Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #20056

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In Minnesota, Marriage Amendment Remains Too-Close-to-Call; Romney Creeps Up on Obama, But Is It Enough to Make a Difference? A constitutional amendment that would define marriage in Minnesota as between 1 man and 1 woman remains today as it was 2 weeks ago, nose-to-nose, too-close-to-call, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted for KSTP-TV in the Twin Cities. 48% of Minnesota likely voters today vote Yes on the marriage amendment, 47% vote No, within the survey's possible sources of error. Compared to an identical SurveyUSA poll 2 weeks ago, Yes is up 1 point, No is up 1 point. Yes had led by 1, Yes still leads by 1. Any outcome is possible. In an election in Minnesota today for **President** of the United States, Barack Obama defeats Mitt Romney 50% to 43%. Compared to an identical SurveyUSA poll 2 weeks ago, Obama is flat, Romney is up 3 points. Obama had led by 10, now leads by 7, with 7 days of the campaign remaining. The seesaw among Independent voters continues: In July, Romney led among Independents. In September, Obama led. Two weeks ago, Romney led. Today, the contest is tied, 41% to 41%. Among voters with some college education, there is movement to Romney: 2 weeks ago, Obama led this group by 15 points; today, tied. Among voters age 50+, Obama had led by as much as 13 points, now 6. The gender gap is 10 points: Obama leads among men by 2 points. Obama leads among women by 12 points. In an election for United States Senator from MN today, incumbent DFL candidate Amy Klobuchar defeats Republican challenger 60% to 29%. Compared to 2 weeks ago, Klobuchar has expanded her lead by 3 points, from a 28-point advantage then to a 31-point advantage today. Compared to 2 weeks ago, a proposed amendment to the Minnesota constitution that would require voters to present a photo ID is largely unchanged: 55% today vote Yes, 40% vote No. **Cell-phone and home-phone respondents included in this research:** SurveyUSA interviewed 700 state of MN adults 10/26/12 through 10/28/12. Of the adults, 631 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 574 were judged by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 11/06/12 election. This research was conducted using blended sample, mixed mode. Respondents reachable on a home telephone (74% of likely voters) were interviewed on their home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a home telephone (26% of likely voters) were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, tablet or other electronic device.

1 If the election for President were today, would you vote for ... (choices rotated) Republican Mitt Romney? Democrat Barack Obama? Or one of the other candidates?

574 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Education			Income			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	College	< $40K	$40K -	> $80K	Twin Ci	S MN	W MN	NE MN
Mitt Romney (R)	43%	45%	41%	37%	45%	45%	43%	41%	44%	41%	43%	94%	5%	41%	85%	27%	8%	43%	45%	40%	37%	39%	51%	39%	45%	52%	46%
Barack Obama (D)	50%	47%	53%	57%	44%	50%	51%	50%	50%	52%	50%	5%	93%	41%	11%	63%	89%	52%	46%	54%	55%	53%	43%	52%	44%	44%	53%
Other	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	0%	2%	10%	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	1%	1%
Undecided	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	2%	2%	5%	2%	6%	3%	1%	1%	8%	2%	5%	2%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	6%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	26%	24%	31%	19%	50%	50%	26%	74%	30%	37%	28%	33%	43%	20%	20%	38%	42%	27%	39%	33%	59%	13%	14%	14%

2 Minnesota will also elect a United States Senator in November. If the election for United States Senator from Minnesota were today, would you vote for ... (choices rotated) Republican Kurt Bills? DFL candidate Amy Klobuchar? Or one of the other candidates?

574 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Education			Income			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	College	< $40K	$40K -	> $80K	Twin Ci	S MN	W MN	NE MN
Kurt Bills (R)	29%	31%	27%	26%	31%	32%	24%	29%	29%	27%	29%	68%	3%	24%	67%	13%	4%	28%	30%	28%	25%	26%	35%	28%	29%	35%	27%
Amy Klobuchar (DFL)	60%	58%	62%	54%	55%	62%	73%	54%	66%	52%	63%	25%	88%	60%	25%	77%	82%	56%	58%	64%	58%	64%	58%	62%	55%	60%	57%
Other	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	1%	5%	2%	3%	9%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%	4%	2%	2%	8%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	15%	9%	2%	0%	12%	1%	20%	2%	5%	6%	6%	4%	7%	9%	11%	6%	5%	11%	5%	5%	6%	13%	3%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	26%	24%	31%	19%	50%	50%	26%	74%	30%	37%	28%	33%	43%	20%	20%	38%	42%	27%	39%	33%	59%	13%	14%	14%

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3. Which one issue will be most important when casting your votes for President and US Senate? Health care? Job creation? Taxes? Gas prices? War on terrorism? Education? Or something else?

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	College	< $40K	$40K -	> $80K	Twin Ci	S MN	W MN	NE MN
Health Care	26%	24%	29%	26%	21%	28%	32%	23%	30%	29%	26%	17%	36%	24%	18%	28%	36%	32%	23%	27%	30%	28%	22%	27%	19%	27%	31%
Job Creation	31%	34%	29%	25%	32%	34%	35%	28%	34%	25%	33%	39%	24%	34%	38%	31%	18%	32%	37%	26%	31%	34%	29%	30%	34%	27%	36%
Taxes	13%	16%	10%	14%	16%	12%	8%	15%	10%	16%	12%	15%	11%	14%	14%	12%	15%	14%	10%	15%	10%	10%	19%	15%	13%	13%	5%
Gas Prices	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	3%	2%	6%	5%
War On Terrorism	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	6%	3%	5%	3%	4%	6%	4%	2%	4%	3%	6%	5%	5%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	7%	10%	2%
Education	7%	5%	10%	11%	9%	5%	5%	10%	5%	5%	8%	2%	13%	5%	3%	9%	13%	2%	6%	12%	6%	8%	8%	9%	10%	3%	2%
Something Else	12%	12%	12%	13%	13%	12%	8%	13%	10%	14%	11%	15%	6%	14%	16%	10%	8%	5%	12%	15%	10%	10%	15%	12%	10%	11%	15%
Not Sure	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	26%	24%	31%	19%	50%	50%	26%	74%	30%	37%	28%	33%	43%	20%	20%	38%	42%	27%	39%	33%	59%	13%	14%	14%

4. Also on the ballot is a ballot measure about marriage. It asks:
Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?"

574 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Education			Income			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	College	< $40K	$40K -	> $80K	Twin Ci	S MN	W MN	NE MN
Yes	48%	52%	44%	43%	42%	48%	62%	43%	54%	45%	49%	79%	27%	46%	83%	37%	13%	58%	48%	43%	54%	48%	44%	42%	55%	61%	53%
No	47%	43%	50%	49%	53%	48%	34%	51%	42%	48%	46%	16%	70%	48%	11%	58%	84%	38%	46%	53%	39%	47%	54%	51%	43%	37%	42%
Undecided	5%	5%	6%	8%	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%	7%	4%	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	2%	4%	6%	5%	7%	6%	3%	7%	2%	2%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	26%	24%	31%	19%	50%	50%	26%	74%	30%	37%	28%	33%	43%	20%	20%	38%	42%	27%	39%	33%	59%	13%	14%	14%

5. Also on the ballot is a measure about voter identification. It asks:
Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters, effective July 1, 2013?"

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	College	< $40K	$40K -	> $80K	Twin Ci	S MN	W MN	NE MN
Yes	55%	55%	54%	54%	59%	55%	49%	57%	53%	58%	54%	86%	27%	58%	86%	47%	21%	59%	59%	49%	53%	56%	54%	53%	58%	56%	56%
No	40%	40%	41%	37%	37%	43%	46%	37%	44%	35%	42%	10%	70%	35%	10%	49%	74%	36%	36%	46%	41%	39%	43%	41%	38%	41%	38%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%	9%	4%	2%	4%	7%	3%	7%	4%	3%	3%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	5%	5%	2%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	26%	24%	31%	19%	50%	50%	26%	74%	30%	37%	28%	33%	43%	20%	20%	38%	42%	27%	39%	33%	59%	13%	14%	14%

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6 If the 2012 elections for the Minnesota Legislature were held today, would you be more likely to vote for a Republican candidate? a DFL candidate? Independence Party candidate? Or some other candidate?

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Republican	40%	43%	38%	36%	41%	42%	40%	38%	41%	38%	41%	95%	3%	34%	84%	23%	6%	40%	43%	37%	36%	37%	48%	37%	42%	51%	41%
DFL	45%	41%	49%	45%	38%	46%	54%	41%	49%	42%	46%	3%	92%	31%	8%	55%	86%	47%	42%	47%	48%	49%	38%	46%	42%	41%	47%
Independence Party	8%	10%	7%	14%	11%	5%	5%	12%	5%	12%	7%	1%	3%	23%	5%	13%	4%	7%	9%	9%	10%	10%	5%	8%	14%	5%	8%
Other	6%	6%	5%	5%	11%	5%	1%	8%	4%	8%	5%	1%	2%	12%	2%	8%	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	7%	8%	1%	3%	4%
Undecided	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	26%	24%	31%	19%	50%	50%	26%	74%	30%	37%	28%	33%	43%	20%	20%	38%	42%	27%	39%	33%	59%	13%	14%	14%

Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.