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## **Obama Rebounds, Leads Major 2012 GOP Contenders**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A month after trailing all but Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich, President Barack Obama is now ahead of all four major Republican presidential candidates polled, plus a new dark horse.

Obama has increased his lead over Palin from 47-45 to 50-43 since April; she is the only candidate against whom Obama has majority support. Even unknown candidate Gary Johnson, former New Mexico governor, has Obama at 46, to Johnson's 28. Obama leads Mike Huckabee 46-45 after trailing him 47-45 last month. The president beats Gingrich 49-42; they were tied at 45 in April. Romney lags behind Obama 46-44 after beating him 45-44 a month ago.

81% of voters have no opinion of Gary Johnson; those who do are negative, 4-15. Romney is the only candidate to significantly improve his favorability numbers in the last month. His favorables stayed the same (33%) but his unfavorables dropped from 42 to 36. Huckabee stayed roughly the same, 32-31 then and 33-30 now. Palin went from 38-52 to 37-56, and Gingrich from 34-47 to 29-48.

PPP will release numbers on the race for the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination tomorrow.

“The election is still over two years away, but this is another indication that President Obama's and Democrats' prospects have been boosted in recent weeks as the economy improves and the health care battle recedes in voters' minds,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

Complete results are attached.

PPP surveyed 707 registered American voters from May 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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?

*Approve*..... 50% *Not Sure*..... 4%

*Disapprove*..... 46%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

*Favorable*.....33% *Not Sure*.....37%

*Unfavorable* .....30%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

*Favorable*..... 37%

*Unfavorable* ..... 56%

*Not Sure*..... 7%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

*Favorable*..... 29%

*Unfavorable* ..... 48%

*Not Sure*..... 23%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

*Favorable*..... 4%

*Unfavorable* ..... 15%

*Not sure* ..... 81%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 33%

*Unfavorable* ..... 36%

*Not Sure*..... 31%

**Q7** If the candidates for President next time were Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

*Mike Huckabee* ..... 45%

*Barack Obama*..... 46%

*Not Sure*..... 8%

**Q8** If the candidates for President next time were Sarah Palin and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

*Sarah Palin* ..... 43%

*Barack Obama*..... 50%

*Not Sure*..... 6%

**Q9** If the candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

*Newt Gingrich* ..... 42%

*Barack Obama*..... 49%

*Undecided*..... 9%

**Q10** If the candidates for President in 2012 were Gary Johnson and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

*Gary Johnson* ..... 28%

*Barack Obama*..... 46%

*Undecided*..... 26%

**Q11** If the candidates for President next time were Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

*Mitt Romney*..... 44%

*Barack Obama*..... 46%

*Not Sure*..... 11%





**Q12** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

*Liberal*..... 19%  
*Moderate*..... 44%  
*Conservative*..... 38%

**Q13** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 52%  
*Man*..... 48%

**Q14** 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* ..... 41%  
*Republican*..... 35%  
*Independent/Other*..... 24%

**Q15** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

*Hispanic*..... 10%  
*White* ..... 72%  
*African American* ..... 12%  
*Other*..... 6%

**Q16** 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*..... 42%  
*Older than 65*..... 21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
Approve	50%	87%	64%	14%
Disapprove	46%	10%	30%	83%
Not Sure	4%	3%	6%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
Favorable	33%	12%	20%	60%
Unfavorable	30%	52%	35%	11%
Not Sure	37%	36%	45%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
Favorable	37%	12%	19%	69%
Unfavorable	56%	87%	72%	22%
Not Sure	7%	1%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
Favorable	29%	4%	18%	55%
Unfavorable	48%	75%	59%	22%
Not Sure	23%	22%	23%	23%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	4%	3%	5%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	20%	16%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	76%	80%	84%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	11%	29%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	67%	36%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	22%	35%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>				
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	45%	9%	27%	84%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	87%	61%	10%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	4%	12%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	43%	10%	26%	80%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	89%	66%	13%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	1%	8%	8%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	<b>42%</b>	9%	25%	77%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>49%</b>	88%	65%	12%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>9%</b>	3%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Johnson</b>				
<b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>28%</b>	9%	16%	52%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>46%</b>	86%	60%	11%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>26%</b>	6%	24%	37%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	<b>44%</b>	11%	30%	75%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>46%</b>	85%	59%	11%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	4%	11%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>50%</b>	49%	51%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>46%</b>	46%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	5%	3%





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		Woman	Man
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>			
Favorable	33%	35%	31%
Unfavorable	30%	24%	36%
Not Sure	37%	41%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Palin Favorability</b>			
Favorable	37%	36%	37%
Unfavorable	56%	56%	56%
Not Sure	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
Favorable	29%	28%	30%
Unfavorable	48%	47%	50%
Not Sure	23%	26%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>			
Favorable	4%	4%	5%
Unfavorable	15%	10%	20%
Not sure	81%	86%	75%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	33%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	31%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	37%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>			
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	45%	43%	48%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	48%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Palin</b>			
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	43%	41%	46%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	52%	48%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>			
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	42%	39%	44%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	49%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	11%	7%





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<b>Gary Johnson</b>	28%	27%	30%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	48%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	25%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	41%	46%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	47%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	50%	83%	14%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	46%	13%	84%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	15%	57%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	30%	42%	14%	31%
<b>Not Sure</b>	37%	43%	29%	40%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	37%	13%	67%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	56%	82%	23%	60%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	5%	11%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	29%	7%	55%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	72%	19%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	21%	26%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	3%	6%	4%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	22%	11%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	75%	83%	86%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	16%	55%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	51%	17%	35%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	33%	28%	33%





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<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>				
Mike Huckabee	45%	13%	84%	44%
Barack Obama	46%	80%	9%	42%
Not Sure	8%	7%	7%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
Sarah Palin	43%	15%	81%	37%
Barack Obama	50%	83%	12%	50%
Not Sure	6%	2%	7%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
Newt Gingrich	42%	12%	82%	34%
Barack Obama	49%	82%	10%	48%
Undecided	9%	5%	8%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Johnson</b>				
Gary Johnson	28%	8%	55%	25%
Barack Obama	46%	80%	10%	41%
Undecided	26%	12%	35%	35%





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<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
Mitt Romney	44%	13%	78%	44%
Barack Obama	46%	80%	9%	41%
Not Sure	11%	7%	13%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
Approve	50%	64%	41%	94%	45%
Disapprove	46%	32%	56%	3%	45%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%	3%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>					
Favorable	33%	18%	39%	15%	26%
Unfavorable	30%	32%	28%	41%	21%
Not Sure	37%	50%	33%	44%	53%

	Base	Race			
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<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
Favorable	37%	27%	43%	3%	41%
Unfavorable	56%	73%	48%	91%	50%
Not Sure	7%	-	9%	6%	9%





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		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	29%	14%	36%	3%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	55%	43%	76%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	32%	21%	21%	29%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	14%	3%	-	6%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	19%	13%	29%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	67%	84%	71%	85%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	29%	39%	12%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	33%	33%	47%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	38%	28%	41%	38%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>					
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	45%	38%	52%	6%	53%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	48%	39%	88%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	14%	9%	6%	3%





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<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	48%	43%	94%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	5%	7%	3%	9%

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<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	42%	38%	49%	3%	32%
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<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	32%	52%	3%	47%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	55%	37%	91%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	14%	12%	6%	9%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	50%	51%	48%	50%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	46%	44%	48%	45%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	27%	31%	33%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	30%	26%	26%	32%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	37%	47%	43%	34%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	37%	29%	34%	39%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	56%	70%	54%	54%	58%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	1%	12%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	29%	7%	31%	28%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	48%	47%	51%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	44%	22%	20%	20%





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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	4%	1%	5%	7%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	17%	13%	12%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	79%	86%	83%	70%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	33%	32%	33%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	36%	34%	37%	35%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	31%	34%	30%	30%

	Base	Age			
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<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>					
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	45%	37%	46%	43%	52%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	57%	43%	49%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	6%	11%	8%	7%

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<b>Sarah Palin</b>	43%	33%	46%	44%	43%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	60%	47%	50%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%





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<b>Gary Johnson</b>	28%	20%	27%	31%	28%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	54%	44%	46%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	26%	29%	23%	27%

	Base	Age			
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<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	38%	46%	44%	41%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	50%	43%	47%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	12%	11%	9%	14%

