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by David Nir on Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 12:00:04 PM PDT

CA 41 debate

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

We might be unhappy but

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

"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

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

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To be fair

the thing is though

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,

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

[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%...

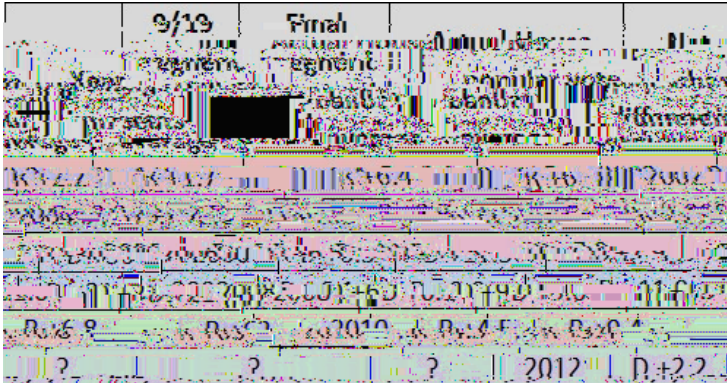
The sum of these is R+1.8 +/- 1.0%. This is the amount by



by Skaje on Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 03:25:25 PM PDT

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Sabato has different numbers when it comes
to the house ballot



<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...

... 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

<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.

Nothing definitive until Sunday at the earliest

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

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

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

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

"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

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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



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?

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By that I mean, a large number of people considered it a win for Romney, but I

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no, they wouldn't

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

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 befallen the Conservative government in Britain since 2010. And square

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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

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!

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.

"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

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

On Florida.

"Once, many, many years ago I thought I was wrong. Of course it

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?

From what I can tell, the campaign itself isn't doing all that much. Gotta wonderwond

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

Just gunna throw this out there

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.

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

He has to skew the polls first.

I thought this much was obvious.

"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

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

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Please explain this

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

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

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

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Agreed strongly

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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.

Mr. Gorbachev, establish an Electoral College!

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).

percentage of Obama sympathizers are actually going to come out and cast a

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Not that bad

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.

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 03:17:27 PM PDT**

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Gotcha, I couldn't tell if it was internet or not

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.

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

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Makes me worried about CA-41

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

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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

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?

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.

"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

What's the limit for doing this?

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?

"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

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Grayson's district

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

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.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

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

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Patrick Murphy is running quite

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

"Once, many, many years 4(a)-32.nif I 17.3(.11.2(s.2(l)-28u(ny.2(l)-28h3(.11.2(.3(r)-3.4(,)-39.9()-9.2(m)-45.3(a)-32.5(ny)-42.3(,)-40()-9.2(m)-45.3(a)-32.5(ny)-42.3(y)-42.3(e)-37.4(a)-32.5



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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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](#)

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Straw Man.....

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](#)

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No Mark...

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](#)

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Thanks Mark for your concern, but...

...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](#)

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While I disagree with Mark27/WiscIndy

There is support for their position, ref [Snippy Obama, Whose Heart's Not in It](#)

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](#)

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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.

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

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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](#)

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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](#)

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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](#)

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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](#)

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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](#)

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You are almost all the time. n/t

Sorry, more like I'm paranoid (as you may know).

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

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And no one apologizes to you either

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.

college in IL-01.

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

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

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

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Well, Duh!

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,

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.... (

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

rather than converting anyone, which is what I expected.

by [MBishop1](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:03:51 PM PDT](#)

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yep

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?

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...

...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](#)

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But wasn't Cohn talking about RCP?

by [Arnold Roth](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:30:37 PM PDT](#)

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Also, how much is Romney's numbers a bit inflated from right after the debate?

by [Arnold Roth](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 06:31:19 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Maybe I am overreacting.

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

by [okiedem](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:13:50 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

Reeced for the laugh.

by [Audrid](#) on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:36:33 PM PDT**

[[Parent](#)]

sorry, early voters

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**

[[Parent](#)]

We will lose Reid's, Bennet's, and Coons' seats.

That's right, as someone else said, Obama's debate performance was so 3a sons

Hail to the king, baby.

by [KingofSpades](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 07:47:46 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

crushed him.

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

by [WisclIndy](#) 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

and it seemed like he started picking it up when I was in
there. I guess I may have had Nixon/Kennedy debate
syndrome...

I kind of knew it would be like that

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

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:16:47 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

We did lose quite a few regular commenters

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.

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 08:21:48 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

He's been pretty positive for the most part

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.

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:28:37 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

No!!!1!eleventy

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

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.

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

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

[Parent]

Maybe he does

Then-Rep. Lampson's legislation would have helped South Texas, too.

Keeper of the *DKE glossary*

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

Sorry, my parents keep on telling me

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.

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

The world hasn't ended yet.

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by **MichaelINY** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:02:58 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

Oooh, Atari or NES?

Hail to the king, baby.

by **KingofSpades** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:35:11 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

No

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**

[**Parent**]

I feel really young.

by **Audrid** on **Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:54:48 PM PDT**

[**Parent**]

You are very young, sonny boy. lol n/t

could hustle anyone here on Breakout.

by [tietack](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 10:43:09 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I sucked at Asteroids

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](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Dammit Michael

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

Formerly Pan on Swing State Project

by [MichaelNY](#) on [Fri Oct 05, 2012 at 12:49:21 AM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

I would be unsurprised if this was the norm

in about 20 years.

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by [Daman09](#) on [Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 08:42:40 PM PDT](#)

[[Parent](#)]

Except that WoW probably won't be around anymore,

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](#)]

Your mom...is right

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

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Gallup Obama 54% approval

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

by [Joe Cooper](#) on Thu Oct 04, 2012 at 09:25:02 PM PDT

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