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Oil Spill Could Impact Midterm Elections

President Obama's job approval ratings have maintained, dropping only two points over the last month. 48% of voters like the job the President is doing right now, compared with 47% who say they disapprove of him. Obama's decline is most likely due to his handling of the oil spill. 47% of Americans disapprove of the President's response to the oil spill while only 38% give him good marks.

The President's slipping approval ratings could impact midterm elections. 48% of voters say they are less likely to vote for a candidate who is endorsed by the President, while only 33% say Obama's support would make them more inclined to give someone their vote.

Americans have a stronger opinion about off shore drilling than BP. Last month 55% of Americans reaffirmed their support for off shore drilling while only 30% said that they're now opposed to drilling off the American coast. This month, a majority of respondents reported that the oil spill has not affected where they buy gas. 57% say the spill has not affected their willingness to buy gas at BP.

This may be due to the perception that the average citizen cannot impact the business practices of BP, but can influence American law.

"The American public is clearly unhappy with response to the oil spill and anger will continue to mount as summer vacations are altered," said Dean Debnam President of Public Policy Polling. "Obama needs to raise his approval ratings quickly so he is not a liability, but an asset for his fellow Democrats during midterm elections."

PPP surveyed 650 American voters from June 4th - 7th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.8%. 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.



National Survey Results

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

Approve..... 48% *Not Sure*..... 5%
Disapprove..... 47%

Q2 Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who was endorsed by President Obama, or would it not make a difference?

More likely..... 33%
Less likely..... 48%
Makes no difference 17%
Not sure 1%

Q3 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support..... 43%
Oppose..... 49%
No Opinion..... 8%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of how President Obama has handled the oil spill in the Gulf?

Approve..... 38% *Not Sure*..... 15%
Disapprove..... 47%

Q5 Are you buying gas at BP more often, less often, or about the same as you were two months ago?

More often..... 5%
Less often 38%
About the same..... 57%

Q6 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 42%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Someone else/don't remember..... 8%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 38%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 49%
Man..... 51%

Q9 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..... 43%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 24%

Q10 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%

Q11 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..... 10%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	5%	86%	40%
Disapprove	47%	90%	10%	47%
Not Sure	5%	5%	4%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Endorsement Impact				
More likely	33%	6%	58%	26%
Less likely	48%	87%	15%	50%
Makes no difference	17%	7%	25%	19%
Not sure	1%	0%	2%	5%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Health Care				
Support	43%	5%	79%	32%
Oppose	49%	90%	14%	49%
No Opinion	8%	6%	7%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Gulf Spill Approval				
Approve	38%	7%	67%	30%
Disapprove	47%	79%	19%	47%
Not Sure	15%	15%	14%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Buying BP Gas				
More often	5%	4%	5%	7%
Less often	38%	36%	41%	35%
About the same	57%	60%	53%	58%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	90%	62%	12%
Disapprove	47%	9%	31%	83%
Not Sure	5%	1%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Endorsement Impact				
More likely	33%	63%	40%	11%
Less likely	48%	20%	32%	81%
Makes no difference	17%	17%	26%	7%
Not sure	1%	-	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	43%	82%	60%	6%
Oppose	49%	13%	32%	86%
No Opinion	8%	5%	9%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Gulf Spill Approval				
Approve	38%	66%	53%	8%
Disapprove	47%	20%	33%	75%
Not Sure	15%	13%	14%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Buying BP Gas				
More often	5%	11%	4%	3%
Less often	38%	37%	38%	40%
About the same	57%	52%	58%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	52%	44%
Disapprove	47%	42%	51%
Not Sure	5%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Endorsement Impact			
More likely	33%	36%	30%
Less likely	48%	42%	55%
Makes no difference	17%	21%	14%
Not sure	1%	1%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	43%	47%	41%
Oppose	49%	45%	53%
No Opinion	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Gulf Spill Approval			
Approve	38%	43%	34%
Disapprove	47%	41%	52%
Not Sure	15%	16%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Buying BP Gas			
More often	5%	3%	7%
Less often	38%	44%	33%
About the same	57%	53%	60%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	83%	11%	38%
Disapprove	47%	13%	84%	55%
Not Sure	5%	4%	5%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Endorsement Impact				
More likely	33%	58%	8%	23%
Less likely	48%	16%	86%	54%
Makes no difference	17%	24%	4%	22%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	43%	76%	8%	34%
Oppose	49%	16%	86%	56%
No Opinion	8%	8%	6%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Gulf Spill Approval				
Approve	38%	67%	10%	27%
Disapprove	47%	19%	74%	57%
Not Sure	15%	14%	16%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Buying BP Gas				
More often	5%	7%	3%	3%
Less often	38%	40%	39%	34%
About the same	57%	52%	58%	63%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	59%	40%	93%	38%
Disapprove	47%	37%	54%	7%	54%
Not Sure	5%	4%	6%	-	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Endorsement Impact					
More likely	33%	33%	27%	70%	26%
Less likely	48%	44%	55%	13%	51%
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Not sure	1%	4%	1%	-	3%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	50%	45%	51%	45%
Disapprove	47%	43%	51%	43%	51%
Not Sure	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%

	Base	Age			
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Obama Endorsement Impact					
More likely	33%	40%	30%	34%	30%
Less likely	48%	42%	53%	44%	57%
Makes no difference	17%	17%	16%	20%	13%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Support	43%	45%	40%	47%	39%
Oppose	49%	44%	50%	46%	57%
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Disapprove	47%	42%	51%	43%	51%
Not Sure	15%	17%	15%	15%	14%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Buying BP Gas					
More often	5%	8%	3%	5%	5%
Less often	38%	41%	37%	41%	34%
About the same	57%	52%	60%	54%	61%

