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Obama lead down to just 2 points in Iowa

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP’s newest Iowa poll finds Barack Obama ahead of Mitt Romney by 2 points in a survey conducted over the weekend (47-45). This poll finds a change from the July 16 survey, where Obama was up by 5 (48-43). Candidate approval remains crucial in Iowa, as it identifies as a swing state for the upcoming Presidential election. Obama and Romney are neck and neck, with 45% of voters approving of Barack Obama’s job performance and 47% favorability to Mitt Romney.

“Barack Obama’s lead in Iowa has steadily declined in our polling over the last three months,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He still has a narrow advantage, but it’s clear that the state deserves its perceived swing state status.”

Wind energy remains a hot topic among voters in Iowa. The poll finds 54% of Iowans support the tax credit for wind energy production companies. Wind energy in Iowa is one of the fastest-growing industries in the nation, and after Romney dismissed the importance of wind energy earlier this month, only 37% of voters support Romney on the issue, while 47% trust Obama. This comes with 68% of Iowans finding wind energy an important issue in their state.

Health care remains an important issue to voters in Iowa. 46% of those polled stated they are against Paul Ryan’s proposal for reforming Medicare. Additionally, 51% of women and 40% of men are against Ryan’s plan. An ever growing elderly population in Iowa also shows their disapproval of Ryan’s plan- 49% of those older than 65 say they oppose Ryan’s proposal, followed by 45% of those between 46 and 65 against Ryan’s proposition.

PPP will release more findings from its Iowa poll later in the week, including an early look ahead to how voters in the state feel about potential 2016 Presidential candidates.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 1,244 likely Iowa voters from August 23-26. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.8%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.





Iowa Survey Results

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

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 47%
Unfavorable 48%
Not sure 6%

Q3 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 47%
Mitt Romney..... 45%
Undecided..... 8%

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

Favorable..... 46%
Unfavorable 44%
Not sure 11%

Q5 Do you support or oppose Paul Ryan's proposal for reforming Medicare?

Support..... 37%
Oppose..... 46%
Not sure 18%

Q6 Do you support or oppose the tax credit for wind energy production companies?

Support..... 54%
Oppose..... 26%
Not sure 20%

Q7 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of wind energy?

Barack Obama..... 47%
Mitt Romney..... 37%
Not sure..... 16%

Q8 Is the wind energy issue very important, somewhat important, or not that important to you?

Very important..... 29%
Somewhat important..... 39%
Not that important 31%
Not sure 1%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 43%
Barack Obama..... 48%
Someone else/Don't remember 9%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal 19%
Moderate..... 28%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 17%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q12 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 35%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 27%





Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 93%
Other..... 7%

Q14 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..... 12%
30 to 45..... 30%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	7%	82%	29%
Disapprove	50%	91%	13%	54%
Not sure	5%	2%	5%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	47%	86%	14%	36%
Unfavorable	48%	9%	81%	50%
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	47%	7%	84%	34%
Mitt Romney	45%	88%	9%	37%
Undecided	8%	5%	7%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ryan Favorability				
Favorable	46%	83%	13%	44%
Unfavorable	44%	8%	76%	37%
Not sure	11%	9%	11%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Ryan Plan				
Support	37%	70%	8%	28%
Oppose	46%	9%	80%	31%
Not sure	18%	20%	11%	41%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Wind Tax Credit				
Support	54%	35%	73%	43%
Oppose	26%	43%	11%	29%
Not sure	20%	22%	16%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Trust Obama or Romney More on Wind?				
Barack Obama	47%	8%	83%	38%
Mitt Romney	37%	72%	8%	36%
Not sure	16%	20%	10%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Wind Energy Importance				
Very important	29%	12%	45%	21%
Somewhat important	39%	40%	37%	37%
Not that important	31%	47%	16%	39%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	45%	77%	82%	58%	16%	4%
Disapprove	50%	21%	14%	33%	79%	94%
Not sure	5%	2%	4%	8%	5%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	47%	15%	16%	27%	79%	87%
Unfavorable	48%	82%	80%	63%	16%	9%
Not sure	6%	3%	3%	10%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	47%	82%	85%	62%	15%	3%
Mitt Romney	45%	16%	10%	25%	75%	92%
Undecided	8%	2%	5%	13%	10%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Ryan Favorability						
Favorable	46%	12%	17%	28%	75%	87%
Unfavorable	44%	88%	75%	56%	12%	5%
Not sure	11%	0%	8%	16%	13%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Ryan Plan						
Support	37%	15%	9%	15%	60%	82%
Oppose	46%	82%	76%	61%	17%	6%
Not sure	18%	3%	16%	24%	23%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Wind Tax Credit						
Support	54%	78%	71%	62%	39%	30%
Oppose	26%	10%	12%	16%	39%	52%
Not sure	20%	12%	17%	23%	23%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust Obama or Romney More on Wind?						
Barack Obama	47%	86%	83%	59%	17%	4%
Mitt Romney	37%	11%	9%	20%	59%	83%
Not sure	16%	3%	8%	21%	24%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Wind Energy Importance						
Very important	29%	59%	39%	31%	14%	14%
Somewhat important	39%	34%	42%	40%	40%	35%
Not that important	31%	7%	18%	28%	43%	50%
Not sure	1%	-	1%	1%	3%	0%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	52%	38%
Disapprove	50%	44%	56%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	47%	41%	52%
Unfavorable	48%	53%	42%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	47%	53%	40%
Mitt Romney	45%	40%	51%
Undecided	8%	7%	9%

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		Woman	Man
Ryan Favorability			
Favorable	46%	38%	54%
Unfavorable	44%	49%	38%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%





Crosstabs

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Support/Oppose Ryan Plan			
Support	37%	28%	45%
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Not sure	18%	21%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Wind Tax Credit			
Support	54%	56%	52%
Oppose	26%	20%	33%
Not sure	20%	24%	15%

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Trust Obama or Romney More on Wind?			
Barack Obama	47%	52%	41%
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Very important	29%	30%	28%
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Not that important	31%	27%	36%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	84%	6%	49%
Disapprove	50%	12%	91%	42%
Not sure	5%	4%	2%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	47%	14%	82%	41%
Unfavorable	48%	82%	12%	52%
Not sure	6%	4%	6%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	47%	87%	8%	49%
Mitt Romney	45%	10%	85%	36%
Undecided	8%	3%	7%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Ryan Favorability				
Favorable	46%	11%	82%	41%
Unfavorable	44%	80%	9%	44%
Not sure	11%	9%	9%	15%





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Oppose	46%	82%	9%	50%
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Support	54%	72%	35%	58%
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Barack Obama	47%	86%	9%	48%
Mitt Romney	37%	7%	73%	27%
Not sure	16%	6%	18%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Wind Energy Importance				
Very important	29%	43%	14%	32%
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Not that important	31%	16%	44%	33%
Not sure	1%	0%	1%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	43%	70%
Disapprove	50%	52%	26%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	47%	48%	23%
Unfavorable	48%	46%	65%
Not sure	6%	5%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	47%	44%	78%
Mitt Romney	45%	47%	17%
Undecided	8%	8%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Ryan Favorability			
Favorable	46%	48%	24%
Unfavorable	44%	42%	61%
Not sure	11%	10%	15%





Crosstabs

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		White	Other
Support/Oppose Ryan Plan			
Support	37%	37%	24%
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	Base	Race	
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Support/Oppose Wind Tax Credit			
Support	54%	56%	32%
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	Base	Race	
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Trust Obama or Romney More on Wind?			
Barack Obama	47%	45%	68%
Mitt Romney	37%	38%	25%
Not sure	16%	16%	7%

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Wind Energy Importance			
Very important	29%	27%	52%
Somewhat important	39%	40%	17%
Not that important	31%	31%	30%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	57%	42%	44%	47%
Disapprove	50%	38%	52%	53%	49%
Not sure	5%	6%	7%	3%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	47%	46%	46%	49%	43%
Unfavorable	48%	54%	48%	44%	49%
Not sure	6%	-	6%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	47%	57%	47%	43%	48%
Mitt Romney	45%	33%	43%	50%	46%
Undecided	8%	9%	10%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ryan Favorability					
Favorable	46%	37%	46%	49%	44%
Unfavorable	44%	48%	45%	40%	46%
Not sure	11%	15%	9%	11%	10%





Crosstabs

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Support/Oppose Ryan Plan					
Support	37%	38%	34%	40%	33%
Oppose	46%	40%	47%	45%	49%
Not sure	18%	22%	19%	16%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Wind Tax Credit					
Support	54%	53%	60%	51%	52%
Oppose	26%	24%	28%	28%	22%
Not sure	20%	24%	12%	21%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust Obama or Romney More on Wind?					
Barack Obama	47%	58%	43%	45%	48%
Mitt Romney	37%	32%	34%	41%	39%
Not sure	16%	10%	23%	14%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Wind Energy Importance					
Very important	29%	32%	26%	26%	37%
Somewhat important	39%	32%	34%	44%	39%
Not that important	31%	34%	39%	29%	22%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

