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The latest polls have encouraging news for the Obama campaign… in the biggest swing states – Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, the Quinni**pi**ac / CBS News / New York Times poll of likely voters show the President with 50% or more of the vote.

But why? When an economy languishes, the conventional wisdom holds that the incumbent president loses.

Well, the poll has something to say about that… but first, David Harris of AJC:

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Unemployment remains above 8%, and with a little more than three months before the election, the economy has hit another soft patch. Which means that Mitt Romney’s central argument should be resonating:



"His policies have failed to get working America again. And my guess is, he wonders why that is. And I have the answer for him: liberal policies don't make good jobs." (:12)

And yet the latest polling shows that in the swing states of Pennsylvania, Florida, and Ohio, on the issue of who would do a better job handling the economy, the President and Romney are almost evenly split.

But it turns out that if you word the question a little differently, a gap opens up. When you ask voters whose policies ARE EITHER IMPROVING THE ECONOMY NOW, OR WILL IF GIVEN MORE TIME, over half pick Obama. Most voters for -- now anyway -- seem to have bought into the Presidents argument that h needs more time to fix things:

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"Our first order of business is to recover all the jobs and wealth that was lost in the crisis, and we've made strides these last three and half years to get that done." (:09)

As for Romney’s COUNTER argument that it takes business experience to create jobs, the President’s negative ads seem to be working: over half the voters polled said Romney’s experience at Bain Capital was too focused on profits.

As for whether the numbers will hold – close to 90% IN ALL THREE swing states say nothing is going to change their minds between now and election day…exactly 97 days from now.

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