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Obama's numbers look poor

Raleigh, N.C. – For the first time since last July Barack Obama does not lead Mitt Romney in PPP's monthly national poll on the 2012 Presidential race. Romney has now pulled into a tie with the President at 45%.

Obama's approval rating this month is 46% with 48% of voters disapproving of him. There are 2 things particularly troubling in his numbers: independents split against him by a 44/49 margin, and 16% of Democrats are unhappy with the job he's doing while only 10% of Republicans give him good marks.

Romney takes advantage of those 2 points of weakness for Obama. He leads the President by 9 points with independents at 46-37. And he earns more crossover support, getting 13% of the Democratic vote while only 8% of Republicans are behind Obama.

An extremely wide electability gap has developed between Romney and all the rest of the Republican candidates. Everyone else we tested trails Obama by at least as much as John McCain's 2008 margin of defeat and in most cases more. Obama's up 7 on Michele Bachmann at 48-41, 9 against Tim Pawlenty at 48-39, 12 versus Herman Cain at 48-36, and as usual has his largest lead in a match up with Sarah Palin at 53-37.

Here's an important note on all of this early 2012 polling: Obama's numbers are worse than they appear to be on the surface. The vast majority of the undecideds in all of these match ups disapprove of the job Obama's doing but aren't committing to a candidate yet while they wait to see how the Republican field shakes out. For instance if you allocate the undecideds based on their approval/disapprove of Obama, Romney would lead 52-48.

“There's a very good chance Barack Obama would lose if he had to stand for reelection today,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “This is his worst poll standing in a long time and he really needs the economy to start turning around.”

PPP surveyed 928 registered voters from July 15th to 17th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



National Survey Results

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

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 6%

Q2 In the current negotiations between President Obama and Congressional Republicans about the debt ceiling, which side do you have more faith in?

President Obama 47%
Congressional Republicans 43%
Not sure 10%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 26%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable..... 24%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 43%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 62%
Not sure 9%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Pawlenty?

Favorable..... 20%
Unfavorable 40%
Not sure..... 40%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 42%
Not sure..... 22%

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

Barack Obama..... 48%
Michele Bachmann 41%
Undecided..... 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 48%
Herman Cain..... 36%
Undecided..... 16%

Q10 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 53%
Sarah Palin 37%
Undecided..... 9%

Q11 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Tim Pawlenty, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 48%
Tim Pawlenty 39%
Undecided..... 13%





Q12 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

<i>Barack Obama</i>	45%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	45%
<i>Undecided</i>	10%

Q13 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

<i>John McCain</i>	44%
<i>Barack Obama</i>	47%
<i>Someone else/Don't remember</i>	8%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	15%
<i>Moderate</i>	36%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	17%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	51%
<i>Man</i>	49%

Q16 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	42%
<i>Republican</i>	33%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	25%

Q17 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	10%
<i>White</i>	70%
<i>African-American</i>	12%
<i>Other</i>	7%

Q18 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	22%
<i>46 to 65</i>	48%
<i>Older than 65</i>	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	11%	83%	27%
Disapprove	48%	86%	10%	59%
Not sure	6%	3%	7%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP on Debt Ceiling?				
President Obama	47%	9%	87%	25%
Congressional Republicans	43%	80%	8%	46%
Not sure	10%	11%	5%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	29%	46%	15%	21%
Unfavorable	45%	28%	62%	37%
Not sure	26%	26%	23%	42%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	24%	40%	9%	22%
Unfavorable	33%	21%	47%	22%
Not sure	43%	39%	44%	56%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	29%	57%	4%	27%
Unfavorable	62%	33%	91%	50%
Not sure	9%	11%	5%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	20%	34%	7%	18%
Unfavorable	40%	24%	57%	32%
Not sure	40%	42%	35%	51%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	36%	51%	22%	33%
Unfavorable	42%	31%	53%	36%
Not sure	22%	18%	25%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Bachmann				
Barack Obama	48%	11%	87%	27%
Michele Bachmann	41%	76%	8%	41%
Undecided	11%	14%	5%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
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Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	48%	10%	88%	26%
Herman Cain	36%	69%	5%	39%
Undecided	16%	21%	7%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	53%	15%	92%	38%
Sarah Palin	37%	72%	5%	37%
Undecided	9%	13%	2%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Pawlenty				
Barack Obama	48%	10%	87%	29%
Tim Pawlenty	39%	74%	7%	40%
Undecided	13%	16%	6%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	9%	82%	27%
Mitt Romney	45%	82%	11%	41%
Undecided	10%	9%	8%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	46%	83%	73%	60%	17%	7%
Disapprove	48%	11%	19%	34%	78%	89%
Not sure	6%	6%	8%	6%	5%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP on Debt Ceiling?						
President Obama	47%	86%	80%	59%	18%	7%
Congressional Republicans	43%	11%	11%	28%	71%	86%
Not sure	10%	3%	9%	13%	11%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	29%	18%	12%	17%	44%	57%
Unfavorable	45%	57%	71%	53%	26%	21%
Not sure	26%	25%	17%	30%	30%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cain Favorability						
Favorable	24%	12%	10%	14%	35%	50%
Unfavorable	33%	45%	51%	34%	25%	18%
Not sure	43%	43%	39%	51%	39%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Palin Favorability						
Favorable	29%	13%	6%	16%	44%	72%
Unfavorable	62%	82%	90%	76%	42%	18%
Not sure	9%	5%	4%	9%	14%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Pawlenty Favorability						
Favorable	20%	9%	6%	14%	31%	37%
Unfavorable	40%	63%	61%	40%	28%	25%
Not sure	40%	28%	33%	46%	41%	38%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	36%	13%	26%	36%	48%	43%
Unfavorable	42%	66%	50%	39%	32%	37%
Not sure	22%	22%	24%	25%	19%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Bachmann						
Barack Obama	48%	87%	77%	63%	15%	6%
Michele Bachmann	41%	12%	14%	22%	72%	84%
Undecided	11%	2%	9%	15%	13%	10%





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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	48%	91%	80%	60%	16%	8%
Herman Cain	36%	7%	11%	19%	61%	82%
Undecided	16%	2%	9%	20%	23%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Palin						
Barack Obama	53%	90%	88%	67%	24%	8%
Sarah Palin	37%	9%	8%	22%	63%	84%
Undecided	9%	1%	4%	11%	14%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Pawlenty						
Barack Obama	48%	87%	80%	60%	17%	8%
Tim Pawlenty	39%	12%	11%	24%	64%	83%
Undecided	13%	1%	9%	15%	19%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	45%	86%	78%	54%	17%	7%
Mitt Romney	45%	12%	16%	33%	72%	81%
Undecided	10%	1%	6%	13%	11%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	52%	40%
Disapprove	48%	41%	55%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP on Debt Ceiling?			
President Obama	47%	53%	41%
Congressional Republicans	43%	36%	50%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	29%	26%	32%
Unfavorable	45%	42%	48%
Not sure	26%	32%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	24%	20%	28%
Unfavorable	33%	30%	37%
Not sure	43%	50%	35%





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Palin Favorability			
Favorable	29%	24%	35%
Unfavorable	62%	65%	58%
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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Favorability			
Favorable	20%	14%	26%
Unfavorable	40%	37%	44%
Not sure	40%	49%	30%

	Base	Gender	
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Romney Favorability			
Favorable	36%	32%	40%
Unfavorable	42%	41%	43%
Not sure	22%	27%	17%

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Obama/Bachmann			
Barack Obama	48%	55%	41%
Michele Bachmann	41%	34%	48%
Undecided	11%	11%	11%





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Obama/Romney			
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Mitt Romney	45%	38%	52%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%





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Unfavorable	45%	58%	27%	47%
Not sure	26%	26%	28%	24%

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Unfavorable	62%	85%	30%	65%
Not sure	9%	7%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	20%	8%	34%	22%
Unfavorable	40%	54%	23%	41%
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More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP on Debt Ceiling?					
President Obama	47%	53%	38%	86%	63%
Congressional Republicans	43%	31%	51%	12%	29%
Not sure	10%	16%	10%	2%	8%

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Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	29%	23%	30%	32%	25%
Unfavorable	45%	51%	45%	42%	46%
Not sure	26%	26%	26%	26%	29%

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Favorable	24%	24%	25%	21%	20%
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Not sure	43%	42%	45%	33%	34%





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Not sure	9%	9%	9%	7%	7%

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Favorable	20%	23%	21%	12%	15%
Unfavorable	40%	40%	37%	52%	52%
Not sure	40%	37%	42%	36%	33%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	54%	45%	47%	43%
Disapprove	48%	37%	47%	48%	53%
Not sure	6%	10%	8%	5%	3%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP on Debt Ceiling?					
President Obama	47%	57%	48%	47%	44%
Congressional Republicans	43%	25%	44%	42%	50%
Not sure	10%	18%	9%	11%	6%

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Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	29%	24%	20%	31%	34%
Unfavorable	45%	51%	49%	44%	42%
Not sure	26%	24%	31%	25%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	24%	24%	24%	23%	27%
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Barack Obama	53%	71%	52%	55%	45%
Sarah Palin	37%	24%	39%	37%	43%
Undecided	9%	5%	9%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
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Obama/Pawlenty					
Barack Obama	48%	59%	45%	49%	44%
Tim Pawlenty	39%	34%	41%	40%	39%
Undecided	13%	7%	14%	11%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	45%	51%	45%	46%	42%
Mitt Romney	45%	37%	43%	44%	49%
Undecided	10%	12%	12%	9%	9%

