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# Romney pulls ahead in Arizona

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney has taken a moderately comfortable lead in Arizona, a state in which Republicans have found success in recent elections.

Romney leads Obama in a head-to-head matchup 50-43. That's a big improvement for Romney from the last statewide general election poll in late February, when Romney was tied with Obama at 47.

Now that Romney has emerged as the man with the best chance to unseat the president, Republicans and Independents alike are starting to rally around him. Romney's favorability rating has improved 11 points from February to 46%, and he now leads with Independents against Obama 48-38. Obama led with Independents 53-39 in February.

Romney's turnaround is also due in part to Obama's worsening image among Arizona voters. Obama has a 41% approval rating in the state, down 5 points from February. The turnaround isn't too surprising, considering Romney held a similar 7-point lead over Obama in a November statewide general election poll. Obama's approval rating was also 41% in November, signaling that Obama's numbers in February could have been inflated due to Arizona's hostile Republican primary that took place less than a week after the poll was conducted.

Adding a prominent Arizona Republican as vice-presidential nominee doesn't help Romney. Gov. Brewer has a 47% approval rating among Arizonans; adding her to the Romney ticket would reduce Romney's lead by 4 points to 48-44. Only 36% of Arizonans approve of five-term Senator John McCain's job performance. Adding him to the Romney ticket would decrease Romney's lead by 5 points to 48-43.

"Barack Obama's chances of winning Arizona don't look as good as they did 3 months ago," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Conservatives have consolidated some around Mitt Romney since he wrapped up the Republican nomination."

PPP surveyed 500 Arizona voters from May 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

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# **Arizona Survey Results**

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?	Q7	If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President,		
	Approve41%		and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and John McCain for Vice President,		
	Disapprove56%		which would you vote for?		
	Not sure		Obama-Biden43%		
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?		Romney-McCain48%		
	Favorable46%	Q8	Undecided		
	Unfavorable45%	QU	of Joe Arpaio?		
	Not sure 9%		Favorable46%		
Q3	If the candidates for President this year were		Unfavorable45%		
	Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?		Not sure 8%		
	Barack Obama43%	Q9	If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President,		
	Mitt Romney50%		and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for		
	Undecided 8%		President and Joe Arpaio for Vice President, which would you vote for?		
Q4	Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Jan Brewer's job performance?		Obama-Biden44%		
	Approve		Romney-Arpaio46%		
	Disapprove45%		Undecided10%		
Q5	If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President,	Q10	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?		
	and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for		Favorable7%		
	President and Jan Brewer for Vice President, which would you vote for?		Unfavorable14%		
	Obama-Biden44%		Not sure80%		
	Romney-Brewer48%	Q11	If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt		
	Undecided 8%		Romney, and Libertarian Gary Johnson, who		
Q6	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator John		would you vote for?		
	McCain's job performance?		Barack Obama41%		
	Approve36% Not sure		Mitt Romney45%		
	Disapprove54%		Gary Johnson		
			Undecided6%		





Q12	vvno dia you vote for President in 2008?	
	John McCain	48%
	Barack Obama	42%
Q13	Someone else/Don't remember	
	Very liberal	14%
	Somewhat liberal	14%
	Moderate	
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	
Q14	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pr	
	Woman	52%
	Man	48%

If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Repub press 2. If you are an independent or iden with another party, press 3.	
Democrat	31%
Republican	46%
If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press If other, press 3.	
Hispanic	18%
White	71%
Other	11%
If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	) to
18 to 29	12%
30 to 45	24%
46 to 65	44%
Older than 65	
	press 2. If you are an independent or iden with another party, press 3.  Democrat





		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	5%	88%	14%	
Disapprove	56%	93%	10%	77%	
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	9%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Romney Favorability		·			
Favorable	46%	77%	11%	50%	
Unfavorable	45%	14%	81%	39%	
Not sure	9%	10%	8%	11%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Obama/Romney				_		
Barack Obama	43%	9%	88%	9%		
Mitt Romney	50%	85%	8%	58%		
Undecided	8%	6%	4%	34%		

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Brewer Approval		•				
Approve	47%	79%	9%	55%		
Disapprove	45%	12%	86%	35%		
Not sure	7%	9%	5%	10%		





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obama- Biden/Romney- Brewer					
Obam a-Biden	44%	8%	91%	18%	
Romney-Brewer	48%	84%	6%	51%	
Undecided	8%	8%	2%	31%	

		2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
McCain Approval				
Approve	36%	54%	20%	12%
Disapprove	54%	36%	71%	71%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	17%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Obama- Biden/Romney- McCain						
Obam a-Bide n	43%	7%	88%	21%		
Romney-McCain	48%	82%	10%	46%		
Undecided	9%	11%	2%	33%		

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Arpaio Favorability		-				
Favorable	46%	71%	13%	71%		
Unfavorable	45%	18%	82%	22%		
Not sure	8%	11%	5%	7%		





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obama- Biden/Romney- Arpaio					
Obama-Biden	44%	11%	89%	11%	
Romney-Arpaio	46%	77%	7%	66%	
Undecided	10%	12%	4%	24%	

		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	7%	6%	7%	5%	
Unfavorable	14%	7%	20%	16%	
Not sure	80%	86%	72%	79%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Obama/Romney/Joh- nson		•				
Barack Obama	41%	8%	84%	13%		
Mitt Romney	45%	79%	8%	40%		
Gary Johnson	9%	6%	6%	34%		
Undecided	6%	7%	2%	14%		

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval			-	-	-	
Approve	41%	78%	81%	59%	13%	4%
Disapprove	56%	22%	17%	35%	84%	94%
Not sure	3%	-	2%	6%	3%	2%





		Ideolog	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Romney Favorability			-				
Favorable	46%	19%	21%	28%	66%	78%	
Unfavorable	45%	73%	70%	63%	26%	11%	
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	11%	

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Obama/Romney				-				
Barack Obama	43%	78%	82%	63%	15%	6%		
Mitt Romney	50%	16%	16%	27%	76%	86%		
Undecided	8%	6%	2%	10%	9%	8%		

		Ideolo	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative			
Brewer Approval		_	<u>-</u>	_	-	='		
Approve	47%	23%	7%	31%	65%	85%		
Disapprove	45%	74%	91%	61%	24%	6%		
Not sure	7%	3%	2%	8%	11%	9%		

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama- Biden/Romney- Brewer						
Obam a-Biden	44%	91%	85%	62%	15%	2%
Romney-Brewer	48%	8%	13%	26%	74%	89%
Undecided	8%	1%	2%	12%	11%	8%





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McCain Approval			-	<u>-</u>		
Approve	36%	24%	24%	32%	47%	40%
Disapprove	54%	69%	67%	56%	42%	49%
Not sure	10%	7%	9%	11%	11%	11%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama- Biden/Romney- McCain						
Obam a-Biden	43%	88%	81%	61%	14%	3%
Romney-McCain	48%	10%	19%	29%	74%	81%
Undecided	9%	1%	-	10%	13%	16%

		Ideolo	ldeology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative			
Arpaio Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	_	-				
Favorable	46%	21%	19%	29%	69%	72%			
Unfavorable	45%	75%	74%	65%	21%	15%			
Not sure	8%	4%	7%	6%	9%	14%			

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative		
Obama- Biden/Romney- Arpaio							
Obam a-Biden	44%	86%	77%	62%	21%	3%	
Romney-Arpaio	46%	10%	21%	25%	67%	86%	
Undecided	10%	4%	2%	13%	12%	11%	





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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Johnson Favorability			-	=		
Favorable	7%	9%	7%	6%	8%	4%
Unfavorable	14%	21%	25%	11%	9%	9%
Not sure	80%	69%	67%	83%	83%	87%

		Ideolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Obama/Romney/Joh- nson							
Barack Obama	41%	79%	81%	61%	11%	3%	
Mitt Romney	45%	7%	14%	29%	67%	82%	
Gary Johnson	9%	12%	4%	5%	11%	11%	
Undecided	6%	2%	1%	4%	12%	5%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval		-	
Approve	41%	47%	34%
Disapprove	56%	51%	62%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability		- -	
Favorable	46%	42%	51%
Unfavorable	45%	46%	43%
Not sure	9%	12%	6%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama/Romney		-	
Barack Obama	43%	49%	36%
Mitt Romney	50%	45%	55%
Undecided	8%	6%	9%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Brewer Approval		-	
Approve	47%	44%	51%
Disapprove	45%	50%	40%
Not sure	7%	7%	8%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama- Biden/Romney- Brewer			
Obam a-Bide n	44%	50%	38%
Romney-Brewer	48%	43%	54%
Undecided	8%	7%	9%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McCain Approval		- -	
Approve	36%	39%	32%
Disapprove	54%	52%	57%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama- Biden/Romney- McCain			
Obam a-Biden	43%	50%	35%
Romney-McCain	48%	43%	54%
Undecided	9%	8%	11%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Arpaio Favorability		•	
Favorable	46%	47%	46%
Unfavorable	45%	45%	45%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%

	Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama- Biden/Romney- Arpaio			
Obam a-Bide n	44%	51%	36%
Romney-Arpaio	46%	41%	52%
Undecided	10%	8%	11%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Johnson Favorability		- -		
Favorable	7%	7%	6%	
Unfavorable	14%	14%	13%	
Not sure	80%	79%	80%	





		Gender		
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Obama/Romney/Joh- nson				
Barack Obama	41%	47%	34%	
Mitt Romney	45%	42%	49%	
Gary Johnson	9%	5%	13%	
Undecided	6%	7%	5%	

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama Approval		='	•	-		
Approve	41%	81%	15%	40%		
Disapprove		18%	83%	53%		
Not sure		1%	2%	7%		

		Party					
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Romney Favorability		•	•	-			
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Not sure	9%	8%	10%	11%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Obama/Romney		='					
Barack Obama	43%	84%	17%	38%			
Mitt Romney	50%	12%	76%	48%			
Undecided	8%	4%	7%	14%			





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Brewer Approval		='					
Approve	47%	15%	69%	45%			
Disapprove	45%	82%	20%	47%			
Not sure	7%	3%	10%	8%			

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Obama- Biden/Romney- Brewer					
Obam a-Biden	44%	87%	16%	44%	
Romney-Brewer	48%	9%	76%	43%	
Undecided	8%	4%	8%	12%	

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McCain Approval						
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Arpaio Favorability		='		-
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		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Johnson Favorability		-		-			
Favorable	7%	11%	4%	5%			
Unfavorable	14%	20%	9%	15%			
Not sure	80%	69%	87%	80%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama/Romney/Joh- nson						
Barack Obama	41%	85%	15%	35%		
Mitt Romney	45%	9%	70%	44%		
Gary Johnson	9%	4%	8%	15%		
Undecided	6%	3%	7%	7%		





		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval		-		
Approve	41%	50%	36%	54%
Disapprove	56%	42%	62%	45%
Not sure	3%	9%	2%	2%

		Race		
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Romney Favorability		-		
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		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney		-		
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	Base	Hispanic	White	Other		
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Approve	47%	40%	51%	34%		
Disapprove	45%	59%	39%	62%		
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		Race			
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other	
Obama- Biden/Romney- Brewer					
Obam a-Biden	44%	65%	38%	50%	
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		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
McCain Approval		<u> </u>		
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	Base	Hispanic White Oth			
Obama- Biden/Romney- McCain					
Obam a-Biden	43%	63%	37%	46%	
Romney-McCain	48%	28%	55%	36%	
Undecided	9%	8%	8%	18%	

		Race			
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other	
Arpaio Favorability		-	-	-	
Favorable	46%	33%	52%	35%	
Unfavorable	45%	56%	41%	54%	
Not sure	8%	11%	7%	11%	





		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Obama- Biden/Romney- Arpaio				
Obam a-Biden	44%	63%	38%	49%
Romney-Arpaio	46%	30%	53%	33%
Undecided	10%	7%	9%	18%

		Race	e		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other	
Johnson Favorability		-			
Favorable	7%	13%	5%	8%	
Unfavorable	14%	18%	11%	24%	
Not sure	80%	69%	84%	68%	

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other		
Obama/Romney/Joh-						
nson						
Barack Obama	41%	67%	34%	41%		
Mitt Romney	45%	28%	52%	29%		
Gary Johnson	9%	5%	7%	25%		
Undecided	6%	-	7%	5%		

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	45%	42%	41%	37%
Disapprove	56%	50%	55%	57%	60%
Not sure	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29			Older than 65	
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	46%	45%	49%	41%	54%	
Unfavorable	45%	45%	40%	50%	39%	
Not sure	9%	10%	11%	9%	8%	

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65		
Obama/Romney							
Barack Obama	43%	63%	34%	44%	39%		
Mitt Romney	50%	37%	53%	48%	56%		
Undecided	8%	-	13%	8%	5%		

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brewer Approval					
Approve	47%	35%	49%	46%	56%
Disapprove	45%	55%	43%	46%	40%
Not sure	7%	10%	8%	8%	5%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Obama- Biden/Romney- Brewer						
Obama-Biden	44%	65%	43%	41%	39%	
Romney-Brewer	48%	35%	47%	51%	51%	
Undecided	8%	-	9%	8%	11%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCain Approval					
Approve	36%	40%	32%	34%	40%
Disapprove	54%	50%	55%	56%	50%
Not sure	10%	10%	13%	9%	10%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Obama- Biden/Romney- McCain						
Obam a-Biden	43%	60%	40%	42%	38%	
Rom ney-McCain	48%	40%	45%	51%	51%	
Undecided	9%	-	15%	7%	12%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Arpaio Favorability					
Favorable	46%	35%	43%	49%	52%
Unfavorable	45%	65%	42%	44%	41%
Not sure	8%	-	15%	7%	8%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Obam a- Biden/Romney- Arpaio					
Obama-Biden	44%	60%	43%	43%	39%
Rom ne y-Arpaio	46%	40%	43%	50%	46%
Undecided	10%	-	13%	7%	16%





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65	
Johnson Favorability						
Favorable	7%	15%	6%	6%	4%	
Unfavorable	14%	10%	13%	18%	8%	
Not sure	80%	75%	81%	76%	88%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Obama/Romney/Joh- nson						
Barack Obama	41%	60%	34%	41%	35%	
Mitt Romney	45%	30%	47%	45%	53%	
Gary Johnson	9%	10%	15%	6%	5%	
Undecided	6%	-	4%	7%	8%	

