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Pawlenty Minnesota GOP's hands-down pick for president

Raleigh, N.C. – Tim Pawlenty's favor with the voters who will decide the Republican presidential nomination has been rising in the last few weeks after he officially unveiled his campaign, and that includes those in his home state.

When PPP last polled the nomination battle in Minnesota almost six months ago, Pawlenty was leading, but with only 24%, versus the 33% of the vote he gets now—and that comes even with the inclusion of fellow Minnesotan Michele Bachmann, who was not a candidate in the December poll. Then, the second-place finisher, Sarah Palin, was much closer, at 17%, followed by Mike Huckabee's 15%, Mitt Romney's 13%, Newt Gingrich's 11%, Ron Paul's 9%, and two other candidates no longer included, Mitch Daniels and John Thune, at 3% and 2%, respectively.

Now, Bachmann is a distant second to Pawlenty's 33%, at 14% over Romney's and Palin's 11%, Herman Cain's 10%, Paul's 9%, Gingrich's 4%, and Jon Huntsman's 2%. Gingrich has been plummeting almost everywhere, going in the opposite direction of Pawlenty and Cain, who has debuted in recent PPP polls with double-digit support, something it took Pawlenty months of appearances and buzz to generate. Huntsman's media tours have yet to garner him more than a pittance anywhere. If Palin were to not go forward with the campaign she seems to be building, Pawlenty and Bachmann would be the only beneficiaries, jumping to 38% and 19%, with everyone else holding steady.

An earlier release showed that most Minnesota Republicans want Bachmann to challenge Amy Klobuchar rather than Barack Obama, while most of them prefer Pawlenty to run for president. His 76-15 favorability rating is by far the highest, with Bachmann's 68-23 next best and Palin's 66-26 not far behind. Romney and Cain are barely above ground, while Gingrich has, as everywhere PPP has polled of late, divebombed, now the only candidate disliked. He has fallen 39 points from 55-22 in December to 35-41 now.

PPP surveyed 374 usual Minnesota Republican primary voters from May 27th to 30th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-5.1%. 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 35% *Not sure* 24%
Unfavorable..... 41%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable 66% *Not sure* 8%
Unfavorable..... 26%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable 45% *Not sure* 18%
Unfavorable..... 37%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable 68% *Not sure* 10%
Unfavorable..... 23%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable 32% *Not sure* 45%
Unfavorable..... 22%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Pawlenty?

Favorable 76% *Not sure* 9%
Unfavorable..... 15%

Q7 Generally speaking, do you vote in Democratic or Republican primaries?

Democratic primaries..... 0%
Republican primaries 100%
Don't usually vote in primaries 0%

Q8 Given the choices of Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, and Mitt Romney who would you most like to see as the Republican candidate for President next year?

Michele Bachmann 14%
Herman Cain..... 10%
Newt Gingrich 4%
Jon Huntsman..... 2%
Sarah Palin 11%
Ron Paul..... 9%
Tim Pawlenty 33%
Mitt Romney..... 11%
Someone else/Not sure 6%

Q9 If Sarah Palin didn't run and the choices were just Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, and Mitt Romney who would you most like to see as the nominee?

Michele Bachmann 19%
Herman Cain..... 10%
Newt Gingrich 5%
Jon Huntsman..... 1%
Ron Paul..... 9%
Tim Pawlenty 38%
Mitt Romney..... 11%
Someone else/Not sure 7%





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

<i>Very liberal</i>	1%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	4%
<i>Moderate</i>	15%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	43%
<i>Very conservative</i>	37%

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

<i>Woman</i>	47%
<i>Man</i>	53%

Q12 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>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	35%	-	6%	27%	38%	39%
Unfavorable	41%	100%	62%	51%	41%	33%
Not sure	24%	-	32%	23%	21%	28%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Palin Favorability						
Favorable	66%	78%	53%	46%	61%	81%
Unfavorable	26%	22%	24%	48%	31%	12%
Not sure	8%	-	24%	6%	9%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	45%	15%	43%	31%	52%	44%
Unfavorable	37%	85%	30%	50%	28%	41%
Not sure	18%	-	27%	19%	20%	15%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	68%	-	37%	36%	64%	89%
Unfavorable	23%	100%	42%	49%	23%	7%
Not sure	10%	-	21%	15%	13%	4%





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Cain Favorability						
Favorable	32%	-	28%	13%	29%	46%
Unfavorable	22%	100%	15%	34%	25%	13%
Not sure	45%	-	57%	53%	46%	41%

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Pawlenty Favorability						
Favorable	76%	37%	61%	57%	84%	78%
Unfavorable	15%	63%	22%	32%	9%	13%
Not sure	9%	-	17%	11%	7%	9%

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Primary Vote						
Republican primaries	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Palin						
Michele Bachmann	14%	-	-	12%	11%	18%
Herman Cain	10%	-	16%	9%	7%	15%
Newt Gingrich	4%	-	-	3%	6%	3%
Jon Huntsman	2%	-	-	1%	4%	-
Sarah Palin	11%	63%	19%	11%	7%	12%
Ron Paul	9%	15%	-	8%	8%	12%
Tim Pawlenty	33%	22%	53%	33%	36%	28%
Mitt Romney	11%	-	6%	14%	14%	7%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	-	6%	9%	7%	5%





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2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin						
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Herman Cain	10%	-	-	7%	7%	16%
Newt Gingrich	5%	-	-	3%	6%	5%
Jon Huntsman	1%	-	-	1%	2%	-
Ron Paul	9%	-	-	8%	7%	12%
Tim Pawlenty	38%	37%	53%	39%	44%	31%
Mitt Romney	11%	63%	6%	14%	14%	7%
Someone else/Not sure	7%	-	6%	11%	6%	6%

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		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	35%	32%	37%
Unfavorable	41%	38%	44%
Not sure	24%	30%	19%

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Palin Favorability			
Favorable	66%	66%	66%
Unfavorable	26%	26%	26%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%

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Romney Favorability			
Favorable	45%	44%	46%
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Cain Favorability			
Favorable	32%	22%	42%
Unfavorable	22%	22%	22%
Not sure	45%	56%	36%

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Pawlenty Favorability			
Favorable	76%	72%	80%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	13%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%

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Primary Vote			
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Michele Bachmann	14%	17%	11%
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Newt Gingrich	4%	5%	4%
Jon Huntsman	2%	-	3%
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Herman Cain	10%	12%	2%	16%	11%
Newt Gingrich	4%	-	3%	4%	7%
Jon Huntsman	2%	12%	-	-	1%
Sarah Palin	11%	12%	12%	9%	11%
Ron Paul	9%	12%	8%	10%	8%
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Newt Gingrich	5%	-	3%	5%	9%
Jon Huntsman	1%	6%	-	-	1%
Ron Paul	9%	13%	8%	9%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	38%	38%	51%	32%	34%
Mitt Romney	11%	13%	8%	12%	13%
Someone else/Not sure	7%	-	7%	7%	9%

