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Romney leads GOP field in Florida, Colorado

Raleigh, N.C. – Mitt Romney is the early favorite of Republican voters for President in both Florida and Colorado. Other recent PPP surveys have found Romney running first in Texas and New Mexico, while finishing second behind Mike Huckabee in North Carolina and Georgia.

Romney has a particularly emphatic early advantage in Florida, one of the more important stops on the Republican primary calendar. He has 52% there compared to 21% for Mike Huckabee and 18% for Sarah Palin.

There is no meaningful split along ideological lines in the Sunshine State. Romney has a 51-23 lead over Huckabee with conservatives as well as a 54-18 advantage over both Huckabee and Palin with moderates.

It's somewhat closer in Colorado but Romney has a double digit lead there as well with 44% to 25% for Palin and just 17% for Huckabee.

There the ideological divide is more pronounced with Romney leading Palin just 40-32 with conservatives but extending his leads thanks to a 52-11 advantage over her with moderate voters.

In both Florida and Colorado Romney's lead is even larger with seniors than it is with the electorate at large, extending to 47 and 21 points in the two states respectively. Seniors are one of the largest and most consistent GOP primary voting blocs.

"It's still a long time to 2012," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But our early state polling is certainly pointing to momentum for Mitt Romney."

PPP surveyed 497 Republican primary voters in Colorado and 492 Republican primary voters in Florida from March 5th to 8th. The margin of error for both surveys is +/-4.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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

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Colorado Survey Results

Q1 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Sarah Palin, press 2. If Mitt Romney, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee..... 17%
Palin..... 25%
Romney 44%
Undecided..... 14%

Q2 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 5%
Moderate..... 26%
Conservative..... 68%

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

Woman 45%
Man..... 55%

Q4 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 4%
White 92%
African American 1%
Other..... 3%

Q5 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..... 6%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 46%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican President				
Huckabee	17%	-	24%	16%
Palin	25%	16%	11%	32%
Romney	44%	53%	52%	40%
Undecided	14%	32%	13%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican President			
Huckabee	17%	20%	15%
Palin	25%	26%	25%
Romney	44%	38%	49%
Undecided	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Republican President					
Huckabee	17%	30%	21%	16%	14%
Palin	25%	20%	23%	26%	28%
Romney	44%	45%	42%	42%	49%
Undecided	14%	5%	14%	17%	9%





Florida Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 55%
Disapprove..... 34%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q2 Do you think that Congressional Republicans are too liberal, too conservative, or about right? If too liberal, press 1. If too conservative, press 2. If about right, press 3.

Too Liberal..... 42%
Too Conservative..... 17%
About Right..... 40%

Q3 The Republican candidates for Senate are Charlie Crist and Marco Rubio. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Charlie Crist, press 1. If Marco Rubio, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Crist 27%
Rubio 60%
Undecided..... 14%

Q4 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Sarah Palin, press 2. If Mitt Romney, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee..... 21%
Palin..... 18%
Romney 52%
Undecided..... 9%

Q5 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 3%
Moderate..... 31%
Conservative..... 66%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q7 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..... 5%
30 to 45..... 21%
46 to 65..... 52%
Older than 65..... 23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional GOP Approval				
Approve	55%	29%	47%	59%
Disapprove	34%	71%	38%	31%
Not Sure	11%	-	15%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional GOP Ideology				
Too Liberal	42%	14%	24%	52%
Too Conservative	17%	71%	33%	8%
About Right	40%	14%	43%	41%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
GOP Primary				
Crist	27%	57%	49%	15%
Rubio	60%	43%	35%	72%
Undecided	14%	-	17%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Palin/Romney				
Huckabee	21%	14%	18%	23%
Palin	18%	14%	18%	18%
Romney	52%	43%	54%	51%
Undecided	9%	29%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional GOP Approval			
Approve	55%	50%	59%
Disapprove	34%	35%	34%
Not Sure	11%	15%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional GOP Ideology			
Too Liberal	42%	41%	43%
Too Conservative	17%	14%	21%
About Right	40%	45%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Primary			
Crist	27%	26%	28%
Rubio	60%	56%	64%
Undecided	14%	19%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Palin/Romney			
Huckabee	21%	26%	16%
Palin	18%	15%	21%
Romney	52%	47%	56%
Undecided	9%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional GOP Approval					
Approve	55%	27%	58%	54%	58%
Disapprove	34%	36%	38%	38%	23%
Not Sure	11%	36%	4%	8%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional GOP Ideology					
Too Liberal	42%	50%	52%	40%	36%
Too Conservative	17%	20%	17%	18%	15%
About Right	40%	30%	31%	41%	49%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP Primary					
Crist	27%	45%	31%	26%	19%
Rubio	60%	45%	56%	56%	74%
Undecided	14%	9%	13%	17%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Palin/Romney					
Huckabee	21%	45%	25%	20%	15%
Palin	18%	18%	21%	18%	15%
Romney	52%	9%	42%	55%	62%
Undecided	9%	27%	13%	7%	8%

