

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
December 15, 2011
December 2011 poll of Iowa respondents

Sample: 982 registered voters, margin of error +/- 3.5 percent

The Hawkeye Poll was conducted by telephone with live callers from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7, 2011. The poll is conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty and students in the University of Iowa Department of Political Science. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Associate Professor of Political Science Frederick Boehmke. UI Professor of Political Science Caroline Tolbert is a member of the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative and co-author of *Why Iowa?* The poll is a teaching, research, and service project of the UI Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. CLAS and the Office of the Provost fund the poll.

The research team utilized the facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Sociology Professor Kevin Leicht, in Iowa City to design the survey and conduct call sessions. The team programmed the survey for use with WinCATI, a questionnaire interface created by Sawtooth Technologies, and calls were made with the automatic dialing feature.

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Respondent identification: A registered voter sample was acquired for each of Iowa's five congressional districts. An initial attempt was made on answering the phone to reach the "youngest male who is 18 years or older." Alternatively, a female age 18 or older was interviewed. All who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

Weighting: The General Election survey results are weighted according to partisanship, gender, and age by congressional district.

** All topline results equal approximately 100 percent.*

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Mitt Romney vs. Obama - general election	%
Barack Obama	41.7
Mitt Romney	42.6
Don't Know/Refused	15.7
Total	100.0

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Newt Gingrich vs. Obama - general election	%
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Barack Obama	43.3
Newt Gingrich	45.6
Don't Know/Refused	11.1
Total	100.0

Partisan Identification: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Democrat %	Republican %	Independent %	Total %
Barack Obama	86.1	6.4	37.4	41.7
Mitt Romney	4.9	81.8	37.5	42.6
Don't Know/Refused	9.0	11.7	25.1	15.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Partisan Identification: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Democrat %	Republican %	Independent %	Total %
Barack Obama	88.9	4.5	41.0	43.3
Newt Gingrich	5.8	88.0	39.6	45.6
Don't Know/Refused	5.3	7.6	19.5	11.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Perceived sex of respondent:

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Male %	Female %	Total %
Barack Obama	42.0	41.4	41.7
Mitt Romney	43.8	41.5	42.6
Don't Know/Refused	14.2	17.1	15.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Perceived sex of respondent:

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the

Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Male %	Female %	Total %
Barack Obama	45.3	41.3	43.3
Newt Gingrich	47.4	43.8	45.6
Don't Know/Refused	7.3	14.9	11.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Age:

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	18-34 %	35-54 %	55-69 %	70 and over %	Total %
Barack Obama	46.7	40.1	43.0	36.3	41.7
Mitt Romney	35.4	43.3	45.0	48.3	42.6
Don't Know/Refused	18.0	16.6	12.1	15.4	15.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Age:

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	18-34 %	35-54 %	55-69 %	70 and over %	Total %
Barack Obama	45.7	41.4	44.0	42.9	43.3
Newt Gingrich	43.4	46.6	46.2	45.6	45.6
Don't Know/Refused	10.9	12.0	9.8	11.4	11.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Economic Conditions: How would you rate economic conditions in this country – very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Very good %	Somewhat good %	Somewhat poor %	Very poor %	Total %
Barack Obama	100.0	53.0	45.1	27.9	41.6
Mitt Romney	0.0	31.6	37.3	59.0	42.6
Don't Know/Refused	0.0	15.4	17.6	13.1	15.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Economic Conditions: How would you rate economic conditions in this country – very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Very good %	Somewhat good %	Somewhat poor %	Very poor %	Total %
Barack Obama	100.0	55.7	50.1	22.7	43.2
Newt Gingrich	0.0	34.5	39.1	64.5	45.6
Don't Know/Refused	0.0	9.8	10.9	12.8	11.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Obama Job Approval: Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Strongly approve %	Approve %	Neutral %	Disapprove %	Strongly Disapprove %	Total %
Barack Obama	99.2	84.1	45.7	11.0	0.6	41.4
Mitt Romney	0.8	8.5	22.7	73.2	82.7	43.5
Don't Know/Refused	0.0	7.4	31.6	15.8	16.7	15.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Obama Job Approval: Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Strongly approve %	Approve %	Neutral %	Disapprove %	Strongly Disapprove %	Total %
Barack Obama	99.5	88.5	46.3	11.8	0.2	42.9
Newt Gingrich	0.5	10.1	30.4	74.6	86.9	46.5
Don't Know/Refused	0.0	1.5	23.3	13.6	12.9	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Occupy Wall Street Movement Support: Given your current knowledge of the Occupy Wall Street movement and their positions on the issues, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Occupy Wall Street movement?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Support %	Neither support nor oppose %	Oppose %	Total %
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Barack Obama	62.5	56.8	29.2	44.3
Mitt Romney	21.4	30.3	60.3	42.9
Don't Know/Refused	16.1	12.9	10.5	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Support %	Neither support nor oppose %	Oppose %	Total %
Barack Obama	64.6	58.3	30.4	45.8
Newt Gingrich	24.8	35.9	62.7	46.1
Don't Know/Refused	10.6	5.8	6.9	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Tea Party Movement Support: Given your current knowledge of the Tea Party movement and their positions on the issues, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Tea Party movement?

General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Support %	Neither support nor oppose %	Oppose %	Total %
Barack Obama	12.7	33.5	70.5	42.2
Mitt Romney	71.6	40.9	17.1	43.1
Don't Know/Refused	15.8	25.7	12.4	14.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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General Election Match Up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Support %	Neither support nor oppose %	Oppose %	Total %
Barack Obama	8.7	34.9	76.8	43.6
Newt Gingrich	81.2	40.6	14.8	46.2
Don't Know/Refused	10.1	24.5	8.4	10.1

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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