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Obama trounces all but Romney in MI

Raleigh, N.C. – In Michigan, native son Mitt Romney is the only of the four GOP presidential frontrunners who currently threatens Obama’s chances of winning that state again in 2012. The same was true in results PPP released last week in Romney’s adopted home state of Massachusetts. Here, the president tops the others by 12-21 points, but edges Romney by only four.

Obama won the state by almost 17 points with a heavily Democratic turnout two years ago, but here he even dominates in an electorate in which Democrats and Republicans are in equal proportion, at 35% each. He routs Sarah Palin, 56-35; Newt Gingrich, 52-37; and Mike Huckabee, 51-39. In an interesting test of a race that will not happen, Obama also beats popular incoming governor Rick Snyder, who himself scored an easy victory last month, 49-38. But Romney trails only 43-47.

Obama’s formula for success is locking up Democrats, getting more crossover support than the Republicans do, and beating all the Republicans but Romney by double digits with independents, who make up 30% of the voters, more than in many states. He takes unaffiliated voters over Palin by a whopping 36-point margin, and by 27 over Gingrich and 21 over Huckabee. Against Romney, though, the story of that close contest is the two dividing the independent vote, with an insignificant 42-41 edge for Obama. Romney also does a better job with the GOP base than the others.

The president does this well despite only a bare majority approving of his job performance, and 45% still disapproving. But he is, by comparison, considerably more popular than most of the Republicans. Of the four who will likely join the race for the White House, Romney’s tepid 39-37 favorability rating looks golden next to Palin’s 34-60, Gingrich’s 28-50, and even Huckabee’s 37-40. Snyder is actually by far the most popular of all six candidates, at 48-26.

“Michigan, like much of the Midwest, was tough territory for Democrats in 2010. But it looks like President Obama will once again easily win the state by regaining the favor of independents who had abandoned his party—unless Mitt Romney is his opponent,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,224 Michigan voters from December 3rd to 6th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 23%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 40%
Not sure 24%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 60%
Not sure 6%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 37%
Not sure 24%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Snyder?

Favorable..... 48%
Unfavorable 26%
Not sure 26%

Q7 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 52%
Newt Gingrich 37%
Undecided..... 12%

Q8 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mike Huckabee, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Mike Huckabee 39%
Undecided..... 10%

Q9 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?

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

Q10 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 47%
Mitt Romney..... 43%
Undecided..... 10%

Q11 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Rick Snyder, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Rick Snyder 38%
Undecided..... 14%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 45%
Conservative..... 38%

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

Woman 49%
Man..... 51%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 35%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 29%

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

White 82%
African-American 14%
Other..... 4%

Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 7%
30 to 45..... 31%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	50%	88%	64%	16%
Disapprove	45%	5%	31%	80%
Not sure	5%	7%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	28%	7%	17%	50%
Unfavorable	50%	78%	60%	25%
Not sure	23%	15%	24%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	37%	16%	21%	65%
Unfavorable	40%	65%	48%	18%
Not sure	24%	19%	31%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	34%	13%	17%	65%
Unfavorable	60%	86%	79%	24%
Not sure	6%	1%	4%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	39%	16%	31%	60%
Unfavorable	37%	66%	39%	21%
Not sure	24%	18%	30%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Snyder Favorability				
Favorable	48%	23%	48%	59%
Unfavorable	26%	52%	26%	16%
Not sure	26%	26%	26%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	52%	92%	65%	17%
Newt Gingrich	37%	6%	20%	71%
Undecided	12%	2%	14%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	51%	92%	67%	15%
Mike Huckabee	39%	7%	20%	76%
Undecided	10%	1%	14%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	56%	94%	72%	18%
Sarah Palin	35%	5%	17%	71%
Undecided	9%	1%	11%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	47%	87%	59%	15%
Mitt Romney	43%	10%	29%	75%
Undecided	10%	2%	12%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Snyder				
Barack Obama	49%	91%	61%	15%
Rick Snyder	38%	6%	22%	71%
Undecided	14%	3%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	50%	56%	44%
Disapprove	45%	39%	51%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	28%	21%	34%
Unfavorable	50%	46%	54%
Not sure	23%	33%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	37%	34%	39%
Unfavorable	40%	35%	44%
Not sure	24%	30%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	34%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	60%	62%	57%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	39%	33%	46%
Unfavorable	37%	32%	41%
Not sure	24%	35%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Snyder Favorability			
Favorable	47%	42%	53%
Unfavorable	27%	26%	28%
Not sure	26%	32%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	52%	59%	45%
Newt Gingrich	36%	29%	43%
Undecided	12%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Huckabee			
Barack Obama	52%	59%	44%
Mike Huckabee	39%	33%	44%
Undecided	10%	8%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Barack Obama	56%	61%	50%
Sarah Palin	35%	31%	39%
Undecided	9%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	47%	52%	42%
Mitt Romney	43%	36%	50%
Undecided	10%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Snyder			
Barack Obama	49%	54%	44%
Rick Snyder	38%	32%	43%
Undecided	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	50%	90%	13%	47%
Disapprove	45%	7%	85%	44%
Not sure	5%	3%	3%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	28%	6%	57%	20%
Unfavorable	50%	71%	19%	59%
Not sure	23%	23%	23%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	37%	14%	66%	29%
Unfavorable	40%	58%	18%	43%
Not sure	24%	28%	15%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	34%	10%	65%	28%
Unfavorable	60%	88%	24%	68%
Not sure	6%	2%	11%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	39%	14%	63%	43%
Unfavorable	37%	55%	21%	34%
Not sure	24%	31%	17%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Snyder Favorability				
Favorable	48%	24%	68%	52%
Unfavorable	26%	47%	7%	24%
Not sure	26%	29%	25%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	52%	91%	9%	55%
Newt Gingrich	37%	7%	74%	28%
Undecided	12%	2%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	51%	91%	10%	52%
Mike Huckabee	39%	7%	79%	31%
Undecided	10%	3%	11%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	56%	91%	14%	62%
Sarah Palin	35%	5%	72%	26%
Undecided	9%	4%	14%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	47%	87%	10%	42%
Mitt Romney	43%	7%	82%	41%
Undecided	10%	6%	7%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Snyder				
Barack Obama	49%	88%	11%	46%
Rick Snyder	38%	5%	72%	35%
Undecided	14%	7%	16%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	50%	42%	91%	68%
Disapprove	45%	53%	5%	32%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	28%	31%	14%	11%
Unfavorable	50%	50%	43%	68%
Not sure	23%	19%	43%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	37%	40%	24%	16%
Unfavorable	40%	38%	52%	42%
Not sure	24%	23%	24%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	34%	38%	14%	26%
Unfavorable	60%	56%	81%	68%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	39%	44%	14%	21%
Unfavorable	37%	36%	43%	37%
Not sure	24%	20%	43%	42%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Snyder Favorability				
Favorable	48%	53%	19%	37%
Unfavorable	26%	21%	52%	53%
Not sure	26%	26%	29%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	52%	45%	82%	74%
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Undecided	12%	13%	5%	11%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
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Barack Obama	51%	45%	86%	63%
Mike Huckabee	39%	44%	10%	26%
Undecided	10%	11%	5%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	56%	49%	90%	74%
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Undecided	9%	11%	5%	-

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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Snyder				
Barack Obama	49%	42%	86%	63%
Rick Snyder	38%	43%	9%	16%
Undecided	14%	15%	5%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	50%	55%	53%	48%	47%
Disapprove	45%	37%	42%	49%	47%
Not sure	5%	8%	5%	3%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	28%	14%	25%	30%	32%
Unfavorable	50%	60%	50%	47%	53%
Not sure	23%	25%	26%	23%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	37%	17%	32%	40%	44%
Unfavorable	40%	46%	47%	39%	28%
Not sure	24%	37%	21%	21%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	34%	23%	29%	41%	32%
Unfavorable	60%	66%	64%	56%	58%
Not sure	6%	11%	6%	3%	10%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	39%	40%	34%	41%	45%
Unfavorable	37%	40%	36%	38%	34%
Not sure	24%	20%	30%	21%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Snyder Favorability					
Favorable	48%	43%	47%	44%	58%
Unfavorable	26%	20%	32%	26%	20%
Not sure	26%	38%	20%	30%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	52%	55%	55%	51%	47%
Newt Gingrich	37%	28%	36%	38%	39%
Undecided	12%	17%	8%	12%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Huckabee					
Barack Obama	51%	53%	53%	51%	49%
Mike Huckabee	39%	38%	37%	39%	44%
Undecided	10%	9%	10%	10%	8%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Barack Obama	56%	63%	60%	53%	52%
Sarah Palin	35%	28%	34%	37%	36%
Undecided	9%	8%	7%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	47%	52%	51%	45%	43%
Mitt Romney	43%	34%	41%	44%	50%
Undecided	10%	14%	8%	11%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Snyder					
Barack Obama	49%	59%	53%	47%	43%
Rick Snyder	38%	29%	38%	36%	43%
Undecided	14%	12%	9%	17%	14%

