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Obama leads Republican hopefuls

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s newest survey finds that while Barack Obama’s approval rating may be declining a little bit he’s still a lot better regarded than any of his most mentioned possible 2012 opponents.

Obama’s approval rating nationally is 53%, down a little bit from 55% a month ago. His numbers continue to be very polarized along party lines, with 82% of Democrats but only 18% of Republicans giving him good reviews.

PPP looked at the national standing of four prominent Republicans: New Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney. Huckabee is the most popular of the bunch, with 42% of Americans viewing him favorably compared to 34% with a negative opinion. Romney is also in positive territory, at 40/35.

Palin and Gingrich are not particularly popular, with the Alaska Governor’s numbers at 42/49 and Gingrich’s at 36/44. Palin has especially poor numbers with women.

Obama leads all four in hypothetical 2012 contests by solid margins. The lead ranges from seven points over Huckabee to 13 over Gingrich with Romney at 11 points and Palin at 12 points.

“Barack Obama might not have the same overwhelming approval rating he did in the earlier days of his administration,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But he’s certainly still more popular than any of the major Republican figures in the country.”

PPP will conduct a similar poll to this on a monthly basis for tracking purposes.

PPP conducted a national survey of 686 voters from April 17th to 19th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.7%. 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.



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..... 53% *Not Sure*..... 6%
Disapprove..... 41%

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

Favorable.....36% *Not Sure*.....20%
Unfavorable44%

Q3 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.....42% *Not Sure*.....24%
Unfavorable34%

Q4 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..... 42%
Unfavorable 49%
Not Sure..... 9%

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..... 40%
Unfavorable 35%
Not Sure..... 24%

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

Gingrich 39%
Obama 52%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q7 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..... 42%
Obama 49%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q8 If the candidates for President next time were Barack Obama and Sarah Palin, who would you vote for? If Barack Obama, press 1. If Sarah Palin, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Obama 53%
Palin..... 41%
Not Sure..... 6%

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

Obama 50%
Romney 39%
Not Sure..... 11%





Q10 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 45%
Conservative..... 41%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q12 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 40%
Republican..... 33%
Independent/Other..... 27%

Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 10%
White 72%
African American 13%
Other..... 5%

Q14 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..... 27%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	84%	68%	26%
Disapprove	41%	12%	26%	67%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	36%	13%	23%	59%
Unfavorable	44%	68%	60%	18%
Not Sure	20%	19%	17%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	42%	21%	36%	56%
Unfavorable	34%	57%	41%	18%
Not Sure	24%	22%	23%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	19%	28%	67%
Unfavorable	49%	77%	67%	20%
Not Sure	9%	4%	5%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	22%	34%	54%
Unfavorable	35%	54%	44%	19%
Not Sure	24%	23%	22%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich/Obama				
Gingrich	39%	7%	23%	67%
Obama	52%	81%	69%	23%
Not Sure	9%	12%	8%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	42%	13%	26%	69%
Obama	49%	81%	65%	21%
Not Sure	9%	6%	9%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Obama	53%	85%	65%	29%
Palin	41%	12%	30%	63%
Not Sure	6%	2%	5%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Obama	50%	85%	63%	25%
Romney	39%	7%	26%	63%
Not Sure	11%	8%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	53%	57%	50%
Disapprove	41%	37%	45%
Not Sure	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	36%	29%	44%
Unfavorable	44%	45%	44%
Not Sure	20%	26%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	42%	37%	47%
Unfavorable	34%	32%	36%
Not Sure	24%	31%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	42%	39%	46%
Unfavorable	49%	49%	49%
Not Sure	9%	11%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	40%	36%	45%
Unfavorable	35%	32%	39%
Not Sure	24%	32%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich/Obama			
Gingrich	39%	33%	44%
Obama	52%	56%	48%
Not Sure	9%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	42%	37%	47%
Obama	49%	52%	46%
Not Sure	9%	11%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Obama	53%	56%	49%
Palin	41%	36%	47%
Not Sure	6%	8%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Obama	50%	52%	49%
Romney	39%	34%	44%
Not Sure	11%	14%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	82%	18%	54%
Disapprove	41%	13%	77%	38%
Not Sure	6%	4%	6%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	36%	15%	64%	34%
Unfavorable	44%	63%	20%	46%
Not Sure	20%	22%	16%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	42%	25%	67%	37%
Unfavorable	34%	45%	18%	36%
Not Sure	24%	30%	15%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	18%	76%	38%
Unfavorable	49%	73%	18%	51%
Not Sure	9%	9%	6%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	27%	60%	36%
Unfavorable	35%	45%	21%	39%
Not Sure	24%	28%	19%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich/Obama				
Gingrich	39%	10%	75%	38%
Obama	52%	81%	14%	54%
Not Sure	9%	9%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	42%	17%	77%	37%
Obama	49%	77%	13%	53%
Not Sure	9%	6%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Obama	53%	81%	21%	51%
Palin	41%	15%	71%	44%
Not Sure	6%	4%	8%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Obama	50%	77%	16%	52%
Romney	39%	14%	71%	35%
Not Sure	11%	9%	12%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	53%	62%	46%	91%	49%
Disapprove	41%	33%	48%	9%	41%
Not Sure	6%	5%	6%	-	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	36%	43%	39%	9%	49%
Unfavorable	44%	33%	43%	61%	38%
Not Sure	20%	24%	17%	30%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	42%	29%	46%	30%	46%
Unfavorable	34%	43%	33%	33%	32%
Not Sure	24%	29%	21%	36%	22%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	42%	48%	48%	12%	35%
Unfavorable	49%	38%	46%	76%	54%
Not Sure	9%	14%	7%	12%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	33%	43%	30%	43%
Unfavorable	35%	29%	36%	33%	38%
Not Sure	24%	38%	21%	36%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Gingrich/Obama					
Gingrich	39%	29%	45%	9%	43%
Obama	52%	62%	45%	82%	54%
Not Sure	9%	10%	10%	9%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	42%	33%	47%	18%	41%
Obama	49%	62%	42%	76%	57%
Not Sure	9%	5%	10%	6%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Palin					
Obama	53%	71%	45%	79%	59%
Palin	41%	24%	48%	18%	38%
Not Sure	6%	5%	7%	3%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Obama	50%	62%	44%	73%	57%
Romney	39%	29%	43%	18%	43%
Not Sure	11%	10%	12%	9%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	53%	56%	51%	53%	55%
Disapprove	41%	38%	46%	39%	40%
Not Sure	6%	7%	3%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	36%	35%	38%	35%	37%
Unfavorable	44%	31%	43%	47%	51%
Not Sure	20%	34%	19%	18%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	42%	42%	40%	40%	48%
Unfavorable	34%	31%	35%	37%	29%
Not Sure	24%	27%	24%	23%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	42%	36%	45%	43%	43%
Unfavorable	49%	50%	48%	49%	51%
Not Sure	9%	14%	6%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	39%	42%	41%	39%
Unfavorable	35%	37%	35%	33%	40%
Not Sure	24%	24%	23%	27%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich/Obama					
Gingrich	39%	34%	40%	39%	40%
Obama	52%	60%	48%	52%	51%
Not Sure	9%	6%	11%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	42%	40%	46%	40%	41%
Obama	49%	55%	44%	52%	49%
Not Sure	9%	5%	10%	9%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Obama	53%	59%	48%	53%	56%
Palin	41%	39%	46%	40%	38%
Not Sure	6%	2%	6%	8%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Obama	50%	51%	46%	53%	50%
Romney	39%	41%	41%	36%	39%
Not Sure	11%	8%	13%	11%	11%

