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Obama tops in Omaha, losing handily to all but Palin statewide

Raleigh, N.C. – Nebraska split its electors for the first time in 2008, when President Obama won the 2nd Congressional District containing Omaha by 1%, and John McCain won the other four votes. Because the Obama campaign so heavily targeted the 2nd district, McCain took the entire state by only 15 points, far less than George W. Bush’s 34-point victory over John Kerry. In PPP’s first look at the state for the 2012 cycle, Obama remains at least as strong as two years ago, still winning Omaha by nine to 24 points but losing statewide to all four Republican frontrunners—most narrowly to Sarah Palin, who, like in PPP’s recent Texas poll, edges the president by only a single point.

Overall, Mike Huckabee does just a hair worse than McCain, with a 51-38 edge over Obama, who loses to Mitt Romney, 49-37, and Newt Gingrich, 48-40. But Palin comes in with just a razor-thin 45-44 advantage. The president loses independents by a point to Huckabee, but beats Romney by six, Palin by 15, and Gingrich by 17. The problem for Palin is Republican defection. While he only pulls 10-13% of the GOP against the others, Obama takes 18% versus Palin, holding her to only 69%, while the others earn 74-78% of their party. The president also earns 80% of Democrats against Palin, a little better than his 75-79% versus the others.

Palin only beats the president by five points in the 1st district, and is down by a whopping 24 in the 2nd. The other three prevail by 14 to 18 points in the 1st and trail by only nine to 19 in the 2nd. She also does worst in the most conservative of the districts, the 3rd, beating the president there by 25 points; the others show margins of 29 to 34 points.

Huckabee is far and away the best liked of the five candidates, with a 44-33 favorability rating to Romney’s 38-35, Palin’s 42-50, and Gingrich’s 34-43. The president, by comparison, has a 38-56 job approval margin, among his worst standings anywhere in the country. With this lopsided likeability and an 18-point registration advantage over the Democrats, each of the Republicans ought to be winning soundly statewide.

“Barack Obama looks poised to take an electoral vote in Nebraska again next year unless the state changes its system for dispensing them or makes serious changes to the lines of its Congressional districts,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 977 Nebraska voters from January 26th to 27th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Nebraska Survey Results

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

Approve 38%
Disapprove..... 56%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 43%
Not sure 23%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 44%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 23%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 42%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 8%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 35%
Not sure 27%

Q6 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 40%
Newt Gingrich..... 48%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 38%
Mike Huckabee 51%
Undecided..... 10%

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

Barack Obama..... 44%
Sarah Palin 45%
Undecided..... 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 37%
Mitt Romney..... 49%
Undecided..... 15%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 13%
Moderate..... 43%
Conservative..... 45%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

Q12 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..... 34%
Republican..... 52%
Independent/Other..... 14%



Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 95%

Other..... 5%

Q14 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..... 10%

30 to 45..... 30%

46 to 65..... 40%

Older than 65..... 20%

Q15

1st..... 36%

2nd..... 33%

3rd 31%



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	38%	80%	57%	8%
Disapprove	56%	12%	37%	87%
Not sure	6%	8%	6%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	34%	15%	18%	54%
Unfavorable	43%	69%	59%	21%
Not sure	23%	16%	22%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	44%	17%	30%	64%
Unfavorable	33%	63%	41%	17%
Not sure	23%	21%	29%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	12%	24%	67%
Unfavorable	50%	85%	69%	23%
Not sure	8%	3%	6%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	38%	18%	31%	50%
Unfavorable	35%	56%	41%	25%
Not sure	27%	26%	28%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	40%	84%	60%	10%
Newt Gingrich	48%	10%	28%	78%
Undecided	12%	6%	13%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	38%	84%	55%	9%
Mike Huckabee	51%	10%	33%	80%
Undecided	10%	6%	12%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	44%	84%	62%	14%
Sarah Palin	45%	11%	27%	73%
Undecided	11%	4%	11%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	37%	82%	52%	9%
Mitt Romney	49%	10%	30%	76%
Undecided	15%	8%	17%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	38%	42%	34%
Disapprove	56%	51%	62%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	34%	29%	39%
Unfavorable	43%	42%	45%
Not sure	23%	29%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	44%	41%	47%
Unfavorable	33%	29%	37%
Not sure	23%	30%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	42%	36%	48%
Unfavorable	50%	54%	46%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	38%	34%	42%
Unfavorable	35%	32%	39%
Not sure	27%	34%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	40%	44%	36%
Newt Gingrich	48%	42%	54%
Undecided	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Huckabee			
Barack Obama	38%	44%	32%
Mike Huckabee	51%	46%	57%
Undecided	10%	10%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Barack Obama	44%	48%	39%
Sarah Palin	45%	39%	52%
Undecided	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	37%	42%	31%
Mitt Romney	49%	42%	55%
Undecided	15%	16%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	38%	75%	12%	47%
Disapprove	56%	19%	82%	47%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	34%	14%	50%	24%
Unfavorable	43%	69%	25%	50%
Not sure	23%	17%	26%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	44%	17%	62%	40%
Unfavorable	33%	57%	18%	32%
Not sure	23%	26%	20%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	14%	63%	32%
Unfavorable	50%	83%	27%	60%
Not sure	8%	3%	10%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	38%	21%	49%	37%
Unfavorable	35%	54%	23%	37%
Not sure	27%	25%	28%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	40%	79%	13%	51%
Newt Gingrich	48%	13%	74%	34%
Undecided	12%	8%	13%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	38%	78%	11%	42%
Mike Huckabee	51%	14%	78%	43%
Undecided	10%	8%	11%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	44%	80%	18%	50%
Sarah Palin	45%	13%	69%	35%
Undecided	11%	7%	13%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	37%	75%	10%	43%
Mitt Romney	49%	14%	74%	37%
Undecided	15%	11%	16%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	38%	36%	67%
Disapprove	56%	58%	29%
Not sure	6%	6%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	34%	35%	22%
Unfavorable	43%	42%	62%
Not sure	23%	23%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	44%	45%	18%
Unfavorable	33%	32%	58%
Not sure	23%	23%	24%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	42%	43%	30%
Unfavorable	50%	49%	70%
Not sure	8%	8%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	38%	39%	24%
Unfavorable	35%	34%	57%
Not sure	27%	27%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	40%	39%	67%
Newt Gingrich	48%	49%	27%
Undecided	12%	12%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Huckabee			
Barack Obama	38%	36%	67%
Mike Huckabee	51%	53%	28%
Undecided	10%	11%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Palin			
Barack Obama	44%	42%	63%
Sarah Palin	45%	46%	29%
Undecided	11%	11%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	37%	35%	62%
Mitt Romney	49%	50%	29%
Undecided	15%	15%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	38%	33%	44%	34%	38%
Disapprove	56%	60%	50%	60%	55%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	34%	29%	31%	36%	37%
Unfavorable	43%	35%	46%	44%	42%
Not sure	23%	35%	23%	20%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	44%	33%	38%	49%	47%
Unfavorable	33%	35%	39%	29%	32%
Not sure	23%	31%	23%	22%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	42%	45%	38%	47%	38%
Unfavorable	50%	47%	56%	46%	51%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%	7%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	38%	26%	35%	42%	42%
Unfavorable	35%	32%	42%	33%	32%
Not sure	27%	43%	23%	26%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	40%	38%	46%	36%	42%
New t Gingrich	48%	48%	43%	52%	48%
Undecided	12%	15%	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Huckabee					
Barack Obama	38%	38%	44%	33%	40%
Mike Huckabee	51%	55%	46%	55%	50%
Undecided	10%	6%	9%	12%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Barack Obama	44%	38%	48%	41%	44%
Sarah Palin	45%	45%	43%	49%	43%
Undecided	11%	17%	10%	10%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	37%	33%	40%	34%	39%
Mitt Romney	49%	44%	46%	52%	46%
Undecided	15%	23%	14%	14%	14%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Obama Approval				
Approve	38%	35%	51%	28%
Disapprove	56%	57%	45%	67%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%	6%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	34%	36%	32%	33%
Unfavorable	43%	43%	49%	37%
Not sure	23%	21%	19%	29%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	44%	48%	37%	47%
Unfavorable	33%	30%	41%	29%
Not sure	23%	23%	23%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	42%	41%	33%	52%
Unfavorable	50%	50%	61%	41%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%	8%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	38%	39%	40%	34%
Unfavorable	35%	35%	39%	32%
Not sure	27%	27%	20%	33%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	40%	37%	55%	28%
Newt Gingrich	48%	51%	36%	57%
Undecided	12%	12%	9%	15%

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Undecided	10%	11%	7%	14%





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Barack Obama	44%	42%	57%	31%
Sarah Palin	45%	47%	33%	56%
Undecided	11%	11%	10%	12%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	37%	35%	50%	25%
Mitt Romney	49%	51%	41%	54%
Undecided	15%	15%	9%	22%

