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## **Obama leads all Republicans nationally, but by narrower margins**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – As Obama’s Bin Laden bounce fades the gap has narrowed between Obama and his prospective GOP opponents. Obama now leads Mitt Romney by just 47-45 compared to 47-42 in May. This is the narrowest lead Obama has had over Romney this year. Other GOP candidates are not so close. Obama beats Sarah Palin 52-38 (54-37 in May), Newt Gingrich 52-39 (52-38 in May), Tim Pawlenty 50-39 (47-33 in March), and Herman Cain 48-38 (47-29 in March).

Obama benefits from the deep unpopularity of the Republican field. Romney is best liked with 37% of voters seeing him favorably compared to 47% who seem him unfavorably. He is followed by Pawlenty at 25-42, Cain at 20-38, Palin at 29-59, and Gingrich at a dismal 16-68. Gingrich’s disastrous news cycle has taken its toll as his rating has fallen considerably from May when he rated 29-53. However, Gingrich has likely already hit his floor in the general election as he performs just as strongly against Obama as he did in May.

Though both Pawlenty and Cain lose by double digits in a general election matchup, they have more room to grow than Romney, Palin, or Gingrich. 33% and 41% are still unsure how they feel about Pawlenty and Cain respectively. This is over twice that of the other Republican candidates. In their general election matchups with Obama, more of the undecided are Republicans than Democrats, this could indicate that as more voters get to know Pawlenty and Cain, the general election spread could continue to tighten.

“Our polling is increasingly showing both nationally and in swing states that if Mitt Romney is the Republican nominee it’s a toss up at this point and that if the GOP nominates anyone else Barack Obama is in pretty good shape,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 520 American voters from June 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.3%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.





## National Survey Results

**Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

*Favorable*..... 29%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 59%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q2** Do you think Sarah Palin is going to run for President or not?

*She will* ..... 34%  
*She will not* ..... 49%  
*Not sure* ..... 17%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

*Favorable*..... 16%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 68%  
*Not sure* ..... 16%

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

*Favorable*..... 37%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 47%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Pawlenty?

*Favorable*..... 25%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 42%  
*Not sure* ..... 33%

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

*Favorable*..... 20%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 38%  
*Not sure* ..... 41%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 52%  
*Sarah Palin* ..... 38%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 52%  
*Newt Gingrich* ..... 39%  
*Undecided*..... 9%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 47%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 45%  
*Undecided*..... 8%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 50%  
*Tim Pawlenty* ..... 39%  
*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*..... 48%  
*Herman Cain*..... 38%  
*Undecided*..... 14%





**Q12** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i> .....	9%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i> .....	19%
<i>Moderate</i> .....	31%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i> .....	23%
<i>Very conservative</i> .....	18%

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

<i>Woman</i> .....	52%
<i>Man</i> .....	48%

**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.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	40%
<i>Republican</i> .....	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i> .....	25%

**Q15** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i> .....	9%
<i>White</i> .....	72%
<i>African-American</i> .....	12%
<i>Other</i> .....	6%

**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.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	12%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	26%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	42%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Palin Favorability</b>						
Favorable	29%	12%	9%	15%	43%	62%
Unfavorable	59%	83%	86%	72%	40%	22%
Not sure	12%	5%	5%	13%	16%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Will Palin Run?</b>						
She will	34%	35%	42%	33%	30%	30%
She will not	49%	58%	49%	46%	56%	43%
Not sure	17%	7%	9%	20%	14%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>						
Favorable	16%	3%	2%	7%	33%	32%
Unfavorable	68%	93%	79%	81%	50%	44%
Not sure	16%	4%	19%	12%	17%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
Favorable	37%	20%	20%	35%	53%	48%
Unfavorable	47%	75%	67%	47%	30%	37%
Not sure	15%	5%	12%	18%	17%	16%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Pawlenty Favorability</b>						
Favorable	25%	9%	6%	19%	41%	38%
Unfavorable	42%	71%	61%	44%	27%	25%
Not sure	33%	20%	33%	37%	32%	36%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Cain Favorability</b>						
Favorable	20%	13%	3%	9%	39%	38%
Unfavorable	38%	52%	55%	37%	27%	29%
Not sure	41%	35%	42%	54%	34%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Palin</b>						
Barack Obama	52%	79%	83%	73%	21%	12%
Sarah Palin	38%	9%	10%	19%	62%	80%
Undecided	10%	12%	6%	8%	17%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>						
Barack Obama	52%	86%	87%	69%	20%	12%
Newt Gingrich	39%	14%	10%	17%	69%	78%
Undecided	9%	-	3%	14%	11%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>						
Barack Obama	47%	81%	83%	60%	15%	13%
Mitt Romney	45%	19%	10%	30%	77%	79%
Undecided	8%	-	7%	10%	9%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Pawlenty</b>						
Barack Obama	50%	81%	83%	67%	20%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	39%	14%	9%	20%	68%	79%
Undecided	11%	5%	8%	14%	12%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Cain</b>						
Barack Obama	48%	80%	83%	64%	17%	8%
Herman Cain	38%	14%	7%	19%	67%	79%
Undecided	14%	6%	10%	17%	16%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Palin Favorability</b>			
Favorable	29%	30%	27%
Unfavorable	59%	59%	59%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Will Palin Run?</b>			
<b>She will</b>	34%	38%	30%
<b>She will not</b>	49%	49%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	13%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	16%	15%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	68%	65%	70%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	20%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	37%	34%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	47%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	19%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Pawlenty Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	25%	18%	31%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	43%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	33%	38%	28%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Cain Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	14%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	38%	42%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	41%	44%	39%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Palin</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	52%	55%	49%
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	38%	37%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	8%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	52%	56%	48%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	39%	36%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	9%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	53%	41%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	45%	41%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	8%	6%	10%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Pawlenty</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	54%	45%
<b>Tim Pawlenty</b>	39%	35%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Cain</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	48%	54%	41%
<b>Herman Cain</b>	38%	33%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	14%	13%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	29%	7%	58%	22%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	59%	83%	29%	64%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	10%	13%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Will Palin Run?</b>				
<b>She will</b>	34%	40%	28%	32%
<b>She will not</b>	49%	50%	52%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	10%	20%	22%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	16%	6%	32%	10%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	68%	78%	50%	76%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	15%	18%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	37%	23%	53%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	60%	32%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	17%	15%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Pawlenty Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	25%	9%	44%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	57%	24%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	33%	35%	32%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Cain Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	5%	39%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	38%	51%	27%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	41%	43%	33%	50%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
Barack Obama	52%	84%	12%	57%
Sarah Palin	38%	10%	76%	29%
Undecided	10%	7%	11%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
Barack Obama	52%	84%	11%	59%
Newt Gingrich	39%	11%	80%	25%
Undecided	9%	5%	9%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
Barack Obama	47%	78%	9%	52%
Mitt Romney	45%	14%	86%	35%
Undecided	8%	8%	5%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Pawlenty</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	81%	10%	54%
Tim Pawlenty	39%	11%	78%	30%
Undecided	11%	7%	12%	16%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Cain</b>				
Barack Obama	48%	82%	8%	49%
Herman Cain	38%	9%	79%	28%
Undecided	14%	8%	13%	23%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
Favorable	29%	16%	35%	6%	21%
Unfavorable	59%	76%	53%	80%	60%
Not sure	12%	8%	12%	14%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Will Palin Run?</b>					
She will	34%	32%	33%	44%	28%
She will not	49%	53%	50%	41%	50%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%	15%	22%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
Favorable	16%	7%	19%	11%	12%
Unfavorable	68%	76%	64%	80%	74%
Not sure	16%	16%	17%	9%	13%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	37%	27%	43%	14%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	61%	42%	63%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	12%	15%	22%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Pawlenty Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	25%	21%	29%	5%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	41%	39%	64%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	33%	38%	32%	31%	43%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Cain Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	7%	24%	11%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	38%	43%	36%	54%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	41%	50%	41%	34%	54%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	52%	67%	43%	89%	65%
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	38%	29%	46%	4%	25%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	4%	11%	7%	10%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>					
Barack Obama	52%	67%	44%	86%	63%
Newt Gingrich	39%	29%	47%	8%	17%
Undecided	9%	4%	10%	6%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
Barack Obama	47%	61%	38%	85%	57%
Mitt Romney	45%	35%	53%	8%	33%
Undecided	8%	4%	8%	7%	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Pawlenty</b>					
Barack Obama	50%	70%	40%	84%	57%
Tim Pawlenty	39%	26%	48%	8%	24%
Undecided	11%	4%	12%	8%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Cain</b>					
Barack Obama	48%	68%	39%	83%	52%
Herman Cain	38%	30%	45%	8%	27%
Undecided	14%	2%	16%	9%	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
Favorable	29%	12%	23%	36%	32%
Unfavorable	59%	77%	61%	54%	58%
Not sure	12%	12%	16%	11%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Will Palin Run?</b>					
She will	34%	44%	34%	33%	29%
She will not	49%	44%	46%	51%	53%
Not sure	17%	11%	20%	16%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
Favorable	16%	4%	18%	18%	18%
Unfavorable	68%	70%	62%	69%	70%
Not sure	16%	26%	20%	13%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
Favorable	37%	30%	33%	37%	49%
Unfavorable	47%	56%	49%	48%	39%
Not sure	15%	15%	18%	15%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Pawlenty Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	25%	8%	26%	26%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	54%	38%	45%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	33%	38%	36%	29%	35%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Cain Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	11%	18%	24%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	38%	52%	28%	41%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	41%	37%	54%	35%	41%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Palin</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	52%	67%	51%	50%	49%
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	38%	19%	39%	43%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	15%	10%	7%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	52%	70%	49%	51%	47%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	39%	26%	39%	40%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	4%	11%	8%	11%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>47%</b>	63%	44%	46%	45%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	<b>45%</b>	33%	46%	46%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>8%</b>	4%	10%	8%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Pawlenty</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>50%</b>	67%	49%	48%	44%
<b>Tim Pawlenty</b>	<b>39%</b>	26%	39%	43%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>11%</b>	7%	11%	9%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Cain</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>48%</b>	59%	44%	48%	47%
<b>Herman Cain</b>	<b>38%</b>	33%	36%	41%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>14%</b>	7%	20%	11%	15%

