## Elections—Obama Good – Russian Relations

#### Obama likely to win but it is close – Nate Silver and election markets

Blodget 10/25 (Henry Blodget is co-founder, CEO and Editor-In Chief of Business Insider, 10.25.12, “NATE SILVER: Obama's Odds Of Winning Are Now Back Over 70%,” http://www.businessinsider.com/who-will-be-president-2012#ixzz2AMpCSRkw //nimo)

Obama's odds of winning re-election are rising again according to all three sources

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back toward the 80% peak Obama hit just before the first debate.

#### New deficit spending galvanizes conservatives voters in swing states

Kraushaar 12 (Josh Kraushaar, 5/16/12, National Journal, “Romney's Targeted Deficit Messaging,” http://decoded.nationaljournal.com/2012/05/romneys-targeted-deficit-messa.php //nimo)

But spending and debt are big issues in the American heartland, too. And

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to take advantage of the state's "live free or die" sentiment.

#### Winning swing states key to Obama reelection

Reuters 12 (Obama takes lead in swing states, economy still weighs, p. http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/27/us-usa-campaign-swingstates-poll-idUSBRE85Q0YJ20120627)

President Barack Obama is carving out a clear lead in swing states that are key

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," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

#### Obama reelection necessary for US-Russian relations

Weir 12, 3/27/2012 (Fred, Obama asks Russia to cut him slack until reelection, Minnesota Post, p. <http://www.minnpost.com/christian-science-monitor/2012/03/obama-asks-russia-cut-him-slack-until-reelection>)

Russian experts say there's little doubt the Kremlin would like to see Obama re-

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If Obama wins the election, it seems likely the reset will continue."

#### US-Russian relations prevent nuclear war

Elliot 95 (Michael, Why Russia Still Matters to America, Newsweek, p. lexis)

"Russia," says Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, "is a big

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European Union about everything else-trade, economic development and the rest.