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Obama leads Romney by only 2 points in CT, Perry by 12

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama is in trouble right now even in Connecticut, a state he won by over 22 points in 2008. His approval rating is under water, and he leads his strongest challenger by only two points. But if he faces anyone else, he is headed for another double-digit victory. Such is the gap in electability between Mitt Romney and the other Republican contenders, particularly in Romney's adopted New England.

Only 48% of Nutmeg State voters approve of the president's job performance, with 49% disapproving, a huge tumble from the 55-39 margin measured when PPP last polled the state in March. Most of that comes from Republicans (down to 12-86 from 19-76) and independents (41-53 from 48-43), who have each moved 17 points, like the overall electorate. But even 20% of the plurality Democrats now disapprove, up from 16%.

Romney is about equally as liked as the president, something rarely seen outside red states, even though Romney is usually the most popular GOP aspirant. 41% have a favorable opinion of neighboring Massachusetts' former governor, and 42% unfavorable. That compares to Rick Perry's 27-54, Newt Gingrich's 30-58, Ron Paul's 25-55, and Michele Bachmann's 24-60.

Romney sits behind Obama only 47-45, but Perry is down 12 points, 53-41; Paul down 13, 51-38; Gingrich by 16, 54-38; and Bachmann by 19, 55-36. All five earn double-digit percentages of the Democratic vote. But Romney is the only one to hold the president under 50% because he puts more Democrats on the fence. Romney also is the only candidate to lead the president with independents, by 12 points. Paul lags by one, Perry by four, Gingrich by seven, and Bachmann by nine.

"Connecticut probably won't be a swing state at the end of the day," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But the fact that it's even close there at this point is symbolic of his broader issues."

PPP surveyed 592 Connecticut voters from September 22nd to 25th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.0%. 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.



Connecticut Survey Results

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

Approve 48%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable..... 24%
Unfavorable 60%
Not sure 16%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 58%
Not sure 12%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 55%
Not sure 20%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 54%
Not sure 19%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 41%
Unfavorable 42%
Not sure 17%

Q7 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Michele Bachmann, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 55%
Michele Bachmann 36%
Undecided..... 9%

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

Barack Obama..... 54%
Newt Gingrich 38%
Undecided..... 7%

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

Barack Obama..... 51%
Ron Paul..... 38%
Undecided..... 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 53%
Rick Perry 41%
Undecided..... 7%

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

Barack Obama..... 47%
Mitt Romney..... 45%
Undecided..... 9%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	26%
<i>Moderate</i>	29%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	24%
<i>Very conservative</i>	11%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q14 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>	45%
<i>Republican</i>	31%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	24%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	80%
<i>Other</i>	20%

Q16 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>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	48%	94%	79%	48%	12%	14%
Disapprove	49%	5%	16%	46%	86%	86%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	6%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	24%	19%	5%	13%	41%	64%
Unfavorable	60%	74%	78%	69%	41%	28%
Not sure	16%	8%	17%	18%	18%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	30%	13%	8%	22%	53%	65%
Unfavorable	58%	75%	81%	65%	36%	21%
Not sure	12%	11%	11%	13%	11%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	25%	12%	11%	28%	35%	43%
Unfavorable	55%	65%	70%	51%	46%	40%
Not sure	20%	22%	19%	22%	19%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	27%	8%	5%	19%	48%	69%
Unfavorable	54%	69%	75%	59%	36%	21%
Not sure	19%	22%	20%	22%	17%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	41%	16%	25%	43%	60%	54%
Unfavorable	42%	60%	54%	38%	30%	34%
Not sure	17%	24%	21%	18%	11%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Bachmann						
Barack Obama	55%	92%	88%	57%	21%	14%
Michele Bachmann	36%	6%	6%	29%	67%	81%
Undecided	9%	2%	6%	13%	13%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	54%	92%	87%	59%	19%	10%
Newt Gingrich	38%	6%	7%	29%	73%	84%
Undecided	7%	2%	6%	11%	8%	6%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	51%	92%	85%	50%	16%	16%
Ron Paul	38%	6%	9%	33%	70%	77%
Undecided	11%	2%	6%	17%	14%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Perry						
Barack Obama	53%	92%	88%	54%	17%	10%
Rick Perry	41%	6%	7%	31%	79%	89%
Undecided	7%	2%	5%	15%	4%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	47%	91%	80%	41%	15%	16%
Mitt Romney	45%	5%	12%	41%	82%	81%
Undecided	9%	5%	8%	17%	3%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	56%	39%
Disapprove	49%	40%	58%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	24%	20%	29%
Unfavorable	60%	63%	57%
Not sure	16%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	30%	24%	37%
Unfavorable	58%	64%	52%
Not sure	12%	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	25%	21%	30%
Unfavorable	55%	55%	55%
Not sure	20%	24%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	27%	20%	34%
Unfavorable	54%	57%	51%
Not sure	19%	22%	15%





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Romney Favorability			
Favorable	41%	40%	42%
Unfavorable	42%	40%	44%
Not sure	17%	20%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Bachmann			
Barack Obama	55%	62%	47%
Michele Bachmann	36%	29%	44%
Undecided	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	54%	62%	46%
Newt Gingrich	38%	31%	47%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	51%	60%	41%
Ron Paul	38%	29%	49%
Undecided	11%	11%	11%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	53%	60%	45%
Rick Perry	41%	33%	49%
Undecided	7%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	47%	55%	38%
Mitt Romney	45%	37%	53%
Undecided	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	77%	12%	41%
Disapprove	49%	20%	86%	53%
Not sure	4%	3%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	24%	14%	41%	22%
Unfavorable	60%	73%	40%	63%
Not sure	16%	13%	20%	15%





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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	30%	13%	51%	35%
Unfavorable	58%	76%	36%	53%
Not sure	12%	10%	14%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	25%	16%	37%	28%
Unfavorable	55%	65%	45%	49%
Not sure	20%	20%	18%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	27%	13%	45%	29%
Unfavorable	54%	70%	36%	49%
Not sure	19%	17%	19%	21%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	41%	23%	64%	45%
Unfavorable	42%	58%	22%	37%
Not sure	17%	19%	13%	18%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Bachmann				
Barack Obama	55%	83%	19%	50%
Michele Bachmann	36%	12%	67%	41%
Undecided	9%	5%	14%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	54%	83%	17%	49%
Newt Gingrich	38%	11%	74%	42%
Undecided	7%	6%	9%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Paul				
Barack Obama	51%	82%	13%	42%
Ron Paul	38%	14%	71%	41%
Undecided	11%	4%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Perry				
Barack Obama	53%	82%	14%	48%
Rick Perry	41%	12%	78%	44%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%	8%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	47%	79%	9%	36%
Mitt Romney	45%	14%	87%	48%
Undecided	9%	8%	4%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	40%	78%
Disapprove	49%	55%	23%
Not sure	4%	5%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	24%	24%	25%
Unfavorable	60%	59%	68%
Not sure	16%	18%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	30%	29%	35%
Unfavorable	58%	59%	55%
Not sure	12%	12%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	25%	26%	23%
Unfavorable	55%	53%	60%
Not sure	20%	21%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	27%	26%	30%
Unfavorable	54%	55%	53%
Not sure	19%	19%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	41%	45%	25%
Unfavorable	42%	39%	55%
Not sure	17%	16%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Bachmann			
Barack Obama	55%	49%	78%
Michele Bachmann	36%	41%	18%
Undecided	9%	10%	5%





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		White	Other
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	54%	49%	75%
Newt Gingrich	38%	42%	23%
Undecided	7%	9%	3%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	51%	45%	75%
Ron Paul	38%	42%	23%
Undecided	11%	13%	3%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	53%	47%	75%
Rick Perry	41%	44%	25%
Undecided	7%	9%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	47%	40%	75%
Mitt Romney	45%	51%	20%
Undecided	9%	9%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	59%	44%	48%	45%
Disapprove	49%	39%	53%	48%	50%
Not sure	4%	1%	3%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	24%	34%	23%	25%	19%
Unfavorable	60%	53%	57%	63%	62%
Not sure	16%	13%	20%	12%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	30%	46%	33%	27%	24%
Unfavorable	58%	42%	51%	63%	65%
Not sure	12%	11%	16%	10%	11%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	25%	27%	21%	28%	24%
Unfavorable	55%	42%	52%	56%	60%
Not sure	20%	31%	27%	15%	16%





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	Base	Age			
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Perry Favorability					
Favorable	27%	37%	28%	25%	24%
Unfavorable	54%	41%	48%	58%	61%
Not sure	19%	23%	25%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	41%	38%	34%	39%	55%
Unfavorable	42%	36%	40%	49%	31%
Not sure	17%	26%	26%	12%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Bachmann					
Barack Obama	55%	63%	50%	56%	53%
Michele Bachmann	36%	32%	38%	35%	38%
Undecided	9%	5%	12%	9%	8%

	Base	Age			
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Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	54%	58%	50%	56%	54%
Newt Gingrich	38%	39%	41%	36%	41%
Undecided	7%	4%	9%	9%	5%





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Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	51%	57%	49%	51%	50%
Ron Paul	38%	32%	38%	39%	41%
Undecided	11%	11%	13%	10%	10%

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Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	53%	56%	50%	54%	50%
Rick Perry	41%	39%	44%	39%	41%
Undecided	7%	5%	6%	7%	9%

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Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	47%	53%	43%	49%	43%
Mitt Romney	45%	36%	48%	44%	49%
Undecided	9%	12%	9%	8%	8%

