

# CBS News/New York Times Upshot Battleground Tracker (Wave 4)



Sample 98,411 Registered Voters  
Conducted October 16-23, 2014  
Margin of Error  $\pm 0.5\%$

## 1. Which of the following words would you use to describe yourself? Check all that apply.\*

Liberal	21%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	36%
Progressive	17%
Libertarian	8%
Socialist	5%
Independent	38%
Pro-life	23%
Pro-choice	29%
Feminist	12%
None of the above	5%

## 2. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	0%
Don't know	0%

## 3. Over the next three months, do you think the Stock Market is more likely to go up or to go down? Please make your best guess.

Probably go up	22%
Stay about where it is now	42%
Probably go down	36%

\*Questions marked with an asterisk are only asked for respondents who had not answered in previous waves. Earlier responses were used where available.

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4. From what you've seen or heard, how would you describe the tone of the 2014 midterm election campaigns in your state? Would you say that most of what the candidates and their advertisements are saying is ...

Mostly positive .....	7%
Mostly negative .....	41%
Both positive and negative .....	40%
Not sure .....	12%

5. Have the candidates running for election in your state this year been talking about issues you care about?

Yes .....	46%
No .....	36%
Not sure .....	18%

6. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ... ?\*

Most of the time .....	52%
Some of the time .....	28%
Only now and then .....	12%
Hardly at all .....	5%
Don't know .....	2%

7. How enthusiastic are you about voting in the elections for Congress in November?

Very enthusiastic .....	35%
Somewhat enthusiastic .....	27%
Only a little .....	22%
Not at all .....	16%

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## 8. Have you discussed the upcoming your state elections with your friends or family?

Often	25%
A few times	40%
Hardly at all	22%
Never	14%

## 9. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

*Asked of respondents in states with party registration*

Republican	31%
Democrat	41%
Other party	4%
No party	21%
Not sure	3%

## 10. How likely is it that you will vote in the election this November?

Definitely will vote	68%
Probably will vote	13%
Maybe will vote	7%
Probably will not vote	4%
Definitely will not vote	5%
Don't know	3%

## 11. How do you plan to vote in the elections to be held on November 4?

*Asked of respondents who are definitely or probably going to vote*

In person on election day	58%
In person before election day (early voting)	17%
Vote by mail (absentee)	23%
Not sure	2%

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## 12. Have you already cast your vote/returned your ballot?

*Asked of respondents who are plan to vote early in-person or by mail*

Yes .....	25%
No .....	74%
Not sure .....	0%

## 13. As you know, President Obama will not be on the ballot in this year's Congressional midterms. Will you consider your vote in the 2014 Congressional elections to be...

A vote in support of President Obama and his policies .....	22%
A vote against President Obama and his policies .....	43%
President Obama and his policies not be a factor in my vote .....	35%

## 14. In deciding how to vote for U.S. Senate, how important is it to you which party controls a majority of seats in the Senate after the election?

*Asked of respondents in states with a 2014 Senate election*

Very important .....	61%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not important .....	13%

## 15. After the election on November 4, which party do you think is most likely to have a majority of seats in the U.S. Senate?

Democrats .....	29%
Republicans .....	39%
Not sure .....	32%

## 16. In deciding how to vote for U.S. House of Representatives, how important is it to you which party controls a majority of seats in the House of Representatives after the election?

Very important .....	59%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not important .....	13%

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17. After the election on November 4, which party do you think is most likely to have a majority of seats in the House of Representatives?

Democrats .....	19%
Republicans .....	52%
Not sure .....	29%

18. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better .....	23%
About the same .....	37%
Getting worse .....	35%
Not sure .....	5%

19. How about the economy in your state? Do you think the economy in your state is getting better or worse?

Getting better .....	24%
About the same .....	41%
Getting worse .....	29%
Not sure .....	6%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly Approve .....	14%
Somewhat Approve .....	24%
Somewhat Disapprove .....	14%
Strongly Disapprove .....	42%
Not Sure .....	6%

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## 21. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	24%
Very Conservative	11%
Not sure	9%

## 22. How do you feel about the Tea Party movement?

Support the Tea Party movement	23%
Oppose the Tea Party movement	36%
Neither support or oppose	42%

## 23. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	35%
Republican	27%
Independent	34%
Not sure	5%

## 24. Do you think global warming is causing the current droughts and weather patterns, or are these mostly random events?\*

Caused by global warming	41%
Mostly random events	39%
Not sure	20%

## 25. So far, how would you describe the general public's reaction to Ebola?\*

People are overreacting	33%
People are generally behaving appropriately	36%
People don't seem concerned enough	21%
Not sure	10%

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26. As you may have read, a group of Islamic militants referred to as ISIS, has taken control of parts of Iraq and Syria. Do you favor or oppose U.S. airstrikes against ISIS?\*

Favor	68%
Oppose	12%
Not sure	20%

27. Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative action programs for women and racial minorities?\*

Favor	38%
Oppose	35%
Not sure	27%

28. Do you think the US economic system favors the wealthy or is fair to most Americans?\*

Favors the wealthy	62%
Is fair to most Americans	27%
Not sure	12%

29. Which of the following things do you think should be done to reduce the federal budget deficit?\*

Cut spending	52%
Raise taxes	8%
Both cut spending and raise taxes	25%
None of the above	6%
Not sure	10%

30. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?\*

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship.	39%
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens.	11%
They should be required to leave the U.S.	50%

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31. What do you think should happen to the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) enacted in 2010?\*

Expand it .....	27%
Leave it as is .....	8%
Repeal some of it .....	17%
Repeal all of it .....	37%
Not sure .....	11%

32. Do you favor or oppose raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour (from its current level of \$7.25 per hour)?\*

Favor .....	56%
Oppose .....	31%
Not sure .....	13%

33. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?\*

Favor .....	48%
Oppose .....	38%
Not sure .....	14%

34. When do you believe abortion should be legal?\*

Always .....	22%
Until the fetus can live outside the womb .....	9%
In the first trimester of a pregnancy .....	17%
Only in special cases (such as rape, incest, or when the health of the mother is at risk) .....	39%
Never .....	14%



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## 35. Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?\*

Guns should be banned completely. ....	8%
More strict .....	39%
Kept the same .....	24%
Less strict .....	13%
There should be no restrictions on gun ownership. ....	11%
Not sure .....	5%

## 36. How serious a problem do you think global warming is?\*

Very serious .....	37%
Somewhat serious .....	24%
Not very serious .....	16%
Not a problem .....	18%
Not sure .....	6%

## 37. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?\*

Barack Obama .....	-
Mitt Romney .....	-
Other candidate .....	-
I did not vote .....	-

## 38. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 U.S. Senate election in your state?\*

*Asked of respondents in states with a 2012 Senate election*

Democratic candidate .....	42%
Republican candidate .....	35%
Independent candidate .....	1%
Other candidate .....	2%
I voted, but in a different state .....	2%
I did not vote .....	18%

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## 39. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 U.S. House of Representatives election?\*

Democratic candidate .....	41%
Republican candidate .....	40%
Other candidate .....	2%
I did not vote .....	17%

## 40. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2010 U.S. House of Representatives election?\*

Democratic candidate .....	40%
Republican candidate .....	39%
Other candidate .....	2%
I did not vote .....	19%

## 41. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2008 Presidential election?\*

Barack Obama .....	45%
John McCain .....	39%
Other candidate .....	2%
I did not vote .....	14%

## 42. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2008 U.S. Senate election in your state?\*

*Asked of respondents in states with a 2008 Senate election*

Democratic candidate .....	36%
Republican candidate .....	38%
Independent candidate .....	4%
Other candidate .....	1%
I voted, but in a different state .....	4%
I did not vote .....	17%

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## 43. What is your marital status?\*

Married	55%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Single	23%
Domestic partnership	4%

## 44. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?\*

Yes	26%
No	74%

## 45. What is your present religion, if any?\*

Protestant	37%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	0%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	19%
Something else	7%

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## 46. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?\*

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	23%
Never	25%
Don't know	2%

## 47. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?\*

Yes	31%
No	69%

## 48. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?\*

Full-time	37%
Part-time	11%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	7%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	6%
Homemaker	8%
Student	4%
Other	2%

## 49. Are you enrolled in school as a full-time or part-time student?\*

Full-time	9%
Part-time	4%
I am not enrolled in school	87%

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## 50. What type of educational institution are you currently attending?\*

*Asked of students*

High school	9%
2-year college (community or junior college)	17%
Undergraduate at 4-year college or university	28%
Law School	1%
Business School	2%
Medical School	1%
Other graduate program at a university	10%
Trade, vocational, or professional school	5%
Other	3%
Not attending any educational institution	24%

## 51. How often do you connect to the internet from any location (at home, at work, on the move or anywhere else)?\*

Several times a day	83%
About once a day	13%
A few times a week	3%
Less often	1%

## 52. Thinking about your phone service, do you have ...?\*

A landline and a cell phone	56%
Cell phone only	38%
Landline only	5%
No landline or cell phone service	1%

## 53. Which are you most often reachable on?\*

*Asked of respondents with both landlines and cell phones*

Cell phone	38%
Landline	34%
Equally reachable on cell phone and landline	28%

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## 54. Do you own or rent the place you currently live?\*

Own .....	65%
Rent .....	30%
Other .....	4%

## 55. How long have you lived at your present address?\*

Less than 1 month .....	1%
1-6 months .....	6%
7-11 months .....	4%
1-2 years .....	12%
3-4 years .....	11%
5-10 years .....	20%
More than 10 years .....	45%

## 56. Gender

	Weighted	Unweighted
Male	45%	50%
Female	55%	50%

## 57. Age

	Weighted	Unweighted
18-29	14%	5%
30-44	25%	15%
45-64	37%	46%
65+	24%	34%

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## 58. Highest level of education completed

	Weighted	Unweighted
High school or less	35%	14%
Some college	34%	34%
College graduate	19%	30%
Postgraduate degree	12%	22%

## 59. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Weighted	Unweighted
White	74%	86%
Black	12%	5%
Hispanic	9%	3%
Other	5%	7%

## 60. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

	Weighted	Unweighted
Less than \$40,000	33%	23%
\$40,000-\$59,999	17%	17%
\$60,000-99,999	21%	24%
\$100,000 or more	15%	22%
Prefer not to say	13%	14%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>CBS News/The New York Times Upshot</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 16-23, 2014
<b>Target population</b>	Registered voters, aged 18 and over, National (excluding District of Columbia).
<b>Sampling method</b>	A detailed description of the methodology is available on YouGov's <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>Number of respondents</b>	98,411
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 0.5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	3 questions about house vote intentions are not reported. In addition, 12 state specific questions are reported in state topline that are available on YouGov's <a href="#">website</a> .