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Mixed Reviews for Obama in Arizona

Raleigh, N.C. – Arizona voters are evenly divided on whether Barack Obama’s doing a good job so far as President, a new Public Policy Polling survey of the state finds.

47% give him good marks while an equal 47% say they disapprove of his job performance. 80% of Democrats, 50% of independents, and only 17% of Republicans express approval for his work.

Support for Obama on health care lags behind his overall standing in the state. 53% of voters say they’re opposed to his plan with just 40% in support.

There’s been a lot of speculation about whether Obama will be able to win Arizona in 2012 when he doesn’t have to face off against native son John McCain. The answer at this very preliminary point appears to be no. Obama trails potential opponents Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee by margins of 50-43 and 49-45 respectively. In a hypothetical contest against Sarah Palin, Obama is knotted up at 47.

None of the GOP candidates are overwhelmingly popular with Arizona voters. 40% have a positive opinion of Romney to 39% unfavorable. For Huckabee it’s a slightly positive 36/35 spread and for Palin the numbers break down 48/44 against her.

“Barack Obama’s approval rating in Arizona is higher than the percentage of the vote he got on election day but he needs to build a lot more support in the state if he’s going to convert it to the Democratic column for 2012,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP will release numbers looking at next year’s race for Governor tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 617 Arizona voters voters from September 18th to 21st. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.9%. 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.

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



Arizona Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

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

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support..... 40%
Oppose 53%
No Opinion..... 7%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 35%
Not Sure..... 29%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 40%
Unfavorable 39%
Not Sure..... 21%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 44%
Unfavorable 48%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q6 If the candidates for President next time were Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Huckabee..... 49%
Obama..... 45%
Undecided..... 6%

Q7 If the candidates for President next time were Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mitt Romney, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Romney..... 50% *Undecided*..... 7%
Obama 43%

Q8 If the candidates for President next time were Sarah Palin and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Sarah Palin, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Palin..... 47%
Obama..... 47%
Undecided..... 7%

Q9 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 52%
Obama..... 40%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 9%

Q10 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 40%
Conservative..... 42%





Q11 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 50%

Man..... 50%

Q12 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 37%

Republican..... 42%

Independent/Other..... 22%

Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 20%

White 72%

African American 2%

Other..... 6%

Q14 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..... 16%

30 to 45..... 26%

46 to 65..... 40%

Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	14%	91%	43%
Disapprove	47%	81%	3%	50%
Not Sure	5%	5%	6%	7%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	40%	10%	79%	40%
Oppose	53%	86%	10%	54%
No Opinion	7%	5%	11%	6%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	36%	56%	10%	37%
Unfavorable	35%	19%	55%	40%
Not Sure	29%	25%	36%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	61%	10%	55%
Unfavorable	39%	16%	71%	28%
Not Sure	21%	23%	20%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	44%	74%	6%	38%
Unfavorable	48%	16%	88%	53%
Not Sure	9%	10%	6%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	49%	82%	5%	52%
Obama	45%	10%	90%	45%
Undecided	6%	8%	5%	3%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Romney/Obama				
Romney	50%	84%	4%	56%
Obama	43%	9%	91%	27%
Undecided	7%	6%	5%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Palin/Obama				
Palin	47%	80%	2%	51%
Obama	47%	10%	96%	38%
Undecided	7%	10%	2%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	89%	63%	15%
Disapprove	47%	5%	30%	81%
Not Sure	5%	5%	7%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	40%	86%	54%	8%
Oppose	53%	9%	35%	88%
No Opinion	7%	6%	11%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	36%	11%	25%	56%
Unfavorable	35%	62%	42%	18%
Not Sure	29%	26%	33%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	9%	27%	65%
Unfavorable	39%	71%	51%	14%
Not Sure	21%	20%	22%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	44%	7%	29%	73%
Unfavorable	48%	89%	62%	17%
Not Sure	9%	4%	9%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	49%	5%	31%	84%
Obama	45%	93%	60%	11%
Undecided	6%	3%	9%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney/Obama				
Romney	50%	7%	34%	83%
Obama	43%	89%	58%	11%
Undecided	7%	4%	9%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin/Obama				
Palin	47%	7%	28%	81%
Obama	47%	92%	63%	12%
Undecided	7%	1%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	47%	50%	45%
Disapprove	47%	44%	51%
Not Sure	5%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	40%	37%	43%
Oppose	53%	52%	53%
No Opinion	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	36%	36%	36%
Unfavorable	35%	29%	41%
Not Sure	29%	35%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	40%	37%	44%
Unfavorable	39%	37%	40%
Not Sure	21%	26%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	44%	39%	48%
Unfavorable	48%	50%	46%
Not Sure	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	49%	46%	51%
Obama	45%	46%	44%
Undecided	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney/Obama			
Romney	50%	46%	53%
Obama	43%	45%	42%
Undecided	7%	9%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin/Obama			
Palin	47%	43%	50%
Obama	47%	49%	45%
Undecided	7%	9%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	80%	17%	50%
Disapprove	47%	14%	80%	42%
Not Sure	5%	6%	3%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	40%	69%	12%	45%
Oppose	53%	22%	84%	45%
No Opinion	7%	9%	4%	10%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	36%	16%	55%	31%
Unfavorable	35%	46%	20%	45%
Not Sure	29%	37%	24%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	19%	61%	37%
Unfavorable	39%	58%	19%	45%
Not Sure	21%	24%	20%	18%





Crosstabs

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	44%	16%	70%	39%
Unfavorable	48%	76%	19%	56%
Not Sure	9%	8%	11%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	49%	15%	81%	44%
Obama	45%	80%	13%	47%
Undecided	6%	5%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney/Obama				
Romney	50%	15%	84%	43%
Obama	43%	79%	11%	45%
Undecided	7%	6%	5%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin/Obama				
Palin	47%	15%	77%	43%
Obama	47%	81%	13%	52%
Undecided	7%	4%	10%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	47%	58%	43%	93%	54%
Disapprove	47%	36%	53%	7%	32%
Not Sure	5%	6%	5%	-	14%

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		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	40%	45%	37%	78%	51%
Oppose	53%	46%	56%	15%	42%
No Opinion	7%	9%	7%	7%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	36%	29%	37%	22%	40%
Unfavorable	35%	37%	34%	52%	33%
Not Sure	29%	34%	28%	26%	27%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	29%	44%	36%	36%
Unfavorable	39%	48%	36%	38%	45%
Not Sure	21%	24%	20%	26%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	44%	35%	47%	7%	45%
Unfavorable	48%	54%	45%	81%	48%
Not Sure	9%	11%	8%	11%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	49%	38%	54%	7%	39%
Obama	45%	57%	40%	93%	49%
Undecided	6%	5%	6%	-	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney/Obama					
Romney	50%	39%	55%	15%	39%
Obama	43%	55%	39%	85%	52%
Undecided	7%	6%	7%	-	9%

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Crosstabs

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	47%	52%	54%	44%	40%
Disapprove	47%	41%	38%	52%	56%
Not Sure	5%	7%	7%	4%	4%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Support	40%	53%	40%	37%	34%
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Favorable	36%	23%	32%	39%	45%
Unfavorable	35%	60%	35%	30%	25%
Not Sure	29%	17%	33%	31%	30%

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Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	40%	27%	45%	50%
Unfavorable	39%	47%	46%	35%	30%
Not Sure	21%	13%	28%	21%	19%





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Unfavorable	48%	53%	55%	44%	41%
Not Sure	9%	7%	5%	10%	11%

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Obama	45%	57%	49%	41%	38%
Undecided	6%	-	10%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney/Obama					
Romney	50%	47%	38%	54%	60%
Obama	43%	47%	53%	39%	36%
Undecided	7%	7%	9%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin/Obama					
Palin	47%	37%	41%	51%	53%
Obama	47%	57%	54%	41%	40%
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