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## **2012 Election Analysis**

**Post-Campaign** 

## President Obama dominated the electoral college 332-206

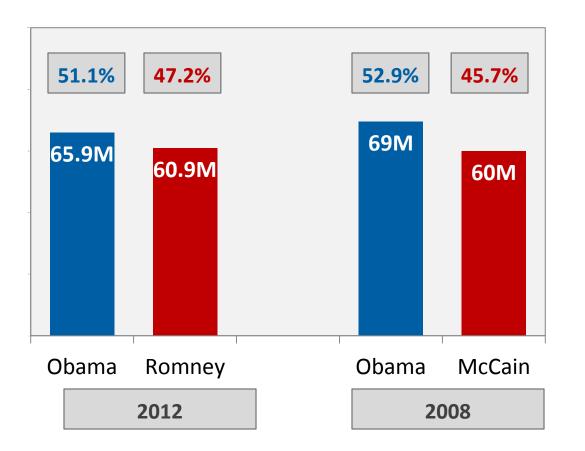
Won every Battleground State except for NC



## President Obama won the popular vote by a clear margin

First Democrat since FDR to receive 50%+ of vote in two elections

#### President Obama leads popular vote by 5M votes, or 4%

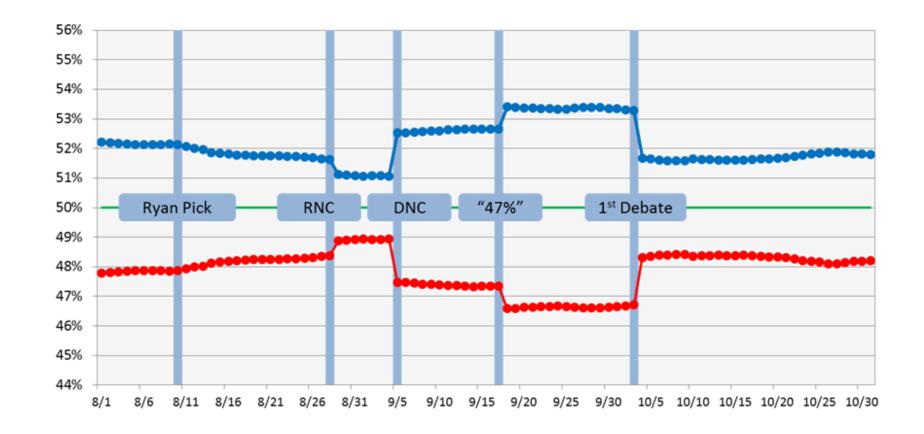


- For the second time, Obama won more votes than any other candidate for president ever
- For the second time, Obama won a larger percentage of the vote and more electoral votes than any Republican in the last two decades
- 129M ballots were cast in this election – more than in any other election except 2008

### The race was relatively stable over time

DNC produced 2-point bump, 1<sup>st</sup> Debate produced 2-point drop

### **OFA Internal Polling 2-Way Support in Battleground States over Time**



## **Campaign executed on five key priorities**



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Build relationships with key constituencies

Grow and maintain grassroots organization

- Won decisive margins among Moderates, Women, Latinos, and AAPI, and Youth. Turnout matched record 2008 levels among African Americans, Latinos, and Youth
- Built the most impactful grassroots organization in history of American politics, with 10K teams + 2.2M volunteers

Build cutting-edge technology infrastructure

• Created the most innovative digital and technology program in politics, and ran a sophisticated data-driven campaign

Hold GOP accountable

Build financial foundation

- Successfully defined Romney early in the race through our communications, paid media, digital, and research efforts
- Fought back against Republican outside spending raising \$1B with the support of 4.5M donors + 15M contributions

## **Campaign invested primarily in 10 Battleground States**

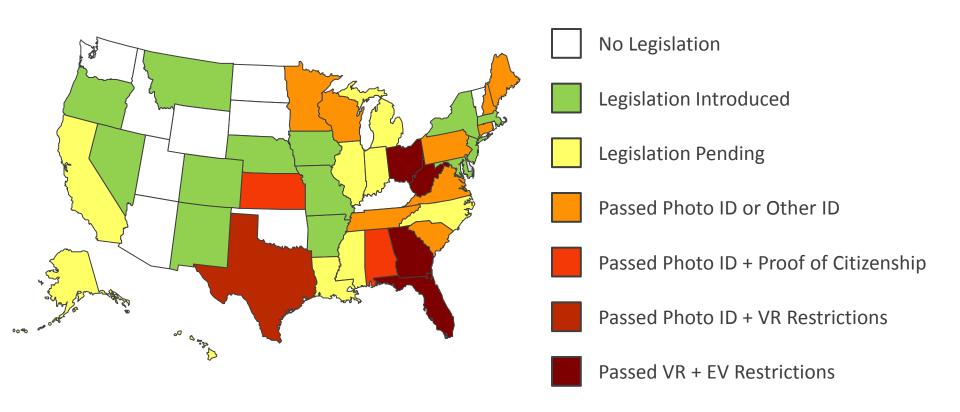
**Concentrated resources in states closest to 270 EV tipping point** 



#### Border States helped campaign win Battleground States

# Changes to election laws attempted to make it harder for eligible voters to participate in states across the country

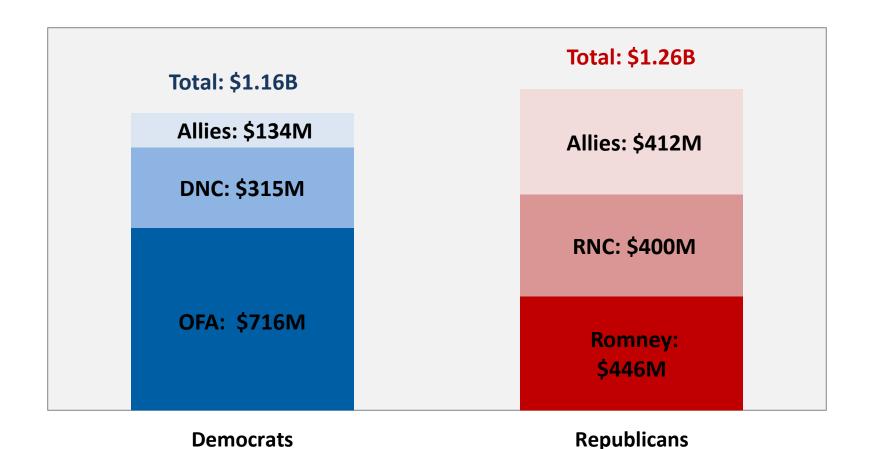
Changes to election law introduced, pending, or passed in 30+ states



Note: This map is a snapshot and may not include all introduced or pending legislation

## Democrats were outspent by Republicans in the 2012 presidential race because of GOP outside groups

#### **Total Presidential Campaign Fundraising**



Source: OpenSecrets.org

# OFA built an unprecedented grassroots organization that generated votes via registration, persuasion, and turnout



Register and re-register unregistered supporters

- Collected 1.8M+ voter reg. forms since launch, with 1.7M+ in 2012 alone
- Forms collected exceeded margin of victory in 5 states



Persuade likely voters open to campaign message

- Made 150M+ phone calls + door knocks, with a high % focused on persuasion
- Data and analysis ensured we talked to the right voters

Turnout

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Educate and motivate sporadic voting supporters

- Won early vote, turning out more Dems + non-midterm voters than GOP
- Opened 5,177 hyper-local GOTV staging locations

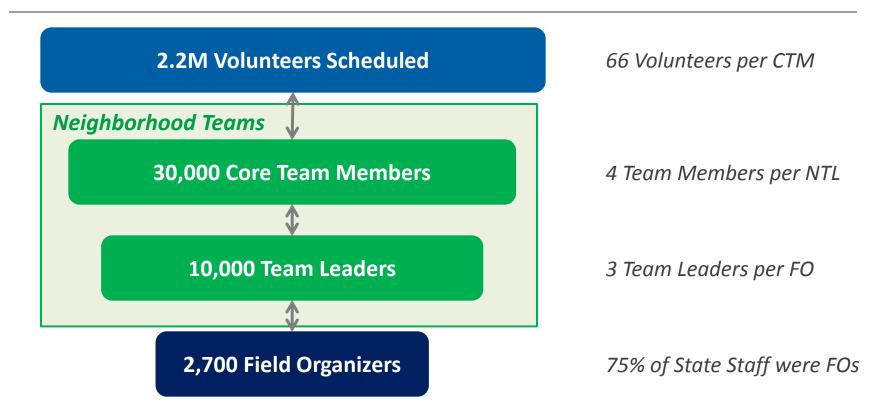
#### **Organization Building**

Creates foundation to execute the 3 core programs

- Invested in 800+ offices and 2,700+ field organizers
- Tested and trained 10K NTLs and 30K CTMs, scheduled 2.2M unique volunteers
- Created most sophisticated training program in political history

## By starting early, OFA built the strongest grassroots organization in the history of American politics

OFA 2012 recruited 80% more volunteers than OFA 2008



Campaign started in April 2011, but grassroots organization building started in 2007 and never stopped

## **Our core program: Neighborhood Team Organizing**

Votes – 1,000 4-7% increase per Conversation\*

Conversations – 15,000 20% Contact Rate

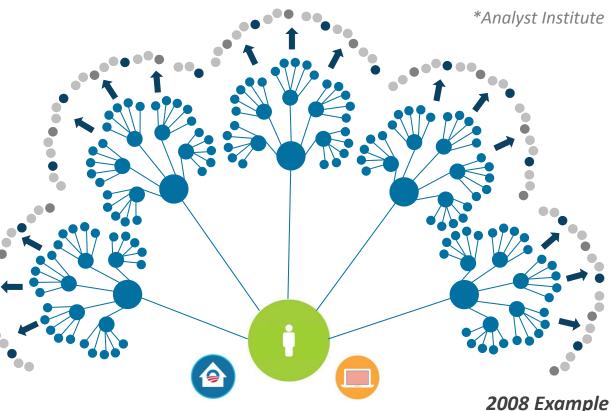
Knocks + Calls – 75,000 Register, Persuade, Turnout

Volunteers – 500 20 per Team Member

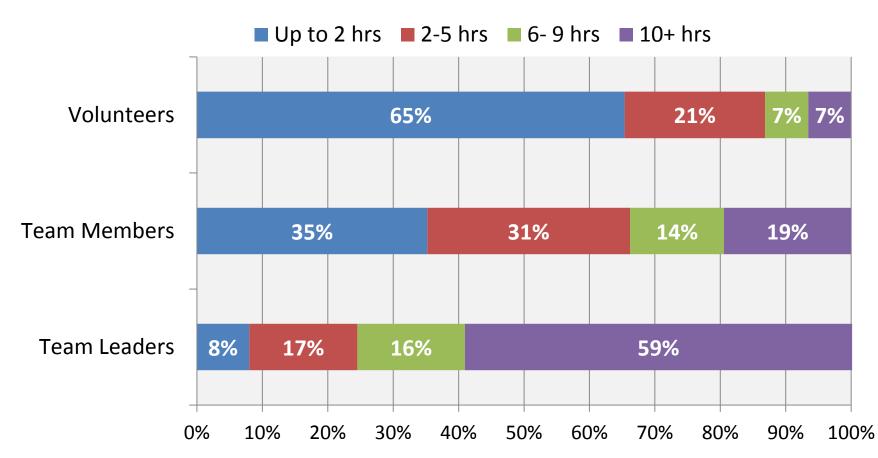
**Team Members – 25** 5 per Team Leader

Team Leaders – 5 5 per Organizer

**Organizer - 1** In an **Office** with **Resources**  Thousands of organizers generate millions of votes



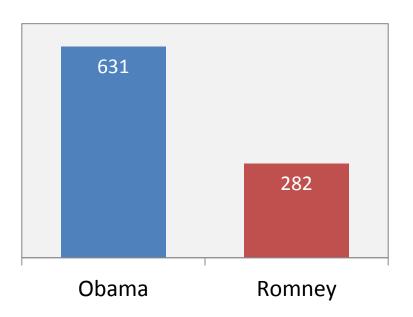
## Volunteers organized in Neighborhood Teams were more empowered and productive



#### Supporter Survey: Hours Volunteered per Week by Role

## **OFA had more local offices than the Romney campaign**

#### OFA 2012 had more than 2x as many local offices as Romney in Targeted States

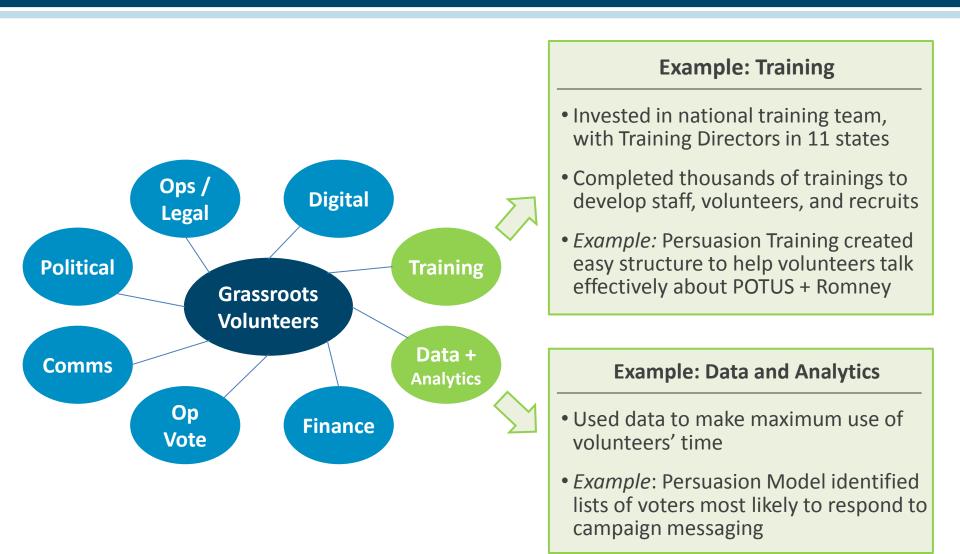


### Offices in Targeted States

- OFA had 813 offices nationwide, including 631 in targeted states
- Local offices create a presence in the community for volunteer organization
- OFA transitioned to 5K+ hyper-local staging locations for GOTV
- 80% of volunteers lived within 10 miles of a local campaign office

Volunteers listed a local office as the most important resource for organizing in their local community, along with guidance from their organizer

## **Grassroots volunteers were supported by the entire campaign infrastructure**



## OFA voter registrations exceed the Obama margin of victory in 3 Battleground States

OFA collected 1.8M voter registrations forms nationally, and exceeded the margin of victory in 3 Battleground States

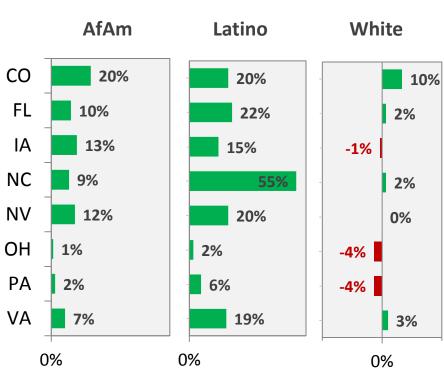
State	Registration Forms Collected by OFA	Obama Margin of Victory	
Florida	361,176	74,309	
Colorado	156,860	137,948	
Nevada	95,973	67,806	

- NC collected 341K forms, keeping the state in play the entire campaign
- Including online reg., we exceeded the margin of victory in OH and VA

## **OFA voter registration program changed the electorate**

Strong numbers among Youth, Latinos, and African Americans

### Voter Registration up among Latinos and African Americans since 2008



Growth in Registered Voters since 2008

Most new registrants were youth, women, African Americans, or Latinos

% of New Registrants (Aug 1 to Nov) who are Youth, Women, AfAm, or Latino

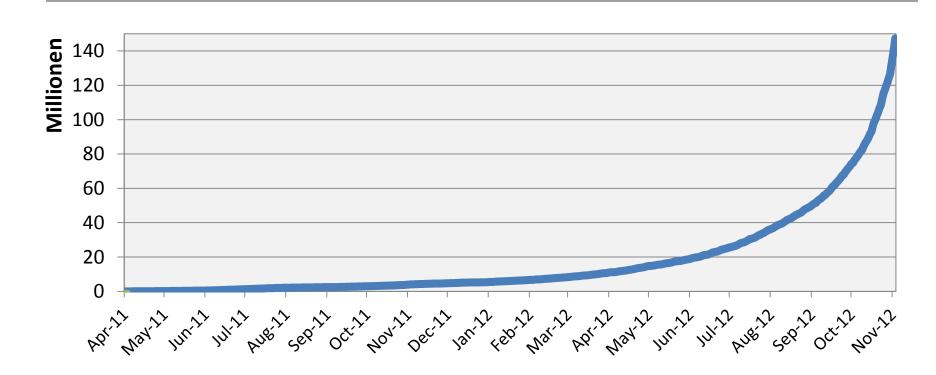
State	Youth (Under 35)	Women, Youth, AfAm, + Latino
CO	62%	85%
FL	53%	86%
IA	65%	85%
MI	63%	86%
NC	60%	88%
NV	48%	81%
ОН	59%	86%
PA	73%	91%
VA	65%	87%
WI	NA	87%

Source: DNC Voter File

### OFA volunteers made 150M door knocks and phone calls

Millions of conversations for persuasion, turnout, + recruitment

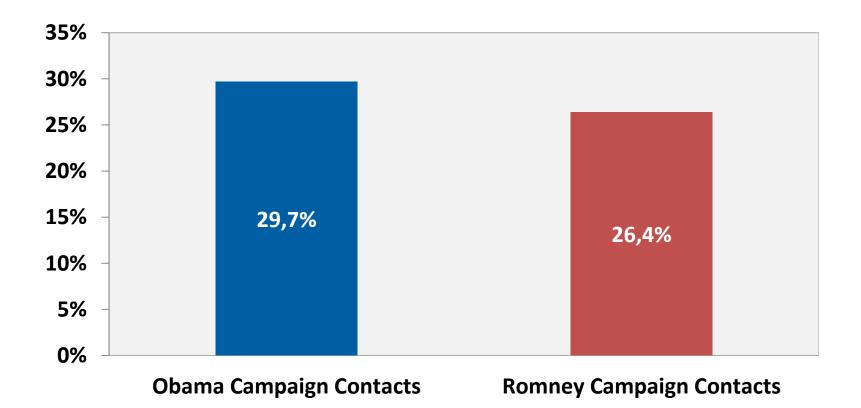
2012 Door Knocks and Phone Calls by Day (Cumulative)



Part of an all-of-the-above organizing program that included targeted phone calls, door knocks, direct mail, digital ads, targeted TV, and digital follow up

### **Our contacts were more effective**





### Obama won by decisive margins with key groups

### **2012 Exit Poll Results**

Group	Obama	Romney	Margin
Moderates	56	41	+15
Women	55	44	+11
Latinos	71	27	+44
Youth	60	37	+23
Asian Americans	73	26	+47

Maintained double digit lead with women and expanded 2008 margin by 8 points with Latinos

Source: National Exit Poll

# **Operation Vote coordinated across departments to drive campaign strategy for key constituencies**

Program	Details	
Messaging	<ul> <li>Developed targeted messaging for key demographics</li> <li>Test messages with research – polling, focus groups, surveys</li> </ul>	
Paid Media	<ul> <li>Targeted TV, radio, print, mail, and online ads</li> <li>Coordinated communication across media types</li> </ul>	
Digital	<ul> <li>Online toolbox with resources to engage volunteers/supporters</li> <li>Information for persuasion targets</li> </ul>	
Field / Political	<ul> <li>Worked closely with field program to build neighborhood teams</li> <li>Conducted outreach to grasstops and community leaders</li> </ul>	
Metrics	<ul> <li>Measured performance using metrics</li> <li>Program's complete focus will be on generating votes</li> </ul>	

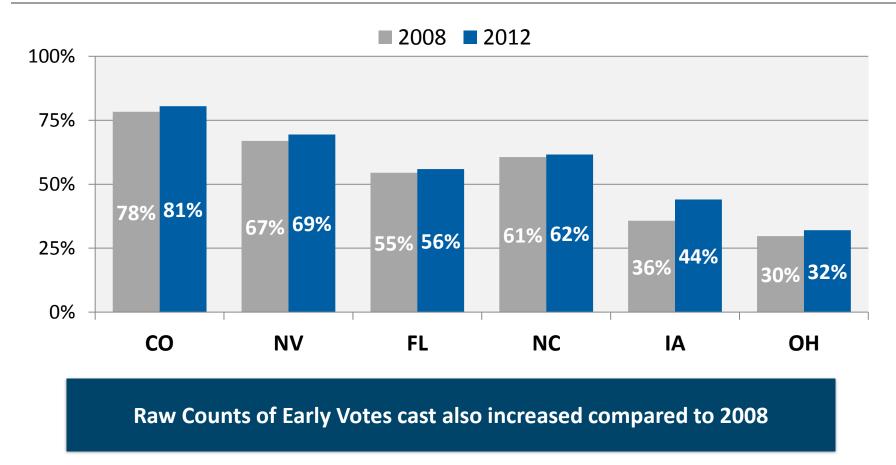
Constituency outreach was a fundamental part of our efforts at every level

### **Early Vote reached an all-time high in 2012**

**Increased above 2008 record high in Battleground States** 

#### Early Vote as a % of Total Votes Cast

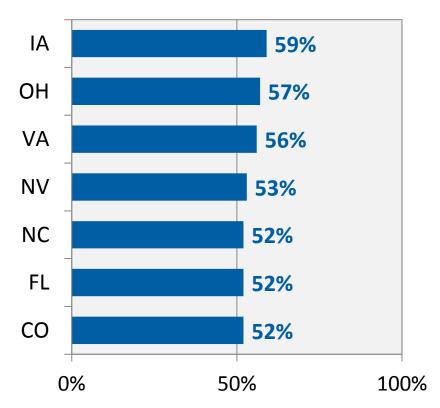
(Includes By Mail and In Person)



## **President Obama won early vote in Battleground States**

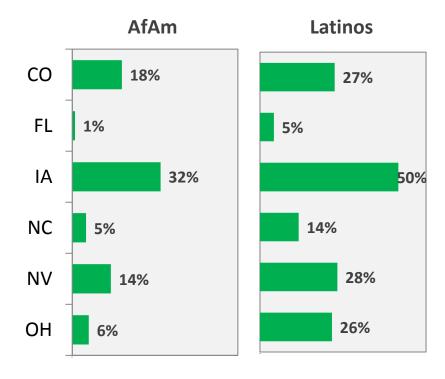
According to OFA projections, Obama won early vote in key states

**Obama Support among Early Voters\*** 



## Early vote turnout increased dramatically among African Americans and Latinos

#### Growth in Early Vote Turnout vs. 2008

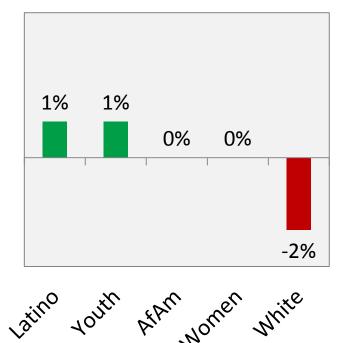


\*OFA Predictive Model and DNC Voter File

## **Obama coalition turned out to vote again in 2012**

### Latinos and Youth comprised a larger share of votes cast in 2012, and African Americans maintained record share of the electorate from 2008

National Change in Share of Electorate, 2008 to 2012



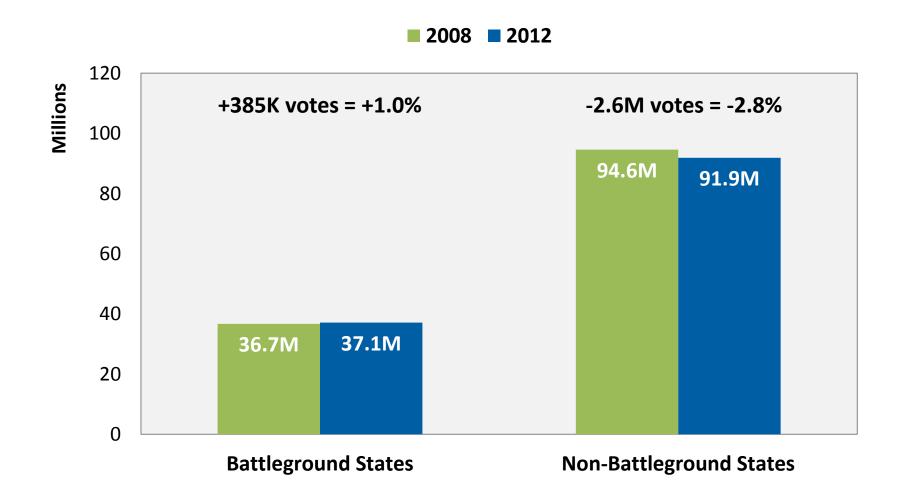
### Battleground State Change in Share of Electorate, 2008 to 2012

State	Latino	Youth	AfAm	Women	White
СО	1	6	-1	1	-3
FL	3	1	0	2	-4
IA	-1	-2	-1	1	2
NC	1	-2	0	2	-2
NH	1	1	1	0	-1
NV	4	1	-1	1	-5
ОН	-1	0	4	0	-4
PA	2	1	0	-2	-3
VA	0	-2	0	0	0
WI	1	-1	2	0	-3

Source: National Exit Poll

## Turnout: raw turnout increased 1.0% in battleground states and decreased 2.8% in non-battleground states

#### Total Turnout by Battleground vs. Non-Battleground States



Source: Dave Wasserman (Cook Political Report)