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Obama, Republicans Closely Matched

Raleigh, N.C. – Though his favorability rating is largely unchanged since March, Barack Obama now trails two of the top 2012 Republican presidential contenders and ties another, while a fourth is down only two points after previously losing by larger margins.

Mitt Romney leads Obama 45-44 after tying the president at 44 last month. This is true despite Obama consolidating his Democratic support and narrowing his deficit among independents.

After trailing 44-46 to Obama in March, Mike Huckabee now leads the president 47-45. Huckabee boosted his favorability numbers from 31-36 to 32-31 in a month by decreasing his disapproval among liberals, moderates, conservatives, and Republicans.

Sarah Palin now lags Obama only 45-47 after showing deficits of eight or seven points in each of the last three months. Both Obama and Palin have increased their base support, but Palin now trails Obama among independents 39-46 versus 35-49 in March.

Despite a 34-47 favorability gulf, Newt Gingrich is dead even with President Obama, 45-45. Obama leads Gingrich among independents 44-40, but 11% of his own party members pledge to vote for Gingrich, versus only 6% of Republicans crossing over.

Except in the race against Huckabee, Obama now retains slightly more of his own party's support than do the Republicans, and Democrats voting for the Republicans are down to 10-11% in all four cases. But Republicans are also less sure of how they will vote than are Democrats, particularly when Obama is pitted against Gingrich and Romney.

“None of the Republicans is particularly popular, nor is any politician in this sour climate, but the public is taking it out on the President and party in power,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 622 registered voters from April 9th to 11th. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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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*..... 6%
Disapprove..... 48%

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.....32% *Not Sure*.....37%
Unfavorable31%

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..... 38%
Unfavorable52%
Not Sure..... 9%

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

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 47%
Not Sure..... 19%

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..... 33%
Unfavorable 42%
Not Sure..... 25%

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..... 47%
Obama..... 45%
Not Sure..... 9%

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..... 45%
Obama..... 47%
Not Sure..... 7%

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

Gingrich 45%
Obama..... 45%
Undecided..... 10%

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 45%
Obama..... 44%
Not Sure..... 10%





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..... 45%
Obama..... 48%
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..... 21%
Moderate..... 37%
Conservative..... 42%

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

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

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..... 38%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 24%

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

Hispanic..... 10%
White 75%
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..... 43%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	5%	88%	24%
Disapprove	48%	91%	7%	53%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	32%	55%	11%	28%
Unfavorable	31%	11%	53%	14%
Not Sure	37%	34%	37%	58%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	38%	75%	5%	31%
Unfavorable	52%	16%	89%	34%
Not Sure	9%	9%	6%	35%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	34%	60%	11%	30%
Unfavorable	47%	20%	75%	30%
Not Sure	19%	20%	14%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	54%	14%	26%
Unfavorable	42%	23%	62%	30%
Not Sure	25%	23%	24%	44%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	47%	90%	6%	44%
Obama	45%	3%	88%	18%
Not Sure	9%	8%	5%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Palin				
Palin	45%	87%	5%	49%
Obama	47%	5%	91%	22%
Not Sure	7%	8%	3%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Gingrich				
Gingrich	45%	84%	7%	48%
Obama	45%	4%	89%	12%
Undecided	10%	12%	4%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Romney	45%	84%	8%	42%
Obama	44%	3%	87%	18%
Not Sure	10%	12%	5%	40%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	82%	66%	10%
Disapprove	48%	9%	28%	85%
Not Sure	6%	9%	6%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	32%	9%	22%	52%
Unfavorable	31%	62%	37%	10%
Not Sure	37%	29%	41%	37%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	38%	8%	19%	70%
Unfavorable	52%	86%	71%	19%
Not Sure	9%	6%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	34%	9%	18%	61%
Unfavorable	47%	75%	64%	18%
Not Sure	19%	17%	17%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	14%	25%	49%
Unfavorable	42%	66%	49%	25%
Not Sure	25%	21%	26%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	47%	7%	26%	84%
Obama	45%	84%	64%	9%
Not Sure	9%	8%	10%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Palin	45%	9%	24%	82%
Obama	47%	85%	69%	10%
Not Sure	7%	6%	7%	8%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Gingrich				
Gingrich	45%	7%	25%	80%
Obama	45%	84%	66%	9%
Undecided	10%	8%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Romney	45%	8%	27%	79%
Obama	44%	85%	62%	9%
Not Sure	10%	7%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	47%	45%
Disapprove	48%	47%	50%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	32%	32%	33%
Unfavorable	31%	26%	36%
Not Sure	37%	43%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	38%	37%	40%
Unfavorable	52%	51%	54%
Not Sure	9%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	34%	31%	37%
Unfavorable	47%	43%	51%
Not Sure	19%	26%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	33%	31%	34%
Unfavorable	42%	35%	49%
Not Sure	25%	34%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	47%	46%	48%
Obama	45%	45%	44%
Not Sure	9%	9%	8%





Crosstabs

		Base	Gender	
			Woman	Man
Obama/Palin				
	Palin	45%	45%	46%
	Obama	47%	46%	48%
	Not Sure	7%	9%	6%

		Base	Gender	
			Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich				
	Gingrich	45%	43%	46%
	Obama	45%	45%	46%
	Undecided	10%	12%	8%

		Base	Gender	
			Woman	Man
Obama/Romney				
	Romney	45%	44%	46%
	Obama	44%	43%	46%
	Not Sure	10%	13%	8%

		Base	Party		
			Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval					
	Approve	46%	84%	10%	41%
	Disapprove	48%	12%	87%	45%
	Not Sure	6%	4%	3%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	32%	12%	55%	29%
Unfavorable	31%	51%	10%	33%
Not Sure	37%	37%	35%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	38%	9%	71%	33%
Unfavorable	52%	87%	18%	50%
Not Sure	9%	4%	11%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	34%	9%	62%	29%
Unfavorable	47%	74%	17%	51%
Not Sure	19%	16%	21%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	15%	52%	30%
Unfavorable	42%	60%	25%	41%
Not Sure	25%	26%	22%	29%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	47%	11%	86%	41%
Obama	45%	84%	7%	41%
Not Sure	9%	5%	7%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Palin	45%	10%	85%	39%
Obama	47%	87%	8%	46%
Not Sure	7%	3%	7%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Gingrich	45%	11%	82%	40%
Obama	45%	86%	6%	44%
Undecided	10%	4%	12%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Romney	45%	10%	82%	43%
Obama	44%	86%	6%	40%
Not Sure	10%	4%	12%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	74%	36%	84%	38%
Disapprove	48%	22%	59%	5%	46%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	11%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	32%	17%	39%	5%	25%
Unfavorable	31%	39%	27%	47%	42%
Not Sure	37%	43%	35%	47%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	38%	22%	45%	5%	46%
Unfavorable	52%	70%	45%	84%	50%
Not Sure	9%	9%	10%	11%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	34%	22%	41%	5%	29%
Unfavorable	47%	65%	41%	68%	58%
Not Sure	19%	13%	19%	26%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	33%	17%	38%	11%	33%
Unfavorable	42%	61%	37%	58%	46%
Not Sure	25%	22%	25%	32%	21%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	47%	26%	57%	5%	29%
Obama	45%	65%	35%	89%	46%
Not Sure	9%	9%	8%	5%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Palin					
Palin	45%	22%	55%	5%	46%
Obama	47%	70%	38%	89%	42%
Not Sure	7%	9%	7%	5%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Gingrich					
Gingrich	45%	30%	53%	5%	33%
Obama	45%	61%	36%	89%	54%
Undecided	10%	9%	11%	5%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Romney	45%	26%	54%	5%	42%
Obama	44%	65%	35%	89%	46%
Not Sure	10%	9%	11%	5%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	55%	44%	43%	49%
Disapprove	48%	39%	52%	49%	45%
Not Sure	6%	6%	4%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	32%	19%	35%	33%	33%
Unfavorable	31%	32%	30%	30%	33%
Not Sure	37%	49%	35%	37%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	38%	19%	39%	40%	42%
Unfavorable	52%	69%	49%	52%	50%
Not Sure	9%	12%	13%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	34%	15%	30%	37%	41%
Unfavorable	47%	53%	48%	48%	41%
Not Sure	19%	32%	21%	15%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	33%	16%	35%	34%	35%
Unfavorable	42%	52%	42%	43%	37%
Not Sure	25%	32%	23%	24%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	47%	40%	49%	48%	44%
Obama	45%	51%	43%	45%	44%
Not Sure	9%	9%	8%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Palin	45%	33%	46%	47%	45%
Obama	47%	60%	45%	47%	45%
Not Sure	7%	8%	8%	6%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Gingrich	45%	36%	44%	47%	44%
Obama	45%	49%	46%	44%	45%
Undecided	10%	15%	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Romney	45%	28%	46%	47%	46%
Obama	44%	55%	44%	43%	43%
Not Sure	10%	16%	9%	10%	11%

