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Obama leads all comers

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama leads hypothetical contests against four possible 2012 opponents by margins ranging from 4 points to 20.

For the seventh consecutive time PPP has run this poll Mike Huckabee comes the closest to Obama of the GOP hopefuls. He trails the President 47-43. Speaking to the current weakness of the Republican field Huckabee is the only GOP contender with a positive net favorability rating and even then it's only +4, at 33/29.

Against the rest of the Republican possibilities Obama leads by margins exceeding what he won against John McCain last fall. The second strongest candidate is Mitt Romney, who trails 48-40.

Sarah Palin continues to be seen unfavorably by more than half of the population. 51% have an unfavorable opinion of her to 36% looking at her favorably and she trails Obama 52-40.

For the first time PPP looked at Tim Pawlenty and he's a blank slate to most of the country, with 72% of respondents saying they have no opinion of him. Reflecting that anonymity he trails Obama by the widest margin, 50-30.

“Barack Obama’s approval rating reflects his performance at the polls last November so it’s no surprise he continues to lead all of his potential Republican opponents,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It’s going to be interesting to see if any of these possible GOP nominees can separate themselves from the field, or if someone beneath the radar right now ends up ascending much as Obama did for the Democrats.”

PPP conducted a national survey of 766 registered voters from October 16th to 19th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.5%. 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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National Survey Results

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

Approve..... 51% *Not Sure*..... 6%
Disapprove..... 43%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....33% *Not Sure*.....38%
Unfavorable29%

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

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 51%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Pawlenty? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 11%
Unfavorable 16%
Not Sure..... 72%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 34%
Not Sure..... 33%

Q6 If the candidates for President next time were Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Huckabee..... 43%
Obama..... 47%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q7 If the candidates for President next time were Sarah Palin and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Sarah Palin, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Palin..... 40%
Obama..... 52%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q8 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Tim Pawlenty and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Tim Pawlenty, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Pawlenty..... 30%
Obama..... 50%
Undecided..... 20%

Q9 If the candidates for President next time were Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mitt Romney, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Romney..... 40%
Obama..... 48%
Not Sure..... 12%





Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Mormon Religion? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 21%
Unfavorable 34%
Not Sure..... 45%

Q11 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 42%
Obama..... 49%
Someone else/don't remember..... 9%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 45%
Conservative..... 39%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q14 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..... 41%
Republican..... 33%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q15 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 8%
White 76%
African American 12%
Other..... 4%

Q16 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..... 15%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 19%

Q17

Northeast..... 26%
South..... 28%
Midwest 29%
West 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	10%	89%	32%
Disapprove	43%	85%	6%	50%
Not Sure	6%	5%	5%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	33%	58%	12%	32%
Unfavorable	29%	14%	43%	20%
Not Sure	38%	28%	46%	48%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	36%	71%	5%	39%
Unfavorable	51%	14%	83%	48%
Not Sure	13%	14%	13%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	11%	17%	5%	20%
Unfavorable	16%	11%	22%	14%
Not Sure	72%	72%	74%	67%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	34%	55%	15%	38%
Unfavorable	34%	19%	47%	28%
Not Sure	33%	26%	38%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	43%	84%	8%	39%
Obama	47%	5%	87%	28%
Not Sure	10%	11%	6%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Palin				
Palin	39%	80%	5%	39%
Obama	53%	10%	93%	34%
Not Sure	8%	10%	2%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Pawlenty				
Pawlenty	30%	65%	2%	22%
Obama	50%	5%	90%	37%
Undecided	20%	30%	8%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Romney	40%	81%	6%	37%
Obama	48%	5%	88%	29%
Not Sure	12%	14%	6%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Mormon Religion				
Favorable	21%	24%	18%	24%
Unfavorable	34%	39%	31%	28%
Not Sure	45%	37%	51%	48%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	90%	64%	18%
Disapprove	43%	7%	31%	73%
Not Sure	6%	2%	5%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	33%	12%	24%	53%
Unfavorable	29%	52%	34%	12%
Not Sure	38%	35%	42%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	36%	7%	22%	65%
Unfavorable	51%	84%	66%	19%
Not Sure	13%	9%	12%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	11%	7%	8%	17%
Unfavorable	16%	29%	19%	9%
Not Sure	72%	65%	73%	74%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	34%	11%	29%	49%
Unfavorable	34%	63%	37%	16%
Not Sure	33%	26%	33%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	43%	9%	29%	73%
Obama	47%	83%	61%	16%
Not Sure	10%	8%	11%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Palin	40%	6%	25%	71%
Obama	52%	90%	66%	20%
Not Sure	8%	4%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Pawlenty				
Pawlenty	30%	5%	20%	54%
Obama	50%	88%	60%	21%
Undecided	20%	7%	20%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Romney	40%	9%	28%	69%
Obama	48%	87%	60%	17%
Not Sure	12%	5%	13%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mormon Religion				
Favorable	21%	18%	19%	25%
Unfavorable	34%	45%	29%	35%
Not Sure	45%	37%	52%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	51%	51%	50%
Disapprove	43%	41%	46%
Not Sure	6%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	33%	32%	34%
Unfavorable	29%	23%	35%
Not Sure	38%	45%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	36%	32%	40%
Unfavorable	51%	54%	47%
Not Sure	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Favorability			
Favorable	11%	7%	16%
Unfavorable	16%	14%	20%
Not Sure	72%	79%	64%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	34%	29%	39%
Unfavorable	34%	32%	35%
Not Sure	33%	38%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	43%	39%	47%
Obama	47%	51%	43%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Palin	40%	37%	42%
Obama	52%	54%	50%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Pawlenty			
Pawlenty	30%	28%	34%
Obama	50%	52%	47%
Undecided	20%	20%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Romney	40%	36%	46%
Obama	48%	50%	46%
Not Sure	12%	15%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mormon Religion			
Favorable	21%	19%	23%
Unfavorable	34%	34%	34%
Not Sure	45%	46%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	84%	13%	46%
Disapprove	43%	12%	82%	44%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	33%	14%	56%	34%
Unfavorable	29%	42%	13%	27%
Not Sure	38%	44%	31%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	36%	9%	72%	34%
Unfavorable	51%	79%	18%	48%
Not Sure	13%	12%	10%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	11%	7%	15%	13%
Unfavorable	16%	23%	9%	17%
Not Sure	72%	70%	76%	70%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	34%	15%	54%	38%
Unfavorable	34%	48%	20%	28%
Not Sure	33%	37%	26%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	43%	15%	79%	40%
Obama	47%	79%	10%	43%
Not Sure	10%	5%	11%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Palin	40%	12%	77%	35%
Obama	52%	86%	15%	47%
Not Sure	8%	2%	8%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Pawlenty				
Pawlenty	30%	8%	59%	29%
Obama	50%	83%	11%	46%
Undecided	20%	9%	30%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Romney	40%	12%	77%	40%
Obama	48%	82%	10%	41%
Not Sure	12%	6%	13%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Mormon Religion				
Favorable	21%	16%	26%	23%
Unfavorable	34%	34%	38%	29%
Not Sure	45%	50%	36%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	51%	52%	43%	89%	74%
Disapprove	43%	40%	51%	4%	15%
Not Sure	6%	8%	5%	7%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	33%	38%	38%	6%	18%
Unfavorable	29%	21%	27%	41%	39%
Not Sure	38%	41%	35%	53%	43%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	36%	40%	42%	4%	10%
Unfavorable	51%	39%	48%	73%	65%
Not Sure	13%	21%	10%	23%	24%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Pawlenty Favorability					
Favorable	11%	14%	12%	6%	10%
Unfavorable	16%	13%	17%	21%	9%
Not Sure	72%	72%	72%	73%	81%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	34%	34%	38%	9%	22%
Unfavorable	34%	26%	34%	41%	30%
Not Sure	33%	40%	28%	51%	47%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	43%	41%	49%	10%	22%
Obama	47%	56%	39%	85%	73%
Not Sure	10%	3%	12%	5%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Palin					
Palin	40%	44%	46%	5%	12%
Obama	52%	56%	44%	92%	83%
Not Sure	8%	-	10%	3%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Pawlenty					
Pawlenty	30%	31%	36%	3%	8%
Obama	50%	58%	41%	93%	77%
Undecided	20%	12%	24%	4%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Romney	40%	40%	47%	5%	19%
Obama	48%	58%	39%	91%	73%
Not Sure	12%	3%	14%	4%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Mormon Religion					
Favorable	21%	26%	21%	20%	15%
Unfavorable	34%	32%	36%	25%	33%
Not Sure	45%	43%	43%	55%	52%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	51%	52%	56%	49%	48%
Disapprove	43%	37%	41%	46%	44%
Not Sure	6%	11%	3%	5%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	33%	31%	28%	35%	37%
Unfavorable	29%	28%	30%	31%	22%
Not Sure	38%	41%	42%	34%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	36%	33%	34%	35%	41%
Unfavorable	51%	43%	52%	54%	49%
Not Sure	13%	24%	14%	11%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pawlenty Favorability					
Favorable	11%	9%	10%	11%	16%
Unfavorable	16%	11%	15%	19%	18%
Not Sure	72%	80%	75%	71%	67%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	34%	31%	31%	32%	44%
Unfavorable	34%	20%	33%	40%	32%
Not Sure	33%	48%	36%	29%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	43%	43%	43%	43%	42%
Obama	47%	50%	48%	47%	44%
Not Sure	10%	7%	9%	10%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Palin	40%	43%	37%	39%	41%
Obama	52%	54%	54%	53%	50%
Not Sure	8%	4%	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paw lenty					
Paw lenty	30%	31%	25%	31%	34%
Obama	50%	54%	54%	47%	46%
Undecided	20%	15%	21%	21%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Romney	40%	44%	37%	40%	43%
Obama	48%	46%	50%	48%	45%
Not Sure	12%	9%	13%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mormon Religion					
Favorable	21%	21%	20%	20%	24%
Unfavorable	34%	43%	38%	32%	28%
Not Sure	45%	36%	42%	48%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Approval					
Approve	51%	56%	44%	48%	58%
Disapprove	43%	37%	51%	47%	35%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	33%	27%	40%	36%	27%
Unfavorable	29%	29%	29%	27%	30%
Not Sure	38%	45%	31%	37%	43%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	36%	33%	44%	34%	31%
Unfavorable	51%	53%	43%	52%	58%
Not Sure	13%	15%	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Pawlenty Favorability					
Favorable	11%	13%	12%	10%	10%
Unfavorable	16%	19%	16%	17%	13%
Not Sure	72%	68%	72%	73%	78%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	34%	32%	37%	32%	35%
Unfavorable	34%	38%	31%	31%	34%
Not Sure	33%	30%	32%	37%	31%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	43%	39%	48%	44%	37%
Obama	47%	52%	37%	47%	57%
Not Sure	10%	9%	15%	10%	6%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama/Palin					
Palin	40%	38%	46%	38%	35%
Obama	52%	54%	45%	55%	58%
Not Sure	8%	8%	9%	7%	7%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama/Pawlenty					
Pawlenty	30%	25%	36%	31%	29%
Obama	50%	54%	42%	49%	56%
Undecided	20%	20%	22%	21%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama/Romney					
Romney	40%	38%	47%	38%	38%
Obama	48%	50%	41%	47%	56%
Not Sure	12%	12%	12%	15%	6%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Mormon Religion					
Favorable	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%
Unfavorable	34%	29%	35%	34%	41%
Not Sure	45%	50%	44%	45%	39%

