Or is an upset in the works?

Nevada leads the nation in unemployment, underwater houses, bankruptcy. It would seem to be a prime spot for the old campaign mantra — “throw the bums out.” One of the main reasons for Democrats’ strength in Nevada is the state Democratic Party organization, which has been able to capitalize on changing state demographics to register likely Democratic voters — including a big outreach in the growing Hispanic community — and turn them out. But Republicans believe they can overtake them on Election Day by driving turnout and winning nonpartisan voters, who make up about 20 percent of the electorate. If Republicans can capture Nevada’s six electoral votes for Romney, it will be one of the biggest upsets in Nevada history.

— By David Mitroff/Schwartz

“"I learned as governor ... that the best achievements are shared achievements. I learned that respect and goodwill go a long way and are usually returned in kind. That's how I'll conduct myself as president. I'll bring people together, doing big things for the common good. I won’t just represent one party — I will represent one nation.”

“"There are 49 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. There are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it. ... My job is not to worry about those people. I'll maintain them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives.”

“"I've got five boys. I'm used to people saying something that's not always true but just keep on repeating it and ultimately hoping I'll believe it.”

“"As president, you're entitled to your own house, your own plane, but not your own facts.”

“Let's prove the cynics wrong one more time. Let's show them your vote counts. Let's prove your voice is more powerful than lobbyists and special interests. Let's keep the promise of this country alive — that no matter what you look like or where you come from, you can make it if you try.”

“"If you were successful, somebody along the line gave you some help. There was a great teacher somewhere in your life. Somebody helped to create this unbelievable American system that we have that allowed you to thrive. Somebody invested in roads and bridges. If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen.”

""And the 1980s are now calling to ask for their foreign policy back because, you know, the Cold War's been over for 20 years."

""I don't look at my pension. It's not as big as yours. It doesn't take as long.”

"Don't boo — vote.”

Has Obama secured the public’s trust?

After today, it’s over. Nevada voters have had to endure a marathon this election cycle, with a constant Democratic campaign machine on one side and that extended Republican primary — Bob Novak and Ron Paul, how we miss you — on the other. Both sides have spent an unprecedented amount nationally. President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney have raised about $1 billion each. In Nevada, where a concerted battle has piled up for its six presidential electoral votes, we’ve seen more than our share of candidate visits and television ads. Obama enters Election Day as the favorite to win Nevada. With 90,000 more active registered Democrats than Republicans, that’s perhaps no surprise.

Turn to PAGE 6 for Mitt Romney or upon the front and back page for a more realistic view of both candidates.