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Poll shows 90 percent of Europeans would vote for Obama

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USPA News - More than 90 percent of Europeans would vote for President Barack Obama if they were able to vote in Tuesday's presidential election in the United States, effectively overshadowing Republican challenger Mitt Romney, British pollster YouGov said on Wednesday. YouGov said the results are based on a poll conducted between October 19 and October 28 in which more than 7,500 adults from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Denmark, Switzerland, Finland and Norway participated.

Romney received no more than 10 percent support in any of the countries. "No doubt many Americans are not overly concerned about who Europeans think they should vote for, but on the other hand history has shown that when a president is unpopular with the people of Europe, it can have far-reaching effect on how those people view the United States," said Joe Twyman, the Director of Political and Social Research at YouGov. Twyman said that, although Obama's support at home has waned, his popularity in Europe continues to overshadow Romney. The incumbent president charmed many Europeans when he gave a speech ahead of the 2008 presidential election and called for stronger ties between the United States and Europe. National polls in the United States continue to suggest the race is virtually tied between Obama and Romney among registered voters, though a recent Gallup poll 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.

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