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UGa. and Braves fans love new coaches, GT fans unsure

Raleigh, N.C. – Retired Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox is one of the most popular figures on which PPP has ever polled. 68% of Georgians consider themselves fans of the state's Major League Baseball team, and 86% of them look back fondly on the work Cox did in his 25 years helming the team; only 5% disapprove.

Braves diehards are also pretty positive so far on Cox's replacement for the 2011 season, former third-base coach Fredi Gonzalez, who was fired by the Florida Marlins in the middle of the 2010 season. 45% think he was a good hire, and only 7% a bad one. Most fans (48%), unsurprisingly, are reserving judgment only a few games into the season.

In the college ranks, most of the state's fans (45%) follow the Georgia Bulldogs, while only 14% root for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. 41% support neither team.

Being in general more football schools than basketball schools, both team's fans like their football coaches. 59% of Bulldogs supporters approve of Mark Richt's performance, and only 15% disapprove. GT's Paul Johnson gets an identical net +44 margin, 53-9.

But Georgia fans are much more satisfied with the direction of their basketball program than are Yellow Jackets backers, following the firing of Paul Hewitt and hiring of former Dayton coach Brian Gregory. Georgia's head coach Mark Fox, who took the team to the NCAA tournament for the first time in nine seasons this year, gets a 48-10 approval margin, though 42% are still not sure how they feel about their second-year coach.

Hewitt failed to get his team to the tourney after reaching the championship game in 2004, and he posted losing records in three of the last four years. Despite that, though, slightly more (31%) of the program's fans disagree with his dismissal than agree (29%). A 40% plurality are unsure.

His replacement has, of course, yet to make an impression, so 79% are waiting to see how Gregory does in the fall. Those who have already made up their minds fall 2:1 (14-7) in his favor.

PPP surveyed 790 Georgia voters from March 31st to April 3rd. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Georgia Survey Results

Q1 Do you consider yourself to be a fan of Georgia, Georgia Tech, or neither team?

Georgia..... 45%
Georgia Tech 14%
Neither team 41%

Q2 (Georgia fans only) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mark Richt is doing as coach of the football team?

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

Q3 (Georgia fans only) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mark Fox is doing as coach of the basketball team?

Approve 48%
Disapprove..... 10%
Not sure 42%

Q4 (Georgia Tech fans only) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Paul Johnson is doing as coach of the football team?

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 9%
Not sure 37%

Q5 (Georgia Tech fans only) Do you agree or disagree with the decision to fire Paul Hewitt as basketball coach?

Agree 29%
Disagree 31%
Not sure..... 40%

Q6 (Georgia Tech fans only) Do you think Brian Gregory was a good hire or a bad hire as Paul Hewitt's replacement, or are you not sure?

Good hire..... 14%
Bad hire 7%
Not sure..... 79%

Q7 Do you consider yourself to be an Atlanta Braves fan?

Yes..... 68%
No..... 20%
Not sure..... 12%

Q8 (Braves fans only) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bobby Cox did during his time with the Braves?

Approve 86%
Disapprove..... 5%
Not sure..... 9%

Q9 (Braves fans only) Do you think Fredi Gonzalez was a good hire or a bad hire as Bobby Cox's replacement?

Good hire..... 45%
Bad hire 7%
Not sure..... 48%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 47%
Barack Obama..... 42%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 11%





Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	11%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	15%
<i>Moderate</i>	26%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	28%
<i>Very conservative</i>	20%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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

Q13 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>	39%
<i>Republican</i>	40%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	21%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	65%
<i>African American</i>	29%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q15 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>	18%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Fan of UGa, GT, or Neither?				
Georgia	45%	49%	40%	50%
Georgia Tech	14%	16%	13%	10%
Neither team	41%	36%	47%	40%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Richt Approval				
Approve	59%	61%	59%	52%
Disapprove	15%	18%	10%	19%
Not sure	26%	21%	31%	29%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Fox Approval				
Approve	48%	43%	57%	39%
Disapprove	10%	13%	2%	22%
Not sure	42%	44%	41%	39%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Johnson Approval				
Approve	53%	57%	50%	45%
Disapprove	9%	10%	7%	17%
Not sure	37%	33%	43%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Agree/Disagree w/ Firing Hewitt				
Agree	29%	40%	19%	-
Disagree	31%	15%	46%	61%
Not sure	40%	44%	34%	39%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Gregory a Good/Bad Hire				
Good hire	14%	18%	10%	17%
Bad hire	7%	5%	11%	-
Not sure	79%	77%	79%	83%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Braves Fan?				
Yes	68%	69%	66%	74%
No	20%	20%	21%	17%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	9%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Cox Approval				
Approve	86%	86%	88%	81%
Disapprove	5%	5%	4%	5%
Not sure	9%	8%	8%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Gonzalez a Good/Bad Hire				
Good hire	45%	43%	52%	31%
Bad hire	7%	7%	5%	10%
Not sure	48%	50%	42%	60%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Fan of UGa, GT, or Neither?						
Georgia	45%	46%	35%	41%	51%	50%
Georgia Tech	14%	6%	12%	19%	16%	11%
Neither team	41%	48%	53%	39%	33%	40%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Richt Approval						
Approve	59%	58%	69%	66%	60%	46%
Disapprove	15%	13%	9%	17%	10%	23%
Not sure	26%	29%	22%	16%	30%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Fox Approval						
Approve	48%	62%	62%	53%	43%	35%
Disapprove	10%	2%	-	12%	17%	7%
Not sure	42%	36%	38%	34%	40%	58%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Johnson Approval						
Approve	53%	84%	66%	56%	45%	44%
Disapprove	9%	-	10%	12%	12%	-
Not sure	37%	16%	24%	33%	42%	56%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Agree/Disagree w/ Firing Hewitt						
Agree	29%	25%	34%	21%	34%	33%
Disagree	31%	59%	21%	46%	21%	16%
Not sure	40%	16%	45%	33%	45%	50%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gregory a Good/Bad Hire						
Good hire	14%	25%	24%	14%	11%	11%
Bad hire	7%	-	10%	12%	4%	-
Not sure	79%	75%	66%	74%	85%	89%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Braves Fan?						
Yes	68%	73%	65%	73%	69%	62%
No	20%	18%	18%	19%	20%	23%
Not sure	12%	10%	17%	8%	11%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cox Approval						
Approve	86%	82%	89%	83%	89%	87%
Disapprove	5%	-	4%	10%	4%	1%
Not sure	9%	18%	6%	7%	6%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gonzalez a Good/Bad Hire						
Good hire	45%	53%	52%	43%	46%	37%
Bad hire	7%	5%	3%	8%	6%	11%
Not sure	48%	42%	45%	49%	48%	53%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fan of UGa, GT, or Neither?			
Georgia	45%	47%	44%
Georgia Tech	14%	12%	16%
Neither team	41%	41%	40%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Richt Approval			
Approve	59%	63%	55%
Disapprove	15%	13%	17%
Not sure	26%	24%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fox Approval			
Approve	48%	47%	49%
Disapprove	10%	9%	11%
Not sure	42%	44%	40%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Johnson Approval			
Approve	53%	43%	62%
Disapprove	9%	6%	12%
Not sure	37%	51%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree/Disagree w/ Firing Hewitt			
Agree	29%	23%	34%
Disagree	31%	29%	33%
Not sure	40%	48%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gregory a Good/Bad Hire			
Good hire	14%	13%	15%
Bad hire	7%	3%	10%
Not sure	79%	84%	74%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Braves Fan?			
Yes	68%	69%	68%
No	20%	19%	21%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cox Approval			
Approve	86%	83%	90%
Disapprove	5%	4%	6%
Not sure	9%	13%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gonzalez a Good/Bad Hire			
Good hire	45%	45%	46%
Bad hire	7%	5%	9%
Not sure	48%	51%	45%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fan of UGa, GT, or Neither?				
Georgia	45%	43%	52%	37%
Georgia Tech	14%	14%	15%	12%
Neither team	41%	43%	33%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Richt Approval				
Approve	59%	62%	59%	55%
Disapprove	15%	11%	16%	20%
Not sure	26%	27%	25%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fox Approval				
Approve	48%	55%	39%	58%
Disapprove	10%	6%	15%	7%
Not sure	42%	39%	46%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Johnson Approval				
Approve	53%	62%	48%	48%
Disapprove	9%	3%	12%	17%
Not sure	37%	35%	40%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree/Disagree w/ Firing Hewitt				
Agree	29%	25%	38%	17%
Disagree	31%	44%	15%	41%
Not sure	40%	31%	47%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gregory a Good/Bad Hire				
Good hire	14%	17%	12%	14%
Bad hire	7%	3%	6%	17%
Not sure	79%	79%	82%	69%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Braves Fan?				
Yes	68%	70%	68%	66%
No	20%	19%	21%	18%
Not sure	12%	10%	11%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cox Approval				
Approve	86%	86%	88%	84%
Disapprove	5%	5%	2%	10%
Not sure	9%	9%	10%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gonzalez a Good/Bad Hire				
Good hire	45%	51%	41%	42%
Bad hire	7%	6%	8%	6%
Not sure	48%	43%	51%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Fan of UGa, GT, or Neither?				
Georgia	45%	45%	46%	48%
Georgia Tech	14%	15%	11%	15%
Neither team	41%	40%	43%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Richt Approval				
Approve	59%	62%	55%	52%
Disapprove	15%	14%	15%	22%
Not sure	26%	24%	30%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Fox Approval				
Approve	48%	45%	55%	48%
Disapprove	10%	11%	9%	4%
Not sure	42%	44%	36%	48%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Johnson Approval				
Approve	53%	52%	61%	47%
Disapprove	9%	8%	9%	20%
Not sure	37%	40%	30%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Agree/Disagree w/ Firing Hewitt				
Agree	29%	37%	11%	-
Disagree	31%	15%	72%	67%
Not sure	40%	48%	17%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Gregory a Good/Bad Hire				
Good hire	14%	17%	11%	-
Bad hire	7%	4%	6%	47%
Not sure	79%	80%	83%	53%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Braves Fan?				
Yes	68%	71%	65%	62%
No	20%	17%	23%	31%
Not sure	12%	12%	13%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Cox Approval				
Approve	86%	86%	86%	84%
Disapprove	5%	5%	3%	16%
Not sure	9%	9%	11%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Gonzalez a Good/Bad Hire				
Good hire	45%	41%	56%	49%
Bad hire	7%	8%	5%	-
Not sure	48%	51%	39%	51%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fan of UGa, GT, or Neither?					
Georgia	45%	56%	35%	49%	42%
Georgia Tech	14%	5%	18%	14%	18%
Neither team	41%	40%	47%	38%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Richt Approval					
Approve	59%	67%	55%	55%	63%
Disapprove	15%	17%	20%	11%	16%
Not sure	26%	17%	25%	34%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fox Approval					
Approve	48%	54%	50%	48%	40%
Disapprove	10%	17%	15%	4%	11%
Not sure	42%	29%	35%	49%	49%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Johnson Approval					
Approve	53%	50%	70%	59%	28%
Disapprove	9%	-	-	21%	6%
Not sure	37%	50%	30%	21%	66%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Agree/Disagree w/ Firing Hewitt					
Agree	29%	50%	10%	41%	28%
Disagree	31%	-	50%	28%	22%
Not sure	40%	50%	40%	31%	50%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gregory a Good/Bad Hire					
Good hire	14%	50%	-	24%	9%
Bad hire	7%	-	10%	10%	-
Not sure	79%	50%	90%	66%	91%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Braves Fan?					
Yes	68%	79%	56%	71%	69%
No	20%	16%	30%	16%	19%
Not sure	12%	5%	14%	13%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cox Approval					
Approve	86%	79%	97%	83%	90%
Disapprove	5%	12%	-	5%	2%
Not sure	9%	9%	3%	12%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gonzalez a Good/Bad Hire					
Good hire	45%	65%	31%	43%	44%
Bad hire	7%	9%	6%	7%	4%
Not sure	48%	26%	63%	50%	52%

