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Obama pulling closer to Clinton in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama has pulled within 4 points of Hillary Clinton in Ohio, according to the newest survey by Public Policy Polling.

Clinton leads Obama 50-46. Obama's surge appears to be at least partially attributable to the virtual certainty that John McCain will be nominated on the Republican side. That means more independents and Republicans in the state are planning to vote in the Democratic primary. While Obama trails Clinton 56-40 among self identified Democrats, he leads 80-13 with Republicans and 64-33 with independents.

“Hillary Clinton is in big trouble,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “As recently as a week ago many polls in the state were showing her with around a 20 point lead. The race is trending heavily toward Obama and time is on his side with another eight day before the voting.”

The standard racial and gender disparities in support between Clinton and Obama apply in Ohio. She leads 55-42 with women, while he leads 51-45 with men. She has a 56-38 advantage with white voters, while he leads 76-24 with African American voters.

On the Republican side, John McCain leads Mike Huckabee 55-30. The biggest issues for Republicans in the state are the economy and the war, and McCain dominates, leading 61-27 with voters most concerned about the economy and 76-17 with voters whose top issue is the war.

“If Mike Huckabee was looking for a miracle in Ohio, he's not likely to find it,” said Debnam. “This race is pretty much over.”

PPP surveyed 600 likely Democratic primary voters and 430 likely Republican primary voters on February 23rd and 24th. The survey's margins of errors are +/- 4.0% and +/- 4.7% respectively. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

PPP will have new numbers for the primaries in Texas tomorrow.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you have questions about this release or would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Ohio Democratic Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Democratic candidates still running for President are Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for Hillary Clinton, press 1. If for Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided press 3.

Clinton.....50% *Undecided*..... 4%
Obama.....46%

Q2 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

War in Iraq 25% *Moral and family values*..... 4%
Education 7% *Health care*..... 12%
Economy and jobs.46% *Immigration* 2%
Taxes 3% *Other*..... 1%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women54% *Men*.....46%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 82%
Republican..... 8%
Other..... 10%

Q5 If you are white, press 1, if African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White78% *Other*..... 5%
African American ...17%

Q6 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 than 65, press 4.

18-29.....15% *46-65*.....44%
30-45.....23% *Older than 65*.....18%





Crosstabs

		Gender	
		Base	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	50%	55%	45%
Obama	46%	42%	51%
Undecided	4%	4%	5%

		Party		
		Base		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Clinton	50%	56%	13%	33%
Obama	46%	40%	80%	64%
Undecided	4%	4%	7%	3%

		Race		
		Base		
		White	African American	Other
President				
Clinton	50%	56%	24%	40%
Obama	46%	38%	76%	60%
Undecided	4%	5%	-	-

		Age			
		Base			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Clinton	50%	50%	40%	49%	65%
Obama	46%	48%	55%	46%	31%
Undecided	4%	2%	6%	5%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	50%	46%	31%	56%	37%	52%	50%	45%	38%
Obama	46%	50%	65%	41%	63%	40%	45%	36%	38%
Undecided	4%	5%	4%	3%	-	8%	5%	18%	25%





Ohio Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republicans still running for President include Mike Huckabee, John McCain, and Ron Paul. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If John McCain, press 2. If Ron Paul, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee.....30% *Paul* 7%
McCain.....55% *Undecided*..... 8%

Q2 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

War in Iraq 19% *Moral and family values*..... 18%
Education 2% *Health care*..... 4%
Economy and jobs.34% *Immigration* 10%
Taxes 11% *Other*..... 1%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women41% *Men*.....59%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 3%
Republican..... 90%
Other..... 7%

Q5 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White96% *Other*..... 2%
African American 2%

Q6 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 than 65, press 4.

18-29..... 7% *46-65*.....40%
30-45.....25% *Older than 65*.....28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Huckabee	30%	30%	30%
McCain	55%	55%	55%
Paul	7%	3%	10%
Undecided	8%	12%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Huckabee	30%	27%	31%	23%
McCain	55%	53%	57%	37%
Paul	7%	7%	5%	27%
Undecided	8%	13%	7%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
President				
Huckabee	30%	29%	50%	50%
McCain	55%	56%	30%	50%
Paul	7%	7%	10%	-
Undecided	8%	8%	10%	-

	Base	Age			
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President					
Huckabee	30%	41%	31%	35%	20%
McCain	55%	38%	48%	50%	73%
Paul	7%	14%	13%	5%	3%
Undecided	8%	7%	8%	10%	4%





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President									
Huckabee	30%	17%	20%	27%	23%	54%	28%	37%	17%
McCain	55%	76%	80%	61%	49%	27%	67%	44%	50%
Paul	7%	6%	-	6%	15%	4%	-	12%	17%
Undecided	8%	1%	-	6%	13%	15%	6%	7%	17%

