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Minn. GOP wants Bachmann for Sen., Pawlenty for Pres.

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite getting no love from the state’s at-large electorate against President Obama in PPP’s Wednesday release, outgoing Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty is the slim favorite of his own party faithful to get the state’s Republican National Convention delegates. In the race to take on popular Senator Amy Klobuchar, however, he does less well despite coming closest to beating Klobuchar in Tuesday’s look at the general election. Instead, newly empowered Congresswoman Michele Bachman is overwhelmingly the darling of hardcore GOP voters.

Bachmann pulls 36% support from usual GOP primary voters, with a wide margin over Pawlenty’s 20%, Norm Coleman’s 14%, and a host of prospective contenders bunched in single digits: 8th-District Congressman-elect Chip Cravaack at 7%, Tom Emmer at 6%, 2nd-District Congressman John Kline at 5%, state legislator Laura Brod at 4%, and Erik Paulsen at 2%, with 6% undecided or favoring someone else. Pawlenty trails Klobuchar by only ten points, versus Bachmann’s 18 and Coleman’s 14.

There is a huge ideological divide at play. Bachmann, founder of the Congressional Tea Party Caucus, gets a whopping 42% from the conservative supermajority, which makes up almost three-quarters of the electorate. That puts her far ahead of second-place Pawlenty’s 19%. But the governor is more narrowly ahead with moderates at 26% to Coleman’s and Bachmann’s 18%.

In the White House contest, Pawlenty earns 24% of the votes to Sarah Palin’s 17%, Mike Huckabee’s 15%, Mitt Romney’s 13%, Newt Gingrich’s 11%, and Ron Paul at 9%-- about as close as can be. John Thune pulls 3% and Mitch Daniels 2%. The ideological difference here is smaller—Pawlenty does equally well with moderates and conservatives, but Romney gets 20% of moderates over 11% of conservatives, and Palin gets 20% of conservatives over only 7% of moderates.

“So far, Minnesota is the only state where we have found Tim Pawlenty topping the GOP presidential contenders, and the next two contenders are within the margin of error of the lead,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “In the Senate race, Amy Klobuchar should be praying that the GOP rallies behind Michele Bachmann.”

PPP surveyed 387 usual Minnesota Republican primary voters on December 4th and 5th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-5.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 55%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 23%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 63%
Unfavorable 19%
Not sure 18%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 68%
Unfavorable 23%
Not sure 9%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 24%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tim Pawlenty's job performance?

Approve 80%
Disapprove..... 14%
Not sure 6%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable..... 74%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 12%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Norm Coleman?

Favorable..... 69%
Unfavorable 13%
Not sure 17%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Emmer?

Favorable..... 73%
Unfavorable 12%
Not sure 14%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Erik Paulsen?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 9%
Not sure 55%

Q10 Do you usually vote in Democratic or Republican primaries, or do you not usually vote in primaries?

Democratic primaries..... 0%
Republican primaries 100%
Don't usually vote in primaries 0%





Q11 Between Michele Bachmann, Laura Brod, Norm Coleman, Chip Cravaack, Tom Emmer, John Kline, Tim Pawlenty, and Erik Paulsen who would you most like to see as the Republican Senate nominee in 2012?

<i>Michele Bachmann</i>	36%
<i>Laura Brod</i>	4%
<i>Norm Coleman</i>	14%
<i>Chip Cravaack</i>	7%
<i>Tom Emmer</i>	6%
<i>John Kline</i>	5%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	20%
<i>Erik Paulsen</i>	2%
<i>Someone else/Not sure</i>	6%

Q12 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, and John Thune who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	2%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	11%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	15%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	17%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	9%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	24%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	13%
<i>John Thune</i>	3%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	6%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	1%
<i>Moderate</i>	25%
<i>Conservative</i>	74%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	46%
<i>Man</i>	54%

Q15 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	7%
<i>30 to 45</i>	27%
<i>46 to 65</i>	43%
<i>Older than 65</i>	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	55%	42%	34%	62%
Unfavorable	22%	29%	39%	17%
Not sure	23%	29%	27%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	63%	-	43%	71%
Unfavorable	19%	71%	28%	14%
Not sure	18%	29%	29%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	68%	71%	47%	75%
Unfavorable	23%	29%	43%	16%
Not sure	9%	-	10%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	54%	29%	50%	56%
Unfavorable	22%	29%	25%	20%
Not sure	24%	42%	25%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	80%	-	66%	85%
Disapprove	14%	100%	30%	8%
Not sure	6%	-	4%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	74%	42%	51%	83%
Unfavorable	14%	58%	32%	7%
Not sure	12%	-	17%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Coleman Favorability				
Favorable	69%	42%	62%	72%
Unfavorable	13%	58%	22%	10%
Not sure	17%	-	17%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Emmer Favorability				
Favorable	73%	42%	56%	80%
Unfavorable	12%	29%	20%	9%
Not sure	14%	29%	23%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Paulsen Favorability				
Favorable	36%	-	30%	39%
Unfavorable	9%	29%	16%	7%
Not sure	55%	71%	54%	55%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Primary Party				
Republican primaries	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Michele Bachmann	36%	42%	18%	42%
Laura Brod	4%	29%	6%	2%
Norm Coleman	14%	-	18%	14%
Chip Cravaack	7%	-	6%	8%
Tom Emmer	6%	29%	7%	5%
John Kline	5%	-	6%	5%
Tim Pawlenty	20%	-	26%	19%
Erik Paulsen	2%	-	4%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	-	10%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Mitch Daniels	2%	-	2%	2%
Newt Gingrich	11%	-	11%	11%
Mike Huckabee	15%	-	15%	15%
Sarah Palin	17%	100%	7%	20%
Ron Paul	9%	-	10%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	24%	-	24%	24%
Mitt Romney	13%	-	20%	11%
John Thune	3%	-	2%	3%
Someone else/Undecided	6%	-	8%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	55%	51%	58%
Unfavorable	22%	23%	22%
Not sure	23%	26%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	63%	63%	64%
Unfavorable	19%	14%	22%
Not sure	18%	23%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	68%	68%	68%
Unfavorable	23%	22%	24%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	54%	55%	53%
Unfavorable	22%	17%	26%
Not sure	24%	28%	21%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Approval			
Approve	80%	77%	81%
Disapprove	14%	15%	14%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	74%	72%	76%
Unfavorable	14%	13%	15%
Not sure	12%	15%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coleman Favorability			
Favorable	69%	68%	70%
Unfavorable	13%	8%	18%
Not sure	17%	24%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Emmer Favorability			
Favorable	73%	73%	74%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	13%
Not sure	14%	16%	13%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paulsen Favorability			
Favorable	36%	30%	41%
Unfavorable	9%	7%	12%
Not sure	55%	64%	47%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Primary Party			
Republican primaries	100%	100%	100%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Michele Bachmann	36%	34%	37%
Laura Brod	4%	3%	4%
Norm Coleman	14%	15%	13%
Chip Cravaack	7%	9%	6%
Tom Emmer	6%	6%	5%
John Kline	5%	3%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	20%	15%	24%
Erik Paulsen	2%	2%	2%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	11%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Mitch Daniels	2%	3%	2%
Newt Gingrich	11%	8%	13%
Mike Huckabee	15%	16%	15%
Sarah Palin	17%	15%	19%
Ron Paul	9%	5%	12%
Tim Pawlenty	24%	23%	24%
Mitt Romney	13%	17%	10%
John Thune	3%	3%	2%
Someone else/Undecided	6%	10%	3%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	55%	42%	42%	63%	60%
Unfavorable	22%	25%	34%	18%	16%
Not sure	23%	33%	24%	19%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	63%	50%	56%	69%	66%
Unfavorable	19%	42%	25%	12%	15%
Not sure	18%	8%	19%	19%	19%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	68%	75%	64%	67%	71%
Unfavorable	23%	17%	29%	22%	18%
Not sure	9%	8%	7%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	54%	50%	47%	55%	62%
Unfavorable	22%	25%	32%	19%	13%
Not sure	24%	25%	20%	26%	25%





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Pawlenty Approval					
Approve	80%	83%	78%	79%	81%
Disapprove	14%	8%	17%	15%	12%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%	6%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	74%	75%	69%	76%	78%
Unfavorable	14%	8%	14%	16%	11%
Not sure	12%	17%	17%	8%	11%

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Coleman Favorability					
Favorable	69%	75%	63%	73%	70%
Unfavorable	13%	17%	19%	10%	12%
Not sure	17%	8%	19%	17%	18%

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Emmer Favorability					
Favorable	73%	75%	80%	70%	73%
Unfavorable	12%	17%	12%	13%	10%
Not sure	14%	8%	8%	18%	17%





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Favorable	36%	50%	34%	34%	37%
Unfavorable	9%	-	8%	11%	10%
Not sure	55%	50%	58%	54%	53%

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Primary Party					
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2012 GOP Sen Primary					
Michele Bachmann	36%	50%	34%	34%	37%
Laura Brod	4%	-	8%	1%	3%
Norm Coleman	14%	8%	14%	16%	15%
Chip Cravaack	7%	-	12%	7%	5%
Tom Enmer	6%	-	5%	6%	7%
John Kline	5%	17%	8%	2%	2%
Tim Pawlenty	20%	8%	15%	26%	19%
Erik Paulsen	2%	8%	-	1%	3%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	8%	3%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary					
Mitch Daniels	2%	-	2%	2%	3%
New t Gingrich	11%	17%	7%	12%	11%
Mike Huckabee	15%	8%	20%	14%	13%
Sarah Palin	17%	8%	19%	18%	18%
Ron Paul	9%	17%	12%	7%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	24%	25%	22%	27%	18%
Mitt Romney	13%	17%	12%	10%	18%
John Thune	3%	-	5%	3%	1%
Someone else/Undecided	6%	8%	2%	6%	12%

