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Huckabee Takes Big Lead in North Carolina

Raleigh, N.C. – The day before a Greensboro fundraiser, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee has taken a strong lead in the North Carolina Republican Presidential primary, according to a new Public Policy Polling survey.

Huckabee earned the support of 33% of poll respondents, followed by Rudy Giuliani with 17% and Fred Thompson with 16%. Thompson had led PPP's poll every month since June but had seen his margin drop from 18 in September to 11 in October to just 5 in November.

In the Republican gubernatorial primary state senator Fred Smith continued the lead he took in the poll last month. The race was surveyed both with and without Charlotte mayor Pat McCrory, a potential new candidate. Without McCrory included Smith led conservative activist Bill Graham 25-17. When McCrory was included, Smith continued to lead with 20% while Graham and McCrory tied for second with 14%. The poll showed McCrory with the support of 44% of respondents in the Charlotte region but little throughout the rest of the state.

The tracking poll also includes the first primary poll for the Republican Lieutenant Governor's race, which shows former Congressional candidate Greg Dority leading state senator Robert Pittenger 16-15, a statistical tie. Polling numbers for the Treasurer primary between Dale Folwell and Bill Daughtridge are included as well.

PPP surveyed 612 likely Republican primary voters on December 3rd. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 3.9\%$. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com. These include issue priorities, and crosstabs breaking down the results by gender, race, age and region.

For more discussion of the poll visit the Public Policy Polling blog at <http://publicpolicypolling.blogspot.com>. If you have questions about this release or would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 There will be a number of people running for President in 2008 as Republicans. Some of the most talked about are Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson, Mike Huckabee, and Ron Paul. If the Republican primary were today which of these men would you vote for, or would you vote for somebody else? If you would vote for Rudy Giuliani, press 1 on your keypad now. If for John McCain, press 2. If for Mitt Romney, press 3. If for Fred Thompson, press 4. If for Mike Huckabee, press 5. If for Ron Paul, press 6. If you would vote for a different candidate, press 7. If you are undecided, press 8.

<i>Giuliani</i>17%	<i>Huckabee</i>33%
<i>McCain</i> 8%	<i>Paul</i> 3%
<i>Romney</i> 9%	<i>Other</i> 3%
<i>Thompson</i>16%	<i>Undecided</i>10%

Q2 There will also be a number of Republican candidates for governor. Bill Graham, Bob Orr, and Fred Smith have all announced their candidacies. If the primary election were today, which of these men would you vote for? If you would vote for Bill Graham, press 1. If for Bob Orr, press 2. If for Fred Smith, press 3. If you are undecided, press 4.

<i>Graham</i> 17%	<i>Smith</i>25%
<i>Orr</i> 6%	<i>Undecided</i>52%

Q3 In addition to the three Republican candidates who have announced that they will run for governor, it is also rumored that Pat McCrory will join the race. If he ran, which of these men would you vote for? If you would vote for Bill Graham, press 1. If for Bob Orr, press 2. If for Fred Smith, press 3. If for Pat McCrory, press 4. If you are undecided, press 5.

<i>Graham</i>	14%
<i>Orr</i>	4%
<i>Smith</i>	20%
<i>McCrory</i>	14%
<i>Undecided</i>	47%

Q4 In the Lieutenant Governor's race the candidates are Robert Pittenger and Greg Dority. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Robert Pittenger, press 1. If Greg Dority, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

<i>Pittenger</i>	15%
<i>Dority</i>	16%
<i>Undecided</i>	69%

Q5 In the State Treasurer's race the candidates are Bill Daughtride and Dale Folwell. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Bill Daughtride, press 1. If Dale Folwell, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

<i>Daughtride</i>	15%	<i>Undecided</i>	72%
<i>Folwell</i>	12%		





Q6 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

<i>War in Iraq</i>	22%	<i>Moral or Family values</i>	19%
<i>Education</i>	2%	<i>Health care</i>	4%
<i>Economy and jobs</i>	17%	<i>Immigration</i>	26%
<i>Taxes</i>	7%	<i>Other</i>	2%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Women</i>	50%	<i>Men</i>	50%
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Q8 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	96%	<i>Other</i>	3%
<i>Black</i>	1%		

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

<i>18-29</i>	4%	<i>46-60</i>	32%
<i>30-45</i>	15%	<i>Older than 60</i>	49%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Giuliani	17%	23%	30%	22%	20%	7%	26%	14%	8%
McCain	8%	8%	22%	15%	6%	7%	9%	4%	8%
Romney	9%	12%	7%	7%	15%	4%	9%	12%	-
Thompson	16%	15%	-	21%	11%	14%	14%	20%	9%
Huckabee	33%	26%	9%	25%	35%	48%	24%	36%	42%
Paul	3%	2%	7%	2%	7%	2%	5%	4%	-
Other	3%	5%	9%	1%	-	3%	4%	4%	-
Undecided	10%	9%	16%	8%	4%	16%	9%	8%	33%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Governor									
Graham	17%	13%	9%	18%	23%	24%	9%	16%	9%
Orr	6%	9%	15%	9%	7%	-	9%	5%	8%
Smith	25%	22%	32%	20%	27%	22%	32%	31%	24%
Undecided	52%	56%	45%	53%	44%	54%	50%	48%	59%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Governor w/McCrory									
Graham	14%	10%	17%	15%	21%	16%	9%	14%	9%
Orr	4%	7%	15%	8%	2%	2%	-	3%	-
Smith	20%	20%	16%	19%	16%	18%	23%	25%	24%
McCrory	14%	10%	7%	20%	17%	14%	18%	15%	-
Undecided	47%	53%	45%	39%	44%	51%	51%	42%	67%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Lieutenant Governor									
Pittenger	15%	15%	-	21%	17%	7%	9%	19%	11%
Dority	16%	14%	32%	16%	20%	14%	20%	18%	-
Undecided	69%	71%	68%	63%	63%	79%	70%	63%	89%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Treasurer									
Daughtridge	15%	11%	9%	16%	20%	17%	14%	18%	-
Folwell	12%	14%	-	13%	13%	8%	10%	16%	-
Undecided	72%	74%	91%	71%	66%	74%	76%	66%	100%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Giuliani	17%	19%	15%
McCain	8%	9%	7%
Romney	9%	8%	10%
Thompson	16%	12%	20%
Huckabee	33%	32%	34%
Paul	3%	3%	4%
Other	3%	3%	3%
Undecided	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Governor			
Graham	17%	14%	20%
Orr	6%	6%	6%
Smith	25%	19%	31%
Undecided	52%	61%	43%

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		Women	Men
Governor w/McCrory			
Graham	14%	11%	17%
Orr	4%	4%	5%
Smith	20%	16%	25%
McCrory	14%	16%	13%
Undecided	47%	54%	39%





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Undecided	69%	73%	64%

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Treasurer			
Daughtridge	15%	14%	17%
Folwell	12%	10%	15%
Undecided	72%	76%	68%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
President				
Giuliani	17%	17%	12%	10%
McCain	8%	8%	-	10%
Romney	9%	9%	26%	17%
Thompson	16%	17%	14%	6%
Huckabee	33%	33%	23%	31%
Paul	3%	3%	14%	6%
Other	3%	3%	-	16%
Undecided	10%	10%	12%	6%

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Governor				
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Orr	6%	6%	-	6%
Smith	25%	25%	-	21%
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Smith	20%	21%	14%	10%
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