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Obama close behind Huck, Romney, beats others in Missouri

Raleigh, N.C. – The political landscape in Missouri is in stasis. Last week, PPP found vulnerable freshman Senator Claire McCaskill at about the same fifty-fifty standing as in the previous poll in March. Now, in the state that featured the closest presidential contest in 2008, with John McCain winning in a photo finish, President Obama is at almost exactly the same position against his potential 2012 opponents as two months ago—slightly up on a few and slightly behind the two leading contenders.

43% approve and 53% disapprove of the president's job performance, almost identical to March's 43-52 split. As such, he trails Mike Huckabee, 44-49 (43-49 in March), and Mitt Romney, 43-45 (43-44). He leads Newt Gingrich, 46-44 (44-44); Sarah Palin, 48-43 (same); and Donald Trump, tested for the first time, 46-41. Other than Huckabee's 43-38 favorability rating, all the Republicans are disliked even more than the president is: Romney at 31-45, Gingrich 29-50, Palin 33-56, and Trump 24-65.

Obama is still losing double-digit percentages of Democrats, as against McCain, but he at least narrowly leads with independents, whom McCain barely won in 2008.

Keeping the president further behind Huckabee and Romney than against McCain is that Missouri has yet to recover as much as other states from 2010's hyper-Republican turnout. The poll's respondents report having voted for McCain over Obama by five points, suggesting that Republican voters continue to be more engaged than Democrats, as was the case last year. The state seems to be trending redder, but if the electorate moves more toward 2008's composition, the result next year could be just as close as it was last time.

“Barack Obama continues to be very unpopular in Missouri,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He may have a better chance in Arizona and Georgia next year even though he didn't do as well in 2008 in those states as he did in Missouri.”

PPP surveyed 555 Missouri voters from April 28th to May 1st. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.9%. 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.



Missouri Survey Results

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

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 22%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 43%
Unfavorable 38%
Not sure 20%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 56%
Not sure 10%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 31%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 24%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Favorable..... 24%
Unfavorable 65%
Not sure 11%

Q7 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 46%
Newt Gingrich 44%
Undecided..... 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 44%
Mike Huckabee 49%
Undecided..... 7%

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

Barack Obama..... 48%
Sarah Palin 43%
Undecided..... 9%

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

Barack Obama..... 43%
Mitt Romney..... 45%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 46%
Donald Trump 41%
Undecided..... 13%





Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

<i>John McCain</i>	48%
<i>Barack Obama</i>	42%
<i>Someone else/Don't remember</i>	9%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	9%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	14%
<i>Moderate</i>	32%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	25%
<i>Very conservative</i>	20%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	54%
<i>Man</i>	46%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	37%
<i>Republican</i>	37%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	25%

Q16 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	84%
<i>African-American</i>	11%
<i>Other</i>	5%

Q17 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>	15%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	12%	82%	24%
Disapprove	53%	84%	14%	61%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	29%	47%	8%	27%
Unfavorable	50%	27%	75%	50%
Not sure	22%	25%	17%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	43%	67%	15%	42%
Unfavorable	38%	18%	63%	28%
Not sure	20%	16%	22%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	33%	57%	7%	30%
Unfavorable	56%	31%	87%	50%
Not sure	10%	12%	6%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	31%	47%	15%	25%
Unfavorable	45%	33%	61%	35%
Not sure	24%	20%	24%	39%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Trump Favorability				
Favorable	24%	31%	12%	44%
Unfavorable	65%	54%	84%	35%
Not sure	11%	15%	5%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	46%	14%	86%	23%
New t Gingrich	44%	73%	10%	46%
Undecided	11%	13%	3%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	44%	13%	85%	20%
Mike Huckabee	49%	83%	10%	49%
Undecided	7%	5%	5%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	48%	17%	88%	26%
Sarah Palin	43%	72%	9%	49%
Undecided	9%	12%	3%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	43%	12%	85%	15%
Mitt Romney	45%	74%	10%	53%
Undecided	12%	14%	5%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Trump				
Barack Obama	46%	17%	85%	15%
Donald Trump	41%	64%	11%	56%
Undecided	13%	19%	4%	30%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	43%	87%	73%	66%	11%	5%
Disapprove	53%	11%	23%	27%	84%	94%
Not sure	5%	1%	4%	7%	6%	0%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	29%	10%	7%	10%	44%	61%
Unfavorable	50%	72%	77%	68%	31%	15%
Not sure	22%	18%	16%	22%	25%	23%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Huckabee Favorability						
Favorable	43%	12%	24%	25%	60%	75%
Unfavorable	38%	74%	59%	48%	21%	12%
Not sure	20%	14%	17%	27%	19%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Palin Favorability						
Favorable	33%	13%	8%	12%	53%	70%
Unfavorable	56%	85%	90%	76%	34%	18%
Not sure	10%	2%	2%	13%	13%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	31%	12%	16%	26%	39%	49%
Unfavorable	45%	68%	68%	46%	34%	30%
Not sure	24%	19%	16%	28%	27%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trump Favorability						
Favorable	24%	10%	9%	20%	28%	43%
Unfavorable	65%	87%	87%	72%	57%	38%
Not sure	11%	3%	4%	8%	15%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	46%	89%	78%	70%	14%	4%
Newt Gingrich	44%	6%	20%	15%	73%	87%
Undecided	11%	4%	3%	15%	13%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Huckabee						
Barack Obama	44%	86%	76%	67%	14%	3%
Mike Huckabee	49%	6%	18%	23%	77%	95%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%	10%	9%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Palin						
Barack Obama	48%	86%	81%	73%	18%	4%
Sarah Palin	43%	10%	14%	16%	65%	93%
Undecided	9%	4%	5%	11%	17%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	43%	89%	77%	63%	14%	3%
Mitt Romney	45%	4%	15%	22%	70%	89%
Undecided	12%	6%	8%	14%	16%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Trump						
Barack Obama	46%	88%	81%	67%	17%	6%
Donald Trump	41%	6%	13%	21%	60%	82%
Undecided	13%	6%	6%	12%	23%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	45%	41%
Disapprove	53%	50%	56%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	29%	26%	32%
Unfavorable	50%	45%	54%
Not sure	22%	29%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	43%	40%	46%
Unfavorable	38%	34%	42%
Not sure	20%	26%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	33%	33%	34%
Unfavorable	56%	56%	56%
Not sure	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	31%	29%	35%
Unfavorable	45%	41%	50%
Not sure	24%	31%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trump Favorability			
Favorable	24%	20%	29%
Unfavorable	65%	65%	65%
Not sure	11%	15%	7%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	46%	48%	42%
Newt Gingrich	44%	42%	46%
Undecided	11%	10%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Huckabee			
Barack Obama	44%	46%	41%
Mike Huckabee	49%	47%	51%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Barack Obama	48%	50%	45%
Sarah Palin	43%	40%	47%
Undecided	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	43%	47%	39%
Mitt Romney	45%	42%	49%
Undecided	12%	11%	12%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Trump			
Barack Obama	46%	51%	40%
Donald Trump	41%	35%	47%
Undecided	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	82%	4%	42%
Disapprove	53%	13%	93%	51%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	29%	11%	54%	18%
Unfavorable	50%	69%	22%	60%
Not sure	22%	20%	24%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	43%	14%	77%	34%
Unfavorable	38%	60%	11%	44%
Not sure	20%	26%	12%	22%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	33%	7%	62%	30%
Unfavorable	56%	85%	27%	57%
Not sure	10%	7%	11%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	31%	14%	52%	26%
Unfavorable	45%	59%	30%	46%
Not sure	24%	27%	17%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trump Favorability				
Favorable	24%	12%	33%	28%
Unfavorable	65%	82%	51%	60%
Not sure	11%	6%	16%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
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Undecided	11%	4%	10%	20%





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Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	44%	85%	3%	43%
Mike Huckabee	49%	10%	93%	42%
Undecided	7%	6%	4%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	48%	89%	6%	47%
Sarah Palin	43%	8%	80%	41%
Undecided	9%	3%	14%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	43%	85%	2%	42%
Mitt Romney	45%	9%	86%	39%
Undecided	12%	6%	12%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Trump				
Barack Obama	46%	85%	7%	46%
Donald Trump	41%	12%	71%	39%
Undecided	13%	4%	22%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	37%	77%	69%
Disapprove	53%	58%	22%	29%
Not sure	5%	5%	1%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	29%	30%	22%	14%
Unfavorable	50%	48%	54%	63%
Not sure	22%	21%	24%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	43%	47%	13%	28%
Unfavorable	38%	35%	55%	45%
Not sure	20%	18%	32%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	33%	37%	12%	28%
Unfavorable	56%	53%	79%	61%
Not sure	10%	10%	9%	11%





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		White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	31%	35%	13%	4%
Unfavorable	45%	42%	57%	60%
Not sure	24%	22%	30%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Trump Favorability				
Favorable	24%	26%	9%	17%
Unfavorable	65%	62%	81%	72%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	46%	40%	81%	64%
Newt Gingrich	44%	48%	19%	23%
Undecided	11%	12%	-	13%

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Barack Obama	48%	42%	82%	59%
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Undecided	9%	10%	-	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
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Barack Obama	43%	37%	82%	58%
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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Trump				
Barack Obama	46%	40%	82%	68%
Donald Trump	41%	45%	17%	17%
Undecided	13%	15%	2%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	43%	54%	34%	47%	36%
Disapprove	53%	46%	60%	49%	56%
Not sure	5%	-	6%	4%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	29%	25%	40%	21%	34%
Unfavorable	50%	46%	37%	59%	47%
Not sure	22%	29%	22%	20%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	43%	28%	57%	38%	46%
Unfavorable	38%	47%	30%	41%	34%
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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	33%	31%	37%	32%	34%
Unfavorable	56%	53%	55%	59%	55%
Not sure	10%	16%	7%	9%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	31%	18%	42%	27%	38%
Unfavorable	45%	51%	39%	50%	36%
Not sure	24%	31%	19%	22%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trump Favorability					
Favorable	24%	27%	27%	22%	24%
Unfavorable	65%	61%	58%	70%	65%
Not sure	11%	12%	15%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	46%	55%	36%	50%	41%
Newt Gingrich	44%	41%	54%	38%	47%
Undecided	11%	4%	10%	12%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Huckabee					
Barack Obama	44%	55%	33%	49%	39%
Mike Huckabee	49%	41%	60%	44%	52%
Undecided	7%	4%	7%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Barack Obama	48%	55%	40%	51%	45%
Sarah Palin	43%	37%	51%	40%	44%
Undecided	9%	8%	9%	9%	12%





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Barack Obama	43%	57%	30%	48%	38%
Mitt Romney	45%	39%	57%	39%	50%
Undecided	12%	4%	13%	13%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Trump					
Barack Obama	46%	55%	34%	51%	44%
Donald Trump	41%	35%	52%	35%	42%
Undecided	13%	10%	13%	14%	14%

