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Obama Continues Solid Standing Looking Forward

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama’s approval rating in Public Policy Polling’s national survey this month is at 55%, a showing pretty consistent with the 53% he had in April and the 55% he received in March.

The themes in public perception of him continue to be pretty clear: Democrats pretty universally like him, Republicans pretty universally dislike him, and his standing with independents pretty much splits the difference. 84% of Democrats but only 19% of Republicans approve of the job he’s doing, with the independents going 55/38, nearly identical to his overall national numbers of 55/36.

Looking toward 2012, none of the most mentioned potential Republican contenders are finding a lot of momentum. In hypothetical contests Obama leads Mike Huckabee 52-39, Newt Gingrich 53-36, Mitt Romney 53-35, and Sarah Palin 56-37.

In addition to coming closest to Obama in the horse race, Huckabee also has the best favorability rating among the quartet of potential GOP hopefuls. 44% have a positive opinion of him, followed by 42% for Sarah Palin, 40% for Mitt Romney, and 30% for Newt Gingrich.

“Barack Obama’s approval rating continues to exceed the level of support he received at the polls in November, a good sign for him given the poor economy,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “As for the Republicans, they’ve all spent a fair amount of time in the national spotlight but none of them seem to have really caught on with the public.”

This is the second iteration of what will be monthly surveys for PPP on this topic.

PPP conducted a national survey of 1,000 voters from May 14th to 18th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.1%. 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..... 55% *Not Sure*..... 8%
Disapprove..... 38%

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.....30% *Not Sure*.....23%
Unfavorable47%

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.....44% *Not Sure*.....24%
Unfavorable32%

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 50%
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 36%
Not Sure..... 23%

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 36%
Obama 53%
Not Sure..... 11%

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..... 39%
Obama 52%
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 56%
Palin..... 37%
Not Sure..... 7%

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 53%
Romney 35%
Not Sure..... 12%





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..... 47%
Conservative..... 38%

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

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

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..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 26%

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

Hispanic..... 9%
White 74%
African American 12%
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..... 16%
30 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 39%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	55%	87%	69%	24%
Disapprove	38%	5%	23%	69%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	30%	5%	21%	51%
Unfavorable	47%	78%	58%	22%
Not Sure	23%	18%	21%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	44%	17%	40%	60%
Unfavorable	32%	52%	36%	19%
Not Sure	24%	31%	23%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	5%	29%	73%
Unfavorable	50%	88%	64%	17%
Not Sure	9%	7%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	9%	35%	59%
Unfavorable	36%	67%	42%	18%
Not Sure	23%	24%	23%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich/Obama				
Gingrich	36%	2%	22%	65%
Obama	53%	92%	67%	21%
Not Sure	11%	6%	11%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	39%	4%	25%	70%
Obama	52%	86%	66%	21%
Not Sure	9%	10%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Obama	56%	86%	71%	25%
Palin	37%	13%	22%	67%
Not Sure	7%	1%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Obama	53%	92%	64%	24%
Romney	35%	6%	24%	59%
Not Sure	12%	2%	12%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	55%	58%	51%
Disapprove	38%	35%	41%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	30%	28%	33%
Unfavorable	47%	47%	48%
Not Sure	23%	25%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	44%	43%	45%
Unfavorable	32%	32%	33%
Not Sure	24%	25%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	42%	36%	48%
Unfavorable	50%	53%	46%
Not Sure	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	40%	36%	45%
Unfavorable	36%	38%	34%
Not Sure	23%	25%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich/Obama			
Gingrich	36%	32%	40%
Obama	53%	56%	50%
Not Sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	39%	36%	41%
Obama	52%	54%	50%
Not Sure	9%	10%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Obama	56%	58%	53%
Palin	37%	34%	41%
Not Sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Obama	53%	56%	49%
Romney	35%	31%	38%
Not Sure	12%	13%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	55%	84%	19%	55%
Disapprove	38%	11%	71%	36%
Not Sure	8%	6%	9%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	30%	10%	57%	27%
Unfavorable	47%	67%	19%	53%
Not Sure	23%	23%	23%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	44%	27%	64%	44%
Unfavorable	32%	40%	20%	36%
Not Sure	24%	33%	15%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	17%	76%	34%
Unfavorable	50%	74%	15%	58%
Not Sure	9%	9%	9%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	20%	67%	37%
Unfavorable	36%	49%	17%	42%
Not Sure	23%	30%	16%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich/Obama				
Gingrich	36%	8%	73%	31%
Obama	53%	84%	16%	54%
Not Sure	11%	9%	11%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	39%	12%	74%	35%
Obama	52%	81%	15%	55%
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Obama	56%	83%	27%	52%
Palin	37%	14%	65%	37%
Not Sure	7%	3%	8%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Obama	53%	81%	18%	55%
Romney	35%	11%	66%	30%
Not Sure	12%	8%	15%	16%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	55%	61%	48%	91%	52%
Disapprove	38%	22%	45%	6%	36%
Not Sure	8%	17%	7%	3%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	30%	17%	36%	9%	24%
Unfavorable	47%	56%	45%	58%	45%
Not Sure	23%	28%	20%	33%	30%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	44%	28%	49%	27%	45%
Unfavorable	32%	39%	32%	27%	36%
Not Sure	24%	33%	19%	45%	18%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	42%	44%	46%	12%	42%
Unfavorable	50%	39%	47%	76%	52%
Not Sure	9%	17%	7%	12%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	28%	46%	15%	36%
Unfavorable	36%	33%	35%	45%	39%
Not Sure	23%	39%	19%	39%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Gingrich/Obama					
Gingrich	36%	11%	44%	3%	34%
Obama	53%	56%	47%	94%	47%
Not Sure	11%	33%	9%	3%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	39%	33%	45%	9%	33%
Obama	52%	56%	46%	88%	52%
Not Sure	9%	11%	10%	3%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Palin					
Obama	56%	39%	52%	97%	48%
Palin	37%	50%	41%	3%	42%
Not Sure	7%	11%	7%	-	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Obama	53%	61%	45%	94%	58%
Romney	35%	17%	42%	3%	27%
Not Sure	12%	22%	13%	3%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	55%	50%	58%	57%	49%
Disapprove	38%	38%	34%	40%	40%
Not Sure	8%	13%	9%	4%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	30%	23%	27%	29%	45%
Unfavorable	47%	42%	50%	49%	43%
Not Sure	23%	36%	23%	22%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	44%	42%	44%	40%	55%
Unfavorable	32%	42%	31%	33%	23%
Not Sure	24%	16%	25%	26%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	42%	48%	33%	43%	47%
Unfavorable	50%	39%	61%	50%	41%
Not Sure	9%	13%	6%	8%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	34%	35%	40%	55%
Unfavorable	36%	35%	46%	35%	26%
Not Sure	23%	31%	19%	25%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich/Obama					
Gingrich	36%	25%	32%	40%	41%
Obama	53%	52%	59%	52%	47%
Not Sure	11%	23%	9%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	39%	39%	35%	38%	45%
Obama	52%	54%	55%	51%	48%
Not Sure	9%	7%	10%	11%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Obama	56%	48%	64%	56%	51%
Palin	37%	42%	30%	40%	38%
Not Sure	7%	10%	6%	5%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Obama	53%	56%	58%	52%	45%
Romney	35%	30%	30%	37%	40%
Not Sure	12%	14%	12%	11%	15%

