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Obama easily outpolls Pawlenty, Palin

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama’s approval rating in Minnesota has dropped six points since April. Nevertheless he beats Tim Pawlenty and Sarah Palin by a larger margin than he won against John McCain in the state last fall, Public Policy Polling’s newest survey finds.

Obama’s approval rating is 54%, with 39% of respondents disapproving. When PPP polled Minnesota in April the spread was 60/30. His numbers are steady with Democrats and have dropped some with independents but the biggest decline is among Republicans. Where previously 23% of them approved of his performance, now just 12% do.

Voters in the state still like him a good deal better than some of his GOP alternatives though. Tim Pawlenty’s approval has also dropped from a 46/40 spread three months ago to now a negative 44/48 one. In a hypothetical 2012 contest Obama leads Pawlenty 51-40.

Sarah Palin does far worse with Minnesotans, with 53% of them viewing her unfavorably and only 39% in a positive manner. She trails Obama by a 56-35 margin, which would be the most lopsided margin for President in the state since 1964.

“These numbers nicely sum up the national political climate,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Barack Obama’s popularity is declining as the economy continues to stagnate, but voters don’t trust the Republican leaders either. It doesn’t bode well for Tim Pawlenty’s prospects nationally when he has such an uphill battle in his own state.”

PPP conducted a survey of 1,491 Minnesota voters on July 7th and 8th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.5%. 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.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 54%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tim Pawlenty's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 39% *Not Sure*..... 9%
Unfavorable..... 53%

Q4 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Tim Pawlenty, who would you vote for? If Barack Obama, press 1. If Tim Pawlenty, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Obama..... 51%
Pawlenty..... 40%
Undecided..... 8%

Q5 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for? If Barack Obama, press 1. If Sarah Palin, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Obama..... 56%
Palin..... 35%
Undecided..... 9%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve..... 56% *Not Sure*..... 14%
Disapprove..... 30%

Q7 Do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 47%
Conservative..... 35%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 34%
Republican..... 27%
Independent/Other..... 39%

Q10 If you are white, press one now. If other, press 2.

White 91%
Other..... 9%

Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 16%
30 to 45..... 23%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	89%	66%	18%
Disapprove	39%	8%	25%	74%
Not Sure	8%	3%	9%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	44%	12%	34%	74%
Disapprove	48%	82%	56%	19%
Not Sure	8%	6%	9%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	39%	9%	25%	73%
Unfavorable	53%	87%	65%	17%
Not Sure	9%	4%	10%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Pawlenty				
Obama	51%	91%	63%	14%
Pawlenty	40%	6%	28%	76%
Undecided	8%	3%	9%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Obama	56%	92%	70%	17%
Palin	35%	6%	20%	70%
Undecided	9%	2%	9%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	56%	81%	68%	26%
Disapprove	30%	11%	18%	57%
Not Sure	14%	9%	13%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	54%	58%	49%
Disapprove	39%	34%	44%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Approval			
Approve	44%	37%	51%
Disapprove	48%	53%	43%
Not Sure	8%	10%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	39%	34%	44%
Unfavorable	53%	56%	49%
Not Sure	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Pawlenty			
Obama	51%	56%	46%
Pawlenty	40%	35%	46%
Undecided	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Obama	56%	60%	51%
Palin	35%	31%	39%
Undecided	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	56%	62%	50%
Disapprove	30%	25%	36%
Not Sure	14%	13%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	54%	92%	12%	49%
Disapprove	39%	5%	78%	41%
Not Sure	8%	3%	10%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	44%	11%	79%	48%
Disapprove	48%	82%	13%	43%
Not Sure	8%	7%	8%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	39%	7%	78%	40%
Unfavorable	53%	84%	14%	52%
Not Sure	9%	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Pawlenty				
Obama	51%	92%	6%	47%
Pawlenty	40%	5%	86%	40%
Undecided	8%	3%	8%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Obama	56%	95%	12%	52%
Palin	35%	3%	75%	34%
Undecided	9%	2%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	56%	85%	24%	53%
Disapprove	30%	7%	59%	31%
Not Sure	14%	8%	17%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	54%	53%	56%
Disapprove	39%	39%	38%
Not Sure	8%	8%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Pawlenty Approval			
Approve	44%	44%	43%
Disapprove	48%	48%	50%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

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		White	Other
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	39%	39%	36%
Unfavorable	53%	52%	56%
Not Sure	9%	9%	8%

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		White	Other
Obama/Pawlenty			
Obama	51%	51%	52%
Pawlenty	40%	41%	40%
Undecided	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Palin			
Obama	56%	56%	58%
Palin	35%	35%	30%
Undecided	9%	9%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	56%	56%	54%
Disapprove	30%	30%	33%
Not Sure	14%	14%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	54%	57%	48%	56%	52%
Disapprove	39%	38%	43%	37%	38%
Not Sure	8%	5%	9%	7%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paw lenty Approval					
Approve	44%	40%	45%	43%	47%
Disapprove	48%	52%	45%	50%	44%
Not Sure	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	39%	31%	42%	39%	41%
Unfavorable	53%	63%	50%	53%	45%
Not Sure	9%	6%	8%	8%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paw lenty					
Obama	51%	56%	46%	54%	48%
Paw lenty	40%	40%	43%	39%	43%
Undecided	8%	5%	11%	8%	9%





Crosstabs

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Obama	56%	61%	53%	58%	52%
Palin	35%	29%	37%	35%	36%
Undecided	9%	10%	10%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Klobuchar Approval					
Approve	56%	53%	51%	58%	61%
Disapprove	30%	33%	33%	30%	25%
Not Sure	14%	14%	16%	12%	15%

