

Appendix C: Distribution of Irony in Social Media

Annotators' Guidelines

Dear Annotator,

These guidelines serve as recommendations for your annotation set. Please, introduce your personal opinion regarding the presence of irony (or not) in a tweet.

Although the focus of our investigation is the analysis and description of the linguistic devices used to express irony, this specific inquiry aims to investigate the distribution of irony in social media targeting political domain, specifically US Elections 2012. This annotation set targets the two key nominee for US 2012 Elections: Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.

In these guidelines we suggest you to follow our interpretation of the concept of irony as a way to say something by saying the opposite of what is literally said. In other words, irony is a statement in which the meaning that a speaker employs is sharply different from the meaning that is ostensibly expressed. For example, in the message below:

"You're right, Obama is great. #sorrynotsorry"

Nevertheless, irony is a very subjective figurative device and usually is difficult to be determined without a proper context. In the example above exists two possible interpretations:

1. The statement is IRONIC, in this case, the exaggeration "great" and the expression "you are right" is figuratively used for expressing the opposite of what is literally said.
2. The statement is NOT IRONIC, in this case, the sentence has a literal meaning. In such instances, it is extremely difficult to decide for sure whether the tweet is ironic or not.

On our behalf, I would like to sincerely thank you for your willingness to engage yourself in our project. 300 tweets will be given to you for manual annotation. It would take approximately 45 mins of your attention. Please, note, your annotation CAN and SHOULD be subjective, that is why try not to analyse each sentence for a long time, use your intuition. There is no wrong answer here.

NB:

1. Consider only the concept of irony, opposite of what is literary said, here explained;
2. Try not to analyse each tweet for a long time, make a decision based on your first impression and/or intuition;
3. Don't hesitate to pass an instance that isn't clear to you; you can return to it later.
4. A tweet is a short sentence limited up to 140 characters presented by users in Twitter, an online social networking and micro-blogging service.
5. Take frequent breaks; this should increase both your accuracy and your enjoyment of the annotation process.

Personal Information

Dear Annotator! Please provide some personal data for the analysis of our research.

Sex

- Male
 Female

Age

What is your native language?

Country of residence

Prificiency in English Language

Education

- Undergraduate
 Graduate studies
 Posgraduate

Do you have any specific linguistic background education?

- Yes
 No

Tweets for Annotation

	Ironic	Not Ironic
Romney wants to take America back to before the New Deal. Paul Ryan wants to return to the 19th. Together they'll aim for the 1890s.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney: Some of my favorite servants are immigrants!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I loved Ann Romney speech. She totally articulated how important it is to working moms that millionaires pay less taxes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
US election: will economic woes sink Obama as they did Brown and Sarkozy? http://t.co/U14R7qc9 #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney loves schools?! What does he think Sesame Street is? #SupportBigBird #Debates #SERIOUS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney said Obama doubled deficits. But Obama inherited \$1.2T deficit when he took office in FY2009, which ended with \$1.4T deficit. #debate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney: "We know what change looks like, and what he's selling ain't it."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brilliant move for Obama to drop the #47percent bomb when Romney could not respond. Presented it as a fact, not a disputable talking point.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Mitt Romney: "He said ending the war in Iraq was tragic. I said it was the right thing to do."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tonight Romney turns his clock back to 1952.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney: "I can appeal to undecided voters. No one is more undecided than I am."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Oops. The RNC swag bag includes early version of Romney book that says RomneyCare should be model for the nation..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama/Romney tax returns both showed 20% paid. Difference? Romney donated 30% of his income to charity, while Obama spent 30% of ours.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hubby --who's no fan of Obama--		

just said no rational person could vote for Romney except those motivated by greed, racism.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney Apologizes To Nation's 150 Million 'Starving, Filthy Beggars' http://t.co/tclPsvwO	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I want a reporter to ask Romney about the Pussy Riot verdict just so I can hear Romney say Pussy Riot.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney's tax plan: "I think math, common sense, and our history shows us that's not a recipe for job growth."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney looks like he made-out all his lipstick off	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney: I Will Repeal Obama's Bills & Replace Them with Bills That Will Do What His Does but I Can't Tell You What They Are. #Debate2012 #p2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This is yet ANOTHER reminder that the auto companies went bankrupt AFTER they were bailed out by Obama. AFTER. AFTER. #p2 #DNC2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Clinton on Mitt Romney: "If he's elected and does what he promised, Medicare will go broke by 2016."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barack Obama: the president who fell to earth Editorial http://t.co/ISPM6aAb #barackobama #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney campaign uses anti-US unrest to paint Obama as foreign policy failure http://t.co/uJG6hgUJ #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney what color is the sky? Romney: That's a very good question. We had a sky back when I was governor of Massachusetts. I like flowers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RT this link to make sure Romney won't fool anyone you know with his cynical attempt to hide his real positions: http://t.co/6Hfa8mQ0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On Romney's deficit plan: "We haven't heard from the governor any specifics beyond Big Bird & eliminating funding for Planned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Parenthood."		
Blood boiling. "Donations" at Romney's Ohio "relief event" actually bought by his campaign for photo-op http://t.co/mVznpzxN via @bookofsand	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney... Is the sky blue? Romney: "Well cats like fish, and fish live in blue water. So No Aliens don't wear purple hats on Tuesdays."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Poll shows Romney narrowed gap on empathy. 63% now say Romney cares about their needs and problems (up from 30% before debate.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney came THIS close to saying he had binders full of teachers he loved. #debate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The reason Romney didn't lose last night as badly as Obama lost the first: every Republican is not on cable crying about how bad Romney lost	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney says that people who are voting for Barack Obama don't work and don't pay taxes. I guess that means Romney is voting for Obama.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This is a really deeply anti-Romney speech without mentioning Romney once. It's brilliant.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congrats, Romney. Your speech horrified me enough that I donated \$10 to @barackobama. And we only have \$50 in our checking acct.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama led in 19 battleground state polls today. Romney led in one.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Now Romney has to go with Ayn Rand/Ryan "makers vs. takers", "producers vs moochers" campaign. It's gonna get ugly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If you are voting for Mitt Romney to be in the office then kill yoself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RT if you agree: We can't afford Romney's plan to pay for new tax cuts for the wealthy by raising taxes on the middle class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Romney at home tonight eating ice cream straight from the carton and buying boats online in the dark	●	●
#Pennsylvania #women cool on Romney but Obama offers glimmer of hope http://t.co/hHWq5jMX #uselections2012	●	●
Obama on Romney's failure to mention veterans last night: "They deserve better from somebody who wants to be commander in chief."	●	●
Job #1 is to rid the land of Obama. C'mon Libertarians, get on board #Romney is closer to you than you may think.	●	●
Mitt Romney: Federal Disaster Relief For Tornado And Flood Victims Is 'Immoral,' 'Makes No Sense At All' http://t.co/KXqpkTyU	●	●
Mitt Romney Faces Historically Low Popularity as RNC Kicks Off http://t.co/HmPw2gt5	●	●
FACT: Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan's plan to repeal Obamacare would raise Medicare premiums and prescription drug costs for seniors.	●	●
I think POTUS just sank Romney's battleship	●	●
Obama campaign adviser accuses Romney of 'exploiting' Benghazi attack http://t.co/mx5LZy20 #uselections2012	●	●
EXCLUSIVE SECRET VIDEO: Romney Dismisses All Obama Voters as Moochers and Victims http://t.co/MB3izlyu	●	●
U S elections 2012: President Obama would return to White House for a... - http://t.co/hE7aQmjJ - #uselections2012 #DonaldTrump	●	●
What Ann Romney is saying is that Mitt's cracking up: she's worried about his mental health. #TheRomneys #p2	●	●
Mitt Romney still struggling to convince #Pennsylvania's female	●	●

voters <http://t.co/Lw3rKrdh>

#uselections2012

President Obama: "Gov. Romney may dance around his positions, but if you want to be President, you owe the American people the truth."



The people complaining that Romney was born with a silver spoon in his mouth are the same ones who expect to be spoon-fed their whole lives.



Watchin Obama Go HAM on Romney....look at this sexy ass girl wearing a F*ck Romney Shirt tho LOL <http://t.co/aWfwOpms>



Obama and Romney in virtual tie as marathon election enters final sprint <http://t.co/GSFyJ26q>
#uselections2012



Romney gets it right with Ryan. Now this election gets serious. It's a straight fight between radical fiscal reform and Europeanization.



Best line of the night: Obama: "Can you say that again, Candy?" (when Candy told Romney he wasn't telling the truth about O and Libya)



Get this: Obama spoke FOUR minutes longer than Romney did tonight! Didn't feel that way, did it? That sorta says it all.



Obama made a lot of great points tonight. Unfortunately, most of them were for Romney



Just heard a dude on Hot97 say he won't let his daughter listen to Nicki Minaj cuz she endorses Romney. Really? That's what it took? lol



Sorry to speak the Awful Truth: 90 million say they're not voting Nov 6 & 2/3 of 'em are Obama supporters. Unless that changes, Romney wins.



Mitt Romney is a fracking liar



Tomorrow we'll find out who will run the country for the next four years - Michelle Obama or Ann Romney.



Obama and Romney speeches more negative than ever, says study http://t.co/NuWTGb6F #uselections2012 #barackobama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rape-Can't-Cause-Pregnancy doctor - a Romney '08 surrogate - reportedly says he met with Romney this October http://t.co/9VBidlni	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
So Mitt Romney has pretty much admitted he'll need to raise taxes on "middle income" folks: http://t.co/LH8feU2c	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WaPo: "Obama keeps Romney on his heels in last debate" http://t.co/YXm2icaV #StrongerWithObama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama 78.4% to win Elect. College in 538 forecast. His leads holding in tipping-point states; time waning for Romney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RT if you agree: We've come too far to let Mitt Romney take us back to the same top-down policies that caused the economic crisis.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Today reporters repeatedly asked Romney about his position on FEMA. He ignored their questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney, you are truly a fine man.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RT if you agree: We can't afford to let Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan take us back to the same failed policies that crashed our economy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ann Romney: "I had breast cancer. And I lost my mother and grandmother to ovarian cancer" Mitt Romney: "I'll eliminate cancer screenings"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Here's the truth: Gov. Romney cannot pay for his \$5 trillion tax plan without blowing up the deficit or sticking it to the middle class."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Romney story proves that, in America, a guy can start at the top and climb all the way to the top.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the Romney-Ryan dictionary, "fair" is when multimillionaires pay a lower tax rate than many in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

the middle class:

<http://t.co/IVvdNCsQ>

Obama v. Netanyahu: One received an excellent American education. One loves America. One was leader of an elite commando unit.



Romney: Obama has led America to 'atrophy'..



President Obama on Romney: "When his advice was to 'let Detroit go bankrupt,' I bet on American workers and American manufacturing."



Dear college students, the Romney/Ryan budget is going to cut your grants and financial aid. Still not interested in voting?



A Romney presidency would be great unless you're poor, gay, Mexican, Black, a woman, a student, or a dog. #debates #leadfromwithin



Romney: I Will Repeal Obama's Bills & Replace Them with Bills That Will Do What His Does but I Can't Tell You What They Are. #Debate2012 #p2



Romney loves schools?! What does he think Sesame Street is? #SupportBigBird #Debates #SERIOUS



Remember this. Romney was selected by the republicans because he gave them the best chance they had of winning. That's very funny.



Congrats, Romney. Your speech horrified me enough that I donated \$10 to @barackobama. And we only have \$50 in our checking acct.



Not cool: after Obama and Romney cross paths on stage, Romney checks for his wallet



What's today, child? "Why, it's Romney Told ? Of America To Eat A Dick Day, m'lord!" "FETCH THE BIGGEST GOOSE AT THE MARKET"



On Romney: "He suggested that employers should be able to make

the decision as to whether or not a woman gets contraception coverage."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bill Clinton grants Obama campaign request for help in battleground states http://t.co/wGwsqG4T #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"First they called it 'trickle-down.' Then 'supply side.' Now it's 'Romney-Ryan.' Either way, their theory has been tested. It failed."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama aims to profit from Biden debate showing ahead of crucial Romney clash http://t.co/AuE51IMH #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WATCH OUT! Romney's been playing w 1 hand tied behind his back. NOW Mitt can MONEY BOMB Obama & he'll get a taste of his own medicine. #tcot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I still can't get over Mitt Romney getting the spray tan & makeup to appeal to Latino voters. I can't wait to see Romney's appearance on BET	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Last night, Gov Romney blamed parents for the violent tendencies of their children. Then, Tagg Romney said he wanted to punch the President.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney told Beth Myers that he'd chosen Paul Ryan on August 1, and then called Ryan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: By repealing Obamacare, Romney would allow insurance companies to continue charging women more than men for the same coverage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
So basically, Obama was waiting for Romney to say something so he could respond to Romney instead of saying something substantive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: Romney would appoint Supreme Court justices who would overturn Roe v. Wade.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama to Romney: You are "OFFENSIVE." And then all of America stood and CHEERED!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney says Obama gives no		

confidence on jobs http://t.co/eq1mmDn6 //and no one has confidence in Romney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama: "On issue after issue, Gov. Romney and Congressman Ryan want to take us backward."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
What I meant to say...the explosions...attacks...uh...Obama caused them with Negro magic. -- Romney, making it all better tomorrow	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#USelections2012: Romney resurgent: This Week: Obama takes a drubbing in the first presidential debate; Romney p..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
What Mitt Romney and I have is a real marriage. -- Ann Romney, from excerpted remarks of her speech tonight.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Morris, 5 days ago: "I hope that Romney does not select [Ryan.]" Morris today: "Romney hit the jackpot with Paul Ryan." http://t.co/64Bu8U2R	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama sharpens attack on Romney's character, tells Ohioans Romney lied in their faces about auto bailout: http://t.co/alzXmPV5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney Pitches In To Repair Millions Of Downed Romney/Ryan Lawn Signs http://t.co/2W1JVGcR	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#Climate #UnitedStates #USelections2012 #BarackObama US elections: Barack Obama accused of 'climate denial' http://t.co/uxfSq6Rb	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unfair to say Romney is anti-FEMA. He may have just thought you said "female."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney Terrified What Will Happen If He Ever Stops Running For President http://t.co/hTME5zFI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama to Romney on Navy: "We have fewer ships than we did in 1916. Well governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney's paid political consultant at the heart of the		

Republican Voter Registration SCANDAL! SproulGate http://t.co/4FLsTzyj #p2 #tcot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney campaign confirms Romney's position on FEMA is to shut it down and return it to the states	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paul Ryan's speech rouses Republicans to get behind... http://t.co/f2Yi3Ljz #PaulRyan #Republicannationalconvention2012 #USelections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jenna Jameson endorsed Mitt Romney because he's been videotaped holding every possible position too.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two-thirds of Romney supporters say Obama is doing excellent/good job dealing with Hurricane http://t.co/E4lcfkY1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We are not going to keep killing our way through... Romney #USElections2012 #IVLP	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Has Romney stated that American "values" leads him to condemn the religious hate, anti-Islam video that's sparked riots? Crickets?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thrilled Ann Romney says ModFam is her favorite show. We'll offer her the role of officiant at Mitch & Cam's wedding. As soon as it's legal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama => RT @cattyidiot: My opinions are independent. A paid #Conservative shill offers me nothing but repackaged half-century old rhetoric.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney openly dishonest on contraception. It is called the Blunt Amendment and Romney supports it. #sketchydeal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ONLY thing TRANSPARENT about Obama is his desperation to divert attention from fact there is NO reason to reelect him! #tcot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney and Ryan want to end Medicare as we know it while giving millionaires a tax cut—and Floridians aren't buying it: http://t.co/kwiX9cXh	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amazing how much media are focusing on Romney instead of		

monsters who killed ambassador and failed Obama policies that helped.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
POTUS on Romney: "A few months ago, when you were asked what's the biggest geopolitical threat facing America, you said Russia."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama focuses on Sandy aftermath after scrapping campaign plans http://t.co/ukFNUYS6 #uselections2012 #unitedstates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney just announced: "Please join me in welcoming the next PRESIDENT of the United States, Paul Ryan!" Thank u Mitt for dropping out.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney stands firm on message caught on tape (via @cnn) what a true asshole. #uselections2012 http://t.co/uIG9XQON	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney: "His plan will not create jobs. It will not help the middle class. It will not speed up the recovery."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama on Romney: "We know what change looks like, and what the Governor's offering sure isn't it."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Both candidates scored points against one another, but it appeared Romney's cuts at the pres drew more political blood.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney's campaign is so dead the Mormons just baptized it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama's fightback against Romney leaves both men looking for a knockout http://t.co/uHcyLhQo #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama: "I will never turn Medicare into a voucher. Governor Romney doubled down on this proposal last night, and he's wrong."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Today's remarks follow 5 straight Romney ads about Obama being the president of lazy welfare recipients taking your \$. Not subtle.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

So President Obama has made the economy worse and America's standing in the world has declined. Has anything improved?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: The Washington Post fact-checker called Romney's jobs claim a "bait-and-switch," because the math "doesn't add up."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FWIW: Romney campaign spin: Biden laughed, eye-rolled, bullied too much. Obama campaign spin: Biden destroyed Ryan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Samuel L. Jackson says "Wake the Fuck Up" in the new Barack Obama #USElections2012 Campaign Ad..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CNN POST DEBATE POLL: It's real bad for Romney, I just saw a guy scraping a Romney bumper sticker off his car. It was Paul Ryan #debates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If elected, Gov. Romney's opposition to the wind energy tax credit could allow countries like China to dominate the clean energy industry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rob Portman to play Obama for Mitt Romney's debate preparation http://t.co/KCuZGdbH #uselections2012 #mittromney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Im not an American, but #Obama has my full support :) #USElections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney views Dem voters as parasitic minorities sounds eerily similar 2 his assertion that Palestinians don't do as well cuz of culture.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#Climate #Blogposts #USElections2012 #guardiancouk If Sandy doesn't destroy Obama's climate cowardice, what will? ..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney's getting the highest share of the libertarian vote ever! (not coincidentally, he's losing) http://t.co/EJXRIPpc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama defends Medicare from Romney-Ryan budget proposals http://t.co/h6NwoTH9 #uselections2012 #barackobama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who actually wants to go back to the past? Obama is dragging Carter and Clinton out of mothballs and literally repeating 2008 bromides.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(2) The Romney campaign has a messaging problem because it has a policy problem.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Michelle Obama was right. "Politics doesn't change who you are, it reveals who you are" We see you Mr. Romney. We see you. #RomneyEncore 47%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama steps up criticism of Romney in battle for #women voters http://t.co/wNjd0dLD #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney Faces Historically Low Popularity as RNC Kicks Off http://t.co/HmPw2qt5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Republican right rallies to Romney's flag as he seizes the middle ground http://t.co/4lhsbo0g #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Hey, guess who's gay? The Green Lantern from the comic books. Today Mitt Romney knocked him down and shaved his head." — David Letterman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
my rating: Romney won the debate, Obama had the facts on his side, and Lehrer sucked. Next debate, get @SethMacFarlane to host!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At UN, Obama Declares The Future Must Not Belong to Practicing Christians http://t.co/qJVvIUURP via @ewerickson #tcot #gop #teaparty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama: "I don't look at my pension. It's not as big as yours so it doesn't take as long." #ObamaRomney #USelections2012 http://t.co/jBN0CdDb	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama campaign launches fresh attack on Mitt Romney's 47% comments http://t.co/kDTGjtst #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama on Romney's misleading		

Jeep ads: "The car companies themselves have told Gov. Romney to knock it off."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney suggests Obama loves God less than he does. Childish. Offensive. Ridiculous	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
john kerry just completely trashed mitt romney on libya/egypt. called him irresponsible, callous, reckless and called on romney to apologize	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barack Obama and his wild, drug-taking roomie http://t.co/MN7vIPn3 #barackobama #culture #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Never mind his tax returns. I now want to see Romney's high school diploma. And IQ tests #RollDownTheAirplaneWindows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yo Mitt Romney, Sesame Street is brought to you today by the letters F & U! #debates #SupportBigBird	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
According to Romney, it was Obama's fault that the PRC became a world manufacturing superpower. #USElections2012 http://t.co/VmPFwFDv	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney asked Paul Ryan for 10 years of tax returns, but he's only released one full year of his own: http://t.co/q33LY77V	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney ain't shit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney took home \$21 million last year and was taxed at 13%. If u made \$8600 last year, u were taxed at 15%. #ThingsThatMakeYouGoHmmm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney campaign sharpens message amid talk of internal dissent http://t.co/cPAzwcig #mittromney #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Choice: The New Yorker's Endorsement of Barack Hussein #Obama http://t.co/PodRk8gf #USElections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama damned as regulator-in-chief as anger runs high in #Ohio #coal country http://t.co/xPRTSzr9 #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

RT @David_Gergen Polls show President could bust this open, win big. Debate this coming Wednesday shaping up as make or break for Romney.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney is totally going to face down Iran right after he can't get a guy from his own party in Missouri to go away.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney: "Your strategy, previously, has been all over the map, and is not designed to keep Americans safe."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Romney is promising \$6-\$7 trillion in cuts over 10 years without touching Medicare or SS and while increasing defense spending.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney's advice for students struggling to afford college: "Borrow money from your parents" or just "shop around." http://t.co/ScYdTww2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
White people worried about Obama being a fucking Muslim, but it's okay for Romney to be a "latter-day saint"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#USelections2012: Romney resurgent: This Week: Obama takes a drubbing in the first presidential debate; Romney p..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney flip-flops on healthcare to woo back #women Robin Wells http://t.co/py1Bc9md #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buffy creator 'switches allegiance' to Mitt Romney in spoof video #MittRomney #Worldnews #USelections2012 #UnitedStates http://t.co/j3zKIOQp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney's #abortion comments put spotlight on Paul Ryan's hardline stance http://t.co/1jzOkQzl #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
You've heard of the New Deal. You've heard of the Fair Deal ... Mitt Romney's trying to sell us the #SketchyDeal.—President Obama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On Romney: "He's hoping you don't remember that his economic		

plan is more likely to create jobs in China than here in the United States."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney: "Just a few weeks ago, you said you think we should have more troops in Iraq right now." #RomneyWrong	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama campaign ad spending dominates Romney's in key states http://t.co/KTPzLM9R #superpacs #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney Team Rejects Obama Campaign 'Deal' to Release Tax Returns #USelections2012 #MittRomney #USpolitics #BarackObama http://t.co/bc8no6X2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney invested in 10 Chinese companies recently—including ones that partnered with Iran & stole US trade secrets: http://t.co/jwgdYY4i	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For those who plan to vote for Romney because he said he will defend the holy land, according to Romney's faith the holy land is Missouri.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney's bid to close gap with Latino voters finds lukewarm success http://t.co/StYTvMMb #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Iran is taking away the control over Middle East from U.S because Mr. Obama is too busy with preaching instead of acting #media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paul Ryan says if elected, he and Mitt Romney will do away with covered contraception on "day one" http://t.co/hbmpbXZ2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does Mitt Romney know that dads can also go home and make dinner and be there for their kids? #Obama underestimates working women #USelections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Desperate struggle for women's votes as race enters final stretch http://t.co/wNasKqWA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Romney-Ryan plan: 125 tax hikes to pay for one tax cut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Very impressed by Obama/Christie. True bi-partisan leadership. But Romney must be tearing his hair out - can't help his election chances.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama campaign about small things - accusing Romney of being a felon & murderer. Next thing you know, they'll accuse Romney of eating a dog.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney and Obama court Florida Hispanics in battle for votes http://t.co/W50TOJnZ #USelections2012 #USpolitics // v?a the @guardian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney: Not great, right? Ryan: Totally not great. Romney: I was better, right? Ryan: Totally. Romney: But you're a liar. Ryan: That's true.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney and Obama hail New Orleans' charter #schools as a model for America http://t.co/8DaAz3Qg #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Romney told 27 myths in 38 Minutes": http://t.co/d8WQAAtJ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
thought bubble over Romney's head "Say, this Obama fella is starting to make a lot of sense..."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am amused to discover that "Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan" is an anagram of "My Ultimate Ayn Rand Porn".	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The problem for Romney is that Obama is already doing all of the things Romney says he would do.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"I never said I hate FEMA. I meant FEMAles. Complete misunderstanding." - Mitt Romney #LieLikeMitt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: In 2011, the 47% of Americans who Romney insulted included nearly 20 million seniors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T or F #Romney to give millionaires tax break/raise Middle Class taxes? True via @politifact #Arithmetic http://t.co/tB2iqiPq	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#Obama: "If you've been successful, you didn't get there on your own." http://t.co/nh4TqXx8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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#thatawkwardmoment when you're referred to as the next POTUS. Good going Mittens!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#USelections2012 http://t.co/2Q69o79C		
Oops. The RNC swag bag includes early version of Romney book that says RomneyCare should be model for the nation..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney's tax plan: "I think math, common sense, and our history shows us that's not a recipe for job growth."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There's no doubt the vast majority of Americans like Obama over Romney. But that's not what this is about. It's about who SHOWS UP on 11/6.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
whoa, Candy just had to tell Romney to SIT THE FUCK DOWN! I'd say he had too much caffeine, but we know that can't be it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BTW I'd like to thank Mitt Romney for taking over my role of poking holes in the Conservative presidential campaign this year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama giving that "keep on trying me Romney" smile	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I just don't know what to say. Romney changed stripes again tonite, spoke many untruths and like a thief stole the night.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
if romney wins i'm moving to africa #voteobama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney... Is the sky blue? Romney: "Well cats like fish, and fish live in blue water. So No Aliens don't wear purple hats on Tuesdays."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney took home \$21 million last year and was taxed at 13%. If u made \$8600 last year, u were taxed at 15%.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
#ThingsThatMakeYouGoHmmm		
Let me tell you about the Mitt Romney i know - too late, he's changed again	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: Romney told students they should just "borrow money" from their parents to pay for college or start a business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On Romney as governor of MA:		

“When he left office, there were only 3 states in the country that had created fewer jobs than Massachusetts.”	○	○
U S Elections 2012: Astrologers predict a 2nd term for President Obama - http://t.co/FDfDjea7 - #uselections2012 #BarackObama	○	○
Romney campaign sharpens message amid talk of internal dissent http://t.co/cPAzwcig #mittromney #uselections2012	○	○
Key GOP officials tell me the gender gap troubles them more than any other demographic issue. Can you tell that Romney knows it?	○	○
Why would Romney/Ryan be emphasizing bipartisanship when Obama's ideas are destroying us? We need to reject him in toto; not accept half.	○	○
Mitt Romney asked Paul Ryan for 10 years of tax returns, but he's only released one full year of his own: http://t.co/q33LY77V	○	○
Romney got 3 less minutes and had to debate Candy Crowley, he still out performed both of them.	○	○
BREAKING: Todd Akin asks Mitt Romney to step aside for the good of the party.	○	○
President Obama: "Gov. Romney's tax plan would raise taxes by about \$2,000 for middle-class families with children."	○	○
Romney's now onto his private sector experience. Workers who lost their jobs tell a different story. Here's Cindy's: https://t.co/lchE8lbX	○	○
What Mitt Romney and I have is a real marriage. -- Ann Romney, from excerpted remarks of her speech tonight.	○	○
Obama has been endorsed by Warren Buffett, Colin Powell, Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates. Romney has been endorsed by Lindsay Lohan.	○	○
Hurricane Sandy delays Barack Obama and Mitt Romney campaigns #USelections2012		

#BarackObama #Worldnews #MittRomney http://t.co/4ZcKAsIE	○	○
48 hours after the attacks, Obama found the filmmaker. 48 hours before the attacks, Obama blew off warnings of the attacks. #Priorities #p2	○	○
I repeat: Romney faced the press. Obama fled to Vegas, no q's allowed, only intvu tonite with Telemundo==> http://t.co/dU2wtjtG	○	○
Romney: "I can appeal to undecided voters. No one is more undecided than I am."	○	○
Americans would like to vote out Obama, but Romney makes it difficult #USelections2012 #BarackObama #MittRomney http://t.co/UAEtYe5e	○	○
Gary Shteyngart on Obama: 'Bipartisanship is not going to work' http://t.co/mC9FqqWs #barackobama #uselections2012	○	○
Just heard a dude on Hot97 say he won't let his daughter listen to Nicki Minaj cuz she endorses Romney. Really? That's what it took? lol	○	○
The campaign and combined committees raised over \$114 million in August to the Romney campaign's \$111 million.	○	○
RT @DiegoUK: Shorter Romney, "I paid the taxes required of me by law, but the 47% of Americans doing the same are freeloaders." #p2 #ctl	○	○
President Obama is exposing Romney's Romnesia symptoms so hard right now. Romney is so mad. Romnesia changes his Position so much.	○	○
I highly approve of Romney's decision to be kind and gentle to the retard.	○	○
Obama and Romney tied in polls ahead of frantic final fortnight of campaigning #USelections2012	○	○

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<http://t.co/mvyGSLuM>

I worry that all the "women in binders" jokes will make us forget that Romney wants to kill Planned Parenthood and overturn Roe v Wade.



Ridiculous fuss over Candy Crowley's Libya intervention last night. She was absolutely right! Romney camp just sore he cocked up his answer.



that awkward moment you realize Mitt Romney's Slogan, "Keep America American" was the same slogan used by the KKK in 1922...



In the Romney-Ryan dictionary, "fair" is when multimillionaires pay a lower tax rate than many in the middle class:

<http://t.co/IVvdNCsQ>

RT @nyxpersephone: What #WikiLeaks cables reveal about Mitt Romney | The Phoenix <http://t.co/D1aiPwOw> #Cablegate #USElections2012



Lots of talk about religion in Romney's talk. I am kinda' surprised-- that is tricky territory for him, I think. #RNC2012



Clinton steps in for Obama in #Florida as he spearheads drive for youth vote <http://t.co/qyngVxi2> #uselections2012



Mitt Romney reminds you that Government can't create jobs, and Barack Obama's Government hasn't created enough.



Shorter version of Romney: Me strong. Obama weak. Hulk smash.



47% of dogs are bad dogs. I'll never convince them to stop barking. - Mitt Romney addressing a large group of cats.



Romney: The greatest threat that the U.S. faces is a nuclear #Iran <http://t.co/fm7sHWZR> #debate



FACT: Romney insulted 47% of Americans at a private fundraiser —claiming they were "dependent" on government & consider



themselves "victims."		
I doubt Nicki seriously supports Romney. Her lyrics ain't political. She just wants y'all to talk about her & she winning cuz it's working!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Actress Stacey Dash: I'm black & I support Mitt Romney. Romney releases statement thanking her, adding that she's "one of the good ones!"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Oh man. My fearless leader Joss Whedon lays it all on Romney... Whedon On Romney: http://t.co/XGd0FXS0 via @youtube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney: "When his advice was to 'let Detroit go bankrupt,' I bet on American workers and American manufacturing."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama responds to Mitt Romney's attack following Libya Killing "There's a broader lesson to be learned here" http://t.co/XAmzIApv	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BREAKING: Romney to announce vice presidential pick Saturday - http://t.co/zm8qFrZK	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
That Romney character just looks like e will start a war #UsElections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney: "I would bring all female troops home in time to cook dinner." #debate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Final presidential debate: Obama and Romney in gifs http://t.co/V8yG0bky #uselections2012	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney's off-the-cuff suggestion to cap deductions is smarter than most of the ideas in his actual tax plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: Unlike President Obama, Romney has no plan to end the war in Afghanistan and bring our troops home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt Romney reminds you that Government can't create jobs, and Barack Obama's Government hasn't created enough.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NEW ROMNEY VIDEO: In 1985, He		

Said Bain Would "Harvest" Companies for Profits Mother Jones http://t.co/fAjw7o0o #OWS #EEUU #Obama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
THEY TALKIN RECKLESS ABOUT #OBAMA... YUP HE GONNA WIN AGAIN SO PLEASE GET USE 2 IT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
VP Biden stands up for the 47% of Americans who Romney wrote off this week: http://t.co/rcJ8dPWj	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kristof's column on Romney today is devastating: http://t.co/A3XT3lu0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I repeat: Romney faced the press. Obama fled to Vegas, no q's allowed, only intvu tonite with Telemundo==> http://t.co/dU2wtjtG	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: Nonpartisan tax experts say Romney's plan would force middle-class families with kids to pay \$2,000 more a year in taxes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: Romney and Ryan's plan would pay for tax cuts for the wealthy by raising taxes on the middle class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dear Twitter: Could you please let everyone know Romney just admitted Obama has NOT raised taxes in 4 years? Watch: http://t.co/Wrm2TJlj	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama: "Your name is Mitt Romney." Romney: "Well, that's just not true!" #debate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FACT: After months of campaigning on his \$5 trillion tax cut skewed to the wealthy, Romney is pretending it doesn't exist. #TheRealRomney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The ten things you should know about the Romney-Ryan view of women's health and women's rights: http://t.co/hjbiGGcY #DetailsMatter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fact check: Romney ignores the key drivers of the debt that were put in place before President Obama took office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RT if you agree: We can't afford to let Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan take us back to the same failed policies that crashed our	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

economy.		
Romney hasn't run the specific numbers on his budget plan because there are no numbers to run, and won't be as long as Romney is running.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make sure your friends know: Romney supports overturning Roe v. Wade, which would take away a woman's right to choose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
President Obama on Romney: "He called the Arizona law a model for the nation." #SketchyDeal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ryan's body fat and Romney's tax rate is the same number.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney: "The biggest difference between myself and George W. Bush is that I would invade a completely different country that starts with I."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitt should take that "47%" fundraiser video and just plunk "I'm Mitt Romney, and I approve this message" on the end.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obama dominated Romney tonight in every single way: in substance, manner, style, and personal appeal. http://t.co/jLboxf25 #pwned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The President said nothing in his speech tonight. But he said it so much better than Mitt Romney when he said nothing in Tampa.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney now: "I like American cars." Romney in 2008: "Let Detroit go bankrupt."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.@JoeBiden: "The people I grew up with and my neighbors—they pay more effective tax than Gov. Romney pays on his federal income tax."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romney is trying to use the same George Bush FEAR TACTICS on us. We will be back to the old bush days. I can't support it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
KO by BO! Obama takes Romney DOWN! Why hasn't the ref called the debate and put Romney out his misery? Somebody get him some smelling salts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paul Ryan says Mitt Romney gets misquoted. Here's an Op/Ed Mitt		

wrote, the title: "Let Detroit Go
Bankrupt":

<http://t.co/0tDW9UWW>

#VPDebate

#Obama: "If you've been
successful, you didn't get there on
your own." <http://t.co/nh4TqXx8>

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#Obama still more liked than
#Romney despite poor debate

<http://t.co/XdClqujD>

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Mitt Romney will end Burt and
Ernie's right to a civil union

Romney says his argument
wasn't "elegantly stated" but
suggests he stands by the jist of
his message in the video

Mitt Romney criticized from all
sides for response to Middle East
attacks <http://t.co/mN5hgz0a>

This is HUGE-Miami Herald
Reporter Romney leads Hispanics
62-33 -- thanks to Cuban
Americans, who back Romney 76-
19. #tcot

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