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MI GOP: Engler for Sen., Romney or Huckabee for Pres.

Raleigh, N.C. – The theme in PPP’s early look at the fields for the Republican nominations for president and U.S. Senate in Michigan is that the candidates who are poised to make those races most competitive in the general election are not the cream rising to the top in the primary.

Wednesday’s release showed John Engler doing worst of the four major candidates tested against Debbie Stabenow, down seven points, but he leads an eight-candidate pack of prospective Stabenow challengers with 31% to Pete Hoekstra’s 24%. Hoekstra trailed Stabenow by only one point. Way behind is state Attorney General Mike Cox, with 12%, followed by two candidates who were very popular across the aisle and did well against Stabenow: Terri Lynn Land, with 7%, and Candice Miller, with 5%. Bringing up the rear are 8th-District Congressman Mike Rogers, with 4%, 11th-District Congressman Thad McCotter, with 3%, and the most likely but by far the most unknown candidate, Tim Leuliette, with less than 1%. The race is so undefined that the third-place “candidate” would be “someone else or undecided,” at 14%.

Tuesday’s release showed that native son Mitt Romney would do by far the best against President Obama in the general election in Michigan, trailing him by only four points to Mike Huckabee’s 12. But in the primary, Romney has fallen considerably from when PPP last polled the race in September, when he had 30% to Sarah Palin’s 17%, Newt Gingrich’s 16%, Huckabee’s 14%, and Ron Paul’s 8%, with 6% preferring someone unnamed.

Now Romney and Huckabee are tied at 22%, with the rest roughly the same as before: Palin at 18%, Gingrich at 15%, and Paul at 10%. Romney has fallen with moderates, which he dominated more than 2:1 over the next candidate three months ago. But while he had 36% with centrists then, he now has only 22%, barely more than Huckabee’s 20%. Huckabee got only 11% support from moderates in September. Those who previously favored someone else have a home, with Tim Pawlenty at 3%, Mitch Daniels at 2%, and John Thune at 1%.

PPP surveyed 400 usual Michigan Republican primary voters from December 3rd to 6th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

[Complete results are attached, and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com)

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Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 52%
Unfavorable 26%
Not sure 23%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 63%
Unfavorable 20%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 64%
Unfavorable 28%
Not sure 8%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 66%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 16%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Engler?

Favorable..... 55%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 28%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pete Hoekstra?

Favorable..... 42%
Unfavorable 16%
Not sure 42%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Terri Lynn Land?

Favorable..... 44%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 41%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Leuliette?

Favorable..... 3%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 83%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Candice Miller?

Favorable..... 41%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 42%

Q10 Between Mike Cox, John Engler, Pete Hoekstra, Terri Lynn Land, Tim Leuliette, Thad McCotter, Candice Miller, and Mike Rogers who would you most like to see as the Republican Senate nominee in 2012?

Mike Cox..... 12%
John Engler..... 31%
Pete Hoekstra 24%
Terri Lynn Land 7%
Tim Leuliette 0%
Thad McCotter 3%
Candice Miller 5%
Mike Rogers..... 4%
Someone else/Not sure 14%





Q11 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, and John Thune who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	2%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	15%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	22%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	18%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	10%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	3%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	22%
<i>John Thune</i>	1%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	7%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	2%
<i>Moderate</i>	27%
<i>Conservative</i>	71%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	49%
<i>Man</i>	51%

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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	52%	43%	32%	60%
Unfavorable	26%	18%	43%	19%
Not sure	23%	38%	25%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	63%	64%	38%	73%
Unfavorable	20%	8%	35%	14%
Not sure	17%	28%	27%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	64%	46%	35%	75%
Unfavorable	28%	54%	56%	17%
Not sure	8%	-	10%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	66%	54%	53%	72%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	27%	15%
Not sure	16%	28%	20%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Engler Favorability				
Favorable	55%	57%	43%	59%
Unfavorable	17%	26%	28%	12%
Not sure	28%	18%	28%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hoekstra Favorability				
Favorable	42%	35%	37%	44%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	25%	13%
Not sure	42%	49%	38%	43%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Land Favorability				
Favorable	44%	18%	39%	47%
Unfavorable	15%	25%	23%	11%
Not sure	41%	57%	38%	41%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Leuliette Favorability				
Favorable	3%	-	4%	4%
Unfavorable	14%	25%	20%	11%
Not sure	83%	75%	76%	86%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	41%	26%	37%	42%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	28%	13%
Not sure	42%	57%	35%	44%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Mike Cox	12%	-	10%	13%
John Engler	31%	28%	27%	33%
Pete Hoekstra	24%	18%	25%	24%
Terri Lynn Land	7%	-	11%	5%
Tim Leuliette	0%	-	-	0%
Thad McCotter	3%	-	5%	3%
Candice Miller	5%	36%	4%	4%
Mike Rogers	4%	-	3%	4%
Someone else/Not sure	14%	18%	15%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Mitch Daniels	2%	8%	4%	2%
Newt Gingrich	15%	-	11%	17%
Mike Huckabee	22%	36%	20%	22%
Sarah Palin	18%	-	12%	20%
Ron Paul	10%	28%	15%	7%
Tim Pawlenty	3%	-	5%	3%
Mitt Romney	22%	18%	22%	23%
John Thune	1%	-	-	1%
Someone else/Undecided	7%	10%	10%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	52%	44%	59%
Unfavorable	25%	25%	25%
Not sure	23%	30%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	64%	63%	65%
Unfavorable	19%	14%	24%
Not sure	17%	23%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	64%	63%	65%
Unfavorable	28%	28%	27%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	67%	63%	71%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	18%
Not sure	16%	20%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Engler Favorability			
Favorable	55%	48%	61%
Unfavorable	16%	17%	16%
Not sure	29%	35%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hoekstra Favorability			
Favorable	42%	34%	49%
Unfavorable	16%	16%	16%
Not sure	42%	50%	34%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Land Favorability			
Favorable	45%	37%	52%
Unfavorable	15%	12%	18%
Not sure	40%	51%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Leuliette Favorability			
Favorable	4%	2%	5%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	17%
Not sure	83%	88%	78%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Miller Favorability			
Favorable	41%	34%	47%
Unfavorable	18%	15%	20%
Not sure	41%	51%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Mike Cox	12%	13%	12%
John Engler	32%	30%	33%
Pete Hoekstra	24%	24%	25%
Terri Lynn Land	7%	6%	7%
Tim Leuliette	0%	0%	-
Thad McCotter	3%	2%	4%
Candice Miller	5%	5%	5%
Mike Rogers	4%	3%	4%
Someone else/Not sure	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Mitch Daniels	2%	2%	3%
Newt Gingrich	15%	12%	18%
Mike Huckabee	21%	27%	16%
Sarah Palin	18%	17%	18%
Ron Paul	10%	8%	11%
Tim Pawlenty	3%	3%	3%
Mitt Romney	22%	22%	22%
John Thune	1%	0%	1%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	52%	28%	43%	54%	67%
Unfavorable	26%	44%	32%	26%	11%
Not sure	23%	28%	25%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	63%	33%	64%	64%	74%
Unfavorable	20%	33%	25%	20%	9%
Not sure	17%	33%	11%	16%	17%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	64%	44%	68%	63%	68%
Unfavorable	28%	44%	26%	29%	22%
Not sure	8%	11%	6%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	66%	50%	58%	70%	75%
Unfavorable	18%	33%	20%	18%	9%
Not sure	16%	17%	22%	12%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Engler Favorability					
Favorable	55%	39%	53%	60%	54%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	21%	18%	11%
Not sure	28%	44%	26%	22%	34%

	Base	Age			
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Hoekstra Favorability					
Favorable	42%	39%	36%	47%	41%
Unfavorable	16%	11%	23%	14%	14%
Not sure	42%	50%	41%	39%	44%





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Land Favorability					
Favorable	44%	39%	45%	48%	39%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	23%	13%	9%
Not sure	41%	44%	32%	39%	51%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Leuliette Favorability					
Favorable	3%	-	6%	4%	2%
Unfavorable	14%	22%	18%	13%	7%
Not sure	83%	78%	76%	83%	91%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Miller Favorability					
Favorable	41%	17%	38%	46%	45%
Unfavorable	17%	28%	25%	14%	11%
Not sure	42%	56%	37%	40%	44%

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2012 GOP Sen Primary					
Mike Cox	12%	22%	12%	11%	9%
John Engler	31%	33%	44%	26%	26%
Pete Hoekstra	24%	17%	21%	26%	27%
Terri Lynn Land	7%	11%	8%	6%	5%
Tim Leuliette	0%	-	-	-	1%
Thad McCotter	3%	-	3%	5%	1%
Candice Miller	5%	-	2%	7%	7%
Mike Rogers	4%	-	3%	4%	5%
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Mitch Daniels	2%	-	2%	3%	3%
Newt Gingrich	15%	11%	12%	15%	20%
Mike Huckabee	22%	17%	32%	15%	22%
Sarah Palin	18%	11%	17%	21%	16%
Ron Paul	10%	22%	15%	8%	2%
Tim Pawlenty	3%	-	3%	5%	3%
Mitt Romney	22%	33%	14%	24%	25%
John Thune	1%	-	2%	-	1%
Someone else/Undecided	7%	6%	5%	10%	8%

