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Tressel still gets a thumb's up from Buckeye faithful

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite being suspended by Ohio State for not reporting NCAA violations, the school's football coach Jim Tressel is still fairly popular statewide, and even more so with the school's fans. 43% of all Ohioans see Tressel favorably, and only 17% unfavorably. With the 65% of the state's voters who say they are OSU fans, Tressel has an even wider 58-13 favorability margin. His overall numbers are held down because, unsurprisingly, the 27% who do not root for the Buckeyes side 2:1 against him.

Voters are split over how Speaker of the House John Boehner is doing so far. 37% approve, and 38% disapprove. A quarter are not sure how they feel. These are far better numbers than PPP found for new Governor John Kasich, so Boehner has at least not ignited Democrats and angered independents nearly to the extent Kasich has. More Republicans (71%) approve of Boehner's handling of his new leadership role than Democrats disapprove (60%). Independents fall at 35-40. Boehner represents Ohio's 8th district.

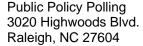
New Senator Rob Portman has also polarized voters, though slightly in his favor, 25-22. A 53% majority are still not aware enough of him to have an opinion. As with Boehner, Republicans are more strongly affirmative (47%) than Democrats negative (35%), and independents are split at 20% on each side. Portman does at least slightly improve on where his predecessor stood when he left office. George Voinovich was at 36-40 in PPP's December poll of Ohio. But Portman is not yet as popular as his fellow first-term Senator, Sherrod Brown, who has a net +10 approval margin.

Ohio's two-time minor Democratic presidential candidate and 10th-district Rep. Dennis Kucinich is not well liked at all statewide, with 27% seeing him favorably and 40% unfavorably. He turns 63% of Republicans off and gets the nod from only 44% of Democrats. Independents mirror the electorate at-large.

PPP surveyed 559 Ohio voters from March 10th to 13th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.1%. 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.

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Ohio Survey Results

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Rob	Q7	If you are a woman, press 1. If a r	man, press 2.
	Portman's job performance?		Woman	55%
	Approve25%		Man	
	Disapprove22%	Q8	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If	
	Not sure53%		press 2. If you are an independen	t or identify
Q2	Do you approve or disapprove of the job House		with another party, press 3.	420/
	Speaker John Boehner is doing?		Democrat	
	Approve37%		Republican	
	Disapprove38%		Independent/Other	
	Not sure25%	Q9	If you are white, press 1. If Africal press 2. If other, press 3.	n-American,
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dennis Kucinich?		White	84%
	Favorable27% Not sure33%		African-American	
•	Unfavorable40%	044	Other	
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Tressel?	Q10	If you are 18 to 29 years old, pres 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3.	
	Favorable43% Not sure41%		older than 65, press 4.	,
	Unfavorable17%		18 to 29	7%
Q5	Do you consider yourself to be a Ohio State		30 to 45	
QU	football fan?		46 to 65	
	Yes 65% Not sure 8%		Older than 65	
	No27%		Older than oo	
Q6	Would you describe yourself as very liberal,			
	somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat			
	conservative, or very conservative?			
	Very liberal			
	Somewhat liberal19%			
	Moderate29%			
	Somewhat conservative28%			
	Veny conservative 15%			





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	Base	Yes	No	Not sure
Portman Approval				
Approve	25%	26%	24%	20%
Disapprove	22%	22%	22%	19%
Not sure	53%	52%	54%	62%

		OSU FI		
	Base	Yes	No	Not sure
Boehner Approval				
Approve Disapprove	37%	37%	38%	32%
Not sure	25%	26%	22%	26%

		OSU FB Fan?		
	Base	Yes	No	Not sure
Kucinich Favorability		I.		
Favorable	27%	27%	26%	28%
Unfavorable	40%	42%	38%	30%
Not sure	33%	31%	36%	42%

		OSU FI		
	Base	Yes	No	Not sure
Tressel Favorability				
Favorable	43%	58%	14%	13%
Unfavorable	17%	13%	29%	7%
Not sure	41%	29%	57%	80%





		Ideolo	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Portman Approval		-	-	=		
Approve	25%	14%	12%	14%	36%	48%
Disapprove	22%	31%	37%	29%	12%	5%
Not sure	53%	55%	51%	57%	52%	48%

		Ideolog	deology			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Boehner Approval						
Approve	37%	7%	9%	18%	60%	78%
Disapprove	38%	56%	63%	54%	16%	7%
Not sure	25%	37%	28%	27%	23%	15%

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Kucinich Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	_	<u>-</u>	='	
Favorable	27%	51%	43%	36%	14%	2%	
Unfavorable	40%	13%	27%	25%	56%	67%	
Not sure	33%	36%	30%	39%	30%	30%	

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Tressel Favorability		-	=	-	="		
Favorable	43%	33%	47%	41%	48%	35%	
Unfavorable	17%	13%	20%	19%	14%	15%	
Not sure	41%	54%	33%	40%	38%	50%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Portman Approval		-	
Approve	25%	18%	33%
Disapprove	22%	21%	23%
Not sure	53%	60%	44%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Boehner Approval		-		
Approve	37%	31%	44%	
Disapprove	38%	38%	38%	
Not sure	25%	31%	18%	

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	Base	Woman	Man
Kucinich Favorability		-	
Favorable	27%	28%	26%
Unfavorable	40%	31%	50%
Notsure	33%	41%	23%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Tressel Favorability		-	
Favorable	43%	41%	44%
Unfavorable	17%	14%	20%
Not sure	41%	45%	36%





		Party	Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other				
Portman Approval		•		•				
Approve	25%	10%	47%	20%				
Disapprove	22%	35%	8%	20%				
Not sure	53%	55%	46%	60%				

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		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Portman Approval				
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Disapprove	22%	19%	39%	40%
Not sure	53%	54%	55%	30%

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Approve	37%	41%	11%	25%	
Disapprove	38%	35%	50%	65%	
Not sure	25%	24%	39%	10%	

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Not sure	33%	32%	42%	25%		

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Not sure	53%	60%	51%	51%	58%	

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