat Not strong Democrat Democrat leaning Independent Just Independent	25 8 12 15	24 7 14 12	26 9 13 12
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Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Tea Party Supporters	23	24	24
No	66	67	67
Unsure	11	9	9
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Tea Party Supporters	23	24	23
No	65	67	67
Unsure	11	9	10
Total	100	100	100

Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Favorable	52	54	53
Unfavorable	44	43	42
Unsure/Never heard	5	3	5
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Favorable	51	54	53
Unfavorable	43	42	41
Unsure/Never heard	_		•
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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Mitt Romney?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Favorable	43	44	42
Unfavorable	49	51	50
Unsure/Never heard	8	5	8
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Favorable	43	43	40
Unfavorable	49	51	51
Unsure/Never heard	9	6	10
Total	100	100	100

Thinking about November's presidential election, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Very enthusiastic	60	55	51
Somewhat enthusiastic	28	32	34
Not too enthusiastic	7	9	11
Not enthusiastic at all	5	4	4
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
REGISTERED VOTERS Very enthusiastic	October 31, 2012 55	October 18, 2012 51	September 2012 45
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Very enthusiastic	55	51	45
Very enthusiastic Somewhat enthusiastic	55 30	51 34	45 35

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Which candidate will do a better job handling the economy:

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Barack Obama	45	47	47
Mitt Romney	45	46	43
Unsure	10	7	10
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Barack Obama	44	46	46
Mitt Romney	44	46	42
Unsure	11	9	11
Total	100	100	100

Which candidate will do a better job handling foreign policy:

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Barack Obama	51	51	52
Mitt Romney	39	40	38
Undecided	10	9	10
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Barack Obama	50	51	53
Mitt Romney	38	39	35
Undecided	11	11	12

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Very liberal	5	5	6
Liberal	15	16	19
Moderate	33	36	31
Conservative	34	33	32
Very conservative	12	10	12
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
	5	4	6
Very liberal	3	7	U
Very liberal Liberal	15	16	19
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Liberal	15	16	19
Liberal Moderate	15 34	16 37	19 33
Liberal Moderate Conservative	15 34 33	16 37 33	19 33 31

Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Protestant	62	60	62
Catholic	26	25	24
Jewish	0	0	1
Other	4	5	5
No Religion	8	10	8
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Protestant	61	60	60
Catholic	26	25	25
Jewish	0	0	1
Other	4	5	5
No Religion	9	10	9
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Protestant	60	59	59
Catholic	25	25	24
Jewish	0	0	1
Other	5	5	6
No Religion	9	11	9
Total	100	100	100

Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or single, that is never married (recoded)?

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Married	63	62	62
Not married	37	38	38
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Married	62	61	61
Not married	38	39	39
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Married	60	59	60
Not married	40	41	40
Total	100	100	100

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

LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Not college graduate	63	63	60
College graduate	37	37	40
Total	100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Not college graduate	65	64	63
College graduate	35	36	37
Total	100	100	100
RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Not college graduate	66	66	65
College graduate	34	34	35
Total	100	100	100

Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?

	LIKELY VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Yes		14	13	16
No		86	87	84
Total		100	100	100
	REGISTERED VOTERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Yes		14	12	15
No		86	88	85
Total		100	100	100
	RESIDENTS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Yes		13	12	15
No		87	88	85
Total		100	100	100

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Are you male or female?

LIKELY VOT	TERS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Male		49	48	48
Female		51	52	52
Total		100	100	100
REGISTERED VOTERS		October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Male		49	49	48
Female		51	51	52
Total		100	100	100
RESIDEN	TS	October 31, 2012	October 18, 2012	September 2012
Male		49	49	49
Female		51	51	51
Total		100	100	100