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Majority of Americans believe Obama will win election

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USPA News - Although polls continue to indicate that the U.S. presidential election is virtually tied, a majority of American voters believe incumbent President Barack Obama will win Tuesday`s election, according to a Gallup poll released on late Wednesday. The polling company said 54 percent of adults believe Obama will win a second term while 34 percent believes Republican challenger Mitt Romney will win the election.

The results are based on a poll conducted between October 27 and October 28 in which 1,063 adults participated. "The majority of Americans continue to project an Obama win on Nov. 6. This is the case even though the general perception is the race is highly competitive and the outcome still very much in doubt," Gallup said. The results are almost identical to a similar poll in May, when 56 percent predicted an Obama win and 36 percent indicated they thought Romney would win. National polls continue to suggest the race is virtually tied among registered voters, though Gallup gives Romney a slight lead among likely voters. But state-level polls suggest Obama is doing slightly better in key battleground states that will decide the Electoral College winner, though the results could still end up being extremely close. When compared to previous elections, the Gallup poll has been a good indicator as Americans have correctly predicted the winner of the popular vote in final surveys taken since 1996. But the polling company also notes that Americans generally believe the incumbent has a natural advantage when competing for a second term.

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