## DATA TABLES

The questions referred to in this release are as follows:
(* Some columns may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.)

1. If the election for President were today, would you vote for Mitt Romney the Republican, or Barack Obama the Democrat, or some other candidate? [IF UNDECIDED: At this moment, do you lean towards Mitt Romney or do you lean towards Barack Obama?] [NAMES WERE ROTATED] [Includes early voters who have already cast their ballots]

| (with leaners) | Likely | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |  |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Romney | 48\% | 90\% | 52\% | 6\% | 51\% | 45\% | 34\% | 50\% | 53\% | 57\% | 6\% | 42\% |
| Obama | 45\% | 6\% | 33\% | 91\% | 40\% | 49\% | 57\% | 40\% | 43\% | 38\% | 82\% | 48\% |
| Other candidate | 3\% | 1\% | 7\% | 0\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| (VOL) Undecided | 5\% | 2\% | 8\% | 2\% | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% | 9\% | 5\% |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct | September | August | June |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Romney | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Obama | $48 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Other candidate | $45 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| (VOL) Undecided | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

[QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 WERE ROTATED]
2. Is your general opinion of Mitt Romney favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion?

|  | Likely |  | ARTY ID |  | GEN | DER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Favorable | 49\% | 90\% | 53\% | 9\% | 52\% | 47\% | 33\% | 53\% | 54\% | 56\% | 12\% | 47\% |
| Unfavorable | 39\% | 6\% | 31\% | 75\% | 37\% | 41\% | 48\% | 37\% | 35\% | 35\% | 62\% | 40\% |
| No opinion | 12\% | 4\% | 15\% | 16\% | 12\% | 13\% | 19\% | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% | 26\% | 13\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Early O |  | ptember | Aug |  | June |  |  |
|  |  | oter |  |  | 2012 |  | 2012 | 20 |  | 2012 |  |  |
|  | Favorable |  |  |  | 46\% |  | 41\% | 40 |  | 38\% |  |  |
|  | Unfavorable |  |  |  | 39\% |  | 40\% | 39 |  | 37\% |  |  |
|  | No opinion |  |  |  | 15\% |  | 19\% | 21 |  | 25\% |  |  |
|  | Unwtd N |  |  |  | 1360 |  | 1344 | 11 |  | 1152 |  |  |

3. Is your general opinion of Barack Obama favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion?

|  | Likely | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |  |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Favorable | 45\% | 7\% | 35\% | 88\% | 40\% | 49\% | 56\% | 42\% | 42\% | 38\% | 77\% | 49\% |
| Unfavorable | 45\% | 86\% | 50\% | 4\% | 48\% | 43\% | 30\% | 47\% | 52\% | 54\% | 8\% | 39\% |
| No opinion | 10\% | 7\% | 15\% | 7\% | 11\% | 8\% | 14\% | 11\% | 6\% | 8\% | 15\% | 12\% |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct | September | August | June |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favorable | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Unfavorable | $45 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| No opinion | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

[QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 WERE ROTATED]
4. Is your general opinion of Paul Ryan favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion?

|  | Likely Voters | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |  |
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|  |  | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Favorable | 45\% | 82\% | 49\% | 9\% | 49\% | 42\% | 29\% | 49\% | 51\% | 51\% | 10\% | 46\% |
| Unfavorable | 34\% | 4\% | 27\% | 66\% | 31\% | 36\% | 38\% | 32\% | 33\% | 30\% | 53\% | 35\% |
| No opinion | 21\% | 14\% | 23\% | 25\% | 20\% | 23\% | 33\% | 19\% | 16\% | 19\% | 37\% | 19\% |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | September | August |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favorable | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Unfavorable | $45 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| No opinion | $34 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $21 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $34 \%$ |

5. Is your general opinion of Joe Biden favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | PARTY ID |  |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |
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|  |  | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | $18-34$ | $35-54$ | $55+$ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Favorable | $37 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ | $81 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| No opinion | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $16 \%$ |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | September | August |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favorable | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Unfavorable | $37 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| No opinion | $46 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $18 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $28 \%$ |

[QUESTIONS 6 TO 9 WERE ROTATED]
6. Who do you trust more to handle the economy and jobs - Mitt Romney or Barack Obama?


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct | September | August |
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| Romney | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Obama | $50 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Not sure/Don't know | $44 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
|  | 1402 | 1360 | 1344 | 1149 |

7. Who do you trust more to handle Social Security and Medicare - Mitt Romney or Barack Obama?

|  | Likely | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  |  |  | AGE |  | RACE |  |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | $18-34$ | $35-54$ | $55+$ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Romney | $\mathbf{4 8 \%}$ | $90 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Obama | $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ | $7 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $89 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Not sure/Don't know | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct | September | August |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Romney | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Obama | $48 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Not sure/Don't know | $45 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

8. Who do you trust more to handle the federal budget and national debt - Mitt Romney or Barack Obama?

|  | Likely | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |  |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Romney | 51\% | 92\% | 57\% | 8\% | 55\% | 48\% | 36\% | 55\% | 55\% | 59\% | 14\% | 46\% |
| Obama | 42\% | 5\% | 29\% | 87\% | 38\% | 46\% | 54\% | 37\% | 40\% | 35\% | 76\% | 47\% |
| Not sure/Don't know | 7\% | 3\% | 14\% | 4\% | 7\% | 7\% | 10\% | 8\% | 5\% | 6\% | 10\% | 8\% |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct | September | August |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Romney | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Obama | $51 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Not sure/Don't know | $42 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

9. Who do you trust more to handle foreign policy - Mitt Romney or Barack Obama?


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct | September |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Romney | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Obama | $46 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Not sure/Don't know | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

10. Did you read or hear anything about Tuesday's presidential debate, or not? Were you able to watch the full 90 minute debate, did you see clips or part of the debate on TV or the internet, or did you only read or hear about the debate?

|  | Likely | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  |  |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | $18-34$ | $35-54$ | $55+$ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Watched full debate | $\mathbf{5 6 \%}$ | $58 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Saw clips or part | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Only read/heard about | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Did not follow debate | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Watched full debate | 2012 | $2012^{\star}$ |
| Saw clips or part | $24 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Only read/heard about | $9 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Did not follow debate | $10 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | 1402 | 1360 |

* Note: Asked about the Oct. 3 debate.

11. Did the debate change your opinion about who you would vote for, or not?

|  | Likely | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |  |
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|  | Voters | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Yes | 7\% | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 7\% | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 8\% | 5\% | 7\% | 14\% |
| No | 81\% | 83\% | 75\% | 84\% | 81\% | 80\% | 72\% | 81\% | 85\% | 85\% | 81\% | 66\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| Did not follow debate | 11\% | 10\% | 12\% | 9\% | 10\% | 11\% | 16\% | 13\% | 5\% | 9\% | 11\% | 16\% |


| TREND: Likely Voters | Mid Oct | Early Oct |
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| Yes | $7 \%$ | $20122^{*}$ |
| No | $81 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Did not follow debate | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | 1402 | 1360 |

* Note: Asked about the Oct. 3 debate.

The Monmouth University Poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from October 18 to 21, 2012 with a national random sample of 1,402 likely voters, including 531 via live interview on a landline telephone, 562 via interactive voice response (IVR) on a landline telephone, and 309 via live interview on a cell phone. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, Inc. (live landline and cell) and Survey USA (IVR and live cell) and the telephone sample was obtained from Survey Sampling International. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey questionnaire design, data weighting and analysis. For results based on the total sample, one can say with $95 \%$ confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 2.6 percentage points. Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups, such as separate figures reported by gender or party identification, are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.


|  | Likely Voters | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AGE |  |  | RACE |  |  |
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|  |  | Rep | Ind | Dem | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Unweighted $N$ | 1402 | 443 | 485 | 465 | 663 | 739 | 209 | 477 | 706 | 1122 | 123 | 84 |
| moe | 2.6\% | 4.7\% | 4.5\% | 4.6\% | 3.8\% | 3.6\% | 6.8\% | 4.5\% | 3.7\% | 2.9\% | 8.8\% | 10.7\% |

