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## **Obama Leads Romney by 3 in Ohio**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Barack Obama continues to lead Mitt Romney in the crucial battleground state of Ohio – he leads Romney 47-44, but his lead there has shrunk since the last two polls PPP conducted in the state. PPP found Obama leading Romney by 7 points in polls conducted last May and January.

Obama's approval rating has slipped somewhat in Ohio, with 44% of voters approving and 51% disapproving of his job performance, down from a 48%-48% tie last month. But Romney continues to suffer from poor favorability ratings, with just 35% of voters viewing him favorably and 54% unfavorably, little change from his 37%-53% rating last month.

Obama seems to have lost a bit of ground with Democrats in Ohio, pulling 83% of their support to Romney's 13% (down from 88%-7% in May.) Independents are split 42-42 between Obama and Romney, a change from May when Obama led with them 43-40.

None of Ohio's three major Republican figures would help Romney close the gap much in Ohio. Adding Senator Rob Portman to the ticket would actually expand Obama's lead by one point to 47-43. Picking Governor John Kasich would result in Romney losing even more ground – the Obama-Biden ticket leads Romney-Kasich 48-42. And if he were to add Speaker John Boehner to the ticket, Romney would trail Obama 49-41. A plurality of Ohioans – 37% - say they're "not sure" about Senator Portman's job performance while 32% approve and 31% disapprove. Kasich and Boehner both have net negative approval ratings, with Kasich at 40% approval and 48% disapproval, and Boehner clocking in at 34-46.

"Barack Obama's still ahead in Ohio, but this is the smallest lead he's had in the state since last October," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "He's lost a fair amount of ground with white Democrats in the last couple months."

PPP surveyed 673 Ohio voters from June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.8%. 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.



## Ohio Survey Results

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

*Approve* ..... 44%  
*Disapprove*..... 51%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 35%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 54%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q3** If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 47%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 44%  
*Undecided*..... 9%

**Q4** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Rob Portman's job performance?

*Approve* .....32% *Not sure* .....37%  
*Disapprove*.....31%

**Q5** If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Rob Portman for Vice President, which would you vote for?

*Obama-Biden*..... 47%  
*Romney-Portman*..... 43%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

**Q6** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor John Kasich's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 40%  
*Disapprove*..... 48%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q7** If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and John Kasich for Vice President, which would you vote for?

*Obama-Biden*..... 48%  
*Romney-Kasich* ..... 42%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

**Q8** Do you approve or disapprove of House Speaker John Boehner's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 34%  
*Disapprove*..... 46%  
*Not sure* ..... 21%

**Q9** If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and John Boehner for Vice President, which would you vote for?

*Obama-Biden*..... 49%  
*Romney-Boehner*..... 41%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

**Q10** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

*John McCain*..... 42%  
*Barack Obama*..... 49%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 10%

**Q11** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 9%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 17%  
*Moderate*..... 31%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 27%  
*Very conservative* ..... 15%





**Q12** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%

*Man*..... 47%

**Q13** 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*..... 37%

*Independent/Other*..... 24%

**Q14** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 84%

*African-American* ..... 10%

*Other*..... 6%

**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.

*18 to 29*..... 12%

*30 to 45*..... 26%

*46 to 65*..... 42%

*Older than 65*..... 20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	8%	77%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	89%	16%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	3%	7%	7%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	71%	5%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	54%	15%	89%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	14%	6%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	8%	83%	33%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	84%	12%	36%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	8%	5%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Portman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	32%	54%	13%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	15%	47%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	37%	31%	40%	46%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Portman</b>				
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	47%	8%	85%	27%
<b>Romney-Portman</b>	43%	84%	8%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	8%	7%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	40%	65%	19%	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	22%	71%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	12%	10%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Kasich</b>				
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	48%	9%	84%	32%
<b>Romney-Kasich</b>	42%	80%	11%	36%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	5%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Boehner Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	34%	61%	10%	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	46%	23%	68%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	21%	16%	22%	33%





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<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Boehner</b>				
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	49%	10%	86%	33%
<b>Romney-Boehner</b>	41%	82%	8%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	9%	6%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	44%	83%	77%	51%	21%	9%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	14%	16%	39%	76%	90%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	3%	7%	10%	3%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	5%	10%	19%	58%	70%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	54%	89%	84%	68%	25%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	6%	6%	13%	17%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>						
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	86%	84%	56%	20%	10%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	14%	10%	29%	73%	80%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	-	5%	15%	7%	10%





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<b>Portman Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	32%	14%	12%	23%	47%	62%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	53%	47%	36%	20%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	37%	33%	41%	41%	33%	30%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Portman</b>						
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	47%	86%	84%	55%	20%	12%
<b>Romney-Portman</b>	43%	13%	11%	30%	69%	78%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	1%	4%	15%	11%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kasich Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	40%	15%	20%	29%	53%	77%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	79%	71%	54%	33%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	6%	9%	18%	14%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Kasich</b>						
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	48%	86%	84%	54%	25%	11%
<b>Romney-Kasich</b>	42%	14%	12%	29%	67%	78%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	-	4%	17%	8%	11%





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<b>Boehner Approval</b>						
Approve	34%	14%	12%	19%	53%	69%
Disapprove	46%	67%	61%	59%	30%	16%
Not sure	21%	19%	27%	22%	18%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Boehner</b>						
Obama-Biden	49%	86%	85%	59%	23%	10%
Romney-Boehner	41%	14%	8%	27%	67%	79%
Undecided	10%	1%	7%	14%	10%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
Approve	44%	47%	40%
Disapprove	51%	47%	55%
Not sure	5%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
Favorable	35%	31%	39%
Unfavorable	54%	57%	50%
Not sure	12%	12%	11%







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		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	52%	41%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	41%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	7%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Portman Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	32%	25%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	28%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	37%	47%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Portman</b>			
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	47%	52%	41%
<b>Romney-Portman</b>	43%	39%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kasich Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	40%	36%	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	48%	48%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	16%	9%





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<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Kasich</b>			
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<b>Romney-Kasich</b>	<b>42%</b>	39%	46%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	10%	10%

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<b>Boehner Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>34%</b>	31%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>46%</b>	42%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>21%</b>	27%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Boehner</b>			
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	<b>49%</b>	53%	44%
<b>Romney-Boehner</b>	<b>41%</b>	38%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>44%</b>	79%	12%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>51%</b>	18%	83%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	3%	5%	10%





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<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	9%	66%	28%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	54%	86%	20%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	6%	14%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	83%	12%	42%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	13%	79%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	5%	9%	15%

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<b>Portman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	32%	15%	50%	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	47%	19%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	37%	39%	32%	40%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Portman</b>				
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	47%	84%	11%	43%
<b>Romney-Portman</b>	43%	10%	80%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	6%	9%	18%





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<b>Undecided</b>	10%	7%	8%	18%





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		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
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<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	55%	8%	64%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	6%	17%

	Base	Race		
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<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	38%	8%	37%
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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	42%	93%	32%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	49%	6%	36%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	8%	1%	32%

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		White	African-American	Other
<b>Portman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	32%	34%	20%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	31%	29%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	37%	35%	50%	35%





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<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	1%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
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<b>Boehner Approval</b>				
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<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Boehner</b>				
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<b>Romney-Boehner</b>	<b>41%</b>	45%	8%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	10%	1%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>44%</b>	46%	37%	48%	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>51%</b>	43%	57%	48%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	11%	7%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	21%	30%	37%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>54%</b>	68%	54%	53%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	11%	16%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
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<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>47%</b>	54%	43%	48%	46%
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<b>Portman Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>32%</b>	29%	30%	33%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>31%</b>	32%	26%	33%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>37%</b>	39%	44%	34%	30%

	Base	Age			
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<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Portman</b>					
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	<b>47%</b>	50%	46%	49%	44%
<b>Romney-Portman</b>	<b>43%</b>	36%	44%	42%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	14%	10%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kasich Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>40%</b>	32%	39%	41%	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>48%</b>	54%	44%	50%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	14%	16%	9%	15%

	Base	Age			
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<b>Obama-Biden/Romney-Kasich</b>					
<b>Obama-Biden</b>	<b>48%</b>	50%	46%	50%	44%
<b>Romney-Kasich</b>	<b>42%</b>	39%	48%	39%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	11%	7%	11%	12%







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<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>46%</b>	46%	43%	49%	40%
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<b>Obama-Biden</b>	<b>49%</b>	57%	48%	49%	43%
<b>Romney-Boehner</b>	<b>41%</b>	36%	43%	40%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	7%	8%	11%	11%

