

# The gloves are on: 'Barack Obama and Mitt Romney' come to blows in the boxing ring

Bitter US presidential fight gets physical - and the Republican challenger dishes out a pre-election mauling

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**Knockout blow? Obama's head rocks back under the force of a Romney punch** (Image: www.alisonjackson.com / Rex Features)

**Barack Obama's** fight with **Mitt Romney** for the US Presidency is being hailed as the bloodiest battle for the White House ever - but nobody quite believed it would come to blows.

After a bitter war of words that was only briefly suspended while **America was battered by Superstorm Sandy**, the two political heavyweights reignited their rivalry in bruising fashion.

Not content with mockery, insults and using **celebrity big guns such as Bruce Springsteen, Clint Eastwood and Jay-Z** to fight their corner, it would appear the Democrat and Republican presidential candidates stepped into the ring to settle their differences the old fashioned way.

Amazing new pictures show Obama and Romney going head-to-head with the boxing gloves on in a bid to pound their way to victory.

And if these images are a sign of things to come, Obama could find himself pole-axed in the polls.

Romney lands two crunching left left hooks to the jaw of the current president and has him cowering under the force of the blistering attack.

And after bullying his opponent around the ring, the cocky Republican challenger even humiliates his forlorn opponent after appearing to force him to do press-ups at his feet.

But take a closer look and the secret behind the shots is revealed - they're lookalikes.

The snaps are the handiwork of **Alison Jackson**, who is renowned for her elaborate and often believable 'spoof' photos, which **use lookalikes to give a 'behind-the-scenes' insight into the world of celebrities and Royals**.



**Spoof:** Alison Jackson is famous for her lookalike photoshoots

Her latest hard hitting send up appeared on the cover of the American 'Atlantic' magazine.

With less than 24 hours left until Americans go to the polls, **the race for the White House is neck and neck**.

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