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Obama trails in 2012 match for first time

Raleigh, N.C. – For the first time in one of Public Policy Polling's monthly surveys on the 2012 race for President, Barack Obama actually trails one of the match ups, albeit by a single point.

Mike Huckabee holds a 45-44 advantage over the President, thanks largely to a 44-38 lead among independents. There continues to be no evidence of political fallout for him after a former Arkansas prisoner murdered several police officers in Washington late last year. His favorability rating of 35/29 is actually a little bit better than it was prior to that incident.

Polling next best on the Republican side is Mitt Romney, who trails Obama 44-42. He's viewed favorably by 36% of voters to 32% who see him negatively.

Obama leads Sarah Palin 49-41. Even as the political climate has improved for Republicans nationally over the last year there has not been a lot of improvement in her favorability numbers, which stand at a negative 42/51. There are a fair number of GOP voters who won't commit to supporting her if she was the nominee.

David Petraeus was included as the wild card on this month's poll and while he trailed Obama by the largest margin, 44-34, he actually had the best net favorability at a +13. His main issue is low name recognition- 63% of respondents offered no opinion about Petraeus.

"It's a good thing for Barack Obama that he's not up this year," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "It's a tough time to be a Democrat."

PPP conducted a national survey of 1,151 registered voters on January 18th and 19th. The survey's margin of error is +/-2.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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

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National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve ..... 46% *Not Sure* 7%

Disapprove 47%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable ..... 35% *Not Sure* 36%

Unfavorable 29%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 42%

Unfavorable 51%

Not Sure 8%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of David Petraeus? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 25%

Unfavorable 12%

Not Sure 63%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 36%

Unfavorable 32%

Not Sure 32%

Q6 If the candidates for President next time were Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Huckabee 45%

Obama 44%

Not Sure 11%

Q7 If the candidates for President next time were Sarah Palin and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Sarah Palin, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Palin 41%

Obama 49%

Not Sure 9%

Q8 If the candidates for President in 2012 were David Petraeus and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If David Petraeus, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Petraeus 34%

Obama 44%

Undecided 21%

Q9 If the candidates for President next time were Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mitt Romney, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Romney 42%

Obama 44%

Not Sure 15%

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Q10 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain	46%
Obama	47%
Someone else/don't remember	7%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal	14%
Moderate	47%
Conservative	39%

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

Woman	57%
Man	43%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat	36%
Republican	35%
Independent/Other	29%

Q14 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic	10%
White	74%
African American	12%
Other	4%

Q15 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.

18 to 29	9%
30 to 45	28%
46 to 65	45%
Older than 65	18%

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Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	**46%**	11%	83%	26%
Disapprove	**47%**	83%	12%	51%
Not Sure	**7%**	6%	5%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	**35%**	59%	12%	27%
Unfavorable	**29%**	17%	43%	27%
Not Sure	**36%**	25%	46%	46%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	**42%**	76%	10%	27%
Unfavorable	**51%**	16%	84%	55%
Not Sure	**8%**	8%	6%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Petraeus Favorability				
Favorable	**25%**	31%	20%	20%
Unfavorable	**12%**	9%	15%	10%
Not Sure	**63%**	60%	64%	71%

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	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	**36%**	58%	16%	25%
Unfavorable	**32%**	15%	50%	32%
Not Sure	**32%**	28%	35%	42%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	**45%**	82%	10%	33%
Obama	**44%**	8%	82%	24%
Not Sure	**11%**	9%	8%	44%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Palin				
Palin	**41%**	81%	5%	27%
Obama	**49%**	13%	88%	29%
Not Sure	**9%**	7%	7%	44%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Petraeus				
Petraeus	**34%**	64%	6%	25%
Obama	**44%**	9%	84%	18%
Undecided	**21%**	27%	10%	56%

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	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Romney	**42%**	77%	7%	36%
Obama	**44%**	7%	83%	21%
Not Sure	**15%**	16%	10%	43%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	**46%**	83%	61%	14%
Disapprove	**47%**	16%	32%	77%
Not Sure	**7%**	1%	7%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	**35%**	17%	21%	57%
Unfavorable	**29%**	53%	37%	12%
Not Sure	**36%**	30%	43%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	**42%**	18%	26%	69%
Unfavorable	**51%**	81%	68%	19%
Not Sure	**8%**	1%	6%	12%

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Petraeus Favorability				
Favorable	**25%**	16%	24%	29%
Unfavorable	**12%**	17%	14%	8%
Not Sure	**63%**	67%	61%	63%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	**36%**	13%	30%	52%
Unfavorable	**32%**	59%	38%	15%
Not Sure	**32%**	27%	33%	33%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	**45%**	10%	28%	78%
Obama	**44%**	72%	61%	14%
Not Sure	**11%**	18%	11%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Palin	**41%**	13%	24%	72%
Obama	**49%**	81%	66%	17%
Not Sure	**9%**	6%	9%	11%

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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Petraeus				
Petraeus	**34%**	12%	19%	61%
Obama	**44%**	78%	61%	13%
Undecided	**21%**	10%	21%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Romney	**42%**	12%	26%	71%
Obama	**44%**	80%	58%	14%
Not Sure	**15%**	8%	16%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	**46%**	47%	44%
Disapprove	**47%**	46%	49%
Not Sure	**7%**	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	**35%**	34%	35%
Unfavorable	**29%**	27%	33%
Not Sure	**36%**	39%	32%

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	**42%**	43%	41%
Unfavorable	**51%**	51%	50%
Not Sure	**8%**	6%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Petraeus Favorability			
Favorable	**25%**	18%	34%
Unfavorable	**12%**	7%	19%
Not Sure	**63%**	75%	48%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	**36%**	31%	42%
Unfavorable	**32%**	30%	35%
Not Sure	**32%**	39%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	**45%**	43%	47%
Obama	**44%**	44%	44%
Not Sure	**11%**	12%	9%

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Palin	**41%**	41%	42%
Obama	**49%**	48%	50%
Not Sure	**9%**	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Petraeus			
Petraeus	**34%**	32%	37%
Obama	**44%**	44%	45%
Undecided	**21%**	24%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Romney	**42%**	39%	45%
Obama	**44%**	43%	44%
Not Sure	**15%**	17%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	**46%**	81%	11%	43%
Disapprove	**47%**	15%	83%	45%
Not Sure	**7%**	4%	6%	12%

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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	**35%**	11%	56%	38%
Unfavorable	**29%**	40%	17%	30%
Not Sure	**36%**	48%	27%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	**42%**	14%	71%	42%
Unfavorable	**51%**	80%	19%	51%
Not Sure	**8%**	6%	10%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Petraeus Favorability				
Favorable	**25%**	17%	28%	32%
Unfavorable	**12%**	16%	7%	13%
Not Sure	**63%**	67%	65%	55%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	**36%**	12%	56%	41%
Unfavorable	**32%**	47%	17%	32%
Not Sure	**32%**	41%	27%	27%

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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	**45%**	10%	82%	44%
Obama	**44%**	82%	10%	38%
Not Sure	**11%**	8%	8%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Palin	**41%**	8%	77%	41%
Obama	**49%**	88%	14%	42%
Not Sure	**9%**	3%	9%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Petraeus				
Petraeus	**34%**	4%	67%	33%
Obama	**44%**	85%	8%	37%
Undecided	**21%**	11%	25%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Romney	**42%**	7%	77%	44%
Obama	**44%**	82%	9%	37%
Not Sure	**15%**	11%	14%	19%

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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	**46%**	73%	36%	76%	62%
Disapprove	**47%**	27%	57%	6%	31%
Not Sure	**7%**	-	6%	18%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	**35%**	7%	42%	18%	24%
Unfavorable	**29%**	53%	28%	18%	34%
Not Sure	**36%**	40%	31%	65%	41%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	**42%**	33%	47%	18%	31%
Unfavorable	**51%**	67%	43%	76%	66%
Not Sure	**8%**	-	9%	6%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Petraeus Favorability					
Favorable	**25%**	27%	26%	18%	28%
Unfavorable	**12%**	27%	9%	18%	14%
Not Sure	**63%**	47%	65%	65%	59%

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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	**36%**	27%	41%	18%	24%
Unfavorable	**32%**	27%	32%	35%	45%
Not Sure	**32%**	47%	28%	47%	31%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	**45%**	20%	54%	12%	31%
Obama	**44%**	67%	34%	82%	62%
Not Sure	**11%**	13%	12%	6%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Palin					
Palin	**41%**	27%	50%	6%	28%
Obama	**49%**	73%	39%	82%	69%
Not Sure	**9%**	-	11%	12%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Petraeus					
Petraeus	**34%**	20%	41%	6%	28%
Obama	**44%**	67%	34%	88%	55%
Undecided	**21%**	13%	25%	6%	17%

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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Romney	**42%**	20%	51%	6%	24%
Obama	**44%**	67%	33%	88%	59%
Not Sure	**15%**	13%	16%	6%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	**46%**	53%	51%	41%	46%
Disapprove	**47%**	33%	42%	52%	50%
Not Sure	**7%**	14%	7%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	**35%**	30%	31%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	**29%**	29%	34%	29%	23%
Not Sure	**36%**	41%	34%	34%	43%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	**42%**	39%	33%	48%	41%
Unfavorable	**51%**	48%	62%	43%	52%
Not Sure	**8%**	12%	6%	8%	7%

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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Petraeus Favorability					
Favorable	**25%**	19%	25%	27%	22%
Unfavorable	**12%**	28%	13%	11%	7%
Not Sure	**63%**	53%	61%	62%	71%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	**36%**	23%	30%	42%	36%
Unfavorable	**32%**	29%	42%	29%	25%
Not Sure	**32%**	47%	28%	29%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	**45%**	43%	38%	50%	42%
Obama	**44%**	46%	50%	38%	48%
Not Sure	**11%**	10%	12%	11%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Palin	**41%**	41%	34%	47%	40%
Obama	**49%**	51%	56%	43%	52%
Not Sure	**9%**	8%	10%	10%	8%

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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Petraeus					
Petraeus	**34%**	33%	28%	41%	29%
Obama	**44%**	46%	49%	39%	49%
Undecided	**21%**	21%	22%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Romney	**42%**	43%	30%	49%	41%
Obama	**44%**	44%	51%	38%	47%
Not Sure	**15%**	12%	18%	14%	12%

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