NPR/RESURGENT REPUBLIC/DEMOCRACY CORPS POST-DEBATE NATIONAL SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS

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Hello, this is _____ with North Star Opinion Research, a national public opinion research company. We're talking with people in your area today about some issues facing the country. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE). FOR CELL PHONE SAMPLE: CELL 1. Have I reached you on a cell phone? NO......THANK AND TERMINATE CELL 2. Are you in a place right now where you can safely take the survey? NOT WILLING TO TAKE SURVEY THANK AND TERMINATE DON'T KNOW/REFUSED...... SCHEDULE CALLBACK OR TERM A. Are you registered to vote in the county in which you live? B. Is there anyone else in your household who is registered to vote in your county? NO......THANK AND CLOSE C. How likely would you say you are to vote in the elections for President and Congress this year: absolutely certain, very likely, somewhat likely, or not too likely? **ALL** REP IND **DEM** BAT 88% 83% 86% 86% VERY LIKELY 14% 12% 17% 14% 14% D. Do you plan to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6; before Election Day, either through absentee ballot or early voting; or have you already voted? ALL REP IND **DEM** BAT 66% 67% 63% 67% 20% 18% 22% 19% 14% 15% 16% 14%

1. On a scale of one to ten, with one being "not at all enthusiastic" and ten being "extremely enthusiastic," how enthusiastic are you about voting in the Presidential election this November?

	\mathbf{ALL}	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
ONE	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%
TWO	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
THREE	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%
FOUR	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
FIVE	7%	5%	11%	6%	6%
SIX	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
SEVEN	6%	5%	8%	5%	6%
EIGHT	9%	5%	9%	12%	9%
NINE	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%
TEN	66%	76%	54%	66%	64%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

Political Environment and Role of Government

2. Would you say that America is headed in the right direction, or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
RIGHT DIRECTION	41%	5%	30%	83%	44%
WRONG TRACK	55%	95%	64%	12%	52%
DON'T KNOW	. 4%	1%	6%	5%	4%

4. Which of the following types of issues are most likely to affect your vote for President and Congress this year (ROTATE: economic issues like jobs and unemployment; fiscal issues like taxes, spending, deficits, and debt; social issues like abortion and gay marriage; or national security issues like terrorism, Afghanistan, and Libya)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
ECONOMIC ISSUES	57%	59%	58%	54%	57%
FISCAL ISSUES	16%	17%	17%	13%	16%
SOCIAL ISSUES	14%	11%	12%	19%	13%
NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES	8%	7%	9%	8%	9%
NONE/OTHER/DON'T KNOW	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%

Name IDs

I would like to read you a list of names of people and groups and have you tell me, for each one, whether you've heard of that person or group and, if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them. If you haven't heard of the person or group, just say so (RANDOMIZE):

IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Would that be very (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) or just somewhat (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE)?

	VEI FA		SMWHT FAV	SMWHT UNFAV		VERY UNFAV	NO OPINION	NEVER HEARD OF
13. Joe Biden A	LL 289	6	18%	12%		36%	4%	1%
R	EP 2%	, 0	5%	17%		74%	2%	1%
I	ND 169	6	23%	18%		35%	8%	1%
Di	EM 629	6	25%	3%		5%	3%	2%
В	AT 309	6	18%	12%		34%	5%	1%
R I	LL EP ND EM	46% 7% 39% 87%			48% 91% 53% 8%			
	AT	48%			46%			
14. Barack Obama A	LL 379	⁄o	14%	9%		39%	2%	0%
R	EP 2%	, 0	5%	13%		80%	0%	0%
I	ND 219	6	22%	13%		40%	3%	0%
D	EM 809	6	14%	1%		3%	1%	0%
В	AT 409	0	14%	9%		35%	3%	0%
R I Di	LL EP ND EM AT	51% 7% 43% 94% 54%			48% 93% 53% 4% 44%			
15. Mitt Romney A	LL 329	6	19%	13%		32%	3%	0%
	EP 739	6	23%	2%		2%	0%	0%
I	ND 269	6	28%	18%		22%	6%	0%
D	EM 4%	Ó	6%	20%		68%	2%	0%
В	AT 319	o	15%	13%		36%	5%	0%
R I Di	LL EP ND EM AT	51% 96% 54% 10% 46%			45% 4% 40% 88% 49%			

	VERY FAV	SMWHT FAV	SMWHT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	NO OPINION	NEVER HEARD OF
16. Paul Ryan AL	33%	17%	11%	29%	6%	4%
RE		22%	1%	3%	2%	2%
INI	29%	23%	15%	23%	7%	3%
DEN	I 4%	7%	17%	59%	7%	6%
BA	Γ 30%	14%	11%	33%	7%	4%
AL		50%	4	10%		
RE		92%	4	4%		
INI)	52%	3	88%		
DEN	1	11%	7	16%		
BA	Γ	44%	4	14%		
17. Republicans in ALI	12%	29%	21%	32%	5%	1%
Congress RE	27%	55%	12%	3%	3%	0%
INI	9%	30%	27%	26%	7%	1%
DEN	I 2%	5%	23%	64%	4%	1%
BA	Γ 12%	27%	20%	36%	5%	0%
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18. Democrats in ALI	20%	24%	21%	31%	5%	0%
Congress RE		5%	29%	61%	3%	0%
INI		23%	26%	33%	7%	1%
DEN		41%	9%	3%	3%	0%
BA		23%	23%	27%	4%	0%
AL		44%	5	52%		
RE		6%	9	00%		
INI		33%	5	59%		
DEN	I	85%		2%		
BA	Γ	45%	5	50%		

President Obama's Image and the 2012 Election

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY APPROVE	30%	2%	17%	68%	33%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	19%	4%	25%	26%	19%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	7%	10%	10%	2%	8%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	42%	83%	44%	4%	38%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%
APPROVE	49%	6%	42%	94%	52%
DISAPPROVE	49%	93%	54%	6%	46%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY APPROVE	. 26%	2%	16%	57%	28%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	. 21%	3%	23%	34%	21%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	8%	10%	11%	3%	7%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	. 44%	85%	49%	5%	41%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	1%	0%	2%	1%	3%
APPROVE	. 47%	5%	39%	91%	49%
DISAPPROVE	. 52%	95%	60%	8%	48%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	1%	0%	2%	1%	3%

21. If the election for President were being held today and the candidates for President and Vice President are (ROTATE: Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republicans, and Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats), for which candidates would you vote?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
IF ROMNEY/RYAN OR OBAMA/	DEF ROMNEY/RYAN 44%	92%	42%	4%	42%
BIDEN, ASK: Would that be definitely	PROB ROMNEY/RYAN 4%	4%	8%	1%	3%
(Romney/Ryan-Obama/Biden), or just	LEAN ROMNEY/RYAN 0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
probably (Romney/Ryan-Obama/Biden)?	DEF OBAMA/BIDEN 42%	2%	29%	88%	46%
	PROB OBAMA/BIDEN 4%	1%	8%	4%	3%
IF REFUSED OR UNDECIDED, ASK:	LEAN OBAMA/BIDEN 1%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Which way do you lean as of today,	OTHER CAND (VOL.) 1%	0%	2%	0%	1%
toward (ROTATE: Romney/Ryan or	UNDECIDED 3%	1%	7%	1%	2%
Obama/Biden)?	REFUSED2%	0%	2%	1%	1%
	ROMNEY/RYAN48%	96%	51%	5%	46%
	OBAMA/BIDEN 47%	3%	39%	93%	50%
	OTHER CAND (VOL.) 1%	0%	2%	0%	1%
	UNDECIDED 3%	1%	7%	1%	2%
	REFUSED2%	0%	2%	1%	1%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY APPROVE	4%	2%	1%	8%	4%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	12%	10%	9%	16%	10%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	27%	33%	26%	24%	29%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	52%	50%	61%	47%	52%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%
APPROVE	16%	12%	10%	24%	14%
DISAPPROVE	79%	83%	87%	71%	81%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%

24. If the 2012 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the (ROTATE: Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate)?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	. 43%	91%	42%	4%	42%
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	. 43%	2%	32%	90%	46%
DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES (VOL.)	6%	3%	14%	2%	5%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	7%	3%	13%	4%	7%

Candidate Trust

ROTATE QUESTIONS 25 AND 26

25. Do you think Barack Obama has laid out a clear agenda for what he would like to do over the next four years if he is reelected as President?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES, HAS LAID OUT AGENDA	55%	27%	46%	89%	58%
NO, HAS NOT LAID OUT AGENDA	43%	72%	51%	10%	40%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%

26. Do you think Mitt Romney has laid out a clear agenda for what he would like to do over the next four years if he is elected as President?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES, HAS LAID OUT AGENDA	49%	87%	50%	16%	48%
NO, HAS NOT LAID OUT AGENDA	49%	13%	47%	82%	50%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	. 2%	1%	3%	2%	2%

Which candidate, (ROTATE: Mitt Romney, the Republican, or Barack Obama, the Democrat), do you trust more to handle each of the following issues (RANDOMIZE):

		R	COMNEY	OB AMA	ABOUT THE SAME	DON'T KNOW
27.	Jobs and the economy	ALL	50%	46%	2%	3%
	y	REP	96%	3%	0%	1%
		IND	55%	36%	5%	4%
		DEM	7%	90%	1%	2%
		BAT	48%	49%	1%	2%
28.	The federal deficit and debt	ALL	51%	43%	3%	3%
		REP	95%	4%	0%	1%
		IND	56%	33%	7%	4%
		DEM	9%	87%	1%	3%
		BAT	48%	47%	2%	3%
29.	Federal taxes	ALL	49%	47%	1%	3%
		REP	95%	4%	1%	0%
		IND	52%	40%	3%	5%
		DEM	7%	91%	0%	2%
		BAT	46%	50%	1%	3%
30.	Health care	ALL	47%	48%	2%	3%
		REP	93%	5%	2%	0%
		IND	48%	43%	4%	5%
		DEM	6%	92%	1%	2%
		BAT	43%	52%	2%	3%
31.	Medicare	ALL	45%	50%	2%	3%
		REP	90%	6%	2%	2%
		IND	46%	44%	4%	6%
		DEM	4%	94%	1%	1%
		BAT	40%	54%	2%	4%
32.	Foreign policy and diplomacy	ALL	43%	52%	3%	3%
		REP	88%	8%	2%	2%
		IND	44%	46%	5%	4%
		DEM	4%	94%	1%	2%
		BAT	40%	56%	2%	2%
33.	National security and military affairs	ALL	46%	48%	3%	3%
		REP	93%	4%	1%	2%
		IND	47%	43%	7%	3%
		DEM	6%	91%	1%	2%
		BAT	43%	52%	2%	2%

Presidential Debates

34. Did you get a chance to watch any of the Presidential debates, or see news coverage of the debates?

	\mathbf{ALL}	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES	91%	93%	90%	90%	91%
NO	9%	7%	10%	10%	8%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

For each of the debates, did you watch all of the debate, some of the debate, or did you just see news reports about the debate?

			ALL	SOME	NEWS REPORTS	DON'T KNOW
35.	The first presidential debate on domestic	ALL	66%	22%	9%	2%
	policy, moderated by Jim Lehrer.	REP	70%	20%	8%	2%
		IND	64%	24%	9%	3%
		DEM	65%	22%	10%	2%
		BAT	65%	23%	10%	2%
36.	The second presidential debate in a town hall	ALL	66%	21%	11%	2%
	format, moderated by Candy Crowley.	REP	66%	20%	11%	3%
		IND	64%	22%	13%	1%
		DEM	67%	21%	10%	1%
		BAT	64%	21%	14%	1%
37.	The third presidential debate on foreign	ALL	62%	22%	13%	3%
	policy, moderated by Bob Schieffer.	REP	66%	17%	13%	4%
		IND	57%	26%	14%	3%
		DEM	64%	22%	10%	3%
		BAT	64%	20%	14%	2%

Note: Results based on 724 respondents.

38. Did what you saw in the debates make you (ROTATE: more likely to vote for Mitt Romney, more likely to vote for Barack Obama), or did the debates have no effect on your vote?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MORE LIKELY ROMNEY	34%	65%	37%	3%	33%
MORE LIKELY OBAMA	28%	3%	21%	58%	28%
NO EFFECT	36%	32%	40%	36%	37%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%	0%	2%	3%	2%

Note: Results based on 724 respondents.

- 39. Which candidate do you agree with more? (ROTATE) AFTER ANSWER, ASK: Would that be strongly agree or just somewhat agree?
 - a) The Republican candidate says if Barack Obama is reelected, the next four years will be just like the last four. The middle class is getting crushed. Incomes are down by \$4,300 per family, and health insurance premiums are up by \$2,500. 23 million Americans are still out of work. He said he would cut the deficit in half, but instead he doubled it. Governor Romney has a plan to help the middle class and small businesses, and create 12 million new jobs. We just can't afford four more years of Barack Obama.
 - b) The Democratic candidate says we're moving forward but we have much more to do to get jobs back and help the middle class. Governor Romney would take us back to policies that got us in trouble. So, here's my plan for the next four years: make education a national priority; build on our manufacturing boom, give tax breaks to companies that invest here; boost American-made energy; reduce the deficit responsibly AND ask the wealthy to pay a little more. And end the war in Afghanistan so we can do nation-building here at home.

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
STRONGLY AGREE REPUBLICAN	41%	87%	39%	3%	39%
SOMEWHAT AGREE REPUBLICAN	7%	7%	12%	2%	5%
SOMEWHAT AGREE DEMOCRAT	9%	3%	16%	8%	11%
STRONGLY AGREE DEMOCRAT	39%	2%	26%	83%	40%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	1%	8%	4%	4%
AGREE REPUBLICAN	48%	94%	51%	5%	44%
AGREE DEMOCRAT	48%	5%	42%	91%	51%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	1%	8%	4%	4%

Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

40. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

	ALL	BAT
IF "REP" OR "DEM", ASK:	STRONG REP 26%	25%
Would you consider yourself a strong or	NOT-SO-STRONG REP 5%	6%
a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	IND LEAN REP 10%	9%
	IND/NO PREF 14%	10%
IF "IND," ASK:	IND LEAN DEM 9%	8%
Do you think of yourself as closer to the	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM 6%	7%
(ROTATE: Republican or Democratic	STRONG DEM 29%	33%
Party)?	REFUSED2%	2%

41. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
VERY CONSERVATIVE	44%	13%	8%	19%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	36%	24%	12%	25%
MODERATE	14%	40%	21%	24%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	4%	12%	31%	17%
VERY LIBERAL 10%	0%	7%	21%	10%
NO OPINION	2%	4%	7%	4%

42. Would you please stop me when I read the last level of education you completed?

ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL2%	1%	2%	3%	3%
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	18%	12%	15%	14%
SOME COLLEGE	26%	28%	27%	25%
COLLEGE GRAD	35%	32%	30%	38%
GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL22%	19%	24%	21%	19%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	0%	2%	4%	1%

43. Are you married, single, divorced, or widowed?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MARRIED	66%	78%	68%	55%	66%
SINGLE	17%	10%	16%	23%	19%
DIVORCED	8%	6%	9%	9%	8%
WIDOWED	7%	5%	5%	10%	6%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	2%	0%	2%	3%	2%

44. In general, would you say you are (ROTATE: pro-life or pro-choice) on abortion?

AL	L F	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
PRO-LIFE 419	% 7	71%	37%	18%	41%
PRO-CHOICE499	% 2	21%	53%	70%	51%
UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED 109	%	8%	10%	11%	8%

45. Are you, or is any member of your immediate family, a member of a labor union?

IF YES, ASK: Is that a public-sector union, or a private-sector union?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES/PUBLIC SECTOR	13%	8%	13%	17%	13%
YES/PRIVATE SECTOR	. 7%	4%	6%	10%	6%
NO, NOT UNION MEMBER	78%	87%	79%	68%	79%
REFUSED	. 3%	0%	2%	5%	3%

46. Would you say the area where you live is urban, suburban, small town, or rural?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
URBAN	. 21%	16%	20%	28%	19%
SUBURBAN	. 33%	34%	31%	34%	35%
SMALL TOWN	. 23%	27%	25%	18%	22%
RURAL	. 20%	22%	21%	15%	21%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	4%	1%	4%	6%	4%

47. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
18 TO 24	4%	7%	9%	8%
25 TO 29	11%	7%	8%	10%
30 TO 39	17%	17%	15%	18%
40 TO 49	20%	22%	18%	21%
50 TO 64	29%	30%	29%	29%
65 OR OLDER	19%	17%	21%	15%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	0%	2%	1%	0%

48. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
\$25,000 OR LESS	8%	9%	12%	10%
\$25,000 TO \$50,000	15%	17%	18%	14%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	16%	20%	17%	17%
\$75,000 TO \$100,000	18%	15%	15%	19%
\$100,000 TO \$150,000 16%	21%	15%	13%	17%
\$150,000 TO \$250,000	7%	7%	7%	6%
\$250,000 OR MORE 5%	6%	7%	4%	4%
REFUSED12%	10%	11%	13%	13%

49. Is your religious background Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or something else? (IF SOMETHING ELSE OR UNCLEAR RESPONSE ASK: Is that a Christian religion or not?)

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
PROTESTANT	30%	39%	34%	21%	29%
CATHOLIC	26%	27%	23%	26%	24%
OTHER CHRISTIAN	23%	23%	20%	25%	26%
JEWISH	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN	7%	6%	6%	10%	6%
AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
NONE	5%	2%	7%	5%	5%
DON'T KNOW (DNR)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
REFUSED (DNR)	5%	2%	5%	6%	5%

50. Would you call yourself an evangelical Christian or not?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES	31%	43%	25%	26%	31%
NO	64%	53%	70%	71%	64%
DON'T KNOW (DNR)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
REFUSED (DNR)	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

Note: Results based on 628 respondents.

51. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES/HISPANIC	. 9%	6%	11%	11%	8%
NO/WHITE	74%	89%	78%	59%	77%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	12%	1%	5%	27%	11%
NO/ASIAN	. 1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
NO/OTHER	. 4%	3%	5%	3%	3%
REFUSED	. 0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

ASK IN CELL SAMPLE ONLY

51a. Now, thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES	55%	57%	56%	52%	52%
NO	43%	43%	44%	41%	46%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%	0%	0%	7%	2%

Note: Results based on 127 respondents.

ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY

51b. Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
YES	85%	88%	87%	80%	85%
NO	12%	10%	10%	15%	10%
DON'T KNOW/REFLISED	4%	3%	3%	5%	5%

Note: Results based on 670 respondents.

DO NOT ASK IF NO IN Q. 51a OR IF NO OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED IN Q. 51b

51c. Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get:

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
ALL/ALMOST ALL ON CELL	27%	24%	29%	29%	28%
SOME CELL/SOME REGULAR HOME	46%	48%	46%	42%	42%
ALL/ALMOST ALL REGULAR HOME	25%	26%	24%	25%	28%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%

Note: Results based on 640 respondents.

52. Gender (from observation):

	ALL	REP	IND	DEM	BAT
MALE	46%	48%	57%	35%	46%
FEMALE	54%	52%	43%	65%	54%

53. Finally, in what state do you live?

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.