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Obama trails Perry, Romney, Paul but leads others in TX

Raleigh, N.C. – Texans are feeling better about their governor since he decided to run for President, but he would still perform worse in his own state than John McCain did in 2008. In fact, President Obama leads two of his potential opponents by small margins and comes closer to winning the state against all the others than he did three years ago, when he lost by almost 12 points.

In June, PPP actually found Obama leading Perry, 47-45. Perry has reversed that significantly, topping the president now, 51-44. His chief competitor, Mitt Romney, now leads only 47-41, versus 50-42 three months ago. Paul, who led Obama 45-40 in the previous poll, now leads only 43-42. Newt Gingrich actually trails 46-45, as does Michele Bachmann, 45-43. In June, Bachmann led 47-44. Paul is the only candidate to top the president with independents, and only by one point, while Obama leads Romney by one, Perry by 11, Bachmann by 13, and Gingrich by 15 with that group.

Voters here are up on Perry, from only 43% approving and 52% approving in June to 45-48 now. But that still ties him for the 29th most popular of 42 governors on which PPP has polled. While Perry is heading in the right direction, Romney, Paul, and Bachmann are going the wrong way. In June, 30% had a favorable impression of Paul, and 46% an unfavorable one. That is now 29-54, with essentially everyone who did not have an opinion before now having a negative one. Voters have moved from 37-43 on Romney to 32-49. Worst off is Bachmann, who was the only candidate seen positively in June, at 39-36, but is now the least popular, at 27-55. Gingrich is almost as disliked, at 29-56. Perry is now the only Republican with a better approval or favorability rating than the president, of whom 40% approve and 55% disapprove, down slightly from 42-55.

"Rick Perry still isn't particularly popular in his home state of Texas," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But at least it looks like he would win the state now, which is a positive development for him compared to 3 months ago."

PPP surveyed 569 Texas voters from September 15th to 18th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.1%. 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.

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Texas Survey Results

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?	Q7	If the candidates for President next your Democrat Barack Obama and Republications of the Control of the Contro	olican
	Approve40%		Michele Bachmann, who would you v	
	Disapprove55%		Barack Obama	
	Not sure 5%		Michele Bachmann	43%
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?	Q8	Undecided If the candidates for President next years.	ear were
	Favorable27%		Democrat Barack Obama and Repub Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for	
	Unfavorable55%		Barack Obama	
	Not sure		Newt Gingrich	
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?		Undecided	9%
	Favorable29%	Q9	If the candidates for President next your Democrat Barack Obama and Republications of the Control of the Contro	
	Unfavorable56%		Paul, who would you vote for?	nican iton
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Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?		Ron Paul	
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00	Not sure 6%		Romney, who would you vote for?	
Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?		Barack Obama	
	Favorable32%		Mitt Romney	
	Unfavorable49%		Undecided	13%
	Not sure			



Q12	who did you vote for President in 2008?	
	John McCain	50%
	Barack Obama	42%
Q13	Someone else/Don't remember	
	Very liberal	10%
	Somewhat liberal	
	Moderate	26%
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	
Q14	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pr	
	Woman	51%
	Man	49%

	press 2. If you are an independent or identiwith another party, press 3.	fy
	Democrat	36%
	Republican	44%
	Independent/Other	20%
Q16	If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press If African-American, press 3. If other, press	
	Hispanic	18%
	White	64%
	African-American	12%
	Other	6%
Q17	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	10%
	30 to 45	24%
	46 to 65	43%
	Older than 65	23%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican,



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	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obama Approval					
Approve	40%	5%	84%	24%	
Disapprove	55%	95%	8%	58%	
Not sure	5%	1%	8%	18%	

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