

NEVADA STATEWIDE SURVEY
Interview Schedule

CONFIDENTIAL

Field Dates: September 19-20, 2012

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N= 500 Likely Voters
Margin of Error = $\pm 4.38\%$

Hello, I'm _____ of _____ Research, a national research firm. We're talking with people in your area and would like to ask you a few questions on a confidential basis. We are not attempting to sell anything, nor will your participation result in any calls in the future to sell you anything. **(DO NOT PAUSE)**

(ASK CA-C6 QUESTIONS TO CELL SAMPLE ONLY)

CA. Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample. **(DO NOT PAUSE)**

Just to confirm, are you 18 years or older?

100% Yes **(CONTINUE)**

C1. And, just to confirm, have I reached you on your cell phone?

100% Yes **(CONTINUE)**

C2. In addition to a cell phone, do you also have regular landline telephone service in your home?

17% Yes **(CONTINUE TO C3)**

83% No **(CONTINUE TO C4)**

(ASK C3 ONLY IF C2:1)

C3. Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, that is calls not related to your job, do you get: **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

42% All calls on a cell phone

58% Almost all calls on a cell phone

C4. For your safety, are you currently driving?

100% No (CONTINUE)

C5. Are you a current resident of Nevada, or do you live in some other state?

100% Nevada

(ASK LANDLINE ONLY)

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES (CONTINUE TO QUESTION B)

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, or a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO

1. Thinking about the election in November for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and various other state and local offices, how likely would you say you are to vote in the November election? Are you... **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
94%	94%	93%	95%	VERY LIKELY
6%	6%	7%	5%	SOMEWHAT LIKELY

Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample...

2. In what year were you born?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	10%	18 - 24
16%	13%	13%	12%	9%	8%	25 - 34
20%	21%	21%	23%	27%	24%	35 - 44
21%	23%	18%	15%	12%	14%	45 - 54
18%	16%	20%	21%	20%	20%	55 - 64
21%	21%	22%	22%	23%	21%	65 AND ABOVE
2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	2%	REFUSED

3. And, would you say that things in Nevada are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
11%	17%	24%	18%	33%	37%	RIGHT DIRECTION
80%	76%	69%	77%	60%	54%	WRONG TRACK
8%	5%	6%	3%	6%	6%	NO OPINION (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

4. Now thinking ahead to the November elections...

If the election for State Legislature were being held today, for whom would you vote...
(ROTATE)

the Republican candidate

...or...

the Democratic candidate

...from this district?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
34%	40%	42%	44%	REPUBLICAN
28%	42%	41%	43%	DEMOCRAT
36%	15%	16%	12%	NOT SURE/UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

5. And, do you approve or disapprove of the job Brian Sandoval is doing as Governor?

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:) And would you say you **STRONGLY** (approve/disapprove) or just **SOMEWHAT** (approve/disapprove)?

<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
18%	14%	22%	23%	STRONGLY APPROVE
29%	36%	41%	39%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
13%	18%	14%	14%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
13%	15%	11%	10%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
26%	15%	11%	12%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	2%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
47%	50%	63%	62%	TOTAL APPROVE
26%	33%	25%	24%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

Thinking again about the elections in November...

6. And how interested are you in the elections in November for such offices as President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Congress? Please rate your interest from one to ten, with one meaning that you have no interest in this election and ten meaning that you are extremely interested. Of course, you can choose any number between one and ten. (USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)

87% **8-10**

11% **5-7**

2% **1-4**

71% **10**

6% 9

10% 8

5% 7

3% 6

3% 5

* 4

* 3

* 2

1% 1

* DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

9.2 **MEAN**

Thinking now about issues...

7. Which ONE of the following issues should be the top priority of Nevada's Governor and State Legislature? Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And which of the following is NEXT most important priority for Nevada's Governor and State Legislature? **(REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)**

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
20%	16%	22%	17%	20%	20%	Education
4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%	Health Care
46%	52%	43%	19%	23%	27%	The Economy
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Moral Values
4%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%	Taxes
1%	*	*	1%	*	1%	Transportation, Roads, and Gridlock
1%	*	1%	*	3%	1%	Gas and Energy Prices
6%	8%	6%	6%	5%	4%	Illegal Immigration
5%	4%	5%	6%	9%	6%	Housing/Home Foreclosures
10%	9%	16%	8%	6%	5%	The State Budget and Spending
	...or...					
N/A	N/A	N/A	36%	27%	26%	Jobs
—	1%	*	*	—	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	*	1%	*	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

7S. Second Choice.

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
20%	19%	16%	16%	12%	16%	Education
9%	8%	10%	6%	6%	6%	Health Care
20%	18%	20%	17%	18%	18%	The Economy
3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	Moral Values
8%	9%	8%	4%	4%	4%	Taxes
2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	Transportation, Roads, and Gridlock
3%	1%	4%	2%	7%	4%	Gas and Energy Prices
7%	13%	8%	6%	5%	9%	Illegal Immigration
11%	13%	12%	10%	12%	10%	Housing/Home Foreclosures
13%	9%	14%	9%	6%	9%	The State Budget and Spending
	...or...					
N/A	N/A	N/A	22%	25%	22%	Jobs
1%	*	1%	1%	1%	–	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	*	*	*	–	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	–	*	–	*	–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

7C. Combined Choices.

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
40%	34%	38%	33%	32%	36%	Education
13%	11%	12%	8%	8%	11%	Health Care
66%	69%	63%	37%	41%	45%	The Economy
4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	Moral Values
12%	14%	9%	6%	7%	6%	Taxes
2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	Transportation, Roads, and Gridlock
3%	1%	4%	3%	10%	5%	Gas and Energy Prices
13%	22%	14%	12%	9%	13%	Illegal Immigration
16%	16%	16%	16%	21%	16%	Housing/Home Foreclosures
23%	18%	29%	17%	12%	14%	The State Budget and Spending
	...or...					
N/A	N/A	N/A	58%	52%	48%	Jobs
1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	*	1%	*	–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking now about some upcoming elections...

8. If the election for President were being held today, for whom would you vote...(ROTATE FIRST TWO CHOICES, RANDOMIZE OTHER TWO)

Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, Republicans,
Barack Obama and Joe Biden, Democrats,
Virgil Goode and Jim Clymer, Independent American
Gary Johnson and James Gray, Libertarian

...OR...

None of the Above (ALWAYS READ LAST)

(IF ROMNEY/OBAMA, ASK:) And, would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY for (choice)?

41% DEFINITELY ROMNEY/RYAN
5% PROBABLY ROMNEY/RYAN

8% PROBABLY OBAMA/BIDEN
39% DEFINITELY OBAMA/BIDEN

1% GOODE/CLYMER
1% JOHNSON/GRAY

3% NONE OF THE ABOVE

2% UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
* REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

46% TOTAL ROMNEY/RYAN

46% ^ TOTAL OBAMA/BIDEN

9. And, if the election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote...**(ROTATE FIRST TWO CHOICES**

Dean Heller, Republican
Shelley Berkley, Democrat
David VanderBeek, Independent American
...or...

None of the Above (**ALWAYS READ LAST**)

(IF HELLER/BERKLEY, ASK:) And, would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY for (choice)?

<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
35%	36%	37%	DEFINITELY HELLER
13%	12%	7%	PROBABLY HELLER
13%	13%	7%	PROBABLY BERKLEY
29%	31%	32%	DEFINITELY BERKLEY
N/A	N/A	4%	VANDERBEEK
N/A	N/A	9%	NONE OF THE ABOVE
9%	8%	4%	UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
48%	47%[^]	44%	TOTAL HELLER
42%	44%	39%	TOTAL BERKLEY

10. Thinking about the state and local elections this November, are you more likely to vote for the incumbent, or more likely to vote for someone new?

(IF MORE LIKELY/, ASK:) And would you be much more likely or just somewhat more likely to vote for **(the incumbent/someone new)**?

14%	MUCH MORE LIKELY VOTE FOR INCUMBENT
15%	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY VOTE FOR INCUMBENT
21%	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY VOTE FOR SOMEONE NEW
18%	MUCH MORE LIKELY VOTE FOR SOMEONE NEW
30%	DEPENDS/DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
29%	TOTAL MORE LIKELY VOTE FOR INCUMBENT
39%	TOTAL MORE LIKELY VOTE FOR SOMEONE NEW

11. Nevada has recently been going through a difficult time. Do you feel that **(ROTATE)** the worst is over or is the worst is still to come?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
30%	38%	50%	37%	52%	56%	WORST IS OVER
64%	55%	46%	57%	41%	36%	WORST IS STILL TO COME
6%	6%	4%	6%	7%	7%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	–	1%	*	*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

12. And, thinking now just about you, would you say you are **(ROTATE)** better off or worse off than you were four years ago?

38%	BETTER OFF
47%	WORSE OFF
15%	ABOUT THE SAME (DO NOT READ)
1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

13. Thinking about the state taxes you pay, do you consider the overall amount of state taxes you pay to be... **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
22%	24%	18%	22%	TOO HIGH
54%	54%	64%	59%	ABOUT RIGHT ...or...
18%	16%	9%	8%	TOO LOW
4%	4%	5%	7%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	3%	4%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

14. And, as you may know Nevada's unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation. Over the next year, do you think Nevada's unemployment will... **(ROTATE TOP TWO)**

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
36%	29%	24%	23%	21%	23%	INCREASE
16%	19%	23%	16%	30%	34%	DECREASE ...or...
47%	49%	52%	59%	47%	37%	STAY ABOUT THE SAME
2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	5%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
–	*	–	–	*	–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking now about yourself...

15. Have you or someone you know not been able to find a job or been forced to settle for a job paying significantly less than previously? (**ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**)

11%	YES, SELF/NOT ABLE TO FIND JOB
11%	YES, SELF/SETTLE FOR JOB PAYING LESS
28%	YES, SOMEONE ELSE/NOT ABLE TO FIND JOB
36%	YES, SOMEONE ELSE/SETTLE FOR JOB PAYING LESS
32%	NO
1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
67%	TOTAL YES

16. For a long time, Nevada led the nation in job creation and economic growth. However, since the recession began Nevada has lost thousands of jobs and now leads the nation in unemployment. Do you believe that increased taxes or fees on businesses will result in additional job losses?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
60%	61%	61%	64%	62%	59%	YES, INCREASED TAXES OR FEES WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL JOB LOSSES
33%	33%	37%	32%	34%	34%	NO, INCREASED TAXES OR FEES WILL NOT RESULT IN ADDITIONAL JOB LOSSES
6%	6%	2%	4%	4%	6%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	*	1%	–	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

17. And, do you think that raising taxes or fees on businesses will harm Nevada's attempt to diversify the economy and attract new businesses to the state, or do you think that raising taxes or fees will have little impact on the state's ability to attract new industries?

<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
52%	62%	60%	59%	RAISING TAXES AND FEES WILL HARM ATTEMPT TO DIVERSIFY
45%	34%	35%	37%	RAISING TAXES AND FEES WILL HAVE LITTLE IMPACT
3%	3%	4%	4%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

18. As you may know, Nevada's constitution requires that the state operate on a balanced budget. If state revenues fall, would you rather the Governor and State Legislature CUT SPENDING for government services such as education and health care, or RAISE YOUR TAXES to avoid these cuts?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
38%	43%	37%	35%	37%	32%	CUT SPENDING
47%	41%	52%	57%	58%	58%	RAISE YOUR TAXES
5%	5%	2%	1%	1%	2%	BOTH/PRIMARILY CUT SPENDING (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	2%	—	*	1%	BOTH/PRIMARILY RAISE YOUR TAXES (DO NOT READ)
6%	9%	6%	4%	4%	5%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
43%	47%	39%	36%	38%	34%	TOTAL CUT
48%	43%	54%	57%	58%	59%	TOTAL RAISE TAXES

Thinking some more about the state budget...

19. Do you believe that spending cuts in Nevada's state budget can be absorbed by trimming waste, fraud and abuse in the state budget and through government reorganization, or do you believe that additional spending cuts will hurt important programs?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
69%	70%	56%	64%	59%	58%	ADDITIONAL SPENDING CUTS CAN BE ABSORBED BY TRIMMING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN THE STATE BUDGET
26%	24%	40%	32%	34%	37%	ADDITIONAL SPENDING CUTS WILL HURT IMPORTANT PROGRAMS
5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	4%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	1%	*	2%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking now about a proposal that maybe on the ballot in November 2014...

20. There may be a proposal on the ballot in 2014 to impose an additional two percent tax, called a margin tax, on all non-gaming businesses whose net revenue exceed one million dollars, I am going to read you two statements about the proposal... After I read each statement, please tell me which one comes closest to your own opinion. **(ROTATE)**

(Some/Other) People say that this general business tax will generate needed tax revenues to support education and this form of corporate income tax is necessary to improve our schools.

...while..

(Other/Some) People say that this type of general business tax will increase unemployment, cause already struggling businesses to fail since it applies even to businesses that are not profitable, and harm efforts to attract new businesses to Nevada

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
47%	45%	WILL GENERATE NECESSARY REVENUES
48%	49%	WILL RAISE PRICES, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND HURT BUSINESS
4%	5%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Now, I'd like to read you two statements about this proposal, and please tell me for each one if the statement makes you MORE likely or LESS likely to support the margin tax proposal, or if it makes no difference to your vote. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK:) And, is that MUCH (more/less) likely or just SOMEWHAT (more/less) likely?

	MUCH MORE	SMWT MORE	SMWT LESS	MUCH LESS	NO DIFF	DK (DNR)	REF (DNR)
21. Supporters of this proposal claim that the hundreds of millions of dollars in additional tax revenue will help our struggling education system, but the supporters admit that the funds raised can be used for non-education purposes and that not a single dollar of the new tax is required to be used to increase education funding.	4%	6%	18%	41%	28%	3%	*
	10%		59%				
22. Opponents of this proposal note that although the tax does not apply to gaming revenues, it does apply to all non-gaming revenues earned by casinos, such as revenues from shops, restaurants, hotels, and shows. Therefore, opponents argue that this tax will harm the gaming industry and cause job losses just when gaming industry employment was finally starting to recover.	8%	11%	14%	21%	44%	2%	*
	20%		35%				

Thinking now about education...

23. Nevada's education system has below average graduation rates and has below average scores on standardized tests. Do you think that **(ROTATE)** the school system can be improved through increased spending or do you believe that the system also needs significant reforms in order to improve results?

22% SCHOOL SYSTEM CAN BE IMPROVED THROUGH INCREASED SPENDING
73% SYSTEM ALSO NEEDS SIGNIFICANT REFORMS

5% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

Changing topics...

24. Would you favor or oppose a proposal that would not allow the state legislature to increase total state government spending by more than the percentage increase in population plus the percentage increase of inflation?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you say you **STRONGLY** (favor/oppose) or just **SOMEWHAT** (favor/oppose)?

20% STRONGLY FAVOR
27% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
22% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
18% STRONGLY OPPOSE

13% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

47% TOTAL FAVOR
39%[^] TOTAL OPPOSE

25. Thinking some more about Nevada’s tax system... **(ROTATE)**

(SOME/OTHER) People say that Nevada needs to significantly change its tax system to become less dependent on gaming and sales taxes and more stable because other businesses would pay more. They say every time there is a downturn in the national economy, the casinos are hurt and consumers spend less money, which ends up hurting the state budget.

...while...

(OTHER/SOME) People say that Nevada’s tax system generally works well. They say times are unusually hard across the country, as most other states have major budget problems too. Making all businesses pay more in taxes will only end up increasing the state’s unemployment rate and budget shortfall.

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
43%	40%	48%	45%	46%	47%	NEVADA NEEDS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE ITS TAX SYSTEM
48%	50%	46%	47%	50%	45%	NEVADA’S TAX SYSTEM GENERALLY WORKS WELL
8%	10%	5%	6%	3%	7%	DON’T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

26. Some private companies, including General Motors, have said that they will freeze the defined benefit pension plans of all salaried workers in an effort to hold down expenses. A number of state governments are also considering taking this step in order to control costs. Do you believe that Nevada should freeze the defined benefits provided through the Public Employees Retirement System?

<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
49%	41%	YES, FREEZE
44%	52%	NO, DO NOT FREEZE
6%	6%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q27) (N=251)

27. Do you think the Governor understands the problems facing people like yourself, or do you think he does not understand the problems facing people like your self?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
40%	53%	41%	51%	45%	YES, UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
51%	39%	52%	41%	48%	NO, DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
—	—	—	*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q28)

28. Do you think your state legislators understand the problems facing people like yourself, or do you think they do not understand the problems facing people like your self?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
37%	37%	31%	31%	38%	33%	YES, UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
58%	56%	60%	65%	58%	62%	NO, DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
5%	7%	8%	4%	4%	5%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	—	1%	*	—	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

29. Thinking now about the House Republicans' Medicare plan, I would like to read you two statements about what Democrats and Republicans are saying about the plan. After I read each statement, please tell me which one comes closest to your own opinion. (**ROTATE STATEMENTS**)

43% Democrats say this plan is a bad idea, because it would cut Medicare spending and replace Medicare with a voucher system. Democrats say that a voucher system will force seniors to negotiate with insurance companies, which are free to raise rates and deny coverage. Medicare's guaranteed coverage would end, and seniors would have to pay more and more out of pocket.

51% Republicans say this plan is a good idea, because it leaves the current Medicare system exactly as-is for people 55 years and older, and protects the system for future generations. It stops Obamacare's raid on the Medicare trust fund, increases funding for those who are poor and sick, and comes along with a bi-partisan plan to fight Medicare waste and fraud. Without any changes, Medicare will be bankrupt in approximately ten years, requiring enormous tax increases or rationed care.

5% **DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)**

1% **REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

30. Thinking now about Medicaid, do you think that Nevada should **(ROTATE)**

48% Opt in to expanded Medicaid coverage because expanding eligibility will provide more coverage to poor people, increase jobs in the health care industry, and cost the state very little because the federal government will pay nearly all of the program's costs for at least the first few years.

...or...

44% Opt out of expanded Medicaid coverage because the state cannot afford to pay its added share of the program's costs and the system already covers the neediest children and elderly.

8% **DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)**

* **REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

Now, I just have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

31. And what is the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
1%	*	1%	*	1%	–	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (GRADES 1-8)
2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-11)
21%	21%	25%	26%	21%	25%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (GRADE 12)
2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
31%	27%	26%	28%	29%	27%	SOME COLLEGE
29%	32%	29%	27%	30%	29%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
14%	18%	14%	14%	14%	13%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL
*	–	–	*	1%	*	REFUSED
24%	22%	29%	28%	25%	28%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
33%	29%	28%	31%	30%	30%	SOME COLLEGE
43%	49%	43%	40%	44%	41%[^]	COLLEGE+

32. Despite how you may feel now, are you registered to vote as...(ROTATE)

a Republican,
a Democrat,
or something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK) Would you call yourself a STRONG (Republican/Democrat) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (Republican/Democrat)?

(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK) Do you think of yourself as closer to the...(ROTATE) the Republican Party ...or... the Democratic Party?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
26%	24%	23%	23%	25%	23%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
11%	13%	13%	13%	12%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
6%	9%	7%	6%	5%	8%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
8%	5%	8%	10%	11%	9%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
16%	13%	14%	13%	14%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
26%	29%	28%	28%	28%	28%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
37%	37%	36%	36%	37%	36%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
18%	18%	19%	19%	19%	22%	TOTAL LEAN/INDEPENDENT
42%	42%	42%	41%	42%	41%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT

33. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK) And would you say you are VERY (conservative/liberal), or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
22%	24%	22%	22%	20%	20%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
19%	21%	19%	20%	23%	18%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
36%	34%	39%	34%	35%	40%	MODERATE
12%	11%	13%	12%	13%	12%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
10%	9%	6%	9%	7%	9%	VERY LIBERAL
1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	*	1%	*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
41%	45%	40%^	42%	42%^	37%^	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
21%^	19%^	19%	22%^	21%	21%	TOTAL LIBERAL

34. And, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party Movement, or do you not really know enough about it to have an opinion?

(IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would that be STRONGLY (favorable/unfavorable) or just SOMEWHAT (favorable/unfavorable)?

<u>9/10</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
25%	19%	14%	17%	STRONGLY FAVORABLE
15%	12%	16%	9%	SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
8%	9%	9%	7%	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
26%	28%	29%	28%	STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE
27%	31%	32%	38%	NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW
–	1%	–	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
39%^	31%	31%^	26%	TOTAL FAVORABLE
33%^	37%	38%	35%	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE

35. Do you, or does any member of your household, belong to a labor union, teacher's association, or work for the state or local government? **(ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)**

<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
13%	12%	14%	YES/LABOR UNION
7%	9%	8%	YES/TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION
13%	9%	9%	YES/GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
70%	72%	73%	NO, NONE OF THESE
*	1%	*	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
29%	27%	27%	TOTAL YES

36. And, do you have any children or grandchildren under the age of 18 who attend Nevada public schools?

41%	YES
58%	NO
*	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

37. What is your main racial or ethnic origin? Is it ... **(READ CHOICES --- ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
77%	77%	75%	73%	75%	72%	WHITE
8%	9%	8%	7%	8%	9%	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	ASIAN
	...or...					
8%	8%	12%	12%	10%	14%	HISPANIC
–	–	2%	2%	2%	1%	SOMETHING ELSE (Specify: _____) (DO NOT READ)
4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

38. Gender (**BY OBSERVATION**)

<u>2/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	
48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	MALE
52%	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%	FEMALE
