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Obama leads Newt, Cain, Palin in GA, close behind others

Raleigh, N.C. – There has been speculation that President Obama’s re-election campaign may make a play for the 16 electoral votes of what is now the eighth largest state: Georgia. That may be a smart move, judging by PPP’s latest poll. While no Democrat has won the state since Bill Clinton in 1992, and the party has not won it without a Southerner on the ticket since 1944, Obama lost to John McCain there by only five points. And it now joins Southern neighbors Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia as states where Obama has improved since 2008, according to recent PPP polls.

Obama trails the candidates who are typically his strongest competitors, Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney, by only three points, 48-45 against Huckabee and 46-43 against Romney. What may be the biggest surprise, though, is that Obama actually narrowly leads Georgia natives Newt Gingrich, 46-45, and Herman Cain, 44-39. He also tops Sarah Palin, 48-43.

Georgians are split on Obama’s job performance, with 47% approving and 48% disapproving. But except Huckabee, of whom 48% have a favorable opinion and only a third an unfavorable one, all of Obama’s potential opponents are seen negatively: Romney 37-41, Gingrich 39-47, Cain 28-36, and Palin 35-56.

Not only do Georgians not really like their native sons, but majorities also do not want them to even jump into the race. Only 31% want Gingrich to make a bid, with 50% against it. The split is only 23-52 for Cain. Independents are against the two men’s candidacies by an identical 32-42 margin, and even Republicans are not particularly gung-ho, supporting a Gingrich campaign only 44-33 and a Cain one merely 36-34.

“It probably tells you everything you need to know about the viability of a Newt Gingrich Presidential bid that he’s not even ahead against Barack Obama in Georgia,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “This may be the state Obama lost in 2008 that he has the best chance of flipping next year.”

PPP surveyed 790 Georgia voters from March 31st to April 3rd. 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.](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com)



Georgia Survey Results

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

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 5%

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

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 47%
Not sure 14%

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

Favorable..... 48%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 19%

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

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 56%
Not sure 9%

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

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 41%
Not sure 22%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 36%
Not sure 36%

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

Barack Obama..... 46%
Newt Gingrich 45%
Undecided..... 9%

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

Barack Obama..... 45%
Mike Huckabee 48%
Undecided..... 7%

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

Barack Obama..... 48%
Sarah Palin 43%
Undecided..... 9%

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

Barack Obama..... 43%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Undecided..... 11%

Q11 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Herman Cain, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 44%
Herman Cain..... 39%
Undecided..... 16%





Q12 Do you want Newt Gingrich to run for President next year?

Yes..... 31%
No..... 50%
Not sure..... 19%

Q13 Do you want Herman Cain to run for President next year?

Yes..... 23%
No..... 52%
Not sure..... 25%

Q14 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 47%
Barack Obama..... 42%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 11%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 26%
Somewhat conservative..... 28%
Very conservative..... 20%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 52%
Man..... 48%

Q17 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..... 39%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White..... 65%
African American..... 29%
Other..... 6%

Q19 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..... 18%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	11%	90%	41%
Disapprove	48%	84%	7%	45%
Not sure	5%	5%	3%	14%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	39%	65%	16%	18%
Unfavorable	47%	19%	72%	67%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%	15%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	48%	75%	21%	34%
Unfavorable	33%	13%	56%	30%
Not sure	19%	12%	23%	36%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	35%	60%	6%	40%
Unfavorable	56%	29%	88%	49%
Not sure	9%	11%	5%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	52%	21%	29%
Unfavorable	41%	28%	56%	38%
Not sure	22%	20%	22%	34%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	28%	45%	12%	18%
Unfavorable	36%	22%	51%	37%
Not sure	36%	33%	37%	46%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	46%	10%	89%	40%
Newt Gingrich	45%	82%	7%	32%
Undecided	9%	8%	5%	28%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	45%	9%	90%	31%
Mike Huckabee	48%	85%	7%	44%
Undecided	7%	6%	3%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	48%	11%	94%	36%
Sarah Palin	43%	78%	4%	40%
Undecided	9%	12%	2%	24%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	43%	8%	87%	27%
Mitt Romney	46%	80%	8%	42%
Undecided	11%	12%	5%	31%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	44%	9%	87%	30%
Herman Cain	39%	69%	8%	34%
Undecided	16%	23%	4%	36%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Want Gingrich to Run for Pres?				
Yes	31%	46%	16%	22%
No	50%	30%	74%	45%
Not sure	19%	24%	10%	34%





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	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Want Cain to Run for Pres?				
Yes	23%	35%	10%	26%
No	52%	33%	76%	40%
Not sure	25%	32%	15%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	47%	85%	74%	63%	27%	13%
Disapprove	48%	12%	20%	31%	65%	86%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	6%	9%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	39%	19%	9%	21%	53%	78%
Unfavorable	47%	70%	76%	60%	31%	16%
Not sure	14%	11%	14%	19%	17%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Huckabee Favorability						
Favorable	48%	22%	26%	29%	63%	81%
Unfavorable	33%	60%	56%	43%	16%	12%
Not sure	19%	18%	18%	28%	21%	7%





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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Palin Favorability						
Favorable	35%	14%	17%	24%	42%	65%
Unfavorable	56%	79%	80%	66%	47%	25%
Not sure	9%	6%	3%	10%	11%	10%

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Romney Favorability						
Favorable	37%	23%	17%	34%	45%	50%
Unfavorable	41%	57%	63%	38%	30%	35%
Not sure	22%	20%	20%	28%	25%	15%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cain Favorability						
Favorable	28%	21%	8%	15%	35%	54%
Unfavorable	36%	56%	52%	42%	24%	20%
Not sure	36%	23%	40%	42%	41%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	46%	83%	78%	61%	27%	10%
Newt Gingrich	45%	11%	14%	29%	63%	84%
Undecided	9%	6%	8%	11%	11%	6%





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Barack Obama	45%	87%	75%	58%	27%	8%
Mike Huckabee	48%	12%	16%	29%	67%	89%
Undecided	7%	1%	9%	13%	6%	3%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Palin						
Barack Obama	48%	88%	78%	65%	29%	10%
Sarah Palin	43%	11%	13%	28%	57%	82%
Undecided	9%	2%	9%	7%	14%	9%

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Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	43%	87%	75%	56%	22%	7%
Mitt Romney	46%	12%	16%	30%	65%	80%
Undecided	11%	1%	9%	14%	13%	12%

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Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	44%	85%	72%	61%	23%	8%
Herman Cain	39%	12%	14%	24%	53%	74%
Undecided	16%	3%	14%	15%	24%	18%





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Want Gingrich to Run for Pres?						
Yes	31%	14%	22%	20%	40%	47%
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Want Cain to Run for Pres?						
Yes	23%	11%	11%	16%	28%	43%
No	52%	74%	71%	58%	43%	29%
Not sure	25%	15%	18%	26%	29%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	47%	55%	39%
Disapprove	48%	40%	56%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	39%	36%	43%
Unfavorable	47%	50%	43%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%





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Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	48%	47%	49%
Unfavorable	33%	33%	33%
Not sure	19%	20%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	35%	29%	41%
Unfavorable	56%	63%	49%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	37%	35%	39%
Unfavorable	41%	40%	42%
Not sure	22%	25%	19%

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		Woman	Man
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	28%	23%	33%
Unfavorable	36%	33%	39%
Not sure	36%	44%	28%





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Undecided	9%	9%	9%

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Want Cain to Run for Pres?			
Yes	23%	16%	31%
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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
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Approve	47%	85%	12%	44%
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Not sure	9%	6%	13%	6%

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Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	19%	52%	41%
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Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	46%	85%	9%	44%
Newt Gingrich	45%	7%	83%	45%
Undecided	9%	9%	8%	11%

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		White	African American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	25%	93%	69%
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Not sure	9%	10%	4%	14%





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Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	45%	18%	35%
Unfavorable	41%	35%	53%	53%
Not sure	22%	20%	29%	12%

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Favorable	35%	35%	37%	28%	45%
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Romney Favorability					
Favorable	37%	30%	32%	38%	46%
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Favorable	28%	26%	25%	27%	36%
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Not sure	36%	30%	44%	35%	34%

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Barack Obama	48%	53%	54%	53%	28%
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Undecided	9%	7%	5%	9%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	43%	56%	47%	45%	24%
Mitt Romney	46%	33%	44%	43%	64%
Undecided	11%	12%	9%	12%	13%

	Base	Age			
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Crosstabs

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Want Gingrich to Run for Pres?					
Yes	31%	33%	26%	32%	33%
No	50%	53%	53%	50%	45%
Not sure	19%	14%	21%	19%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Want Cain to Run for Pres?					
Yes	23%	30%	19%	23%	23%
No	52%	53%	56%	50%	49%
Not sure	25%	16%	25%	27%	29%

