

Obama Lags Behind His 2008 Swing State Performance: The latest USA Today/Gallup [poll](#) showed the presidential race is a statistical dead heat in key swing states, with Barack Obama at 48% and Mitt Romney at 46%. Mr. Obama's small lead (well within the poll's four-point margin of error) should have the incumbent president concerned, however, given he is more than six points behind the 54.7% he won on average in these battlegrounds in 2008.

Voters living in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin were included in this poll. In 2008 Mr. Obama won 57% of the vote in MI and NM; 56% in WI; 55% in NV and PA; 54% in CO, IA, and NH; 53% in VA; 52% in OH; 51% in FL; and 50% in NC. Mr. Obama's 48% today is actually the same percentage his opponent received in Florida, and less than the total Mr. McCain won in North Carolina (49%) in 2008.

The Obama campaign should be worried their candidate is so far behind his 2008 performance because it may be a sign he has lost many of his old supporters who are disappointed with him after four years of failed policies. Voters who are skeptical of the former "hope and change" candidate or are undecided in these states are likely to be more receptive to Mr. Romney as he outlines his plans in the upcoming weeks because they have heard Mr. Obama's broken promises before and are unlikely to be swayed a second time.

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