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12:17 PM PT: VA-02: Some very tough numbers for Democrats in VA-02: Freshman GOP Rep. Scott Rigell is out with a new internal from Public Opinion Strategies showing him with a commanding 54-32 lead over Democrat Paul Hirschbiel. I'm surprised Hirschbiel's name recognition is so low (he's been on the air), but I'm not surprised to see Rigell over 50. However, no presidential toplines were provided. Note that the DCCC recently cut back its ad buys here, but House Majority PAC stepped in with a \$126K expenditure. It'll be worth seeing whether they continue to spend here.

1:00 PM PT: NJ-03: If Stockton College's new poll numbers are accurate, this might help explain why the NRCC just cancelled a huge ad buy on behalf of GOP Rep. Jon Runyan. The freshman Republican leads his challenger, Democrat Shelley Adler, by a 49-39 margin, suggesting he's very close to sealing the deal. If anything, this sample is very optimistic for Democrats, since Obama's leading Romney 49-41—in 2008, he won just 51-48, so that's a much bluer spread.

1:13 PM PT: NY-21: Cue the theme from "Deliverance," because we've got dueling internals—and only one can be right. Dem Rep. Bill Owens is touting a poll from Global Strategy Group that shows him up 50-36 over Republican Matt Doheny, though the presidential numbers seem *very* optimistic, with Obama leading 51-39. The POTUS won here 52-47 in 2008, so his share isn't implausible, but Romney all the way down at 39... man, I dunno about that. But **Doheny's own survey** isn't entirely awesome for him, either. He trails Owens 45-40 but doesn't provide presidential toplines, making the two polls harder to compare. Still, I think I'd rather be Owens right now.

1:41 PM PT: MO-Gov: Some good news on the polling front for Dem Gov. Jay Nixon, who has now legged out to a 54-35 lead over Dave Spence in PPP's latest poll (the same one which put Claire McCaskill up six). The governor's race has been remarkably under-pollled, but this is the largest advantage Nixon's ever had since PPP's first survey all the way back in January. It's also only the second poll showing him over 50 (SurveyUSA had him at 51 in August). It

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doesn't seem like the RGA is going to come in and help Spence, though I'd likely want to see some confirmatory polling before we consider changing our "Lean D" rating on this race.

More interesting are the numbers in the LG and AG races. Republican Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder, who suffered a year of bad press before deciding to seek re-election rather than run for governor, is edging former state Auditor Susan Montee by just a 42-38 margin. That's not exactly where you want to be if you're an incumbent. The attorney general's race isn't actually looking all that competitive, but that's still noteworthy because the sitting AG, Chris Koster, is a Democrat, and he's manhandling Ed Martin 52-34, rather similar to Nixon's numbers. And more globally, you've gotta wonder if Todd Akin's disastrous Senate campaign is acting as a drag on his party elsewhere on the ballot.

1:46 PM PT: And Tommy just continues to run **the strangest campaign:**

U.S. Senate candidate Tommy Thompson says he held six campaign stops on Monday.

Just don't expect to get answers about them too quickly.

Under criticism that he hasn't been on the campaign trail enough, Thompson told WBAY-TV in Green Bay on Sunday that he had six events slated for the next day. For three days since then, campaign spokeswoman Lisa Boothe would not provide any details about them despite repeated requests.

On Thursday, she listed eight events that Thompson participated in on Monday, though some of them would not traditionally be considered "campaign stops." Thompson attended a Republican Party event in Waukesha, held a visit to Herzing University that was closed to the general public, sat down for four one-on-one interviews with reporters and held two fundraisers.

For a guy who spent the post-primary period resting up, and who's behind in all public polling, this "lay low" strategy is just bizarre.

1:54 PM PT: CT-05: Politico's Jake Sherman says the conservative American Action Network has a new poll from American Viewpoint showing Republican Andrew Roraback leading Democrat Elizabeth Esty 42-35—but he provides no field dates or sample size, leaving us to wonder when it was taken and what the margin of error might be. And here's something odd: The toplines **are identical** to a Roraback/NRCC poll taken a month ago.

2:06 PM PT: And Majority PAC is **also going into** Arizona, with a \$130K buy targeting Flake. (Note that they're also spending another \$150K in NJ-Sen, again on "voter outreach and printing," doubling their total outlay so far.)

3:30 PM PT: Reshuffling Roundup:

- **AZ-02:** Even though—or perhaps because—the DCCC announced just a day earlier that they're pulling out of AZ-02, the NRCC has placed a new \$225K one-week broadcast buy on behalf of Martha McCally, starting Friday. McCally also says she has an internal poll from OnMessage showing the race tied at 47 apiece—a stark difference from a recent Ron Barber internal that had him up 54-40. We did note, however, that even though the D-Trip is leaving the playing field, House Majority PAC did move in with a **\$143K expenditure**.
- **CA-21:** Has something gone wrong for Republicans? After Democrats experienced a serious recruiting fail and wound up with the Some Dude-ish John Hernandez (who somehow had *negative* cash-on-hand in his last fundraising report), the GOP had to feel pretty chuffed about Assemblyman David Valadao's chances in this swingy district. But somehow Hernandez scraped together some dough for a few (low-budget) TV ads, while Valadao, notes Scott Bland, "has only just gone on the air with a TV ad of his own, and his campaign hasn't posted new news to his website since March."

But why mention all this? Because Bland reports that Eric Cantor's YG Action Fund has just jumped in with a \$200K TV reservation for the final two weeks of the campaign. I'd also note that while other prognosticators have written this race off, we've steadfastly kept it at "Likely R" for precisely this sort of reason. The 21st is heavily Latino, and in a low-information election, it's easy to imagine many Hispanic voters pulling the lever for the more familiar surname. (Valadao is of Portuguese descent, like several other members of Congress from California's Central Valley, including Jim Costa and Devin Nunes, as well as ex-Rep. Dennis Cardoza.) So let's see if Republicans somehow screw this one up and let Valadao sleepwalk to defeat.

3:43 PM PT: 3Q Fundraising:

- **MT-Sen:** Jon Tester (D-inc): \$2.3 mil raised, \$1.3 mil cash-on-hand

by [dreaminonempty](#) 5 comments 9 Recs

More Mitt Romney science: He believes University of Utah 'solved' cold fusion
by [Jed Lewison](#) 201 comments 120 Recs




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- **VA-Sen:** Tim Kaine (D): \$4.5 mil raised, \$1 mil cash-on-hand; George Allen (R): \$3.5 mil raised, \$2.6 mil cash-on-hand. Note: Kaine's lower CoH is due to **his recent purchase** of \$3 mil of additional TV airtime.

- **FL-22:** Adam Hasner (R): \$475K raised (since July 26)

3:52 PM PT: Ads:

- **MA-Sen:** Elizabeth Warren (D)
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Tip Jar (6+ / 0-)

Political Director, Daily Kos

by [David Nir](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:00:04 PM PDT](#)

CA 41 debate (2+ / 0-)

There was also one other debate going on last night.

I didn't get a chance to watch it yet but there are links to the video on [here](#).

What is it that has no weight, can be seen by the naked eye, and if you put it in a barrel it will make the barrel lighter?

by [lordpet8](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:02:22 PM PDT](#)

Your sig (4+ / 0-)

A hole.

Keeper of the [DKE glossary](#). Priceless: worth a lot; not for sale.

by [SaoMagnifico](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:06:46 PM PDT](#)

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Be nice (11+ / 0-)

You don't need to be calling people A holes. /snark

by [OGGoldy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:11:29 PM PDT](#)

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correct :D (4+ / 0-)

What is it that has no weight, can be seen by the naked eye, and if you put it in a barrel it will make the barrel lighter?

by [lordpet8](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:17:03 PM PDT](#)

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I would post a link to the debate between Sinema (2+ / 0-)

and Parker but I am still not 100% sure that he is actually debating here.

There are various good articles at The Arizona Eagletarian including [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#), but it seems he has agreed to something where they will be taped separately. Does talking to a camera on the condition that your opponent not be there count as a debate ?

Advantage Sinema methinks.... gotta to go.

Town Planner, 30 years Old, Election Junkie, "If you agree with Bush's economic policy, Cheney's foreign policy, and Santorum's social policy, you loved Romney's speech" - James Carville (aka the Ragin Cajun) on the Colbert Report

by [CF of Aus](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:09:59 PM PDT](#)

NJ 3: Runyan 49-39 (4+ / 0-)

Stockton polling institute.

[http://www.philly.com/...](http://www.philly.com/)

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:14:05 PM PDT](#)

Could the exit poll exclusions hit election night? (2+ / 0-)

If the absence of state exit polls means no calling until the votes are counted, Romney is going to start off way behind when you look at the list. It's 16-4 Red states, and in EVs the difference is even bigger - 135: 14.

Romney will be left with only 3 definite instantly callable states totalling 21 EVs (KS, AL, MS) and another 4 likelies worth 35 EVs which will depend on the state of play on the night (AZ, MO, IN, MT). Obama on the other hand could have as many

as 203 EVs in 14 instantly callable states (CA, WA, OR, NM, MN, MI, PA, NY, VT, MA, MD, ME, NJ, CT).

Of course coverage of the election isn't the election itself, but it looks to me as if Obama is going to build up a large early lead in the official count, almost regardless of whether or not he's actually on track to win.

by [distantcousin](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:18:08 PM PDT](#)

Wait, what? (3+ / 0-)

No exit polls?

Political Director, Daily Kos

by [David Nir](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:24:53 PM PDT](#)

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Not In 19 States. (2+ / 0-)

The excuse is too much early voting making exit polling too difficult, but my guess is it's more likely a consequence of tighter budgets among news organizations forcing some corners to be cut.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:27:30 PM PDT](#)

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Yup, state exit polls cancelled in 19 states (4+ / 0-)

and DC, according to [WaPo](#).

by [distantcousin](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:28:21 PM PDT](#)

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Jesus (11+ / 0-)

That's horrible.

Political Director, Daily Kos

by [David Nir](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:29:46 PM PDT](#)

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19 states which represent (5+ / 0-)

10 EVs in the northeast, 11 EVs in the midwest, 20 EVs in the West, and **108** EVs in the South.

Including Texas, the second-largest state in the nation, and home to 20% of the nation's Hispanics.

And Georgia, home to one of the largest and fastest-growing African-American populations in the country. Indeed, a state with a **quickly evolving** electorate in general.

Those are also the only two of the ten largest states not getting exit polls (and the only two red states of those ten).

by [Chachy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:37:09 PM PDT](#)

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Really, the omissions in other regions (6+ / 0-)

of the country are trivial. The main story here is that **most of the south** will be excluded from the exit polls.

It's baffling.

by [Chachy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:40:38 PM PDT](#)

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We might be unhappy but (0+ / 0-)

I imagine Republicans are going to raise hell over this as it's mostly "their" states that are being excluded. If it actually prevents these states from being called quickly then by 8 eastern it will probably look like Romney is being crushed - which could depress R turnout in swing states (CO and NV) where voting is still going on.

by [distantcousin](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:12:31 PM PDT**

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They shouldn't use exit polls for calls anyway (1+ / 0-)

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:17:08 PM PDT**

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But as we all know, they do... n/t (3+ / 0-)

by [distantcousin](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:18:39 PM PDT**

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To be fair (5+ / 0-)

They could actually call half the states right now.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:19:37 PM PDT**

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I don't know how you can say that when (0+ / 0-)

They called the election for Obama at 8PM Pacific right after the west coast closed its polls. They shouldn't do that now if they don't do exit polls for CA. Of course they still could do it, and call CA, OR, and WA out of their ass when the polls close, even though they don't have ANY hard electorate data. I think it's pretty damn stupid in general not to do exit polls for all the states.

Swingnut since 2009, 21, Male, Democrat, CA-49 (home) CA-14 (college) Join [r/elections](#) on reddit! Support [Sukhee Kang](#) for CA-45!

by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:39:32 PM PDT**

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Don't worry, they are still doing CA (0+ / 0-)

But not doing TX is going to annoy everyone. It's a huge state and without it being called early on election night Romney's EV total is going to look rather puny. And it's also a rapidly changing state demographically, which is of interest to our side.

by [distantcousin](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:11:52 PM PDT**

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the thing is though (1+ / 0-)

TX can't be called until 9 Eastern anyway cause the polls in El Paso are open until then...and by then we should have an idea of how things are going in OH, PA, and VA (at least vaguely, even if those states aren't called by then).

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:39:42 PM PDT**

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North Dakota is NOT Trivial (6+ / 0-)

Control of the Senate, in theory, could come down to Berg v. Heitkamp.

*"Every one is king when there's no one left to pawn" (BRMC)
Contributing Editor, Daily Kos/Daily Kos Elections*

by [Steve Singiser](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:06:22 PM PDT**

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Could it even hurt Romney out west? (1+ / 0-)

Let's review early poll closing times:

6 Eastern: KY (part) IN (part)

7 Eastern: FL (part), GA, SC, VT, VA, IN (rest), KY (rest)

7.30 Eastern: NC, OH, WV

8 Eastern: CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, MI, NH, NJ, PA, RI, TN, AL, FL, IL, MS, MO, OK, SD (part), TX.

That's an hour before polls close in CO, 2 hours before they close in NV.

With exit polls in all states and assuming closer contests are similar to last time it's possible there could be instant calls in KY, GA, SC, VT, WV, CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, MI, NJ, PA, RI, TN, AL, IL, MS, OK, SD, TX

Score would be Romney: 120, Obama: 115

But if you exclude the exit poll black holes, this changes dramatically to Romney: 15, Obama: 105

Instead of looking like an even contest, it would look like Romney is getting hammered.

by [distantcousin](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:01:34 PM PDT**

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a small slice of MI is in Central Time Zone (1+ / 0-)

unless they changed it. So MI can't get called until 9:00. Also see above - TX can't be called until 9:00 either because of El Paso.

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:41:22 PM PDT**

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Better to have no exit polls than incorrect ones (1+ / 0-)

Early voting is fantastic for everything except exit polls and later research based on exits.

The question becomes though why are they including a place like CA where early voting is so massive... and when are they including a place like Iowa where early voting is sooooo heavily skewed Dem and election day is heavily skewed Rep.

It's like these billion dollar companies are looking for pennies. Fire a couple pundits instead...

Mr. Gorbachev, establish an Electoral College!

by [tommypain](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:02:10 PM PDT](#)

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Sam Wang updates his take on redistricting effect (5+ / 0-)

[Here](#). Long story short:

So: in terms of national popular vote margin, the Congressional 2012 new **redistricting advantage is R+1.2+-0.1%**... *the Congressional incumbency advantage for 2012 is R+0.6+-1.0%*...

The sum of these is R+1.8 +/- 1.0%. This is the amount by which Democrats must win the popular vote in order to have approximately even odds of winning control of the House of Representatives. I previously assumed an advantage of R+1.3+/1.0%. The next House prediction will use the new calculation.

The counter-arguments to Wang that I've heard have generally taken the form of "Naaaaah, Dems need to win by like 6% to take the House." In lieu of any better arguments than that, I'm inclined to go along with Wang here.

by [Chachy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:25:13 PM PDT](#)

Plus he cites Dave Braldee and DKE. (1+ / 0-)

But here's what I don't get:

Finally, a brief note on incumbency. Although incumbents walk into the general election campaign with an advantage, as shown by Andrew Gelman, much of that advantage should already be captured by the generic Congressional ballot.

Should it be? Why? That's not obvious to me at all. Isn't the whole point of the generic ballot that people *aren't* asked "would you like *your incumbent Representative* re-elected?"

Previously I estimated the incumbency advantage this year, averaged over all districts, as R+1.3 +-1.8% (*note that this error bar has been corrected*). *This is based on 1996-2010 data. Based on 1946-2010 data it shrinks to R+0.6 +- 1.0%*. Although this cannot be distinguished from zero, we should probably use it anyway. This is a second net potential advantage for Republicans. So the Congressional incumbency advantage for 2012 is R+0.6+/-1.0%.

I think the real problem is that he's averaging the incumbency effect over all districts, but what's seemingly more relevant is the average over those median 100 seats or so.

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by [Xenocrypt](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:16:54 PM PDT](#)

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My own take on this is simple..... (1+ / 0-)

We will know in 33 days if his model is any good. He's making a bold prediction out of step with everyone else, so his thesis will be proven conclusively right or wrong.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by [DCCyclone](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:15:34 PM PDT](#)

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We certainly don't need D+6 to get the House (2+ / 0-)

unless one thinks that we need D+6 to knock off incumbents like Mary Bono, Steve King, Michael Grimm, and Reid Ribble. Those seats ought to be right around the tipping point to put us over (if we do get over, of course). Those races are still tough for us, but not that insane.

by [Skaje](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:25:25 PM PDT](#)

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Sabato has different numbers when it comes (1+ / 0-)

to the house ballot

Year	9/19 generic ballot average	Final generic ballot average	Actual House popular vote differential	Net change in seats
2002	R +2.2	R +1.7	R +6.4	R +6
2004	D +2.2	Tie	R +2.7	R +3
2006	D +6.5	D +11.5	D +7.9	D +30
2008	D +6.1	D +9.0	D +11.0	D +21
2010	R +4.5	R +9.4	R +6.8	R +63
2012	D +2.2	?	?	?

<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/...>

Protons have mass. I didn't know they were Catholic!

by [lordpet8](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:45:28 PM PDT](#)

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Right - but look at overall seats... (1+ / 0-)

... not just net change. Overall seats correlates with the House popular vote better (esp. since the realignment of the South).

by [liberalpragmatist](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:59:45 PM PDT](#)

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Reuters/Ipsos Post-Debate: Obama 48-43 RV (9+ / 0-)

<http://whtc.com/...>

This is a smaller sample of 536 RV's taken post-debate late Wednesday to early Thursday.

The margin is down two points from the prior 4-day RV sample which was Obama: 46-39 RV (47-41 LV). This is not the average being brought down two points but a discreet sample from the prior average.

The tracker has been going between +5 and +7 among LV lately, so this shows nothing more than usual noise.

by [MBishop1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:25:55 PM PDT](#)

If he gains 2 points we can work with that (1+ / 0-)

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:34:42 PM PDT](#)

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Other Reuters RV results this week (2+ / 0-)

Tracker ending Monday - Obama +5: 45-40 RV (46-41 LV)

Tracker ending Tuesday - Obama +3: 43-40 RV (46-41 LV)

So, you can see that the +5 in RV is not any definite narrowing when the margin in the last three tracker averages went +5, +3, +7.

by [MBishop1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:38:08 PM PDT](#)

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Nothing definitive until Sunday at the earliest (1+ / 0-)

But for now we should take it.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by **conspiracy** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:42:12 PM PDT**

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HUGE grain of salt but (4+ / 0-)

Reuters-Ipsos online poll shows 48-43 Obama among respondents in a poll taken after the debate -- though Romney did have net positive favorability and improved on several of the "issue" questions.

<http://www.reuters.com/...>

26, originally OK-1, currently NY-10. Former swingnut.

by **okiedem** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:26:49 PM PDT**

Favorables (3+ / 0-)

Obama 56

Romney 51

If the president doesn't get hurt he should be alright.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by **conspiracy** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:33:42 PM PDT**

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I don't want to put too much stock into this (2+ / 0-)

poll because there are several issues with its methodology (online, and when on earth were these respondents contacted anyways?). That being said it's better than nothing. Hopefully more sound polls will confirm.

26, originally OK-1, currently NY-10. Former swingnut.

by **okiedem** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:36:55 PM PDT**

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Work with what we got (3+ / 0-)

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by **conspiracy** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:37:32 PM PDT**

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Their normal sampling period runs to the morning (2+ / 0-)

The day their poll releases includes responses from the prior evening and that same morning, so they didn't change their method but pulled out the post-debate samples.

Maybe they are invited at some point earlier and given a window when they can go online and respond, so some people do it after work or in the morning.

by **MBishop1** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:42:29 PM PDT**

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Republicans outraise Democrats in race for (4+ / 0-)

Arizona State Legislature... with AFSCME and Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community supplying most of the dough for the Dems.

It seems the **GOP are cranky** with incumbent State Senate President Steve Pierce for spending so big to allow Rich Crandall to beat a slightly more

conservative candidate for the East Mesa Senate seat.

Town Planner, 30 years Old, Election Junkie, "If you agree with Bush's economic policy, Cheney's foreign policy, and Santorum's social policy, you loved Romney's speech" - James Carville (aka the Ragin Cajun) on the Colbert Report

by **CF of Aus** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:29:39 PM PDT**

Just to clarify (3+ / 0-)

these are IE committees--Arizona's Clean Elections system is relevant to consider with candidate expenditures.

Hm, interestingly, it **seems like** neither McComish nor Hydrick is participating in the Senate race in LD-18. GOP incumbent Adam Driggs is not participating in LD-28, but Dem challenger Eric Shelley *is* participating.

As for fundraising between McComish and Hydrick in LD-18 (Obama's best district among the "swing" seats):

In Hydrick's **initial report** in June, she raised \$14,298.60 and spent about 200. In **McComish's** June report, he raised \$9,554.00 and spent about 3k.

In the pre-primary period, **Hydrick** raised \$28,790.20 and only spent 5k. **McComish** raised \$12,684.00 and spent nearly all of it.

In the post-primary period, **Hydrick** raised \$2,944.60 and currently has \$40,766.19 on hand. **McComish** raised \$4,746.00, spent \$14,235.11, and currently has \$31,175.05 on hand.

So--while she's been a candidate--she's out-raised him by quite a bit, \$46,033.40 to \$26,984.00, and he's spent quite a bit (on what? They **both** had uncontested primaries.). He had **raised a lot** in January, before she even got in. On the other hand, he did out-raise her in the most recent period.

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by **Xenocrypt** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:46:33 PM PDT**

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According to Follow The Money (2+ / 0-)

which **has** slightly different numbers for some reason, about half (46%?) of Hydrick's money to date comes from herself, her husband Frank, the Arizona Education Association, and **AEA-Retired** Vice President/Precinct Frank Bing.

Actually, I think that is her husband, since there are people named **Bing Hydrick**. Hydrick herself was an **active educator**. So this is basically self-funding more than anything that might indicate local support/connections.

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by **Xenocrypt** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:59:24 PM PDT**

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Interesting stuff - Looks like she is willing to (0+ / 0-)

She is willing to put in a some serious cash (for a lowly house race).

What does this sort of cash get her? is it just signs and mailers ?

Town Planner, 30 years Old, Election Junkie, "If you agree with Bush's economic policy, Cheney's foreign policy, and Santorum's social policy, you loved Romney's speech" - James Carville (aka the Ragin Cajun) on the Colbert Report

by **CF of Aus** on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 05:17:51 AM PDT**

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Why We Can Stop Pissing Ourselves, Part XXIVVII (5+ / 0-)

I've been in the doctor's office with my mother most of the day, so I am now just catching up to what I missed before signing off earlier this morning. All of the doom and gloom was to be expected and is certainly okay, as it helps us release tension, but as usual, I think we should take a step back and look at the bigger picture.

In one of the previous threads, I made the point* that this doesn't change much about the dynamics of the race. It could end up hurting some of our momentum, but that much is far from clear. Even if it does that, though, there's no denying what we've accomplished so far and what we can still accomplish.

I won't rehash any of that right now. Instead, I'll say we should look at how the other side is reacting. In an odd parallel to why so many of us were disappointed, in that we expect Obama to do better because we know he's capable, we can see indications that the other side was ready to be underwhelmed and expected very little. Romney has disappointed them in so many ways, it's hard to count.

Is it any surprise that he's excited them by merely showing up and doing better than expected? Not to me. And while it's certainly expected to see them pile on with with the positivity, it's getting a little absurd. Via [Kevin Drum](#), we see [National Review Online](#) post a few reactions, topped by this truly absurd comment:

Romney's was the best performance of any presidential candidate in the television age.

Not much more can really be said, so I will simply agree with Drum that they are setting themselves up for failure in the next debate. He has to save walking on water for the third, so they are pretty much guaranteed to be disappointed in the second...right?

Seriously now, would a political opposition really act this way if it were confident about its status and happy with the way things are going? I think the answer is clearly no.

*By the way, since my most popular comments by far are the fake Politico articles and other bits of sarcasm, perhaps I should just limit what I say to that. Gotta please the people, you know?

"The election of Mitt Romney and a supporting congress this November would be a...disaster for America. Think of the trainwreck that has been the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square it."--Brad DeLong

by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:38:23 PM PDT](#)

Good grief (9+ / 0-)

The most remarkable thing about it is still how boring it all was.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:47:07 PM PDT](#)

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Wasn't it? (6+ / 0-)

Given how badly Romney lied (and yes, it's appropriate to say he lied), I imagine the next debate will be more interesting almost by default. Obama isn't going to have a "Hey, fuck face!" moment, but I don't imagine he'll be afraid to pounce, even if Obama surprises him by pretending as if he were Gerald Ford or something.

"The election of Mitt Romney and a supporting congress this November would be a...disaster for America. Think of the trainwreck that has been the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square it."--Brad DeLong

by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:50:27 PM PDT](#)

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I was really hoping debate talk would have ended (0+ / 0-)

in the morning review....

by [JeremiahTheMessiah](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:02:40 PM PDT](#)

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Totally absurd, the win had breadth but not depth (5+ / 0-)

By that I mean, a large number of people considered it a win for Romney, but I don't think very many of those considered it a deeply significant win.

We can all think of debates where clear lasting damage was done to a candidate. This did not appear to be one of them. Winning on points does not compare to a knockout.

by [MBishop1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:04:53 PM PDT](#)

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all my friends think Romney won, but we're still (9+ / 0-)

all voting for Obama. And some of us are planning on helping with GOTV even more now than before the Denver debate.

by [pasuburbdem1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:14:32 PM PDT](#)

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It's better to be scared (6+ / 0-)

than over confident.

GOTV

GOTV

NC-4 (soon to be NC-6) Obama/Biden 2012

by [bear83](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:32:15 PM PDT](#)

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Now, that's the perfect reaction (7+ / 0-)

to have to the debate.

by [jj32](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:40:21 PM PDT](#)

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Someone says. (13+ / 0-)



Zach Green
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Take a picture before it's gone. Mitt Romney's website: "Make permanent, across-the-board 20 percent cut in marginal rates." #Nevermind

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I say: Sure.



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Corporate Taxes

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by [Xenocrypt](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:08:17 PM PDT**

Am I crazy in thinking this sets (3+ / 0-)

some sort of new benchmark for dishonesty or at least disingenuousness?

I was looking at the Facebook wall of one of my brother's friends last night. This guy is a Republican, so it's not a surprise his wall was filled with his friend's harsh comments about Obama (harsh, but not insane, I should add). Someone mentioned the lies Obama has told about Romney.

I was curious about what this person was referring to. Maybe it's me, but I am not sure what Obama and OFA have lied about. I'm sure they've been purposefully shady at times, but they haven't been THAT bad. Take the \$5 trillion tax cut mentioned last night, for instance. It's over ten years, and it's rounded. Even if you grant that Obama should have made clear this was a tax cut that was supposed to be balanced out by spending cuts and/or deduction reductions, how is this a lie? Is it really even that disingenuous? I don't think it is, but again, I am certainly biased.

And what about Romney? The notion that he's not for cutting taxes for upper income taxpayers is absurd. That's in addition to his shadiness in saying that these people would pay the same share, which is technically true but obscures the fact that their overall contributions would go down, and the fact that his plan would help people who already have insurance but leave those without it to fend for themselves. And what about his whopper about green energy?

And what about leading up to the debate, where he's built entire notions of governance around things Obama just didn't say, i.e. "You didn't built that"?

I'm willing to give these guys more leeway than most when it comes to bullshitting, but this seems to be taking it to another level.

"The election of Mitt Romney and a supporting congress this November would be a...disaster for America. Think of the trainwreck that has been the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square it."--Brad DeLong

by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:22:19 PM PDT**

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I've just gone numb to it (11+ / 0-)

the *entire fucking campaign* is based on dishonesty on their part. Republicans are the ones who fucked up the economy, prevented us from having a larger stimulus to improve it, and are now running their entire campaign around Obama having failed.

Not to mention brazenly taking shit out of context like "you didn't build that" and turning into the basis for your convention.

NC-06/NC-04; -9.00, -8.41; progress through pragmatism

by [sawolf](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:32:45 PM PDT**

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Basis of Romney's whole campaign (2+ / 0-)

Right from that first ad using the McCain quote.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:40:53 PM PDT**

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Yeah, it's very frustrating (0+ / 0-)

I once sarcastically said I wish the GOP would win this year, because then they at least have to be accountable for a lot of their promises; they'd actually have to try to balance the budget, but not cut defense or Medicare or raise taxes.

by [jj32](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:42:11 PM PDT**

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no, they wouldn't (7+ / 0-)

They would do what they always do, cut taxes, increase spending, and make a few symbolic spending cuts on programs Dems like. The modern GOP has never cared about deficits (Bush 41 was practically excommunicated for taking them seriously) except as a rhetorical device, and voters don't care about them either as long as the economy is improving.

SSP poster. 43, new CA-6, -0.25/-3.90

by [sacman701](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:56:52 PM PDT**

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Well said, sacman. What makes this even more (2+ / 0-)

infuriating is that the most recent deficits aren't so much Obama's fault as they the recession's fault. In fact, he probably made them lower with the stimulus.

Were you aware he came out with a plan to limit deductions? It's not entirely clear what the details of this were, aside from a \$17,000 figure, but it's not a bad idea. He can propose a cap to avoid pissing off any particular interest group more than the others and actually increase revenue without raising marginal rates, which is probably the best way to do it. But this isn't exactly new. There are lots of similar plans, some of which have been in existence, or were before they were apparently cancelled. That he didn't propose this WAY sooner is a sign that he's not all that serious about the deficit. Obama's plans may be inadequate, but at least they aren't originating from fantasyland.

"The election of Mitt Romney and a supporting congress this November would be a...disaster for America. Think of the trainwreck that has been the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square it."--Brad DeLong

by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:17:11 PM PDT**

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Right, that was kind of my point (0+ / 0-)

They cant really do all those things.

The tea party base is a little different though, imo. I think they do care about deficits.

by [jj32](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:09:52 PM PDT**

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It just seems worse than usual this year. (0+ / 0-)

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by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:17:33 PM PDT**

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New shiny: Obama raises \$150 million in September (19+ / 0-)

Hey media, look over here!

<http://online.wsj.com/...>

The Obama campaign set a new monthly fundraising record for the 2012 election cycle, taking in more than \$150 million in September as supporters rallied behind the president in the final phase of the election, according to people familiar with the totals.

The September total far surpasses the \$114 million raised in August, when the Obama team snapped a three-month streak in which it was outraised by Republican challenger Mitt Romney. At the time, the \$114

million was the most the Obama campaign had collected in any one month in the 2012 election season. The most the Romney campaign has collected so far was \$111 million in August.

by [MBishop1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:08:44 PM PDT](#)

Thought that might come today (3+ / 0-)

But didn't want to jinx it.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:09:56 PM PDT](#)

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This is good news! (3+ / 0-)

This is what will help us win the election, even if the rest of the debates go kind of poorly. In the end, it's about having enough money to execute the plan OFA has.

On a related note, seeing a number like that makes me think the map could very well expanded, at least to Arizona.

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by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:13:27 PM PDT](#)

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Makes me wonder what gives in NC (2+ / 0-)

There are clear signs of disengagement. Strange.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:15:24 PM PDT](#)

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Neither side is spending that big there (5+ / 0-)

anymore, yet Obama's public poll standing has improved. OFA has also registered 250K voters there. It's not a path to 270, and I think Obama is starting to focus resources on genuine paths to 270.

White Male, 36, New FL-14 (Castor), proud father of a 4-year-old daughter. "Who let the dogs out? Who? Who?" - Mitt Romney, MLK Day 2008.

by [spiderdem](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:24:45 PM PDT](#)

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The only thing I can think about NC (3+ / 0-)

is that they are just focusing on states that they feel may actually turn out to be the tipping point state. Nate Silver has NC way down at 0.3% chance to be the tipping point, in 14th place.

Not a crazy strategy, if that's what they're thinking. Kind of a bummer, though - I'd really like to see a map where the only state that flips from 2008 is Indiana. But admittedly my aesthetic preferences probably don't carry much weight among the OFA brain trust.

by [Chachy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:26:52 PM PDT](#)

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I get that (2+ / 0-)

Just looks odd to stop now when they obviously aren't short of cash. And surely

there is only so much they can spend in the other 7 states before it becomes slightly redundant.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:36:42 PM PDT](#)

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Also seem to be cool lately (2+ / 0-)

On Florida.

"Once, many, many years ago I thought I was wrong. Of course it turned out I had been right all along. But I was wrong to have thought I was wrong." -John Foster Dulles. My Political Compass Score: -4.00, -3.69, Proud member of DKE

by [ArkDem14](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:50:39 PM PDT](#)

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They haven't cooled on Florida at all (2+ / 0-)

They made a supermassive ad buy in Florida in September. It's possible they're now scaling back there for tactical reasons.

And for NC, same thing.

Partly with NC I can see where maybe they've decided in their modeling they've hit a point of diminishing returns, combined with the opposition staying limited there.

Ultimately they want to spend all their money over the next 33 days, and be broke or close to it on November 7th. And I bet they avoid telegraphing their advertising plans in this home stretch. So I bet ad buys will spike the rest of the way.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by [DCCyclone](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:20:27 PM PDT](#)

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What are those signs? (3+ / 0-)

Are there any that have come up this week?

I've said in the past that there's no reason at all for OFA to give up on the state. If they decide not to go into Arizona, I'll understand. But they've been spending in NC all along. Even if the debate hiccup turns out worse than I think it will, we still have the advantage in the Electoral College. We don't need it to win, but unlike Romney in a host of other states, there's no particular advantage to us call it quits.

"The election of Mitt Romney and a supporting congress this November would be a...disaster for America. Think of the trainwreck that has been the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square it."--Brad DeLong

by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:26:56 PM PDT](#)

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I think this makes four major ad releases in a row (3+ / 0-)

With North Carolina omitted from the list.

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:30:39 PM PDT](#)

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I'm not so sure about disengagement in NC (4+ / 0-)

I had a call from OFA last night - right before the debate - to remind me about

early voting starting 10/18 and making sure I knew where to go to vote.

NC-4 (soon to be NC-6) Obama/Biden 2012

by [bear83](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:36:01 PM PDT](#)

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What is Romney's side doing in this regard? (2+ / 0-)

From what I can tell, the campaign itself isn't doing all that much. Gotta wonder how much outside groups can pick up the slack, if at all.

If we are indeed outclassing them on this front, all of the huffing and puffing over minor things looks even more silly.

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by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:41:00 PM PDT](#)

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I'm thinking (0+ / 0-)

That even though he could do more to help down ballot, that some of his decisions are triangulating getting 300 EV's but also retaining the Senate and keeping the House at least in play (reality says it's not).

Investing in pretty much every other swing state (OH, FL, AZ, NH, IA, etc) puts something downballot in play. Investing in NC is purely for his own gain.

I've always wanted him to do more to help win the House, but maybe the aversion to NC thus far is part of that and focusing on other states. I just don't see anything worth fighting for in NC at the Guv or Congressional level, and I doubt OFA does either.

or maybe they've got something else in mind. Time will tell.

"What if you're on a game show one day and the name of some random New Jersey state senator is the only thing between you and several thousand dollars? And you'll think to yourself, "if only I had clapped faster." - sapelcovits

by [rdw72777](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:39:55 PM PDT](#)

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Obama campaign is GREAT at stunting bad news (5+ / 0-)

This did this kind of thing in the primaries all the time.

2012: It's about the Supreme Court. Follow me on Twitter @farrellmcanus

by [HarlemUSA](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:06:44 PM PDT](#)

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And I helped! (4+ / 0-)

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:48:24 PM PDT](#)

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Any bets on Romney's fundraising for September? (1+ / 0-)

I'm guessing \$75 million... (though I'd guess his campaign will probably smother that news with some 8 figure moneybomb post-debate.)

by [tietack](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:09:06 PM PDT](#)

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Obama and his joint cmtes are only \$125m away (3+ / 0-)

from ONE BILLION DOLLARS for this cycle!!!

I know what Messina said about them probably not being able to do it, but I never doubted it myself.

Compassion is not weakness, and concern for the unfortunate is not socialism.

by [Zutroy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:28:52 PM PDT](#)

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WI-SD-20: Grothman FINALLY begins campaign (0+ / 0-)

One month before the general election, Glenn Grothman, the #2 Republican in the Wisconsin State Senate, finally launches a formal campaign against Democratic challenger Tanya Lohr, and Lohr confirmed this through [this campaign letter](#) asking for additional campaign volunteers.

Since this is an overwhelmingly-Republican state senate district in Wisconsin in which the Republican candidate should be able to get two-thirds of the vote in a Generic D vs. Generic R race, it's quite possible that Grothman is throwing together a campaign late in the going in order to trick progressives into thinking that SD-20 is a competitive race, when, in reality, it's not. Sounds like the type of stunt that Grothman would pull...

"Rahm Emaunel is the leader of the Scott Walker Wing of the Democratic Party!"
-Me

by [DownstateDemocrat](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:12:39 PM PDT](#)

progressives' fault (2+ / 0-)

if they're dumb enough to fall for it.

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:48:15 PM PDT](#)

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More likely Lee beats Pocan (1+ / 0-)

than Lohr beats Grothman. And Chad Lee is a hopeless perennial candidate against a very popular state legislator.

Male, 22, -4.75/-6.92, born and raised TN-05, now WI-02, remorseless supporter of Walker's recall. Pocan for Congress and Baldwin for Senate!

by [fearlessfred14](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:42:29 PM PDT](#)

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Clearly leaking the fundrasing to change newscycle (0+ / 0-)

Fairly blatant.

by [KingTag](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:24:35 PM PDT](#)

Obviously (12+ / 0-)

And?

"What do you mean "conspiracy"? Does that mean it's someone's imaginings and that the actual polls hovered right around the result?" - petral

by [conspiracy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:28:09 PM PDT](#)

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thanks sherlock n/t (7+ / 0-)

by [BennyToothpick](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:30:56 PM PDT](#)

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obviously, they are raising money (7+ / 0-)

in order to air ads against Romney.

it's a pretty transparent scheme. reeks of desperation. Some reporters are even saying the money will be used to run field offices for a ground game. Talk about a hail mary!

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:49:49 PM PDT**

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Fun Stuff. Gore Blames Obama's Debate Performance (2+ / 0-)

.....on the high altitude at Denver making him tired.

<http://www.realclearpolitics.com/...>

by [Mark27](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:35:15 PM PDT**

Makes sense (12+ / 0-)

Just think about how much time Mitt spends flying around in his private jet with the windows down.

NC-4 (soon to be NC-6) Obama/Biden 2012

by [bear83](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:37:25 PM PDT**

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Given his performance in the 2000 debates (2+ / 0-)

I don't believe this president should take advice from that particular source. The last thing he needs is to shift from one extreme to the other like that.

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by [conspiracy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:39:33 PM PDT**

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My First Thought As Well..... (2+ / 0-)

....If anybody knows about blowing debates, it's Al Gore.

by [Mark27](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:43:42 PM PDT**

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Gore got pretty badly sabotaged by the media (3+ / 0-)

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by [ArkDem14](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:51:30 PM PDT**

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This comes up all the time in sports (2+ / 0-)

When Colorado played in the Big 12, everytime another school went there to play basketball, the high altitude was cited by visiting team media as a reason visiting team players got fatigued. I got fatigued by the high altitude excuse, especially since Colorado almost always sucked, and the story was always a cover to excuse bad play and defeat, or even a narrow win.

This is an old excuse for people visiting Colorado for all kinds of competitions.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by [DCCyclone](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:23:09 PM PDT**

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Just gunna throw this out there (0+ / 0-)

It's quite frustrating that Nate doesn't update his Senate forecast daily. We have had a bunch of new MO polls, as well as PPPs AZ poll.

Swingnut since 2009, 21, Male, Democrat, CA-49 (home) CA-14 (college) Join [r/elections](#) on reddit! Support [Sukhee Kang](#) for CA-45!

by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:36:10 PM PDT**

He has to skew the polls first. (4+ / 0-)

I thought this much was obvious.

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by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:38:46 PM PDT**

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VA-02 (5+ / 0-)

Rigell's a good campaigner. He's a former car salesman, so it's natural for him.

VA-03 (current residence) NC-07 (home)

by [psychicpanda](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:49:06 PM PDT**

College student debate instapoll (7+ / 0-)

52% thought Romney won. 60% plan on voting for Obama to 24% for Romney.

<http://dailycaller.com/...>

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:51:25 PM PDT**

Ok, but what did they think before the debate? (3+ / 0-)

Post-debate voting intentions without a baseline are pretty meaningless I'm afraid.

by [distantcousin](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:03:59 PM PDT**

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Huge divide there (7+ / 0-)

A lot of Obama voters were simply honest about the debate, there was no use pretending the outcome was good for Obama, but they are still firmly in his corner.

I think his numbers will hold up decent even after this less than stellar performance.

26, Male, CA-24 (new CA-26), DK Elections Black Caucus Chair.

by [DrPhillips](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:05:22 PM PDT**

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Same people who thought the May jobs numbers (2+ / 0-)

would doom or save Obama are the ones fixated on today's shiny object. Yes, a debate shiny object is more important than May jobs numbers as literally zero people will decide their vote based on them, but still, this is just another daily item that is obsessed over and will be irrelevant in three weeks.

(The interesting point here is, like some of us were speculating, Romney didn't much help himself in the debate. Rather, Obama damaged himself. Romney is still rather helpless in doing anything to help himself much. He needs Obama to make unforced errors.)

Mr. Gorbachev, establish an Electoral College!

by [tommypaine](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:14:30 PM PDT](#)

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Please explain this (1+ / 0-)

Romney didn't much help himself in the debate. Rather, Obama damaged himself.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:35:02 PM PDT](#)

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Agreed strongly (4+ / 0-)

I saw it the exact opposite way. I think Romney helped himself, I expect we'll see a bump in the polls but even if that doesn't happen he's certainly energized some of the doubters in his base and I expect that while he may not see a bump in the polls I think he'll definitely see a fundraising bump.

On the flip side, I don't think even the softest Obama supporters likely saw anything that would flip there vote.

by [safik](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:49:13 PM PDT](#)

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It's possible Obama damaged himself slightly, too (0+ / 0-)

We'll have to see if anything shows up in polling. And the thing is, by the time that might register, it could be blunted or reversed by the way OFA uses all the lying crap Romney uttered on stage.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:52:35 PM PDT](#)

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He damaged (1+ / 0-)

Himself to the extent that he didn't perform as well as Romney. But the standard I'm using isn't does he get some criticism from partisans for his performance. The standard I'm using is did I see anything that would lead me to believe that even the softest Obama supporters would shift to Romney and I just didn't.

And the very limited amount of data that's appeared seems to back me up. The Reuters poll showed it 48-41 before the debate and 48-43 today. A tightening, but one that came exclusively from Romney gaining voters.

by [safik](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:36:51 PM PDT](#)

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These results are very preliminary, however (0+ / 0-)

That's why I'm being cautious.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:40:08 PM PDT](#)

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I agree (1+ / 0-)

And we're probably not going to know until Tuesday whether my view is correct. But the very preliminary data not just the Reuters poll but also the snap polls from last

night also seemed to corroborate my theory.

by [safik](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:51:52 PM PDT](#)

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My view is the exact opposite (4+ / 0-)

I thought Obama was himself, didn't damage himself at all, nothing surprising about anything he said or did. There was no memorable gaffe, no barrage of rhetorical incomprehension like Dubya had in the first debate vs. Kerry.

But Romney looked the best he ever has. He lied through his teeth, yes. But he did it with a smile and without a hint of doubt. He was actually animated, something people aren't used to seeing in him. So in real time he looked good.

Now, Obama and OFA are working hard at the post-debate work to expose Mitt's lies and downgrade his performance in voters' eyes. That's smart, and it just might work.

But I think tommypaine's take is exactly the wrong one coming out of the debate.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by [DCCyclone](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:27:40 PM PDT](#)

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Nate forecasts a Romney gain of net 2.2 (5+ / 0-)

based on past post-debate [instapolls](#) relative to post-debate horserace changes. He doesn't mention anything about the quality of the samples though, and this one (he works with CNN polling data) was clearly predisposed to be more generous to Romney.

by [distantcousin](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:55:46 PM PDT](#)

In fact his post is really a 2-in-1 (3+ / 0-)

as the first part discusses how much grief Romney is getting from polling relatively poorly (compared with historical precedent) in Ohio. The OH-WI-NV route to victory for Obama is currently Romney's biggest headache.

by [distantcousin](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 01:58:52 PM PDT](#)

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Interesting that in debate 2 in 1992 (5+ / 0-)

the townhall format, where Bush looked at his watch while Clinton was dominating the audience, Clinton won by 42 and gained 4 points. And that Kerry won all three debates but only netted an 0.7% gain from them.

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:04:08 PM PDT](#)

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And that Gore had a net loss of 8.4 (3+ / 0-)

from all three debates, but still went on to win the popular vote.

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:08:30 PM PDT](#)

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Kerry (0+ / 0-)

Well, Kerry narrowed the margin with Bush by around 3% after the first debate -

it's just that Bush made up for some of that again in the week after, before Kerry finally narrowed the margin again (but not by enough) at the very end.

Check the 2004 line in this chart from Charles Franklin's old site, Political Arithmetik: <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/...>

by [nimh](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:04:15 PM PDT**

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Perfect example of something Nate shouldn't (8+ / 0-)

talk about. He's asserting drivel based on the history of post debate insta polls? Really? They all had the same sample and undecidedness composition, Nate? They all had the same margin of error? They all had the same impact (60% thinking someone slightly won a debate is not the same as 60% thinking someone overwhelmingly won a debate)?

Mr. Gorbachev, establish an Electoral College!

by [tommypain](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:07:34 PM PDT**

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I was thinkign the same (3+ / 0-)

I'm surprised he didn't tweet the 2.2% line LOL.

"What if you're on a game show one day and the name of some random New Jersey state senator is the only thing between you and several thousand dollars? And you'll think to yourself, "if only I had clapped faster." - sapelcovits

by [rdw72777](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:09:31 PM PDT**

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Paleo's point above really seals the deal (1+ / 0-)

"winning" a debate isn't a remotely consistent thing that can be translated into a statistic.

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by [tommypain](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:17:13 PM PDT**

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Hey he did a scatterplot and a regression. (2+ / 0-)

What more do you want?

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by [Xenocrypt](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:22:55 PM PDT**

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Fine by me. (2+ / 0-)

I'm pretty dubious of the math here, but even if it's true it wouldn't be enough to pull Mitt out of the 2-5% deficit range he's been in the entire campaign - and there'd be nothing left to really change the race. (I don't think the 2nd and 3rd debates are liable to have nearly as much impact.)

by [Chachy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:18:05 PM PDT**

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Nate mentions the 1992 debates. (2+ / 0-)

Gallup **had** H.W. Bush with 34/58 job approval numbers right now. I don't really think those dynamics are likely to be very comparable to this election.

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by **Xenocrypt** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:32:08 PM PDT**

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DemCorps Memo: Romney good night but no game chang (6+ / 0-)

<http://www.thedemocraticstrategist.org/...>

In the end, though, this debate did not emerge as the game-changer the Romney campaign needed. While his ballot support grew in pre- and post-debate testing, so did Obama's. Moreover, all of Romney's gains came from Republican-leaning undecided voters. He did not move a single voter away from Obama.

Only 42 percent of these voters concluded Romney won the debate, no larger than the Republican lean of this small sample. Nearly four in ten voters (38 percent) say neither candidate won the debate.

by **tk421** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:02:48 PM PDT**

N=45, though. (4+ / 0-)

27, Dem, Dude seeing a dude, CT-04(originally), PA-02/NY-14 (formerly PA-02/NY-12).

by **Xenocrypt** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:15:12 PM PDT**

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People are so uncritical (5+ / 0-)

I've watched President Obama for some time now. That apatheia we watched last night was purposed. No one can argue that it was anything other. Now some people might make the case he 'should have been more aggressive.' I think we got to go with the brain trust at the Obama campaign. It's 35 days out or so.

They get better polling than we do. He wasn't pathetic. He didn't lose the debate per se. There were no knock out punches. Romney was more aggressive.

Interestingly I was watching CNN where they had male and female 'undecided' under the screen. From my reckoning it was men who responded better to Romney's aggression. It is also men who happen to be the pundits (or women living in a man's world and imitating male values). My guess is that men like fights. Men like to see combat. The media had developed this up as an intellectual 'heavy weight' bout.

Yet I think that the Obama campaign simply sized this thing up and figured we can afford to lose 2 points for a couple of weeks. Losing the debate does not equal losing the election.

So Obama presented a purposed apatheia. This wasn't so much as a debate as it was a photo op with Romney. Romney could say what he wanted. The point wasn't to disprove Romney. That will happen in November. I think they wanted to present something friendly to women, to maintain the lead they already have.

Are Hispanics, Blacks, Jews, gays and university students really going to switch over to Romney? Think about it.

by **Huller** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:26:51 PM PDT**

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The only meaningful questions here (4+ / 0-)

- what was Obama's actual lead going into the debate? (4 - 6 percent I imagine)
- what part of his overall coalition might have be influenced to switch by that aggressive Romney display last night (white men which represent his weakest numbers)
- is it enough for Romney to win? (no it is not)

I think most of us were disappointed that we didn't get great entertainment value last night. We wanted to see Obama do what Romney was doing. But the brain trust doesn't care about entertaining us. They want to win and while they might have been surprised with how good Romney was last night it is not enough to make much of a difference anyway.

The way I have been watching the polls the question since August is what

percentage of Obama sympathizers are actually going to come out and cast a vote. The Republicans (and much of the media) are re-living 2010 which lacked a popular like-able figure like Obama.

I remember after the Democratic convention Jim Messina warned that the polls were going to tighten:

"This election is going to be very close. We have been building a ground operation that will give us the one or two points that we need to win these states and we are on track to do that."

Most of us were shaking our heads at the time wondering if he had polling which suggested that things were going south for Obama. When the bounce was sustained we thought WTF is he talking about?

I think he was referencing already the next part of the plan which was the 'sober' debate performance which was coming. They likely knew it was going to give the swooners palpitations

by **Huller** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:41:53 PM PDT**

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I agree only partly (4+ / 0-)

I think it would have been possible for him to go after Romney more for lying, without being obviously nasty about it. He could have said something like he said on the stump today, about how it's interesting to be here with Mitt Romney's body double, because the candidate called Mitt Romney has spent the entire campaign calling for tax cuts for the richest, and whoever I'm debating here suddenly denies it, so either I'm debating Mitt Romney's body double, or a shifting target that will say one thing to his rich contributors in private, another to Republican voters in the primaries and partisan crowds at campaign appearances, and a third thing to 40 million viewers on TV. Had he said it with a smile, it wouldn't have seemed hostile, but like purposeful joking. He did that kind of thing to McCain a lot in the debates.

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by **MichaelINY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:43:38 PM PDT**

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If he'd used (1+ / 0-)

The tough on Big Bird line yesterday, I think that's the kind of line that can really make up for an otherwise lackluster performance. Its really hard to win a debate when the other guy has the best line.

Does anyone remember anything about the second 1984 presidential debate or the 1988 VP debate, outside of "I will not use my opponents youth and inexperience" and "You're no Jack Kennedy." For all I know Mondale and Quayle had Churchillian performances. But it was irrelevant because there opponents each had a breakthrough line.

by **safik** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:57:12 PM PDT**

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Finally (9+ / 0-)

Can we all finally disabuse ourselves of the notion that Latinos are culturally conservative and would find a natural home in the Republican party if not for economics?

<http://www.towleroad.com/...>

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by **wmmiv** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:14:33 PM PDT**

Uh, the pollster is Zogby?? n/t (1+ / 0-)

NC-06/NC-04; -9.00, -8.41; progress through pragmatism

by **sawolf** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:11:38 PM PDT**

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Not that bad (2+ / 0-)

Only their internet surveys are completely bunk. Either way, the results are so far outside the margin of error as to be persuasive even in the case of a marginally acceptable pollster.

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by [wwmiv](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:17:27 PM PDT**

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Gotcha, I couldn't tell if it was internet or not (1+ / 0-)

Yeah I think I might send this to my elections professor since I made that assertion without any source in mind in an earlier class that the "socon" hispanic voter was a myth.

I wish I just had some **NZT** to take so that I could remember the sources for all the random knowledge I've gleamed from reading SSP/DKE over the years. Research papers would be a breeze haha

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by [sawolf](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:22:07 PM PDT**

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Perhaps it depends on the particular issue. (0+ / 0-)

It wouldn't surprise me to see some Hispanics be more conservative on abortion and birth control than most others, given that they are heavily Catholic, but do they vote on it?

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by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:19:38 PM PDT**

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Imperial county is my favorite example (1+ / 0-)

voted 69.7% for Proposition 8 and 62.3% for Obama

Protons have mass. I didn't know they were Catholic!

by [lordpet8](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:54:17 PM PDT**

[Parent]

Well (1+ / 0-)

Can you really conclude that it was because of the Hispanics that the vote was so disparate between the two?

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by [wwmiv](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:21:32 PM PDT**

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well (1+ / 0-)

Imperial County is 80% Hispanic, so probably.

but I think it's also very poor and uneducated. More educated Latino voters or Latino voters who live in cities are probably different.

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:33:50 PM PDT**

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Makes me worried about CA-41 (1+ / 0-)

Doesn't seem to have been making much press, but Takano is gay.

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by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:49:38 PM PDT**

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CA-41 is in Riverside County, at least mostly (1+ / 0-)

And the Prop 8 margin there was less lopsided, if only slightly. Plus I imagine the parts of Riverside in the district are more gay-friendly than the county at large.

24, Practical Progressive Democrat (-4.75, -4.51), DKE Gay Caucus Majority Leader, IN-02; Swingnut. Gregg/Simpson for Governor! Donnelly for Senate! Mullen for Congress!

by [HoosierD42](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 10:33:22 PM PDT**

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Well, Riverside does have palm springs (1+ / 0-)

Which is estimated to have a 33% gay population (according to some) which probably kept the prop 8 numbers somewhat down, but Palm springs isn't in this district.

CA-41 had a **64-35 yes on 8 vote**, whereas more conservative districts on paper, like CA-45 only had a **55-43 yes on 8 vote**.

It might be a liability, but I sure hope it isn't.

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by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 11:21:02 PM PDT**

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how trustworthy are those numbers? (1+ / 0-)

doesn't make sense to have them add up to 98% when you can only vote Yes or No...

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 02:21:39 AM PDT**

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WI-01 - Zerban outraised Ryan (7+ / 0-)

for 3Q, \$770K to \$566K. From teh Twitters, so no link yet.

White Male, 36, New FL-14 (Castor), proud father of a 4-year-old daughter. "Who let the dogs out? Who? Who?" - Mitt Romney, MLK Day 2008.

by [spiderdem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:23:46 PM PDT**

Although (4+ / 0-)

most people (outside of the district) probably don't realize Paul Ryan is still running for Congress. And nobody is thinking about it.

Zerban is a nice guy but I don't think he has much of a chance, unfortunately. Ryan did give Romney a small bump in Wisconsin, which I think is certainly

magnified in his district and even more so in the Congressional race.

VA-03 (current residence) NC-07 (home)

by [psychicpanda](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 02:47:26 PM PDT**

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Zerban's not giving up without a fight, though (4+ / 0-)

He delivered a 50,000-signature demanding a Ryan-Zerban debate yesterday, so Zerban isn't going to give up on his efforts to defeat Ryan in his home district.

"Rahm Emaunel is the leader of the Scott Walker Wing of the Democratic Party!"
-Me

by [DownstateDemocrat](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:00:25 PM PDT**

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What else is Zerban doing? (2+ / 0-)

I said when Ryan was picked that he had an opportunity, not a guarantee. He should be pounding the pavement in the district every single moment from now until the polls close. It might not work, but unlike other candidates' opponents, Zerban's can't be there to fight back.

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by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:22:40 PM PDT**

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But the Ryan bump is completely gone (1+ / 0-)

The polling has reverted to pre-bump, Obama up by a pretty big margin.

OFA already stopped advertising there.

Yes Obama was in Madison today, but that will be the last we'll hear of Wisconsin as a battleground.

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Democrat, VA-10*

by [DCCyclone](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:30:19 PM PDT**

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.... just imagine if that went to Pat Kreitlow (4+ / 0-)

instead of being flushed down the Bachmann drain.

I really wish Kos could use that hate money more strategically, and lets face it that's what it is.

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by [sawolf](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:12:39 PM PDT**

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I almost want to pull a bait and switch someday (2+ / 0-)

where I find some batshit fucking crazy Republican who is nonetheless entrenched like Virginia Foxx to run against and run the Tarryl Clark/Rob Zerban campaign of getting national donors, only to redirect that money from my campaign account to somewhere it'll be useful in say, early September. I feel like a lot of those dollars wouldn't have otherwise been donated if it weren't for the opponent.

On the other hand, I could just scream, DONATE TO PATRICK MURPHY! lol

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by [sawolf](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:15:37 PM PDT**

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What's the limit for doing this? (0+ / 0-)

I have to imagine you can't give all that much. Otherwise, why wouldn't we see this thing more often? I mean, there's virtually no chance of the Republicans defeating Jose Serrano, so why doesn't the GOP put up a sacrificial lamb in order to redirect donations to other New York Republicans? Seems way too easy to take advantage of, no?

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by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:24:29 PM PDT](#)

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Because most donors aren't that stupid (2+ / 0-)

Also you're getting very little bang for your donation buck and you'd pretty much be vilified for doing it. I was thinking along the lines of transferring to a PAC, but I suppose there are enough worthwhile races that a couple hundred thousand dollars can be divided enough ways to redirect all of it to campaigns.

Obviously I'm not seriously going to do this, but I just hate it that there are liberals out there whose *only* donation is to Graves or Zerban or someone in a similar situation. I understand that there are people who have no idea of how useless that is, but there are tons of purity trolls who will "only donate to progressives!" or some bullshit when there are other perfectly liberal candidates in viable races.

I just wish that the left's donation dollars could come as close as possible to some equation that maximized the marginal value of donations or spending/liberalism or something along those lines.

Essentially if we had the liberalness of the PCCC but the insider tactical information of the DCCC.

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by [sawolf](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:31:23 PM PDT](#)

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Well, what is the limit? (0+ / 0-)

If you can pretty much do whatever you want with the money, isn't there more to gain from transferring it than from tacking flack for receiving the money?

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by [bjssp](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:39:51 PM PDT](#)

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Don't forget Grayson (2+ / 0-)

Mr. Gorbachev, establish an Electoral College!

by [tomypaine](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:47:54 PM PDT](#)

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Oh god (2+ / 0-)

The fucking amount of money he is receiving is atrocious. ALMOST THREE MILLION FOR A HOUSE RACE?! WTF?! That sort of money could be put to better use in other fucking races. It sickens me.

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by [Daman09](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:54:01 PM PDT](#)

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Grayson's district (1+ / 0-)

isn't even supposed to be competitive, right?

by **JBraden** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:08:26 PM PDT**

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It wouldn't be (1+ / 0-)

if a mainstream Democrat who wasn't a dick was running. Grayson does look set to win, but he will definitely underperform. From the polling I've seen, if I remember it correctly, I'd rate that district only Lean-D, and it should be at least Likely if not Safe-D.

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by **MichaelNY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:14:07 PM PDT**

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Patrick Murphy is running quite (2+ / 0-)

a good campaign and is up right now. FL-18 is a Democratic trending swing district.

"Once, many, many years ago I thought I was wrong. Of course it turned out I had been right all along. But I was wrong to have thought I was wrong." -John Foster Dulles. My Political Compass Score: -4.00, -3.69, Proud member of DKE

by **ArkDem14** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:54:02 PM PDT**

[Parent]

Biden does it again (1+ / 0-)

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/...](http://www.weeklystandard.com/)

"My heart breaks, come on man. You know the phrase they always use? Obama and Biden want to raise taxes by a trillion dollars. Guess what? Yes we do one regard"

Obviously taken out of context, but it's not like that part matters. Expect that to be cut into an ad soon.

by **KingTag** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:13:44 PM PDT**

Well, Obama has said he wants to raise taxes. (1+ / 0-)

On the rich, that is. Taxes are a winning issue for us, unless I've missed something, so anything that draws attention back to the subject is a good thing.

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by **bjssp** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:20:45 PM PDT**

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Just imagine the ad possibilities (0+ / 0-)

All that you need to cut is this part of the video.

"Obama and Biden want to raise taxes by a trillion dollars. Guess what? Yes we do"

Then you just cut to their standard, never-ending supplies of lies and distortions about the ACA. It basically writes itself into another ad.

Heck, you could cut that part with the other Biden gaffe earlier this week about how the middle class has been buried the last four years.

We somehow have to count on Biden winning the VP debate after Obama's tanking yesterday. I can't say I am remotely confident. Ryan is significantly more talented at lying than Mitt Romney, and Biden can't even read from a teleprompter without making a gaffe.

by [KingTag](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:27:33 PM PDT](#)

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If you want to use cut and paste... (1+ / 0-)

...then any statement can be made into a "gaffe"

GODSPEED TO THE WISCONSIN FOURTEEN!

by [LordMike](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:35:05 PM PDT](#)

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eh, I kind of agree with bjssp (3+ / 0-)

The Dems are pretty clear when it comes to tax increases for the rich. There are probably a lot of statement favoring tax increases for the rich that could be clipped and used in a misleading way.

by [jj32](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:45:45 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

MI -11 (4+ / 0-)

Glad to see some ads for Syed Taj!

Protons have mass. I didn't know they were Catholic!

by [lordpet8](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:33:42 PM PDT](#)

MI 11 (4+ / 0-)

He probably needs to run positive ads like these to introduce himself, but to win this he will have to discredit Bentivolio. If the public sees it as Taj v. vanilla Republican they don't know, most of them will still vote for the guy with the R next to his name. If it's Taj v. conspiracy nut who bragged about making his students cry, Taj should win.

SSP poster. 43, new CA-6, -0.25/-3.90

by [sacman701](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 04:44:46 PM PDT](#)

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A question to throw out there (1+ / 0-)

How much of an edge do you think President Obama has in the Electoral College?

What I mean by that is, how much could he lose the popular vote and still win the presidency by winning (most likely) Ohio/Wisconsin/Nevada (which I still believe are going to be his best swing states.)

In 2008, the state that put Obama over the top was Colorado (which gave him 278, he would have had 269 w/o it). Obama won Colorado by 8.95% versus the 7.25% he won nationally, for a difference of 1.7%. Of course if McCain had won more votes nationally, it probably wouldn't have been evenly distributed, so the gap would have been less.

My guess is that President Obama wins Ohio even if he loses by 2% nationally, and probably Wisconsin as well. Nevada is more difficult to figure, as it is unclear how off the polling is there.

WI-8 independent. Very reluctantly for Obama but support Tammy Baldwin with a bit more enthusiasm. Strongly opposed recall of Gov. Walker.

by [WisIndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:19:31 PM PDT](#)

The mistake Obama's team made (4+ / 0-)

was assuming Romney wouldnt run to the center in the debate. They

underestimated the right's tolerance of any centrist positions, but at least for now, it seems to be working for Romney:

Charlie Gerow, a former aide to Republican President Ronald Reagan, said "conservatives are going to give him a fair amount of latitude" to move toward the political center in this election.

Why?

"Because they want to win," Gerow said.

Which way he would govern as president? I doubt anyone can say for sure. But, he needs to win first.

[link](#).

by [jj32](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:27:03 PM PDT](#)

After Hearing The Evening News Press Accounts..... (3+ / 0-)

.....of Obama appearing "irritated" at the very act of participating in 48 hours worth of debate prep (with the requisite "study break" to visit Hoover Dam of course) I'm frankly seeing redder than ever. Supporters sent \$150 million to his campaign just last month and as of right now, if those press accounts are true, are getting a terrible bargain for their hard-earned money.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:45:25 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

And that money is supposed to control (5+ / 0-)

what the media say by exactly what method?

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:53:29 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Well the one thing (2+ / 0-)

the Obama campaign has been effective with is the ads and the ground game.

Personally, I think some of the attacks on Romney were basically "Swift Boat" and character assassination, but they have been no doubt effective and I can't blame them for doing that given that the Dems have been on the receiving end of this for so long.

WI-8 independent. Very reluctantly for Obama but support Tammy Baldwin with a bit more enthusiasm. Strongly opposed recall of Gov. Walker.

by [Wisclndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:08:23 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

This makes me quite irritated (2+ / 0-)

and I'm fearful that these poor debate performances may continue. My problem here isn't that Romney beat him, Romney is a good debater and there is no shame in losing to him, but that President Obama did not even try. And his attitude toward this and several parts of governing that he obviously dislikes is a part of my disillusionment with him in the first place.

Look, I thought about what would be the President's realistic worst debate outcome yesterday, and it was a few notches better than what I saw. Obama simply did not mentally show up for the debate. The performance yesterday was worthy of a George W Bush or a Rick Perry, although all of Bush's six debate performances were better than what President Obama gave yesterday.

I do believe that the voters will give him a pass for one poor debate performance if he doesn't repeat it, as this was out of character with what the majority of voters assume of the man. (If this was someone like Bush or Perry, it might have been curtains.) But one more below average debate performance and he will lose the popular vote at the least, and likely the Presidency.

WI-8 independent. Very reluctantly for Obama but support Tammy Baldwin with a

bit more enthusiasm. Strongly opposed recall of Gov. Walker.

by [Wisclndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:01:52 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I doubt you're right (1+ / 0-)

I am seeing that you tend to be pessimistic about Democratic chances.

Why do you assume what the media are saying is accurate?

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:15:18 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

At Least For Me..... (2+ / 0-)

.....it seems convincing because it is consistent with everything that led up to the debate--the delays with debate prep and the fact that he couldn't even stay focused for two full days without a Hoover Dam detour--and with his performance at the debate where he seemed irritated and disengaged.

Perhaps it's coming from a cub reporter trying to make news or perhaps from a pissed off Obama staffer on the outs, but even if it's BS, it's a wake-up call to all of us that we deserve better for \$150 million a month.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:32:13 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I don't think donors need a wakeup call (3+ / 0-)

And their money is going to be used very effectively for ads and GOTV efforts.

If Obama and his campaign needed a wakeup call, they got one.

I think you are complaining too much.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:34:57 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

With All Due Respect.... (1+ / 0-)

.....I think there's plenty justification to complain.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:47:25 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

You're complaining that your money (3+ / 0-)

didn't pay for a better performance at a debate. That's not what money is used for, in general, is it? You might as well claim that your money isn't being well spent if the president trips while walking outside.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:55:46 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

The Campaign Is Only As Strong As The Candidate... (0+ / 0-)

The money has been well-spent on the campaign....until the candidate showed he was its weakest link, at least in these last few days when he failed to take seriously debate prep. Whether or not the press reports are true, it's pretty clear far more effort should have and could have been put into debate prep for what was arguably the most important night of the campaign. And when that financial report

appears within 24 hours of last night's debate performance, it's hard not to make the connection that we should be expecting more for our money.

by **Mark27** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:02:15 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

Exactly on this: (1+ / 0-)

The Campaign Is Only As Strong As The Candidate

And in spite of his lackluster debate performance, he's a damn good candidate. But your point is made: Money is not at issue here. So stop complaining about how money is being spent and whether people are getting their money's worth.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by **MichaelINY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:14:07 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

He's Been A Damn Good Candidate.....

(0+ / 0-)

.....all but one night in the last four years.

Unfortunately, the night he was less than a damn good candidate was the night it mattered most.

And every one of us here is within our rights to be outraged about the blase attitude towards debate prep that led him to stumble on the night when it mattered most.

by **Mark27** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:16:54 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

The night that matters most (3+ /

0-)

is election night

31, male, MI-11 (previously VA-08).

Evangelical, postconservative, green.

by **borodino21** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:50:13 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

Really? (1+ / 0-)

Obama had a poor debate, ergo he's a poor candidate?

Ok, I suppose in Mark-Land, where everything that happens is an excuse to take the absolute worst-case scenario and run with it, this would make sense, but back in reality, Obama has been an excellent candidate who had one stumble (and even then, it was more that Romney had a really good night rather than Obama having a poor one).

But again, this is Mark-Land we're dealing with, so I guess we have no choice but to believe that Obama is a horrible candidate, and that we donors (and yes, I have donated to the Obama campaign) should be disgusted because of something that has absolutely nothing to do with how spending goes.

Politics and more Formerly DGM on SSP. NM-01, 26 (chairman of the Atheist Caucus)

by [NMLib](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:47:59 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Straw Man..... (1+ / 0-)

It's possible for Obama to be an excellent candidate who made some very poor campaign choices at a very critical time that could and perhaps has undermined it all. If you really believe that Obama represented the campaign and all of its volunteers and donors well last night, then I guess it's easy to see why you believe I'm the problem. But perhaps if somebody in the campaign had looked him in the eyes in the lead-up to the debate prep and said "Mr. President...you need to take this more seriously", we probably wouldn't be having this conversation right now.

by [Mark27](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:01:04 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

No Mark... (1+ / 0-)

We'd be having a different conversation about some other way Obama had screwed up. That's pretty much a predictable response at this point from you, Mark.

*Politics and more Formerly DGM on SSP.
NM-01, 26 (chairman of the Atheist Caucus)*

by [NMLib](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:47:33 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Thanks Mark for your concern, but... (2+ / 0-)

...I've given OFA \$3000 and am very happy.

OFA has run a brilliant campaign that has put them in great position to win by a more comfortable margin than seemed possible at the outset.

I'm getting an incredible bargain for my hard-earned money, and any donors who complain are childish whiners.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by [DCCyclone](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:34:12 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

While I disagree with Mark27/WiscIndy (1+ / 0-)

There is support for their position, ref [Snippy Obama, Whose Heart's Not in It](#), which begs the question about the President's "fire in the belly".

I think he'll pass the test with flying colors, given his fire today, but still, it is a legitimate question.

by [tietack](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:17:07 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I think that article is fairly sympathetic (2+ / 0-)

This is the key part of the article, to me, and it may be perceptive:

I suspect a more prosaic explanation: A person of his temperament cannot maintain the same open demeanor

when he's dealing with war and death all the time. As, we must recall, Obama has been for years now. If Obama seems shut down, perhaps it is because he has to be to be who he is and do the job he needs to do day in and day out. If his heart didn't seem in it last night, I wonder if it's not in part because the last thing he needs to consider in his work on a day-to-day basis is his heart. It's a long way from being a community organizer, civil-rights lawyer and anti-war state senator to running a drone war that kills innocent civilians, ordering the death of militants, overseeing a policy that's led to an increase in American casualties in Afghanistan, and delivering funereal remarks at a ceremony honoring the returning remains of a slain American diplomat.

All that said, if he didn't still want the job, I don't think he would have run for reelection. I think there are some important things he still wants to do. As he is a smart man, he knows that he has been severely hemmed in by the obstructionism and downright sabotage from the Republicans, so if he doubts how much power he will have to act, he has very strong grounds for that. But I think he really does care about what would happen to the US if Romney and the Republicans took over.

I think it's his nature to be polite, and I think he was sincere in having enjoyed an intellectual conversation with Romney, but he does need to call Romney more on things, like he did during the debates with McCain. And as much as McCain ran against his record, Romney is a much more slippery character, so in the next two debates, the president has to be prepared for Romney to deny absolutely anything he's campaigned on, accuse him of anything, and say any number of bizarre things.

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by [MichaelNY](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:33:08 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

What was the "realistic worst debate performance" (2+ / 0-)

you were thinking of? Perhaps you discounted the possibility of a clear foot in mouth moment, obvious brain freeze, Quayle 88 redux, or obviously bad soundbite, but realistically all those things could possibly have happened.

And comparison to Rick Perry? Seriously, I guess the rest of us must have missed the moment when he had to name three things and went "oops..." and never finished the sentence. Nor did he stammer, scowl, and whine "it's hard" like a nine year old who won't put in effort to do his homework--or like Bush in 2004.

So he had an off night, and later acknowledged it. But the Bush/Perry comparison, especially, seems a real stretch.

37, MD-8 (MD-6 after 2012) resident, NOVA raised, Euro/Anglophile Democrat

by [Mike in MD](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:19:49 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I admit the Perry reference was overkill (0+ / 0-)

But Bush wasn't that bad in his debates. Bush was better in all three of his debates in 2004 than Obama was last night, at least in style, and I stand by that.

And I think the problem was largely style. I read the debate transcript and from that the debate was far closer than it looked on TV.

I guess my frustration with the President in neglecting a lot of things of his job he doesn't care for (i.e. debates and schmoozing with Congresspeople/Senators) and my overall disappointment with his job as President got to me here.

WI-8 independent. Very reluctantly for Obama but support Tammy Baldwin with a bit more enthusiasm. Strongly opposed recall of Gov. Walker.

by [WiscIndy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:54:20 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

so you're an avid supporter (2+ / 0-)

of Obama right? that's been the impression I've gleaned from your posts so far.

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:56:33 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I will vote for him (0+ / 0-)

because I support equal rights for women and gays/lesbians and I support his Supreme Court nominees. These are things that affect me very personally and deeply.

But my vote for him will be like medication that tastes terrible and results in a lot of side effects...

WI-8 independent. Very reluctantly for Obama but support Tammy Baldwin with a bit more enthusiasm. Strongly opposed recall of Gov. Walker.

by [WiscIndy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:00:28 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

err (1+ / 0-)

can't tell if missed the point of my post, or if simply continuing the joke...

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 02:23:26 AM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I may have missed it (0+ / 0-)

I'm slow to get some jokes, but I assumed that your post that I was "an avid supporter of Obama" was sarcastic.

WI-8 independent. Very reluctantly for Obama but support Tammy Baldwin with a bit more enthusiasm. Strongly opposed recall of Gov. Walker.

by [WiscIndy](#) on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 05:14:11 AM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

It was (0+ / 0-)

I really don't mind that you're a reluctant supporter of Obama, and I don't mind you posting once or twice to explain your reasons for that, but bringing it up in every other post gets really old, really quick. You're a good poster otherwise so I highly recommend that you not do that on a Democratic site.

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 05:20:52 AM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Your concern is duly noted (1+ / 0-)

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:28:40 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Will There Ever Be A Scenario..... (1+ / 0-)

....when the apologists on this board direct their contempt towards Obama instead of me?

I guess if you're fine riding off the cliff with the guy who showed up last night who was too "irritated" to prep for a debate with his opponent with everything that is at stake, then I guess you can continue to look at me as the enemy. Meanwhile, I'm gonna demand better.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:45:42 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I thought Paleo's remark was annoying (1+ / 0-)

I don't like implying that long-time regulars are just "concern trolls." But you gotta admit, you are resolutely negative.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:02:58 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I Am Tonight..... (0+ / 0-)

....as the malpractice in the debate prep becomes clearer.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:03:55 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Personally, (3+ / 0-)

I don't have any problem with negative criticism of the president and/or with tougher forecasts for us. But you just seem to be saying the same thing over and over, in just slightly different ways, which can be wearing. And I'm not sure what purpose it serves.

by [itskevin](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:14:14 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

What Specifically Am I Repeating Myself About? (0+ / 0-)

The murmurs about blowing off debate prep only started circulating earlier today so I haven't had much opportunity to be repetitive about it. Just curious. I think most of us here tend to say a pretty close variation on the same stuff over and over, but I certainly don't want to be someone who does so more than others.

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:20:56 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Just speaking generally (1+ / 0-)

from reading your posts today. Don't really want to get into picking specific examples, as you have the right to post what you want. (And usually I think it's good stuff.)

It's just my sense that nearly all of your posts today have been about the myriad ways we're screwed by Obama's debate performance. Feels like overkill to me.

by [itskevin](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 10:52:27 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

My guess: I think Mark27 was feeling defensive (1+ / 0-)

Given our standard reaction to panic.

by [tietack](#) on [Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 03:53:41 AM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

You are almost all the time. n/t (2+ / 0-)

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by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:14:25 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Not As Bad As You're Suggesting..... (1+ / 0-)

I'm probably more negative than anyone else here and I don't really apologize for that as I think there's a fair amount of value in being a nervous nelliie. Lately I've been far more positive than I've been in the past and judging from the overconfidence that permeated Obama and his supporters in the past few weeks, I think it's a shame that weren't more people raising legitimate "concerns".

by [Mark27](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:25:34 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

OK, that's fair (1+ / 0-)

But you have reverted to form, and your form is way more negative than is warranted.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:30:09 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I rarely agree with Mark27, (0+ / 0-)

but if these rumours are true, I would agree with him in this case.

If the President himself thinks it's more important to see the Hoover Dam than to prepare more for the debate, it conveys either overconfidence or a lack of commitment.

A lack of commitment would be disturbing, given the emotional investment so many people have in his winning a second term.

by [Audrid](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:34:51 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

It doesn't seem very believable to me (0+ / 0-)

I think we know more about the president's character than to judge him based on that kind of story. Whenever a politician seems to stumble in a presidential race, the media like to make money by speculating on damning reasons for it. Am I wrong?

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by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:48:44 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Sorry, more like I'm paranoid (as you may know). (1+ / 0-)

by **Audrid** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:52:29 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

And no one apologizes to you either (2+ / 0-)

You're not owed an apology anymore than you think you owe others.

And no you don't get a biscuit because at times you've been more positive than your own norm.

We have 8.1% unemployment and a continuing struggling economy for 4 years and Obama is still poised to win reelection by a comfortable margin. That's not an accident, it took hard work by a great campaign.

So no your concern is not warranted or shared.

The best campaigns make mistakes sometimes, I'm shrugging off this one. By this afternoon I had already become pretty confident this would blow over to no effect.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by **DCCyclone** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:38:32 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

I'm Not Seeking An Apology..... (0+ / 0-)

.....saying "I don't apologize for....." is a figure of speech. Or at least that's what I intended it as.

by **Mark27** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:42:12 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

there's value in being negative? (1+ / 0-)

please do elaborate...

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by **sapelcovits** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:39:45 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

There's Value in "Concern Trolling"..... (0+ / 0-)

Had more people been concerned about the need for more debate prep, perhaps last night wouldn't have been a trainwreck. Yet if I had spent the last two weeks making that point, would I not have been accused of being negative?

by **Mark27** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:44:31 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

LOL (1+ / 0-)

yes, I'm sure DKE people's concerns affect the Obama campaign's strategy :)

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to

college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:50:47 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

OH NO NOT THE BEES AHHHH (1+ / 0-)

26, originally OK-1, currently NY-10. Former swingnut.

by [okiedem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:56:39 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Well, Duh! (1+ / 0-)

Romney should have figured that out months ago...

This new Romney will present more of a formidable challenge. The "moderate" Romney is the candidate that was the most worrisome. So now, the task will be not to let him get away with being the new "moderate" guy... A not so easy task, but one made easier by the candidate's months of tea party pandering. Pull up the old videos from the Romney primary campaign!

GODSPEED TO THE WISCONSIN FOURTEEN!

by [LordMike](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:53:27 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

He ran the center? (5+ / 0-)

No increase in taxes. Voucherize Medicare. Block grant Medicaid.

Could have fooled me.

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:26:10 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

No tax cuts for the rich (2+ / 0-)

Regulation is good. My healthcare plan will cover preexisting conditions.

by [jj32](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:03:36 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Never said it was good (1+ / 0-)

Only that it was sometimes necessary. The other was a lie.

"The country tried everything Romney says, and it brought the economy to the brink of collapse"

by [Paleo](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:29:27 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Oh, I agree (1+ / 0-)

And you are right, some of the proposals werent moving to the center. But particularly, on the tax plan, he was at least trying to make it seem like he was moving to the center.

by [jj32](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:36:25 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Final Ipsos post debate tracking poll results.... (5+ / 0-)

Who won the debate? Romney 50%, Obama 28%

More or less likely post-debate to feel more positive about Mitt Romney? More favorable 27%, Less Favorable 19%. For Obama, it's 16% more fav, 18% less fav.

Head to head among Likely Voters. Predebate Obama 48%, Romney 41%. Post-debate 48%, Romney 43%.

Not too bad... That would translate to about a 1.5 point gain using the current Nowcast, which was predicted by Cohn today.

GODSPEED TO THE WISCONSIN FOURTEEN!

by [LordMike](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 05:57:32 PM PDT](#)

It appears to have energized some Romney holdouts (8+ / 0-)

rather than converting anyone, which is what I expected.

by [MBishop1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:03:51 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

yep (2+ / 0-)

I'd expect no change for Obama, Romney up a point or so.

SSP poster. 43, new CA-6, -0.25/-3.90

by [sacman701](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:37:01 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Isn't that bad? (1+ / 0-)

That would cut Obama's lead in half?

by [Arnold Roth](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:21:28 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

The nowcast shows a 5 point national lead... (1+ / 0-)

...so, no... all things considered, with Mitt dropping the equivalent of a nuclear bomb on us... no, that isn't that bad at all.

GODSPEED TO THE WISCONSIN FOURTEEN!

by [LordMike](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:24:04 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

But wasn't Cohn talking about RCP? (1+ / 0-)

by [Arnold Roth](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:30:37 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Also, how much is Romney's numbers a bit inflated (0+ / 0-)

from right after the debate?

by [Arnold Roth](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:31:19 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Nuclear bomb? (2+ / 0-)

Damn, please stop such exaggerations!

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:36:05 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

If that holds, I'm somewhat relieved (5+ / 0-)

But, well, you know the rest of what I think!

Ok, so I read the polls.

by [andgarden](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:30:36 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Looks like noise to me (0+ / 0-)

There's that much fluctuation when nothing is happening.

44, male, Indian-American, married and proud father of a girl and 2 boys, Democrat, VA-10

by [DCCyclone](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:45:40 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Sam Wang seems to have priced in bad debates (2+ / 0-)

He sees it at most costing 30EV. He has Obama at 332 so 300 EV or so aren't bad.

by [Arnold Roth](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:24:14 PM PDT](#)

Kills any shot at the House we had as well. (0+ / 0-)

A truly dreadful performance and one that will effect Pres Obama and the country for the next four years. He didn't have any desire to be there it comes out - Romney has been focused on this debate for weeks and weeks and Pres Obama couldn't even show up mentally.

"The Democratic Party is not our friend: it is the only party we can negotiate with." Rebecca Solnit [The Rain on Our Parade](#).

by [Jacoby Jonze](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:34:18 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Thanks for your death, doom and destruction (5+ / 0-)

It's gotten a little tiresome. Are you just depressed by nature? I could understand that and would sympathize, but your negative pronouncements are really starting to wear. If you can predict the future so well, you really need to bet the horses big time.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelINY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:41:59 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

So close to an HR rating. So close. (1+ / 0-)

I do not want to abuse it, or come close. But honestly I think it merits one. I am not for an echo chamber of positive news. A comment like this occasional user pissed at the world is ok. But these comments being posted *all the time* is not ok in my book. This shit gets old. It is obviously a fringe view, and I do not want to hurl accusations, but the constant postings of this seems like concern trolling.

by [drhoosierdem](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:16:16 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Maybe I am overreacting. (1+ / 0-)

It does get frustrating though.

by [drhoosierdem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:21:29 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Yeah, I think you're overreacting (2+ / 0-)

Mere "the sky is falling" statements are not HRable, especially from long-time posters who I think we have reason to believe are not Republican concern trolls but liberals with negative attitudes.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:31:57 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Yes. (12+ / 0-)

Obama's poor debate performance means our chances of taking the House have plunged to 0%.

Absolutely correct.

That makes perfect sense.

Indeed.

by [Chachy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:41:59 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

WE'RE ALL SCREWED (5+ / 0-)

WE JUST LOST THE PRESIDENCY

THE HOUSE

THE SENATE

IT'S SO BAD THAT WE EVEN LOST SENATE RACES IN FL, OH, IN, AZ, HI, CT, MT, MN, WA, NY AND PA AND CA!

THE REPUBS JUST GOT A SUPER MAJORITY IN THE SENATE

OH GOD, WHY?! WHY!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?

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by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:11:42 PM PDT**

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YEEEEAAHHHHHHH! (2+ / 0-)

by [okiedem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:13:50 PM PDT**

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Reeced for the laugh. (0+ / 0-)

by [Audrid](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:36:33 PM PDT**

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sorry, early voters (1+ / 0-)

your votes mean nothing - the election is already over, and the Republicans won everything.

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:43:34 PM PDT**

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We will lose Reid's, Bennet's, and Coons' seats. (3+ / 0-)

That's right, as someone else said, Obama's debate performance was so bad, it will retroactively hurt us for seats that were up in 2010.

"The election of Mitt Romney and a supporting congress this November would be a...disaster for America. Think of the trainwreck that has been the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square it."--Brad DeLong

by [bjssp](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:03:24 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Jeez, dude. It's gonna be gone from the news (4+ / 0-)

in a few days. You really think we lost our shot at the House over this? Loosen up.

Compassion is not weakness, and concern for the unfortunate is not socialism.

by [Zutroy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:58:07 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Would that be if he lost all 3 debates? (1+ / 0-)

Or is that just for losing the first debate? I'm unconvinced he'll lose any eventual support over this, in the end. He might. We just don't know yet.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:37:05 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

If he loses any more debates (0+ / 0-)

the way he did last night, he will lose at least the popular vote. Hopefully, the President and his advisers understand that.

Although, I just read the transcript of the debate and it felt a lot more even to me that when I saw it live. There seems to be something with the delivery that really went wrong.

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by [Wisclndy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:43:55 PM PDT**

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I read (3+ / 0-)

on politicalwire that Obama is not happy with his performance there and that the campaign does not expect him to be that way at all next time.

Sorry you got hide-rated by a few people this morning. Far too much drama going around, partially unwarranted.

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:47:46 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

It's hard for me to conceive of him losing (2+ / 0-)

a debate on foreign policy, but I really don't know on what basis you believe you can predict that that would lose him the popular vote.

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by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:00:41 PM PDT](#)

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I think that if (1+ / 0-)

he continues to perform the way he did last night, the voters are going to have a much lesser opinion of the President. It is one thing to put out one bad performance, it is quite another to keep producing bad performances.

And will vote him out at least nationally. It is possible IMO that Ohio/Wisconsin/Nevada may still vote for Obama even if he loses the popular vote narrowly.

And yes he can easily lose the debate in foreign policy, e.g. if he doesn't effectively rebut the charges on the embassy attack in Libya. And given that in my opinion, the administration really screwed the pooch with the explanation of what happened, that isn't going to be that easy. And unless President Obama brings up the initial Romney comments before that attack and hammers him on that (the kind of stuff that Obama had great difficulty in doing in debate 1), it is very easy to see Romney winning that argument.

The idea that the Obama somehow cannot lose the debate on foreign policy is the same kind of assumption that his supporters made last night going into the debate,

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by [WisIndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:16:08 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I agree that a mediocre performance next time (1+ / 0-)

would be likely to erode his support at the margins, but I think it's overly bold to predict it would cost him a popular vote lead.

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by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:20:33 PM PDT](#)

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I will admit you did make a lot of good points (1+ / 0-)

though, in fairness. But seriously, Romney has said so many idiotic things on foreign policy and Obama has such a clear and obvious record of achievement, it would be much harder for him to "win" a debate on that than on domestic policy, given that unemployment is still high and the ACA is still not that popular.

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by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:27:15 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Style over substance (1+ / 0-)

I'm now coming to the conclusion that is what killed Obama yesterday. After reading the transcript, it was much closer when you read the transcript that seeing the debate live.

Also don't forget that Bush was considered a favorite over Kerry in the foreign policy debate in 2004 (debate 1) and Kerry just

crushed him.

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by [Wisclndy](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:41:01 PM PDT**

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I had to listen to a bit of the debate in my car (3+ / 0-)

and it seemed like he started picking it up when I was in there. I guess I may have had Nixon/Kennedy debate syndrome...

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by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:52:04 PM PDT**

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I started in my car, then watched the ending when (1+ / 0-)

I got home. I could tell Obama was weakest at the beginning. I thought his last 5 minutes or so went pretty well, actually.

28, Male, MA-08 (hometown MI-06)

by [bumiputera](#) on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 04:20:07 AM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

It obviously wasn't the substance (0+ / 0-)

Romney's campaign is total bullshit. So you know he couldn't ever win on substance.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:01:45 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Just finished working at the Obama event (13+ / 0-)

I was an usher for the Obama event today in Madison and it was insane. The people entering the gate were super pumped and it was ridiculous to see how many people packed into Bascom. Apparently, they had to turn away thousands of people. They also had hundreds of Special Registration Deputies, so it was a tremendous event for registering students. I am exhausted, but boy this event was amazing.

Social Democrat, WI-05

by [glame](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:53:55 PM PDT**

Reminds me of an Obama rally in Philly in '08 (3+ / 0-)

I went to it and it was sooooo crowded and took forever to get in and out, but it was all worth it. I had to jump just to see a hint of where he stood. So it was a listening experience. It was one of those mini-speeches where he mentioned a pie shop owner in Ohio.

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:29:06 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I kind of knew it would be like that (1+ / 0-)

from what the cops along the bike path said. I actually know one of said deputies (a TAA organizer), who had to arrive before 10AM to be sure of getting in and waited in line for four hours. Still, she clearly loved the speech.

Male, 22, -4.75/-6.92, born and raised TN-05, now WI-02, remorseless supporter of Walker's recall. Pocan for Congress and Baldwin for Senate!

by [fearlessfred14](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:33:33 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

PPP says Obama running 1 point worse in (7+ / 0-)

first night of VA poll, despite polling that he lost the debate.

by [jj32](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:04:30 PM PDT**

Indistinguishable from statistical noise (8+ / 0-)

Yes, there may be an effect from the first debate. But I think it'll be within one sigma (normally slightly less than 2%) in the polls.

by [tietack](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:19:47 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

It feels like 2010 to be hanging on every (3+ / 0-)

character of Tom's tweets. The SSP 2010 panic attacks over PPP tweets were truly epic.

26, originally OK-1, currently NY-10. Former swingnut.

by [okiedem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:32:38 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

But panic was warranted (5+ / 0-)

in 2010.

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by [MichaelINY](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:01:50 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

haha true I just remember when (I foget who) (3+ / 0-)

said that he was getting tired over people panicing over ever "fucking tweet" from Tom Jensen.

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by [okiedem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:03:26 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Ah, the good ole days (0+ / 0-)

Sometimes I miss it quite a bit, mostly because we didn't have to deal with the DK front page riff raff.

Oh well....

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by [Daman09](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:15:03 PM PDT**

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Remember (1+ / 0-)

Some of the better posters here weren't on SSP and found DKE from being on DK.

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by **MichaelNY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:16:47 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

We did lose quite a few regular commenters (1+ / 0-)

Though they may not have been lost as much as they have different user names on DKE. I know that Tekzilla has a different DK username, though I still don't see him too often.

Where is his chicken little attitude anyway? I bet he thinks the sky is falling as well.

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by **Daman09** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:21:48 PM PDT**

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He's been pretty positive for the most part (0+ / 0-)

this time.

He doesn't post too often but does show up from time to time.

Most of the posters we lost, I think, were Republicans and Independents who gravitated to RedRacingHorses, and I don't know how many would have continued to post at SSP but not DKE.

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by **MichaelNY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:28:37 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

No!!!1eleventy (1+ / 0-)

Wait, you mean that's statistically insignificant and President Obama is still maintaining a lead in one of many must-win states for Mitt Romney?

Still...panic! At the Quantico!

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by **SaoMagnifico** on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 12:22:53 AM PDT**

[**Parent**]

Apologies if already posted (3+ / 0-)

But a new Lampson ad. Pretty good. Love the "As Texan as they get" line.

<http://www.youtube.com/...>

by **drhoosierdem** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:28:22 PM PDT**

Very strong accent. (1+ / 0-)

And is that Port Arthur? My parents lived there for a year back in the mid-80's.

Hail to the king, baby.

by **KingofSpades** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:31:11 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

I think so (2+ / 0-)

Also, a bit of nitpicking, but he does *not* in *any* capacity live anywhere *near* South Texas.

22 Burkean Post Modern Gay Democrat; NM-2 (Raised), TX-20 (B.A. & M.A. in Political Science), TX-17 (Home); Intern w/ Gallego for Congress; Office Personnel at CCA.

by **wwmiv** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:53:27 PM PDT**

[Parent]

Maybe he does (1+ / 0-)

Then-Rep. Lampson's legislation would have helped South Texas, too.

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by **SaoMagnifico** on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 12:21:19 AM PDT**

[Parent]

As maybe as it would have (1+ / 0-)

The imagery and accent were not south Texas.

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by **wwmiv** on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 01:05:33 AM PDT**

[Parent]

Romney says 47% comments were wrong (6+ / 0-)**ThinkProgress**

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Thought he would do this at the debate. I dont know the strategy here. Good to do it after good press of the debate? Or does this just make the remarks an issue again?

by **jj32** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:35:07 PM PDT**

Romney would have done it at the debate (3+ / 0-)

but neither Lehrer nor Obama would bring it up.

I suspect that this is why Obama did not bring up the 47% comments during the debate, because it would give Romney an open opportunity to apologize for them.

It was one of the few positive tactical moves in an otherwise terrible performance.

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by **WisIndy** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:02:32 PM PDT**

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What an ass (7+ / 0-)

My god, how is he even getting mid 40s with this type of shit?

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by **Daman09** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:15:59 PM PDT**

[Parent]

Easy (0+ / 0-)

Because his opponent is too chicken to call him out on it in a debate.

But this is what all good politicians do. Romney is finally learning how to do this well, and he is being helped when no one is calling him out on it.

People here talk of Romney as if he is a monster. But in reality most politicians would do what he did, including on Bain and his taxes, if they got the chance.

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by [Wisclndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:22:14 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Some are arguing now that (5+ / 0-)

If he did, Romney would have made some touching rebuttal of those comments....despite defending them in September.

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:24:06 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Here's what I think (2+ / 0-)

Romney had a canned one-minute response/apology for the 47% remarks ready to go. Had either Lehrer or Obama brought it up, Romney would have said it, and his mind that would have ended most of the damage from those remarks.

Now Lehrer never directly brought it up, probably assuming that Obama would (and trying to goad him into it with a question). For whatever reason Obama never did either, and that may have been intentional, the longer that Romney cannot directly apologize for them, the longer the campaign can keep beating Romney over the head for it.

But I was generally responding to the poster above of how Romney can keep changing his positions on a dime.

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by [Wisclndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:31:07 PM PDT](#)

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Romney was carrying out... (4+ / 0-)

Prince Whoopass in a Can.

President Obama just needs to be punchier and less passive next time. He can't seem bored, distracted, or sleepy again.

The vice presidential debate generally doesn't move a lot of votes. But I will be interested to see whether badass heartbreaker Vice President Biden or fuckup goofball Vice President Biden shows up to the ball game.

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by [SaoMagnifico](#) on [Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 12:20:31 AM PDT](#)

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yeah, poor Mitt Romney (5+ / 0-)

he's just m!zzundastood

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:46:29 PM PDT](#)

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Not gonna take the bait here (0+ / 0-)

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by [Wisclndy](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:56:53 PM PDT](#)

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it's ok (0+ / 0-)

you and I are both avid Obama fanboys, I think we see eye to eye here
:)

Living in Kyoto-06 (Japan), voting in RI-01, went to college in IL-01.

by [sapelcovits](#) on **Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 02:24:41 AM PDT**

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WoW! (6+ / 0-)

<http://www.nbcnews.com/...>

26, originally OK-1, currently NY-10. Former swingnut.

by [okiedem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:57:43 PM PDT**

Yep. There is a front page diary about this story (2+ / 0-)

as well.

Meh.

by [bythesea](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:06:49 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Wow, that's a first. (3+ / 0-)

a candidate who's addicted to MMORPG's.

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:06:59 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Addicted is a strong word. (2+ / 0-)

by [Audrid](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:25:04 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Not when you hear about (2+ / 0-)

how fixated some WoWers are. I've spoken to one who went on a 36 hour straight grind before he was unable to stay conscious anymore.

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:26:49 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I played WoW for 5 years, (4+ / 0-)

without ever going more than 4-5 hours straight.

It bothers me when people conclude that MMO gamers are addicted, since I don't see any indication in the article that that's the case.

by [Audrid](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:30:05 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

I used the word flippantly and half-jokingly. (2+ / 0-)

And I'm not inexperienced in RPG's. I played Runescape quite a lot from 2006-2008 and am now playing "The Witcher 2" whenever I have the time.

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:32:53 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Sorry, my parents keep on telling me (2+ / 0-)

how the world is going to end if I play computer games, so I get kind of tired of it.

by **Audrid** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:35:47 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

I know how you feel. (0+ / 0-)

Hail to the king, baby.

by **KingofSpades** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:36:54 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

I played video games after school in the 80s (0+ / 0-)

The world hasn't ended yet.

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by **MichaelINY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:02:58 PM PDT**

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Oooh, Atari or NES? (0+ / 0-)

Hail to the king, baby.

by **KingofSpades** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:35:11 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

No (4+ / 0-)

In video arcades! I never had those home video games you could play on your TV screen. I never wanted them, either. Knowing I had to be in a video arcade and pay a quarter per game (and for some, eventually, 50 or 75 cents) limited the amount of time I played.

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by **MichaelINY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:41:36 PM PDT**

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I feel really young. (1+ / 0-)

by **Audrid** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:54:48 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

You are very young, sonny boy. lol n/t (2+ / 0-)

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by **MichaelINY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 11:12:32 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

I remember pushing myself to play pinball (3+ / 0-)

rationalizing that I needed more "physical activity". The real reason is that I could never get the "hang" of Asteroids or Galaxia (sp), though I think I still

could hustle anyone here on Breakout.

by [tietack](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 10:43:09 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I sucked at Asteroids (2+ / 0-)

I was very good at a couple of generations of video baseball, video tennis, Klax (did you play that?), and pretty good at Dig Dug, among other games.

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by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 11:12:00 PM PDT](#)

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Dammit Michael (5+ / 0-)

I was totally going to drink that glass of water before you dropped your set of false teeth into it.

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by [SaoMagnifico](#) on [Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 12:18:02 AM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Ah shutup. :-P n/t (3+ / 0-)

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by [MichaelNY](#) on [Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 12:49:21 AM PDT](#)

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I would be unsurprised if this was the norm (1+ / 0-)

in about 20 years.

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by [Daman09](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:42:40 PM PDT](#)

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Except that WoW probably won't be around anymore, (3+ / 0-)

haha.

I think, in retrospect, that playing it was a net positive. It gave me an emotional buffer.

by [Audrid](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:45:06 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Interesting debate reaction from my mom, (5+ / 0-)

who read about it in the Economist. She's terrifyingly right-wing on social issues, as you all might know, but is much more sympathetic to Democrats on economic issues (to the little extent that she thinks about America at all).

She said something to the effect of: "of course Romney will look better, since it's easier to criticize the incumbent without offering a solution", and "how can Romney blame Obama entirely for the economy". But then she said "but Obama shouldn't have spent so much time going into detail".

by [Audrid](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:16:24 PM PDT](#)

Your mom...is right (4+ / 0-)

I never thought I would type those words. But whoomp, there it is.

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by **SaoMagnifico** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 10:44:13 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

Gallup Obama 54% approval (1+ / 0-)

<http://www.gallup.com/...>

by **Joe Cooper** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:25:02 PM PDT**

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