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Gingrich Doubles Romney's Support in Minnesota

Raleigh, N.C. – Newt Gingrich holds a commanding 18-point lead over Mitt Romney in the Minnesota caucuses. Gingrich has more support than any two candidates combined – he garners 36% of the vote, with 18% going to Romney, 17% to Rick Santorum, 13% to Ron Paul, and 15% not sure.

Gingrich also receives the highest net favorability rating at +34 (59/25) followed by Santorum at +32 (56/24), then Romney at just +14 (50/36) and Ron Paul holds a negative favorability rating with -9 (36/45).

Both Gingrich (50-29) and Santorum (46-34) beat Romney in one on one matchups.

Gingrich has a large lead among self-described Tea Party voters, with 44% backing him, 18% backing Ron Paul, 14% supporting Santorum and just 12% going to Romney. Romney also loses Tea Party voters to Gingrich by 31 points in a one on one matchup, 58-27.

The good news for Romney is that the field remains fluid with just 37% of voters saying they are strongly committed to their candidate and 63% saying they could change their mind. Unfortunately for Romney, he comes in last of the 4 candidates among voters who are strongly committed to their candidate – with just 27% of his supporters saying they are strongly committed to him compared to 46% for Santorum and 39% each for Gingrich and Paul. So while the potential exists for voter loyalties to shift, Romney finds himself with the least loyal backers.

“Gingrich’s lead in Minnesota reflects his national momentum right now,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But with around 70% of voters either undecided or open to changing their minds things could change a lot over the next two weeks before the actual caucus.”

PPP surveyed 303 likely Republican caucus voters on January 21st and 22nd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-5.6%. 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.





Minnesota Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?
- Favorable*..... 59%
- Unfavorable* 25%
- Not sure* 16%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?
- Favorable*..... 36%
- Unfavorable* 45%
- Not sure* 19%
- Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?
- Favorable*..... 50%
- Unfavorable* 36%
- Not sure* 13%
- Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?
- Favorable*..... 56%
- Unfavorable* 24%
- Not sure* 20%
- Q5** If the Republican candidates for President were Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?
- Newt Gingrich* 36%
- Ron Paul*..... 13%
- Mitt Romney*..... 18%
- Rick Santorum* 17%
- Someone else/Not sure* 15%
- Q6** Would you say you are strongly committed to that candidate, or might you end up supporting someone else?
- Strongly committed to that candidate*..... 37%
- Might end up supporting someone else* 63%
- Q7** Who is your second choice for President?
- Newt Gingrich* 16%
- Ron Paul*..... 10%
- Mitt Romney*..... 16%
- Rick Santorum* 21%
- Someone else/Not sure* 37%
- Q8** If the Republican candidates for President were just Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?
- Mitt Romney*.....29% *Not sure*21%
- Newt Gingrich*50%
- Q9** If the Republican candidates for President were just Mitt Romney and Ron Paul, who would you vote for?
- Mitt Romney*.....51% *Not sure*20%
- Ron Paul*.....29%
- Q10** If the Republican candidates for President were just Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?
- Mitt Romney*.....34% *Not sure*20%
- Rick Santorum*46%
- Q11** Do you consider yourself to be a member of the Tea Party?
- Yes*..... 32%
- No*..... 49%
- Not sure* 20%
- Q12** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
- Very liberal*..... 1%
- Somewhat liberal* 6%
- Moderate*..... 14%
- Somewhat conservative*..... 37%
- Very conservative* 43%





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

Woman 46%

Man..... 54%

Q14 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 2%

Republican..... 75%

Independent/Other..... 23%

Q15 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 36%

46 to 65..... 43%

Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	59%	93%	34%	38%	43%	43%
Unfavorable	25%	2%	47%	43%	34%	28%
Not sure	16%	5%	19%	19%	23%	30%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	36%	27%	83%	26%	34%	33%
Unfavorable	45%	57%	8%	49%	53%	32%
Not sure	19%	16%	9%	25%	13%	34%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	50%	49%	18%	94%	34%	45%
Unfavorable	36%	42%	64%	4%	52%	21%
Not sure	13%	9%	18%	2%	14%	34%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Santorum Favorability						
Favorable	56%	60%	19%	45%	94%	50%
Unfavorable	24%	24%	59%	30%	3%	13%
Not sure	20%	17%	23%	25%	3%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
2012 GOP Pres Primary						
Newt Gingrich	36%	100%	-	-	-	-
Ron Paul	13%	-	100%	-	-	-
Mitt Romney	18%	-	-	100%	-	-
Rick Santorum	17%	-	-	-	100%	-
Someone else/Not sure	15%	-	-	-	-	100%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary			
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?					
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	39%	39%	27%	46%
Might end up supporting someone else	63%	61%	61%	73%	54%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice						
Newt Gingrich	16%	-	20%	36%	40%	-
Ron Paul	10%	10%	-	12%	21%	-
Mitt Romney	16%	30%	31%	-	9%	-
Rick Santorum	21%	41%	20%	17%	-	-
Someone else/Not sure	37%	19%	29%	35%	31%	100%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Romney/Gingrich						
Mitt Romney	29%	7%	33%	92%	20%	15%
Newt Gingrich	50%	87%	51%	-	44%	25%
Not sure	21%	7%	16%	8%	36%	60%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Romney/Paul						
Mitt Romney	51%	64%	4%	90%	37%	29%
Ron Paul	29%	22%	90%	1%	39%	17%
Not sure	20%	14%	7%	8%	24%	54%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Primary				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
Romney/Santorum						
Mitt Romney	34%	34%	31%	84%	-	14%
Rick Santorum	46%	53%	56%	6%	93%	17%
Not sure	20%	14%	12%	10%	7%	69%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	62%	60%	63%
Unfavorable	24%	31%	20%
Not sure	14%	9%	17%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	37%	38%	36%
Unfavorable	47%	50%	45%
Not sure	16%	12%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	51%	43%	56%
Unfavorable	39%	52%	31%
Not sure	10%	5%	13%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Santorum Favorability			
Favorable	57%	53%	59%
Unfavorable	26%	34%	21%
Not sure	17%	12%	20%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Newt Gingrich	43%	44%	42%
Ron Paul	15%	16%	15%
Mitt Romney	22%	15%	25%
Rick Santorum	20%	25%	18%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?			
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	100%	-
Might end up supporting someone else	63%	-	100%





Crosstabs

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice			
Newt Gingrich	19%	19%	19%
Ron Paul	11%	8%	13%
Mitt Romney	19%	25%	16%
Rick Santorum	24%	21%	26%
Someone else/Not sure	26%	27%	26%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Romney/Gingrich			
Mitt Romney	32%	25%	36%
Newt Gingrich	54%	61%	49%
Not sure	14%	14%	15%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Romney/Paul			
Mitt Romney	55%	52%	57%
Ron Paul	31%	36%	28%
Not sure	14%	12%	15%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
Romney/Santorum			
Mitt Romney	37%	39%	36%
Rick Santorum	52%	52%	51%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	59%	64%	54%	65%
Unfavorable	25%	20%	33%	13%
Not sure	16%	16%	13%	23%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	36%	35%	39%	33%
Unfavorable	45%	48%	45%	41%
Not sure	19%	18%	16%	27%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	50%	51%	51%	48%
Unfavorable	36%	38%	37%	31%
Not sure	13%	12%	12%	21%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	56%	59%	53%	57%
Unfavorable	24%	25%	27%	16%
Not sure	20%	17%	19%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
 Newt Gingrich	36%	44%	33%	34%
 Ron Paul	13%	18%	13%	4%
 Mitt Romney	18%	12%	22%	19%
 Rick Santorum	17%	14%	18%	21%
 Someone else/Not sure	15%	12%	13%	22%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?				
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	44%	37%	26%
 Might end up supporting someone else	63%	56%	63%	74%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice				
 Newt Gingrich	16%	19%	16%	13%
 Ron Paul	10%	9%	10%	10%
 Mitt Romney	16%	21%	16%	11%
 Rick Santorum	21%	24%	20%	16%
 Someone else/Not sure	37%	28%	38%	49%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Romney/Gingrich				
 Mitt Romney	29%	27%	35%	20%
 Newt Gingrich	50%	58%	45%	47%
 Not sure	21%	15%	20%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Romney/Paul				
Mitt Romney	51%	52%	52%	50%
Ron Paul	29%	33%	30%	22%
Not sure	20%	15%	19%	28%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Romney/Santorum				
Mitt Romney	34%	27%	39%	30%
Rick Santorum	46%	55%	44%	38%
Not sure	20%	18%	16%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	59%	41%	41%	41%	58%	69%
Unfavorable	25%	27%	56%	44%	22%	16%
Not sure	16%	32%	3%	15%	20%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	36%	16%	36%	32%	38%	37%
Unfavorable	45%	68%	46%	37%	44%	47%
Not sure	19%	16%	18%	31%	17%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	50%	57%	23%	48%	60%	47%
Unfavorable	36%	27%	63%	36%	28%	41%
Not sure	13%	16%	15%	16%	13%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Santorum Favorability						
Favorable	56%	43%	45%	37%	53%	66%
Unfavorable	24%	41%	34%	43%	21%	19%
Not sure	20%	16%	21%	19%	26%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary						
Newt Gingrich	36%	27%	25%	26%	33%	44%
Ron Paul	13%	57%	15%	19%	9%	13%
Mitt Romney	18%	16%	3%	34%	24%	11%
Rick Santorum	17%	-	27%	7%	19%	18%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	-	30%	13%	15%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?						
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	32%	27%	42%	30%	43%
Might end up supporting someone else	63%	68%	73%	58%	70%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice						
Newt Gingrich	16%	-	3%	18%	18%	17%
Ron Paul	10%	-	3%	6%	14%	8%
Mitt Romney	16%	-	12%	19%	18%	15%
Rick Santorum	21%	-	9%	9%	18%	29%
Someone else/Not sure	37%	100%	72%	48%	34%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney/Gingrich						
Mitt Romney	29%	16%	3%	52%	38%	19%
Newt Gingrich	50%	84%	44%	31%	39%	64%
Not sure	21%	-	52%	17%	23%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney/Paul						
Mitt Romney	51%	43%	19%	61%	55%	50%
Ron Paul	29%	16%	48%	28%	27%	29%
Not sure	20%	41%	32%	11%	18%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney/Santorum						
Mitt Romney	34%	16%	19%	51%	43%	23%
Rick Santorum	46%	68%	45%	28%	36%	61%
Not sure	20%	16%	36%	21%	21%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	59%	49%	68%
Unfavorable	25%	30%	21%
Not sure	16%	22%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	36%	32%	40%
Unfavorable	45%	46%	44%
Not sure	19%	22%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	50%	50%	51%
Unfavorable	36%	32%	40%
Not sure	13%	18%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Santorum Favorability			
Favorable	56%	56%	56%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	27%
Not sure	20%	23%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
 Newt Gingrich	36%	28%	44%
 Ron Paul	13%	10%	16%
 Mitt Romney	18%	19%	18%
 Rick Santorum	17%	18%	17%
 Someone else/Not sure	15%	25%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?			
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	29%	43%
 Might end up supporting someone else	63%	71%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice			
 Newt Gingrich	16%	15%	17%
 Ron Paul	10%	9%	10%
 Mitt Romney	16%	11%	21%
 Rick Santorum	21%	20%	21%
 Someone else/Not sure	37%	45%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney/Gingrich			
 Mitt Romney	29%	30%	29%
 Newt Gingrich	50%	39%	59%
 Not sure	21%	31%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney/Paul			
Mitt Romney	51%	46%	55%
Ron Paul	29%	26%	32%
Not sure	20%	28%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney/Santorum			
Mitt Romney	34%	30%	37%
Rick Santorum	46%	41%	51%
Not sure	20%	29%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	59%	30%	63%	49%
Unfavorable	25%	70%	20%	35%
Not sure	16%	-	16%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	36%	59%	36%	35%
Unfavorable	45%	41%	48%	36%
Not sure	19%	-	16%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	50%	59%	52%	45%
Unfavorable	36%	41%	36%	35%
Not sure	13%	-	12%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	56%	48%	57%	52%
Unfavorable	24%	52%	23%	25%
Not sure	20%	-	20%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	36%	11%	40%	26%
Ron Paul	13%	30%	11%	18%
Mitt Romney	18%	11%	20%	15%
Rick Santorum	17%	30%	15%	23%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	18%	14%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?				
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	41%	39%	32%
Might end up supporting someone else	63%	59%	61%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice				
Newt Gingrich	16%	-	17%	13%
Ron Paul	10%	22%	11%	5%
Mitt Romney	16%	-	17%	14%
Rick Santorum	21%	11%	21%	19%
Someone else/Not sure	37%	66%	33%	48%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney/Gingrich				
Mitt Romney	29%	30%	31%	26%
Newt Gingrich	50%	52%	51%	43%
Not sure	21%	18%	18%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney/Paul				
Mitt Romney	51%	41%	53%	47%
Ron Paul	29%	59%	28%	30%
Not sure	20%	-	19%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney/Santorum				
Mitt Romney	34%	11%	36%	29%
Rick Santorum	46%	70%	46%	46%
Not sure	20%	18%	18%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	59%	50%	67%	59%
Unfavorable	25%	31%	22%	19%
Not sure	16%	19%	11%	22%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	36%	44%	36%	22%
Unfavorable	45%	33%	47%	62%
Not sure	19%	23%	17%	16%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	50%	46%	52%	55%
Unfavorable	36%	41%	36%	29%
Not sure	13%	13%	12%	16%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	56%	47%	62%	59%
Unfavorable	24%	27%	21%	26%
Not sure	20%	26%	17%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	36%	26%	45%	38%
Ron Paul	13%	26%	5%	7%
Mitt Romney	18%	17%	16%	25%
Rick Santorum	17%	16%	18%	19%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	16%	16%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?				
Strongly committed to that candidate	37%	41%	31%	45%
Might end up supporting someone else	63%	59%	69%	55%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice				
Newt Gingrich	16%	16%	16%	18%
Ron Paul	10%	11%	9%	7%
Mitt Romney	16%	19%	16%	14%
Rick Santorum	21%	19%	24%	17%
Someone else/Not sure	37%	36%	36%	43%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney/Gingrich				
Mitt Romney	29%	31%	27%	32%
Newt Gingrich	50%	44%	54%	50%
Not sure	21%	24%	20%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney/Paul				
Mitt Romney	51%	33%	59%	67%
Ron Paul	29%	40%	24%	21%
Not sure	20%	27%	17%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney/Santorum				
Mitt Romney	34%	31%	34%	38%
Rick Santorum	46%	46%	47%	46%
Not sure	20%	23%	19%	16%

