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Iowa a key battleground again; Obama leads Romney by 4

Raleigh, N.C. – President Obama’s net approval rating has slipped six points, and he is doing a corresponding three to 12 points worse on the margin against his potential Republican foes in Iowa than when PPP last polled the state a month and a half ago.

Obama bests Mitt Romney, 46-42, down six points from 49-39 in August. He leads Herman Cain, 47-41, a decline of 12 points from 51-33. President Obama also tops Ron Paul, 47-40. Rick Perry and Michele Bachmann each lag, 49-39. For Bachmann, that is a seven-point improvement from 51-34; Perry is up three from 51-38. Newt Gingrich is down, 50-39. Paul and Gingrich were not tested in the previous poll.

The president won the state by almost ten points in 2008, and poll respondents report having voted for him by only seven, a slight tightening in projected turnout. In that sense, only Romney and Cain outdo, while Paul matches, John McCain’s performance.

Now only 43% approve of the president’s job performance, with 52% disapproving. That compares to August’s 45-48. He is up five points with his own party, the opposite of the trend seen most places lately. But he has slipped ten points with the GOP and 13 with independents. By comparison, though, all of the Republicans but new frontrunner Cain are less popular than the president. Cain’s 35-40 net favorability is still under water, but it stacks up well against Romney’s 34-52, Paul’s 27-55, Gingrich’s 29-59, Bachmann’s 27-58, and Perry’s 21-60. Independents disapprove of Obama’s handling of his duties by 17 points, yet Romney and Cain are the only two candidates who lead with independents, but by only respective two- and seven-point margins.

“Obama’s unpopular in Iowa but he appears to be in position to win the state next year anyway,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Extended exposure to the Republican field of candidates doesn’t seem to have Democrats and independents in Iowa pining to vote for the GOP next fall.”

PPP surveyed 749 Iowa voters from October 7th to 10th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.6%. 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.



Iowa Survey Results

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

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not sure 5%

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

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 58%
Not sure 15%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 40%
Not sure 25%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 59%
Not sure 12%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 55%
Not sure 19%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 21%
Unfavorable 60%
Not sure 19%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 52%
Not sure 15%

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

Barack Obama..... 49%
Michele Bachmann 39%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 47%
Herman Cain..... 41%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 50%
Newt Gingrich 39%
Undecided..... 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 47%
Ron Paul..... 40%
Undecided..... 13%





Q12 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Rick Perry, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Rick Perry..... 39%
Undecided..... 13%

Q13 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 46%
Mitt Romney..... 42%
Undecided..... 12%

Q14 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 48%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 11%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative..... 18%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 49%
Man..... 51%

Q17 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 39%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White..... 91%
Other..... 9%

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..... 10%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	7%	78%	22%
Disapprove	52%	91%	14%	70%
Not sure	5%	2%	8%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	27%	45%	11%	25%
Unfavorable	58%	36%	78%	54%
Not sure	15%	19%	10%	22%

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Cain Favorability				
Favorable	35%	60%	14%	33%
Unfavorable	40%	20%	61%	27%
Not sure	25%	20%	25%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	29%	56%	7%	26%
Unfavorable	59%	34%	83%	49%
Not sure	12%	10%	10%	26%





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Paul Favorability				
Favorable	27%	35%	20%	25%
Unfavorable	55%	47%	63%	43%
Not sure	19%	17%	17%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	21%	38%	7%	16%
Unfavorable	60%	42%	76%	56%
Not sure	19%	21%	17%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	34%	52%	18%	32%
Unfavorable	52%	36%	69%	35%
Not sure	15%	12%	13%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Bachmann				
Barack Obama	49%	11%	87%	25%
Michele Bachmann	39%	78%	7%	38%
Undecided	12%	12%	7%	37%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
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Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	47%	10%	84%	20%
Herman Cain	41%	80%	8%	38%
Undecided	12%	10%	8%	42%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	50%	10%	87%	29%
Newt Gingrich	39%	77%	6%	44%
Undecided	11%	13%	7%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Paul				
Barack Obama	47%	9%	83%	26%
Ron Paul	40%	75%	9%	42%
Undecided	13%	16%	8%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama/Perry				
Barack Obama	49%	10%	86%	26%
Rick Perry	39%	77%	6%	42%
Undecided	13%	13%	8%	32%





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Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	46%	10%	82%	18%
Mitt Romney	42%	81%	8%	50%
Undecided	12%	9%	10%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	43%	82%	78%	55%	12%	6%
Disapprove	52%	14%	17%	37%	82%	91%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	8%	6%	3%

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Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	27%	11%	13%	17%	35%	55%
Unfavorable	58%	85%	77%	71%	43%	25%
Not sure	15%	4%	10%	12%	22%	20%

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Cain Favorability						
Favorable	35%	17%	11%	25%	51%	63%
Unfavorable	40%	65%	61%	45%	23%	18%
Not sure	25%	17%	28%	30%	26%	18%





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Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	29%	8%	6%	17%	46%	61%
Unfavorable	59%	88%	85%	68%	43%	24%
Not sure	12%	4%	9%	15%	12%	15%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	27%	19%	14%	27%	36%	33%
Unfavorable	55%	73%	66%	54%	44%	46%
Not sure	19%	8%	20%	19%	20%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	21%	12%	2%	15%	32%	38%
Unfavorable	60%	82%	76%	66%	48%	38%
Not sure	19%	6%	23%	19%	20%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	34%	15%	17%	33%	54%	36%
Unfavorable	52%	81%	72%	50%	27%	49%
Not sure	15%	4%	11%	17%	19%	15%





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Obama/Bachmann						
Barack Obama	49%	80%	88%	66%	14%	10%
Michele Bachmann	39%	16%	8%	16%	64%	87%
Undecided	12%	4%	4%	18%	22%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	47%	82%	84%	61%	14%	10%
Herman Cain	41%	10%	11%	24%	65%	82%
Undecided	12%	8%	5%	15%	21%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	50%	85%	85%	67%	15%	10%
Newt Gingrich	39%	6%	9%	21%	66%	82%
Undecided	11%	8%	6%	12%	19%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	47%	83%	82%	59%	17%	10%
Ron Paul	40%	14%	13%	25%	58%	82%
Undecided	13%	4%	5%	16%	25%	9%





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Obama/Perry						
Barack Obama	49%	86%	84%	65%	15%	10%
Rick Perry	39%	8%	8%	21%	65%	84%
Undecided	13%	6%	8%	15%	21%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	46%	84%	81%	59%	12%	8%
Mitt Romney	42%	11%	8%	27%	73%	80%
Undecided	12%	5%	11%	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	52%	34%
Disapprove	52%	43%	60%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
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Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	27%	22%	31%
Unfavorable	58%	62%	56%
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Paul Favorability			
Favorable	27%	23%	30%
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Not sure	19%	23%	14%

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Perry Favorability			
Favorable	21%	20%	21%
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Barack Obama	50%	58%	41%
Newt Gingrich	39%	33%	45%
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