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No Clear GOP Presidential Frontrunner in IA, MI, S.C.

Raleigh, N.C. – Two years before President Barack Obama’s GOP opponent will be decided, there is no evident pacesetter in the still-unsettled field, with a different victor in each of the three early primary and caucus states polled in the past week by PPP.

In Iowa, 2008 winner Mike Huckabee comes out ahead, with 27% to Sarah Palin’s 17%, Newt Gingrich’s 16%, Mitt Romney’s 15%, Ron Paul’s 7%, and John Thune’s and Jim DeMint’s 2%. Huckabee wins among both moderates and conservatives.

In Michigan, favorite son Romney dominates with 37% to Palin’s 24%, Gingrich’s 16%, Huckabee’s 12%, and Paul’s 6%. Unlike in most other states, Romney leads with conservatives, at 32% to Palin’s 29% and usual conservative favorite Gingrich’s 19%. Romney gets 56% of moderates, with no one else remotely close.

In South Carolina, there is a four-way bunch, with Gingrich at 25% over Romney’s 24%, Palin’s 22%, and Huckabee’s 19%, and Paul way back at 7%. Romney is tops among moderates with 33% to Palin’s 23%, and the others with 11 or 12%, while Gingrich is favored by conservatives at 29% to the other three major candidates at 21%.

When DeMint is added to the field polled in his home state, he leads the pack at 21%, with Gingrich and Romney at 16%, Huckabee and Palin at 15%, and Paul still at 7%. This is despite the finding from a previous release that 56% of all South Carolina voters and a 39% plurality of Republicans think DeMint should not run for president.

“The story in our 2012 Republican polling continues to be that there is no one approaching front runner status,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 477 likely Iowa Republican primary voters, with a margin of error of +/- 4.5%, from May 25th to 27th; 377 likely Michigan Republican primary voters, with a margin of error of +/- 5.1%, from May 25th to 27th; and 638 likely South Carolina Republican primary voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.9%, from May 22nd to 23rd. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Iowa Survey Results

Q1 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Jim DeMint, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney and John Thune, who would you vote for?

<i>Jim DeMint</i>	2%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	16%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	27%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	17%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	7%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	15%
<i>John Thune</i>	2%
<i>Someone Else</i>	3%
<i>Undecided</i>	11%

Q2 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	5%
<i>Moderate</i>	21%
<i>Conservative</i>	74%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

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

Q4 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	9%
<i>30 to 45</i>	20%
<i>46 to 65</i>	47%
<i>Older than 65</i>	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP President				
Jim DeMint	2%	14%	2%	1%
Newt Gingrich	16%	-	10%	19%
Mike Huckabee	27%	23%	26%	28%
Sarah Palin	17%	26%	17%	16%
Ron Paul	7%	-	9%	7%
Mitt Romney	15%	10%	20%	14%
John Thune	2%	-	-	3%
Someone Else	3%	15%	6%	2%
Undecided	11%	11%	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP President			
Jim DeMint	2%	2%	1%
Newt Gingrich	16%	17%	15%
Mike Huckabee	27%	34%	21%
Sarah Palin	17%	15%	18%
Ron Paul	7%	3%	11%
Mitt Romney	15%	11%	18%
John Thune	2%	1%	3%
Someone Else	3%	3%	4%
Undecided	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP President					
Jim DeMint	2%	8%	-	1%	1%
Newt Gingrich	16%	15%	22%	11%	21%
Mike Huckabee	27%	38%	21%	32%	19%
Sarah Palin	17%	15%	14%	21%	11%
Ron Paul	7%	8%	12%	5%	5%
Mitt Romney	15%	8%	12%	13%	23%
John Thune	2%	-	3%	2%	1%
Someone Else	3%	-	5%	4%	2%
Undecided	11%	8%	10%	9%	16%





South Carolina Survey Results

Q1 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney who would you support?

Newt Gingrich 25%
Mike Huckabee 19%
Sarah Palin 22%
Ron Paul 7%
Mitt Romney 24%
Undecided 4%

Q2 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Jim DeMint, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney who would you support?

Jim DeMint 21%
Newt Gingrich 16%
Mike Huckabee 15%
Sarah Palin 15%
Ron Paul 7%
Mitt Romney 16%
Undecided 10%

Q3 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal 3%
Moderate 23%
Conservative 74%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 48%
Man 52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	25%	19%	11%	29%
Mike Huckabee	19%	6%	12%	21%
Sarah Palin	22%	31%	23%	21%
Ron Paul	7%	6%	12%	6%
Mitt Romney	24%	13%	33%	21%
Undecided	4%	25%	10%	1%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary with DeMint				
Jim DeMint	21%	6%	16%	23%
Newt Gingrich	16%	6%	9%	19%
Mike Huckabee	15%	6%	14%	15%
Sarah Palin	15%	44%	16%	14%
Ron Paul	7%	6%	10%	5%
Mitt Romney	16%	6%	24%	14%
Undecided	10%	25%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Newt Gingrich	25%	22%	27%
Mike Huckabee	19%	20%	18%
Sarah Palin	22%	27%	17%
Ron Paul	7%	4%	10%
Mitt Romney	24%	22%	25%
Undecided	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary with DeMint			
Jim DeMint	21%	19%	23%
Newt Gingrich	16%	16%	17%
Mike Huckabee	15%	15%	14%
Sarah Palin	15%	18%	13%
Ron Paul	7%	5%	8%
Mitt Romney	16%	14%	17%
Undecided	10%	13%	8%





Michigan Survey Results

Q1 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney who would you support?

<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	16%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	12%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	24%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	6%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	37%
<i>Undecided</i>	4%

Q2 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	5%
<i>Moderate</i>	24%
<i>Conservative</i>	71%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	47%
<i>Man</i>	53%

Q4 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	7%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	43%
<i>Older than 65</i>	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	16%	-	11%	19%
Mike Huckabee	12%	-	14%	13%
Sarah Palin	24%	29%	8%	29%
Ron Paul	6%	-	8%	6%
Mitt Romney	37%	29%	56%	32%
Undecided	4%	43%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Newt Gingrich	16%	7%	24%
Mike Huckabee	12%	17%	8%
Sarah Palin	24%	22%	26%
Ron Paul	6%	3%	9%
Mitt Romney	37%	45%	31%
Undecided	4%	6%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary					
Newt Gingrich	16%	10%	15%	19%	15%
Mike Huckabee	12%	20%	17%	13%	3%
Sarah Palin	24%	50%	20%	19%	30%
Ron Paul	6%	-	7%	6%	6%
Mitt Romney	37%	10%	39%	38%	42%
Undecided	4%	10%	2%	5%	3%

