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Romney, McCalister lead Florida GOP primary races

Raleigh, N.C. – Rick Perry has been gaining ground on Mitt Romney and overtaking him by wide margins in many states, but his entry into the race has not weakened the former GOP presidential frontrunner in what could be one of the most crucial early primaries: Florida. When PPP last polled the state in June, without Perry included, Romney led Michele Bachmann by seven points, 29-22. Now, Romney tops Perry by six, 30-24.

Perry has taken a commanding lead of the right wing of the party, and while that has not hurt Romney's level of support, Perry's presence and her own missteps have caused Bachmann to recede 16 points to sixth place at 6%. Herman Cain has also fallen from a third-place 14% to fifth at 7%, an indication that his straw-poll victory last weekend was not representative of the overall electorate. The others are largely in the same place, with Newt Gingrich still at 10%, Ron Paul at 8%, and Jon Huntsman up inconsequentially from 2% to 3%. Rick Santorum comes in at 2% and Gary Johnson at 1%.

Romney succeeds on the formula he will need to upend Perry around the country: dominance with the 10-20% who call themselves moderate (32-15 lead over Perry), a strong lead with the center-right (36-24), and competitiveness with "very conservative" voters (trailing only 32-24). Romney is helped by the fact that the somewhat conservative are a 43% plurality in this more moderate state; they are often closer to a third of voters in other states where the most conservative voters dominate.

"Florida is probably the most important state to Mitt Romney's hopes for winning the Republican nomination," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "The fact that he's still leading there even after Perry's surge nationally bodes very well."

Retired Col. Mike McCalister has a slim lead in the early race for the Senate nomination, with 17% over former Sen. George LeMieux's 13%, former State Rep. Adam Hasner's 9%, and businessman Craig Miller's 3%. 58% are undecided.

PPP surveyed 472 usual Florida Republican primary voters from September 22nd to 25th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.5%. 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.



Florida Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 37%
Not sure 23%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 57%
Unfavorable 29%
Not sure 14%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 21%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 31%
Not sure 15%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 65%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 13%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Rick Scott's job performance?

Approve 59%
Disapprove..... 26%
Not sure 15%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Marco Rubio's job performance?

Approve 80%
Disapprove..... 7%
Not sure 13%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Adam Hasner?

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 10%
Not sure 83%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of George LeMieux?

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 71%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike McCalister?

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 7%
Not sure 84%

Q11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Craig Miller?

Favorable..... 5%
Unfavorable 7%
Not sure 89%





Q12 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme."

Agree 37%
Disagree 49%
Not sure 14%

Q13 If the Republican candidates for President were Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?

Michele Bachmann 6%
Herman Cain 7%
Newt Gingrich 10%
Jon Huntsman 3%
Gary Johnson 1%
Ron Paul 8%
Rick Perry 24%
Mitt Romney 30%
Rick Santorum 2%
Someone else/Not sure 9%

Q14 If the Republican Presidential race came down to just Rick Perry and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Rick Perry 36%
Mitt Romney 45%
Not sure 19%

Q15 If the Republican candidates for Senate next year were Adam Hasner, George LeMieux, Mike McCalister, and Craig Miller, who would you vote for?

Adam Hasner 9%
George LeMieux 13%
Mike McCalister 17%
Craig Miller 3%
Someone else/Not sure 58%

Q16 Would you like the Republican nominee for Governor in the next election to be Rick Scott again, or would you prefer someone else?

Rick Scott 53%
Someone else 37%
Not sure 10%

Q17 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal 1%
Somewhat liberal 4%
Moderate 19%
Somewhat conservative 43%
Very conservative 33%

Q18 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 46%
Man 54%

Q19 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.

18 to 29 6%
30 to 45 22%
46 to 65 37%
Older than 65 35%

Q20

Thursday Night 41%
Friday 34%
Saturday/Sunday 26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	39%	-	22%	25%	37%	55%
Unfavorable	37%	100%	59%	53%	30%	34%
Not sure	23%	-	20%	22%	33%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	57%	25%	30%	43%	54%	72%
Unfavorable	29%	75%	66%	37%	26%	22%
Not sure	14%	-	4%	20%	19%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	33%	25%	41%	43%	31%	30%
Unfavorable	45%	50%	30%	32%	42%	58%
Not sure	21%	25%	28%	25%	26%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	54%	-	13%	29%	59%	69%
Unfavorable	31%	100%	68%	53%	22%	24%
Not sure	15%	-	19%	19%	20%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	65%	50%	35%	59%	72%	62%
Unfavorable	22%	50%	48%	24%	14%	27%
Not sure	13%	-	17%	17%	13%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Scott Approval						
Approve	59%	75%	23%	46%	54%	78%
Disapprove	26%	25%	62%	47%	24%	12%
Not sure	15%	-	15%	7%	23%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rubio Approval						
Approve	80%	25%	63%	61%	84%	89%
Disapprove	7%	25%	24%	14%	4%	4%
Not sure	13%	50%	13%	25%	11%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hasner Favorability						
Favorable	7%	-	11%	8%	4%	10%
Unfavorable	10%	25%	18%	13%	6%	12%
Not sure	83%	75%	70%	79%	91%	78%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
LeMieux Favorability						
Favorable	15%	-	23%	14%	10%	21%
Unfavorable	14%	50%	24%	21%	8%	14%
Not sure	71%	50%	53%	65%	81%	65%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McCalister Favorability						
Favorable	9%	-	21%	9%	5%	13%
Unfavorable	7%	25%	26%	12%	4%	6%
Not sure	84%	75%	53%	80%	92%	81%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Miller Favorability						
Favorable	5%	-	21%	5%	3%	6%
Unfavorable	7%	25%	15%	11%	4%	6%
Not sure	89%	75%	64%	84%	93%	89%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Agree/Disagree: Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme						
Agree	37%	25%	17%	30%	31%	53%
Disagree	49%	50%	68%	60%	56%	31%
Not sure	14%	25%	15%	10%	13%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary						
Michele Bachmann	6%	-	4%	5%	6%	6%
Herman Cain	7%	-	11%	4%	7%	9%
Newt Gingrich	10%	25%	15%	14%	7%	12%
Jon Huntsman	3%	-	15%	5%	2%	0%
Gary Johnson	1%	-	-	1%	1%	0%
Ron Paul	8%	25%	15%	16%	8%	3%
Rick Perry	24%	-	10%	15%	24%	32%
Mitt Romney	30%	50%	11%	32%	36%	24%
Rick Santorum	2%	-	6%	1%	2%	2%
Someone else/Not sure	9%	-	13%	10%	7%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry/Romney						
Rick Perry	36%	-	32%	28%	32%	47%
Mitt Romney	45%	75%	57%	50%	51%	34%
Not sure	19%	25%	11%	22%	17%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary						
Adam Hasner	9%	-	-	11%	9%	10%
George LeMieux	13%	-	30%	13%	12%	13%
Mike McCalister	17%	50%	11%	16%	16%	18%
Craig Miller	3%	-	23%	2%	3%	0%
Someone else/Not sure	58%	50%	36%	58%	60%	58%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Scott or Someone Else?						
Rick Scott	53%	75%	27%	38%	47%	72%
Someone else	37%	25%	66%	56%	42%	17%
Not sure	10%	-	7%	6%	11%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	39%	37%	42%
Unfavorable	37%	33%	41%
Not sure	23%	30%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	57%	50%	62%
Unfavorable	29%	30%	28%
Not sure	14%	19%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	33%	27%	39%
Unfavorable	45%	47%	44%
Not sure	21%	26%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	54%	53%	55%
Unfavorable	31%	28%	34%
Not sure	15%	20%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	65%	66%	64%
Unfavorable	22%	17%	26%
Not sure	13%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scott Approval			
Approve	59%	59%	59%
Disapprove	26%	25%	27%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rubio Approval			
Approve	80%	81%	79%
Disapprove	7%	4%	10%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hasner Favorability			
Favorable	7%	4%	9%
Unfavorable	10%	5%	14%
Not sure	83%	91%	77%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
LeMieux Favorability			
Favorable	15%	13%	17%
Unfavorable	14%	8%	19%
Not sure	71%	80%	64%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCalister Favorability			
Favorable	9%	6%	11%
Unfavorable	7%	3%	10%
Not sure	84%	91%	78%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Miller Favorability			
Favorable	5%	3%	6%
Unfavorable	7%	3%	9%
Not sure	89%	94%	85%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree/Disagree: Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme			
Agree	37%	29%	45%
Disagree	49%	53%	46%
Not sure	14%	19%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Michele Bachmann	6%	5%	6%
Herman Cain	7%	5%	9%
Newt Gingrich	10%	14%	8%
Jon Huntsman	3%	2%	3%
Gary Johnson	1%	0%	1%
Ron Paul	8%	5%	11%
Rick Perry	24%	22%	26%
Mitt Romney	30%	34%	27%
Rick Santorum	2%	2%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry/Romney			
Rick Perry	36%	31%	40%
Mitt Romney	45%	46%	45%
Not sure	19%	23%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Adam Hasner	9%	7%	12%
George LeMieux	13%	11%	15%
Mike McCalister	17%	15%	18%
Craig Miller	3%	1%	4%
Someone else/Not sure	58%	66%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scott or Someone Else?			
Rick Scott	53%	49%	57%
Someone else	37%	38%	37%
Not sure	10%	14%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	39%	14%	32%	46%	41%
Unfavorable	37%	57%	38%	36%	35%
Not sure	23%	29%	30%	18%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	57%	50%	50%	56%	63%
Unfavorable	29%	14%	32%	33%	25%
Not sure	14%	36%	18%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	33%	50%	34%	34%	30%
Unfavorable	45%	29%	38%	50%	48%
Not sure	21%	21%	28%	17%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	54%	50%	50%	55%	56%
Unfavorable	31%	29%	28%	35%	29%
Not sure	15%	21%	22%	10%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	65%	57%	54%	71%	66%
Unfavorable	22%	21%	28%	22%	18%
Not sure	13%	21%	18%	7%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scott Approval					
Approve	59%	50%	46%	62%	66%
Disapprove	26%	43%	32%	26%	20%
Not sure	15%	7%	22%	12%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rubio Approval					
Approve	80%	64%	78%	79%	84%
Disapprove	7%	14%	8%	7%	6%
Not sure	13%	21%	14%	14%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hasner Favorability					
Favorable	7%	-	8%	7%	7%
Unfavorable	10%	21%	10%	10%	7%
Not sure	83%	79%	82%	83%	86%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
LeMieux Favorability					
Favorable	15%	7%	8%	17%	19%
Unfavorable	14%	29%	10%	18%	9%
Not sure	71%	64%	82%	66%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCalister Favorability					
Favorable	9%	14%	8%	7%	10%
Unfavorable	7%	14%	2%	10%	6%
Not sure	84%	71%	90%	82%	84%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Miller Favorability					
Favorable	5%	7%	2%	6%	4%
Unfavorable	7%	14%	6%	7%	5%
Not sure	89%	79%	92%	87%	90%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Agree/Disagree: Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme					
Agree	37%	29%	48%	37%	33%
Disagree	49%	50%	46%	48%	51%
Not sure	14%	21%	6%	15%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary					
Michele Bachmann	6%	7%	8%	6%	4%
Herman Cain	7%	-	8%	9%	6%
Newt Gingrich	10%	29%	-	14%	10%
Jon Huntsman	3%	7%	2%	2%	3%
Gary Johnson	1%	-	-	1%	1%
Ron Paul	8%	7%	18%	7%	3%
Rick Perry	24%	21%	24%	23%	26%
Mitt Romney	30%	14%	30%	29%	34%
Rick Santorum	2%	-	2%	2%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	9%	14%	8%	6%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry/Romney					
Rick Perry	36%	50%	33%	34%	38%
Mitt Romney	45%	36%	39%	47%	49%
Not sure	19%	14%	29%	19%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary					
Adam Hasner	9%	-	6%	12%	10%
George LeMieux	13%	-	8%	16%	15%
Mike McCalister	17%	29%	18%	15%	16%
Craig Miller	3%	14%	-	3%	2%
Someone else/Not sure	58%	57%	67%	54%	57%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scott or Someone Else?					
Rick Scott	53%	50%	42%	53%	61%
Someone else	37%	50%	46%	38%	29%
Not sure	10%	-	12%	9%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	39%	43%	40%	33%
Unfavorable	37%	36%	36%	41%
Not sure	23%	21%	24%	26%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	57%	52%	57%	62%
Unfavorable	29%	31%	28%	26%
Not sure	14%	16%	15%	11%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	33%	35%	29%	37%
Unfavorable	45%	47%	46%	41%
Not sure	21%	18%	25%	22%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	54%	63%	49%	47%
Unfavorable	31%	23%	35%	38%
Not sure	15%	14%	16%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	65%	68%	63%	61%
Unfavorable	22%	20%	19%	29%
Not sure	13%	11%	19%	10%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Scott Approval				
Approve	59%	61%	54%	64%
Disapprove	26%	23%	30%	25%
Not sure	15%	16%	16%	11%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Rubio Approval				
Approve	80%	84%	74%	80%
Disapprove	7%	6%	11%	4%
Not sure	13%	10%	15%	16%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Hasner Favorability				
Favorable	7%	7%	4%	10%
Unfavorable	10%	13%	9%	6%
Not sure	83%	81%	87%	83%





Crosstabs

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
LeMieux Favorability				
Favorable	15%	15%	14%	16%
Unfavorable	14%	17%	13%	9%
Not sure	71%	67%	73%	75%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
McCalister Favorability				
Favorable	9%	10%	6%	10%
Unfavorable	7%	9%	7%	4%
Not sure	84%	80%	87%	86%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	5%	5%	5%	4%
Unfavorable	7%	8%	7%	3%
Not sure	89%	87%	88%	93%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Agree/Disagree: Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme				
Agree	37%	42%	34%	34%
Disagree	49%	43%	53%	52%
Not sure	14%	15%	13%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Michele Bachmann	6%	4%	7%	6%
Herman Cain	7%	6%	7%	10%
Newt Gingrich	10%	8%	12%	12%
Jon Huntsman	3%	2%	4%	1%
Gary Johnson	1%	0%	1%	1%
Ron Paul	8%	5%	8%	13%
Rick Perry	24%	31%	15%	24%
Mitt Romney	30%	33%	33%	23%
Rick Santorum	2%	1%	4%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	9%	10%	9%	7%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Perry/Romney				
Rick Perry	36%	43%	30%	33%
Mitt Romney	45%	41%	56%	38%
Not sure	19%	16%	14%	29%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Adam Hasner	9%	9%	11%	8%
George LeMieux	13%	12%	14%	14%
Mike McCalister	17%	17%	14%	20%
Craig Miller	3%	2%	5%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	58%	60%	56%	58%

	Base	Interview Time		
		Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Scott or Someone Else?				
Rick Scott	53%	57%	50%	51%
Someone else	37%	32%	42%	39%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	10%

