

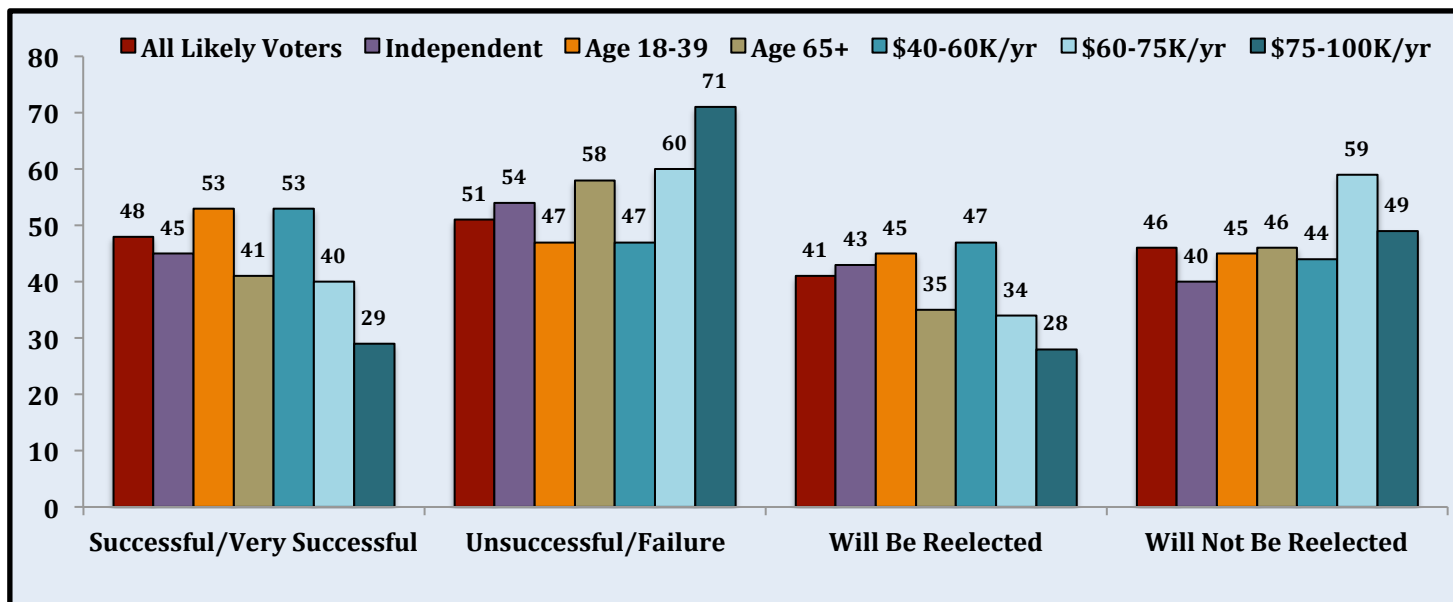
## Polling News & Notes

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**Voters Dub Obama’s First Term a Failure:** President Barack Obama confidently [told](#) 60 Minutes he "...would put...accomplishments in our first two years against any president - with the possible exceptions of Johnson, FDR, and Lincoln." But voters, especially key groups he needs for reelection, do not agree.

When asked to describe Mr. Obama’s first term, 51% of all likely voters said they believe it was a failure/not very successful, compared to only 48% who said they think it was successful/very successful, according to a new poll conducted for The Hill by Pulse Opinion Research. A greater number of independents (54%), older voters (58%) and middle class (average 59%) gave Mr. Obama’s first term a failing grade. Even a considerable number of voters ages 18-39 (47%) gave his first term bad marks.

Given this, it is understandable more overall likely voters (46% to 41%) also think Mr. Obama will lose next November. A large portion of older voters (46%) and most of the middle class voters (average 51%) doubt his reelection chances. Even younger voters split 45%-45% on whether Mr. Obama will get a second term.



Source: Pulse Opinion Research, December 15, 2011

Mr. Obama can brag about his “accomplishments” from now until Election Day, but if voters do as he suggested and compare his presidency’s first years to “any other president,” they will see he is also the president who has the three highest deficits in U.S. history, the worst jobs record of any modern president, unpopular signature domestic accomplishments, and the largest debt increases of the past five presidents.