

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #20105

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**In Minnesota, Marriage Amendment Teeter Totter May Be Tipping, But Is It Enough To Defeat Ballot Measure?** In 4 SurveyUSA tracking polls going back 8 weeks, SurveyUSA has never shown the Minnesota Marriage Amendment being defeated. Until today. The margin is small, and could just be statistical noise, but at the wire, SurveyUSA has "No" at 48%, "Yes" at 47%, well within the survey's possible sources of error, but significant enough to warrant a mention. In SurveyUSA's two most recent polls, Yes led No by a single point. Now the dress shoe is on the other foot, with No leading Yes by a single point. There is some movement among women, and among Independents, in favor of No. In the Presidential election to capture Minnesota's 10 electoral votes, Barack Obama appears to have a tailwind at the finish line, defeating Mitt Romney 52% to 41%, Obama's largest lead in 5 SurveyUSA tracking polls going back to July 2012. Obama has polled at or above 50% in every poll since September 2012. Romney has never polled above 43%. **Cell-phone and home-phone respondents included in this research:** SurveyUSA interviewed 700 adults 11/01/12 through 11/03/12. Of the adults, 615 were registered to vote in the state of Minnesota. Of the registered, 556 were determined 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 (78% of likely voters) were interviewed on their home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a home telephone (22% 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?

556 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)	41%	46%	37%	39%	49%	37%	39%	44%	38%	38%	42%	92%	1%	39%	83%	29%	5%	44%	41%	41%	32%	40%	50%	42%	44%	44%	34%
Barack Obama (D)	52%	48%	55%	47%	48%	58%	55%	47%	57%	46%	53%	6%	97%	48%	13%	64%	90%	51%	52%	52%	60%	51%	46%	51%	47%	48%	63%
Other	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	1%	2%	7%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	6%	5%	2%
Undecided	4%	3%	5%	11%	2%	2%	2%	6%	2%	12%	2%	2%	0%	6%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	1%
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%	22%	28%	31%	19%	51%	49%	22%	78%	30%	37%	27%	29%	44%	18%	17%	36%	46%	28%	38%	34%	60%	12%	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?

556 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)	30%	35%	25%	26%	38%	27%	26%	33%	26%	31%	29%	70%	2%	23%	68%	17%	3%	27%	33%	29%	20%	32%	36%	31%	21%	39%	25%
Amy Klobuchar (DFL)	60%	56%	64%	48%	54%	70%	69%	52%	70%	48%	64%	22%	93%	65%	25%	73%	91%	66%	57%	61%	64%	58%	60%	59%	62%	53%	73%
Other	3%	2%	4%	6%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	11%	4%	1%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	19%	5%	2%	2%	11%	2%	20%	3%	7%	2%	6%	5%	6%	3%	6%	6%	8%	11%	7%	3%	9%	6%	4%	2%
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%	22%	28%	31%	19%	51%	49%	22%	78%	30%	37%	27%	29%	44%	18%	17%	36%	46%	28%	38%	34%	60%	12%	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	30%	22%	37%	29%	24%	29%	41%	26%	33%	30%	30%	24%	39%	25%	22%	33%	41%	33%	29%	29%	37%	29%	25%	28%	31%	27%	37%
Job Creation	28%	32%	24%	21%	28%	32%	30%	25%	31%	23%	30%	37%	22%	28%	37%	29%	17%	26%	32%	26%	24%	28%	33%	29%	25%	30%	25%
Taxes	15%	19%	12%	13%	22%	14%	10%	18%	12%	15%	15%	19%	12%	17%	18%	15%	14%	15%	14%	16%	10%	15%	20%	14%	17%	21%	13%
Gas Prices	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%
War On Terrorism	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%
Education	6%	5%	7%	7%	7%	4%	5%	7%	5%	8%	5%	1%	9%	7%	1%	7%	9%	4%	5%	7%	3%	6%	8%	7%	3%	5%	3%
Something Else	12%	15%	10%	16%	10%	13%	10%	13%	12%	15%	12%	12%	10%	15%	14%	9%	12%	14%	12%	12%	14%	13%	9%	12%	16%	10%	13%
Not Sure	3%	2%	5%	8%	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	6%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	5%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%
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%	22%	28%	31%	19%	51%	49%	22%	78%	30%	37%	27%	29%	44%	18%	17%	36%	46%	28%	38%	34%	60%	12%	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?"

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Yes	47%	53%	41%	37%	48%	45%	58%	43%	50%	42%	48%	76%	25%	43%	82%	37%	15%	63%	46%	41%	47%	48%	44%	43%	48%	52%	54%
No	48%	42%	54%	54%	47%	52%	39%	50%	47%	49%	48%	21%	72%	51%	15%	57%	83%	33%	50%	53%	45%	48%	52%	51%	48%	42%	44%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%	9%	5%	3%	3%	7%	3%	9%	4%	3%	3%	6%	3%	6%	1%	4%	4%	6%	7%	3%	4%	6%	4%	5%	2%
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%	22%	28%	31%	19%	51%	49%	22%	78%	30%	37%	27%	29%	44%	18%	17%	36%	46%	28%	38%	34%	60%	12%	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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Yes	48%	54%	41%	47%	56%	41%	47%	52%	43%	52%	46%	78%	20%	53%	77%	39%	19%	47%	53%	45%	41%	50%	51%	48%	52%	46%	43%
No	48%	42%	53%	40%	40%	57%	53%	40%	56%	36%	51%	17%	77%	44%	20%	57%	79%	46%	44%	51%	53%	44%	46%	46%	46%	50%	55%
Undecided	5%	3%	6%	13%	3%	2%	0%	8%	1%	12%	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	7%	3%	5%	6%	6%	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%
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%
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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%	36%	39%	45%	38%	36%	42%	37%	38%	40%	93%	3%	31%	81%	29%	5%	38%	41%	40%	28%	41%	49%	41%	43%	42%	29%
DFL	48%	44%	51%	41%	44%	52%	54%	43%	53%	40%	50%	2%	94%	41%	10%	59%	87%	47%	46%	49%	55%	45%	43%	46%	43%	42%	63%
Independence Party	6%	8%	4%	7%	6%	4%	7%	6%	5%	6%	6%	1%	2%	16%	6%	5%	5%	7%	7%	4%	6%	7%	4%	6%	5%	8%	3%
Other	6%	4%	8%	13%	4%	5%	1%	8%	4%	15%	3%	2%	1%	10%	2%	7%	3%	7%	5%	6%	10%	6%	2%	5%	8%	8%	2%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
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%
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**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.