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Obama down ten in Montana to Romney, eight to Gingrich

Raleigh, N.C. – President Obama rode such a wave into office that he nearly won in Montana, with John McCain edging him by only two points. But in PPP's latest poll of the state, it looks like Obama's team can write Montana off its expanded list of targets for 2012. The only of five Republicans tested who does as poorly as McCain is the plummeting Herman Cain.

But neither will Obama likely do as badly as John Kerry or Al Gore, who lost the state by respective 21- and 25-point margins. Obama trails his strongest opponent, Mitt Romney, by 10 points (50-40), and lags Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich each by eight (48-40 and 50-42), Rick Perry by three (46-43), and Cain by two (45-43). Romney is up two points and Cain down three since PPP last polled the race in June. The others were not tested then, but Gingrich is up six points from the second most recent poll a year ago.

The president's approval rating has slid six points from 43% approving and 54% disapproving to 39-56 in the last five months. As is the case most places, his own party approves pretty strongly, and Republicans disapprove even more strongly. The difference is that independents disapprove by 21 points, and they make up a large 35% of the electorate, equal to Republicans' share of voters.

But except Gingrich at the moment, voters do not like any of these Republicans any better, so when it comes to the head-to-head match-ups, Obama's largest loss margin with independents is 15 points to Paul. He also trails Romney by 11 and Gingrich by eight. But he actually leads Perry by two and trails Cain by only one. Obama also loses slightly more of his own party (7-10%) than he picks up across the aisle (4-6%).

“Barack Obama came surprisingly close to winning Montana in 2008,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But it doesn't look like he'll be able to make it competitive again this time.”

PPP surveyed 1,625 Montana voters from November 28th to 30th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.4%. 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.



Montana Survey Results

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

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 56%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable..... 26%
Unfavorable 56%
Not sure 18%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 47%
Not sure 13%

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

Favorable..... 31%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 19%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 18%
Unfavorable 62%
Not sure 19%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 32%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 18%

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

Barack Obama..... 43%
Herman Cain..... 45%
Undecided..... 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 42%
Newt Gingrich 50%
Undecided..... 8%

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

Barack Obama..... 40%
Ron Paul..... 48%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 43%
Rick Perry 46%
Undecided..... 10%

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

Barack Obama..... 40%
Mitt Romney..... 50%
Undecided..... 10%





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

<i>Very liberal</i>	8%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	18%
<i>Moderate</i>	27%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	27%
<i>Very conservative</i>	19%

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

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

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.

<i>Democrat</i>	30%
<i>Republican</i>	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	35%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	94%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q16 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 45</i>	11%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	43%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	39%	74%	75%	56%	14%	2%
Disapprove	56%	22%	18%	37%	82%	97%
Not sure	5%	4%	7%	6%	4%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cain Favorability						
Favorable	26%	11%	5%	11%	37%	56%
Unfavorable	56%	84%	81%	69%	40%	24%
Not sure	18%	5%	14%	20%	23%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	39%	15%	11%	22%	59%	72%
Unfavorable	47%	79%	79%	63%	23%	17%
Not sure	13%	7%	10%	15%	18%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	31%	26%	25%	28%	34%	40%
Unfavorable	50%	66%	59%	52%	42%	42%
Not sure	19%	7%	16%	21%	23%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	18%	9%	7%	9%	24%	39%
Unfavorable	62%	83%	80%	72%	51%	39%
Not sure	19%	9%	14%	19%	25%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	32%	15%	17%	28%	44%	40%
Unfavorable	50%	79%	67%	50%	35%	45%
Not sure	18%	6%	15%	22%	22%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	43%	77%	85%	61%	17%	2%
Herman Cain	45%	18%	11%	25%	67%	87%
Undecided	11%	5%	4%	13%	16%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	42%	77%	84%	60%	13%	2%
Newt Gingrich	50%	19%	13%	31%	73%	93%
Undecided	8%	4%	3%	9%	14%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	40%	72%	81%	55%	15%	2%
Ron Paul	48%	24%	14%	32%	66%	87%
Undecided	12%	4%	5%	13%	20%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Perry						
Barack Obama	43%	77%	85%	63%	16%	2%
Rick Perry	46%	18%	11%	26%	70%	87%
Undecided	10%	4%	5%	11%	14%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	40%	76%	82%	55%	12%	2%
Mitt Romney	50%	18%	12%	33%	75%	88%
Undecided	10%	6%	6%	11%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	39%	39%	40%
Disapprove	56%	56%	57%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	26%	24%	27%
Unfavorable	56%	54%	58%
Not sure	18%	22%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	39%	38%	41%
Unfavorable	47%	47%	48%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	31%	24%	40%
Unfavorable	50%	52%	47%
Not sure	19%	24%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	18%	18%	19%
Unfavorable	62%	58%	67%
Not sure	19%	24%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	32%	31%	33%
Unfavorable	50%	48%	53%
Not sure	18%	21%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Cain			
Barack Obama	43%	43%	43%
Herman Cain	45%	44%	47%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	42%	42%	42%
Newt Gingrich	50%	51%	50%
Undecided	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	40%	40%	39%
Ron Paul	48%	47%	49%
Undecided	12%	13%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	43%	43%	44%
Rick Perry	46%	48%	45%
Undecided	10%	10%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	40%	40%	40%
Mitt Romney	50%	50%	51%
Undecided	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	39%	81%	6%	36%
Disapprove	56%	12%	93%	57%
Not sure	5%	6%	1%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	26%	7%	45%	23%
Unfavorable	56%	81%	35%	55%
Not sure	18%	12%	21%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	39%	9%	69%	36%
Unfavorable	47%	82%	17%	48%
Not sure	13%	9%	15%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	31%	23%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	50%	62%	48%	41%
Not sure	19%	14%	21%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	18%	8%	32%	14%
Unfavorable	62%	79%	45%	65%
Not sure	19%	13%	23%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	32%	18%	45%	30%
Unfavorable	50%	67%	35%	51%
Not sure	18%	15%	19%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	43%	89%	6%	41%
Herman Cain	45%	8%	81%	42%
Undecided	11%	3%	13%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	42%	89%	4%	39%
Newt Gingrich	50%	7%	90%	47%
Undecided	8%	3%	6%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Paul				
Barack Obama	40%	85%	6%	35%
Ron Paul	48%	10%	78%	50%
Undecided	12%	4%	16%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Perry				
Barack Obama	43%	89%	5%	43%
Rick Perry	46%	8%	85%	41%
Undecided	10%	4%	10%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	40%	86%	4%	36%
Mitt Romney	50%	10%	88%	47%
Undecided	10%	4%	8%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	39%	38%	54%
Disapprove	56%	57%	41%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	26%	26%	15%
Unfavorable	56%	56%	59%
Not sure	18%	18%	25%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	39%	40%	29%
Unfavorable	47%	47%	50%
Not sure	13%	13%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	31%	31%	29%
Unfavorable	50%	50%	54%
Not sure	19%	19%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	18%	19%	10%
Unfavorable	62%	62%	68%
Not sure	19%	19%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	32%	32%	26%
Unfavorable	50%	49%	65%
Not sure	18%	19%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Cain			
Barack Obama	43%	42%	60%
Herman Cain	45%	46%	34%
Undecided	11%	12%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	42%	40%	63%
Newt Gingrich	50%	51%	33%
Undecided	8%	8%	4%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	40%	39%	55%
Ron Paul	48%	48%	41%
Undecided	12%	13%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	43%	42%	64%
Rick Perry	46%	48%	29%
Undecided	10%	11%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	40%	38%	64%
Mitt Romney	50%	51%	32%
Undecided	10%	10%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	39%	52%	37%	39%	37%
Disapprove	56%	43%	59%	57%	57%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	26%	13%	26%	30%	23%
Unfavorable	56%	69%	48%	54%	62%
Not sure	18%	18%	26%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	39%	27%	39%	40%	46%
Unfavorable	47%	55%	44%	49%	44%
Not sure	13%	18%	17%	11%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	31%	32%	33%	32%	26%
Unfavorable	50%	48%	44%	51%	55%
Not sure	19%	19%	23%	17%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	18%	15%	21%	18%	17%
Unfavorable	62%	71%	53%	64%	65%
Not sure	19%	15%	25%	18%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	32%	29%	34%	28%	37%
Unfavorable	50%	56%	45%	54%	46%
Not sure	18%	15%	21%	18%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Cain					
Barack Obama	43%	58%	40%	42%	42%
Herman Cain	45%	34%	50%	47%	42%
Undecided	11%	8%	11%	11%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	42%	53%	38%	42%	40%
Newt Gingrich	50%	34%	54%	51%	54%
Undecided	8%	13%	8%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	40%	52%	35%	40%	38%
Ron Paul	48%	39%	53%	47%	47%
Undecided	12%	10%	11%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	43%	57%	41%	43%	40%
Rick Perry	46%	31%	51%	47%	47%
Undecided	10%	11%	8%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 45	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	40%	53%	36%	39%	39%
Mitt Romney	50%	35%	56%	49%	52%
Undecided	10%	11%	8%	11%	9%

