

## Profiles of voters who voted for President Obama (15)

I am a Dominican immigrant, happy about Obama's support for immigration reform earlier in the year. I am very upset about the way Mitt Romney keeps using the word "illegals" to refer to some of my neighbors and friends and am concerned about his idea of self-deportation. I voted for President Obama.

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I am a single mom. I've worked hard my whole life and have fought for equal rights for women. Mr. Obama signing the Lilly Ledbetter Family Pay Act in 2009 was very important to me and my family. I don't like that Romney hasn't come out to support equal pay for equal work. I voted for President Obama.

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I believe that health care is a human right. I don't think that Obama's healthcare plan went far enough in that it doesn't cover all Americans. Romney's threat to repeal "Obamacare," however, would turn back the clock even further. I voted for President Obama.

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I see Mitt Romney as an out-of-touch, stiff, insensitive and uncaring rich businessman. Obama understands the middle class. He knows what it's like to struggle. He's willing to fight for the lower and middle classes. I voted for President Obama.

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I believe Mitt Romney isn't principled. He will say whatever it takes to win the presidency, and I'm not sure where he stands on the issues because he has changed his tune so many times. Even his campaign manager at one point talked about the candidate's etch-a-sketch moment. Obama comes across as more principled, as far as politicians go. I voted for President Obama.

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Unemployment is high and the economy is recovering only very slowly. I believe that President Obama has been trying hard to change this, but has encountered a lot of opposition in Congress. This has made his job more challenging. I want him to have four more years so that he can finish the job he started. I voted for President Obama.

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I've worked hard my whole life. I am a multi-millionaire with a lot of investments. My tax rate is lower than that of my secretary. That doesn't seem fair. I believe that the wealthy should pay their fair share in taxes. I support President Obama in either letting the Bush tax cuts expire or introducing higher taxes for the wealthiest Americans. I voted for President Obama.

I'm a Catholic nun. I look at Paul Ryan's budget, which when implemented would cut benefits for women, infants, and children. This is not a pro-life stance as far as I'm concerned. I believe in economic justice and a society that takes care of those in need. I voted for President Obama.

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I lost power in Hurricane Sandy and have been staying with friends for over a week now. It reminds me of the importance of government agencies like FEMA in emergency situations such as these; agencies Romney wants to cut. I was already leaning towards voting for Obama. The fact that he put his campaign on hold to tend to this crisis was important to me. He stepped up as the kind of leader that deserves my vote. I voted for President Obama.

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Romney believes in a smaller government. He wants to reduce the size and cost of government by limiting Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. By lowering taxes he claims that individuals will be left with more money to pay for their healthcare needs themselves. This may work for the wealthy but I'm concerned that the poor and middle class will not be able to afford the care they need in Romney's system. I voted for President Obama.

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Romney says he's going to reduce the deficit, which I think is important. Yet, Romney also wants to expand military spending to ensure America's safety in the world. I don't think these add up. Though I'm not thrilled with Obama's government spending policies, I've decided to go with the "devil I know" rather than taking a gamble on Romney, who has not provided me with enough detail to convince me he'll be fiscally responsible. I voted for President Obama.

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I believe President Obama's life has made him sensitive to the needs and struggles of lower and middle class Americans, unlike Romney who lives a privileged life and appears to be out of touch with the majority of Americans. As a result I believe President Obama is more likely to fight for me and my needs than Mitt Romney. I voted for President Obama.

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I'm a college student. I worked on Obama's campaign in 2008. I'm disappointed because he didn't bring change to Washington like he promised. I'm willing to cut him *some* slack because I believe the Republicans in Congress didn't want to work with him and he did increase Pell Grants. I'll have to see if in his second term he'll deliver on his promises or if he's just another politician. I voted for President Obama.

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My father was killed in the attacks on the twin towers on 9/11. I've had nightmares about it for years and a pit in my stomach knowing that Osama bin Laden, the Al Qaida leader behind the attacks, was still out there. When President Obama announced last year that he had given successful orders to kill bin Laden, I felt a sense of relief. I voted for President Obama.

I am Cuban American and my community has traditionally voted Republican. I'm concerned however about the Tea Party's influence on the Republican Party these days and have my questions about Mitt Romney being able to resist some of the more radical right-wing elements of that movement. I find President Obama is not as left wing as people make him out to be and the economy does seem to be growing. I voted for President Obama.

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I'm a libertarian. I know the libertarian candidate has no chance of winning the election and I want my vote to go to someone who has a chance. Mitt Romney claims he wants a smaller government, yet he wants to expand military spending, have the government decide on women's reproductive rights and endorses invasive physical procedures for women who want an abortion. Mitt Romney is too much of a contradiction for me. I voted for President Obama.

## **Profiles of voters who voted for Governor Romney (14):**

I believe the American economy is in desperate need of a fix. Mitt Romney has made his career in the private sector turning around failing business and enterprises. I believe he's the man to turn around the failing American economy. I voted for Governor Romney.

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I've worked hard my whole life. I am a multi-millionaire with a lot of investments. Why should I be taxed at a higher rate than anyone else? That doesn't seem very American. I voted for Governor Romney.

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With his business experience, Romney will be able to close the budget deficit, I believe. President Obama is only burdening our children and grandchildren with more debt. I voted for Governor Romney.

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The Obama government didn't take the warnings leading up to the attacks on the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, seriously and then lied about what actually happened when asked about it afterwards. I'm not comfortable with how the President handles emergency situations such as these. I think Mitt Romney will do a better job. I voted for Governor Romney.

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Taxing the rich won't close the budget deficit. It just seems like a gimmick that Obama wants to introduce while avoiding the more important concern, that we're spending beyond our means when it comes to entitlements like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, federal employee and military unemployment compensation, food stamps, and farmer subsidies. This President is in over his head. I voted for Governor Romney.

My religion is important to me and I believe strongly that life begins at conception. I applauded Romney's Vice Presidential pick of Paul Ryan who is one of the most vocal pro-life advocates in Congress. President Obama's stand on abortion and a woman's right to choose is offensive to me. I voted for Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan.

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Romney likes to say, "compassion isn't measured by welfare or food stamps, but by the ability to lift people off welfare and food stamps." Each year Mitt Romney gives millions of his own money to help people in this way. He's the kind of compassionate conservative I want in office. I voted for Governor Romney.

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Romney promises to break the bipartisan deadlock in Washington. He will work across the aisle to get things done, something President Obama has not been able to do, despite his promises four years ago. I voted for Governor Romney.

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Romney believes in a smaller government. He wants to reduce the size and cost of government by turning over choice and responsibility to individual Americans. Romney's plan will reduce regulations and taxes, putting money back in the pockets of citizens who can use it pay for their own needs. I voted for Governor Romney.

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I've been out of full-time work for three years now. I voted for President Obama last time. I liked his message of change, but don't think he has delivered. I'm disappointed and angry. It's time to give the other guy a chance. I voted for Governor Romney.

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My friends tell me that Romney worries them because of his conservative statements against abortion, gay marriage, healthcare, and global warming. I believe that he's done this to cater to early state primary voters in Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina, but doesn't really mean it. His primary concern is the economy and that's what I'm interested in. I believe Romney has what it takes to turn the economy around. I voted for Governor Romney.

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I'm a small business owner. I trust that Romney will lower my costs, especially where healthcare is concerned. I also expect him to get banks lending again. I feel President Barack Obama has done little to help me over the past four years. I voted for Governor Romney.

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I'm concerned about American reliance on foreign oil because it affects our national security and contributes to our national debt. I like the fact that the centerpiece of the Romney/Ryan economic plan is energy independence. In the second presidential debate Romney specified that he'd do this through "more drilling, more permits and licenses." I support this kind of action. I voted for Governor Romney.

I consider myself to be socially liberal and fiscally conservative, so the Romney/Ryan ticket is problematic for me on many levels. My biggest concern, however, is the economy, since my friends and I will soon graduate from college into an extremely tight job market. I voted for Mitt Romney.

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## **Floridians who didn't vote**

I voted for President Obama in 2008. He has disappointed me on so many levels that I can't bring myself to vote for him again. I'm a left leaning Democrat so Romney will never be an option. I didn't vote on November 6.

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I am so tired of the negative campaigning that both parties have engaged in, that I've turned away from politics altogether. I'm through with politicians and their lies and am just glad things are over. I didn't vote on November 6.

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I believe that it doesn't matter who gets elected president. Obama, Romney, they're basically one and the same. I didn't vote on November 6.

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