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#### Obama winning swing states now – but it’s close

Voorhees 8/23 (Josh Voorhees, 8/23/12, Slate, “Obama's Swing State Lead Narrows in Wisc., Fla.” http://www.slate.com/blogs/the\_slatest/2012/08/23/swing\_state\_nyt\_quinnipiac\_poll\_obama\_s\_wisconsin\_florida\_lead\_narrows\_ohio\_remains\_unchanged\_.html //nimo)

Last month, President Obama … likely to vote GOP compared to only 22 percent who said the opposite.

#### 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 … their chances there, hoping to take advantage of the state's "live free or die" sentiment.

#### Winning swing states key to Obama reelection

Reuters, 6/27/2012 (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 … 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 …, it seems likely the reset will continue."

#### US/Russian relations prevent nuclear war

Elliott, 5/15/1995 (Michael, Why Russia Still Matters to America, Newsweek, p. lexis)

"Russia," says Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, "is a … but to the European Union about everything else-trade, economic development and the rest.

### Wall: Gallup/Polling

#### Second, empirically most accurate

Constitution Daily 12 (Constitution Daily, July 20, 2012, National Constitution Center, “Historic poll trends give edge to Obama,” http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2012/07/historic-poll-trends-give-edge-to-obama/ //nimo)

A review of presidential polling …percent lead over challenger Romney.

#### Third, our polling techniques are best

UPenn 7 (Wharton at U of Penn, November 14, 2007 in Knowledge@Wharton, “Polling the Polling Experts: How Accurate and Useful Are Polls These Days?” http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article.cfm?articleid=1843# //nimo)

When it comes to polls, …, considered a leading barometer of public opinion.

#### Swing states lean Obama – that gives him the win now

Newman 8/31 (Rick Newman, 8/31/12, US News, “In 8 Swing States, the Economy (Barely) Favors Obama,” http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/rick-newman/2012/08/31/in-8-swing-states-the-economy-barely-favors-obama //nimo)

National trends don't …in each of the eight swing states:

### Wall: Electoral Market

#### Election market predicts Obama wins – polls are flawed

Beaulier 10/24 (Scott Beaulier is Executive Director of the Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy at Troy University, 10.24.12 “The election: You wanna bet?” http://www.troymessenger.com/2012/10/24/the-election-you-wanna-bet/ //nimo)

Some economists think … aggregation of information.

#### Second, election markets centralize information – better than polls

Forsythe et al 95 (Robert Forsythe, Murray Frank, Vasu Krishnamurthy and Thomas W. Ross, The Canadian Journal of Economics / Revue canadienne d'Economique, Vol. 28, No. 4a, (Nov., 1995), pp. 770-793, Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of the Canadian Economics Association, “Using Market Prices to Predict Election Results: The 1993 UBC Election Stock Market,” jstor //nimo)

There are at … assessed from historical patterns.

#### Gallup is wrong – empirics

Silver 10/18 (NATE SILVER, October 18, 2012, “Gallup vs. the World” http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/18/gallup-vs-the-world/ //nimo)

The Gallup poll is … when that is the case.

### A2: UQ O/W L

#### Election is close – swing states prove

China Daily 8/23 (China Daily, 8/23/12, China Daily, “Obama to campaign in battleground states,” http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2012-08/23/content\_15699465.htm //nimo)

"We know this is a close … hard to win back.

#### 4. Romney is spending more than Obama – that means he will be a threat in November

Jackson 8/6 (David Jackson, 8/6/12, USA TODAY, “Will Romney out-raise Obama?” http://content.usatoday.com/communities/theoval/post/2012/08/will-romney-out-raise-obama/1#.UCArysie6QY //nimo)

President Obama and his … we need to be," she said.

### L – Wall

#### First, the public distrusts government promises about infrastructure spending

Orski, 2/5/2012 (Ken – public policy consultant at the Urban Mobility Corporation, Why Pleas to Increase Infrastructure Funding Fall on Deaf Ears, New Geography, p. <http://www.newgeography.com/content/002662-why-pleas-increase-infrastructure-funding-fall-deaf-ears>)

Another explanation, and one … and consultants that try to make a case for more money.

#### Second, even if the public supports the idea, they don’t want to spend – plan causes backlash

McBee Strategic Insight 12, 2/3/2012 (Washington Research: The McBee 2012 Preview – Transportation Infrastructure Investment: “The Responsibility of Governing,” p. 4-6)

Whether those are just political … which has been set at 18.4 cents per gallon since 1993.

#### Fourth, transportation spending is a hard sell --- voters do not perceive it as an economic generator

Rubinstein, 3/27/2012 (Dana – reporter for Capital, When is Obama going to have his Eisenhower moment?, Capital, p. <http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/politics/2012/03/5524547/when-obama-going-have-his-eisenhower-moment>)

At the moment, it … criticized as politically motivated.

### L – HSR

Fourth Federal HSR funding is extremely unpopular with republicans – brings them to the polls

Weigel 11 (David Weigel, Mar 8, 2011, Slate Magazine, “Off the Rails: Why do conservatives hate trains so much?” http://www.slate.com/articles/news\_and\_politics/politics/2011/03/off\_the\_rails.html //nimo)

That's in the fantasy world. In the … farther than local Republicans want to go.

### I – Russia Relations

US-Russia war is the only existential threat

Bostrum 2, March 2002 (Nick – prof of philosophy at Oxford University and recipient of the Gannon Award, Existential Risks, Journal of Evolution and Technology, p. <http://www.nickbostrom.com/existential/risks.html>)

A much greater existential risk …encounter in the 21st century.

1% risk means you vote neg

Bostrum 2005 (Nick – prof of philosophy at Oxford University and recipient of the Gannon Award, Transcribed by Packer, 4:38-6:12, p. http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/44, accessed 10/20/07)

Now if we think about … should still be a high priority.

#### Relations key to solve warming and extinction

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(Jeffrey, Atlantic staff writer, “Medvedev Spoils the Party,” http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2008/11/medvedev-spoils-the-party/7130/)

Like it or not, the United States … which to face a volatile future arm in arm.

#### US-Russian relations are critical for global security, preventing proliferation, sustaining US leadership and averting nuclear war.

Allison and Blackwill 11

(Graham Allison, Director, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs; Douglas Dillon Professor of Government; Faculty Chair, Dubai Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School, Robert D. Blackwill, International Council Member, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs "10 Reasons Why Russia Still Matters"http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/21469/10\_reasons\_why\_russia\_still\_matters.html)

That central point is that Russia … or failure, in advancing our national interests.

### I – China Bashing

#### Romney election leads to China bashing --- results in a trade war

Palmer, 3/27/2012 (Doug, Romney would squeeze China on currency manipulation-adviser, p. http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/28/us-usa-romney-china-idUSBRE82Q0ZS20120328)

Republican presidential candidate Mitt … Aldonas answered: "He is."

#### Trade wars go nuclear

Taaffe 2005 (Peter Taaffe, “China, A New Superpower?,” Socialist Alternative.org, Nov 1, 2005, pg. [http://www.socialistalternative.org/news/article11.php?id=30](http://www.socialistalternative.org/news/article11.php?id=30" \t "_blank))

While this conflict is unresolved, the shadow of a trade war …interests are at stake.