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Obama, Romney tied in Nevada; Cain, Gingrich down three

Raleigh, N.C. – As when PPP last polled the state in July, President Obama and his toughest potential challenger, Mitt Romney, are neck and neck in Nevada. But this time, unlike then and in other swing states, Romney is not the only Republican breathing down Obama's neck. All of them improve on John McCain's almost 13-point loss in 2008.

Obama and Romney each pull 46% of the vote, not much different than Obama's 47-46 lead three months ago. Back then, however, the other four GOP contenders trailed by nine to 12 points. Michele Bachmann and Rick Perry still lag by similar amounts—but Perry is the only one down by double digits now, and three non-Romney candidates all come within four points of the president. New GOP frontrunner Herman Cain and surprisingly rising Newt Gingrich each trail by three, 49-46, while Ron Paul lags by four, 47-43. Bachmann is down by eight, 49-41, a slight improvement from 50-40 in the previous poll, while Perry is down 10, 51-41, a slight dip from 49-40.

The president's net approval rating has slid six points on the margin in the last three months, from a decent 47-50 to 44-53. Independents have more than flipped from 52-45 to 42-53—half the equation—along with the twice-as-numerous Republicans siding even more against him. The president's problem on this front remains his own party. They have not moved since July, but still only 78% of them approve, and 17% disapprove.

The president's issues with independents and his own party lessen when he is pitted against his prospective 2012 foes, however. He earns 79-87% of Democrats and sees only 8-13% of them go the other way. And only one candidate, Paul, tops him with independents, and only by two points; Obama leads the others by three to 17.

“There aren't many states Barack Obama won in 2008 where he has fallen as far as Nevada,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “What was an easy win last time looks like it will be a very tough hold in 2012.”

PPP surveyed 500 Nevada voters from October 20th to 23rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.4%. 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.



Nevada Survey Results

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

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 59%
Not sure 15%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

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

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 52%
Not sure 11%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 15%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 18%
Unfavorable 67%
Not sure 15%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 45%
Unfavorable 44%
Not sure 11%

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

Barack Obama..... 49%
Michele Bachmann 41%
Undecided..... 10%

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

Barack Obama..... 49%
Herman Cain..... 46%
Undecided..... 5%

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

Barack Obama..... 49%
Newt Gingrich 46%
Undecided..... 5%

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

Barack Obama..... 47%
Ron Paul..... 43%
Undecided..... 10%





Q12 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Rick Perry, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Rick Perry..... 41%
Undecided..... 8%

Q13 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 46%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Undecided..... 8%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 25%
Very conservative..... 17%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 52%
Man..... 48%

Q16 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..... 43%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 19%

Q17 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 11%
White..... 75%
African-American..... 7%
Other..... 8%

Q18 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.

18 to 29..... 15%
30 to 45..... 23%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	44%	77%	74%	61%	13%	4%
Disapprove	53%	13%	20%	35%	86%	96%
Not sure	4%	10%	6%	4%	1%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	27%	32%	11%	11%	38%	52%
Unfavorable	59%	58%	82%	71%	44%	34%
Not sure	15%	10%	8%	18%	18%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cain Favorability						
Favorable	41%	27%	20%	21%	64%	74%
Unfavorable	44%	62%	65%	60%	20%	17%
Not sure	15%	11%	15%	20%	16%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	38%	23%	11%	21%	62%	70%
Unfavorable	52%	68%	76%	69%	25%	23%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	10%	12%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	34%	36%	26%	31%	37%	44%
Unfavorable	51%	58%	54%	52%	47%	47%
Not sure	15%	6%	20%	17%	16%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	18%	24%	9%	10%	25%	30%
Unfavorable	67%	66%	80%	75%	56%	56%
Not sure	15%	10%	11%	16%	19%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	45%	33%	29%	32%	66%	60%
Unfavorable	44%	60%	62%	57%	22%	24%
Not sure	11%	7%	9%	11%	12%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Bachmann						
Barack Obama	49%	84%	82%	68%	16%	6%
Michele Bachmann	41%	12%	13%	16%	71%	89%
Undecided	10%	4%	5%	16%	13%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	49%	87%	79%	70%	15%	4%
Herman Cain	46%	9%	15%	24%	79%	93%
Undecided	5%	3%	6%	6%	5%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	49%	84%	82%	71%	12%	4%
Newt Gingrich	46%	8%	17%	21%	81%	94%
Undecided	5%	8%	1%	7%	7%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	47%	88%	73%	66%	16%	4%
Ron Paul	43%	12%	19%	23%	68%	86%
Undecided	10%	-	7%	11%	16%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Perry						
Barack Obama	51%	88%	80%	70%	19%	7%
Rick Perry	41%	6%	15%	19%	73%	86%
Undecided	8%	6%	5%	12%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	46%	86%	76%	64%	11%	5%
Mitt Romney	46%	7%	17%	26%	80%	90%
Undecided	8%	6%	7%	10%	9%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	49%	38%
Disapprove	53%	48%	58%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	27%	25%	29%
Unfavorable	59%	60%	57%
Not sure	15%	16%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	41%	35%	47%
Unfavorable	44%	46%	41%
Not sure	15%	18%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	38%	33%	43%
Unfavorable	52%	54%	49%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	34%	32%	37%
Unfavorable	51%	50%	53%
Not sure	15%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	18%	17%	20%
Unfavorable	67%	63%	71%
Not sure	15%	20%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	45%	45%	45%
Unfavorable	44%	44%	44%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Bachmann			
Barack Obama	49%	53%	46%
Michele Bachmann	41%	37%	45%
Undecided	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Cain			
Barack Obama	49%	55%	43%
Herman Cain	46%	39%	53%
Undecided	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	49%	53%	44%
Newt Gingrich	46%	41%	51%
Undecided	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	47%	51%	43%
Ron Paul	43%	39%	47%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	51%	54%	47%
Rick Perry	41%	37%	45%
Undecided	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	46%	50%	42%
Mitt Romney	46%	42%	51%
Undecided	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	78%	6%	42%
Disapprove	53%	17%	94%	53%
Not sure	4%	5%	1%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	27%	18%	39%	23%
Unfavorable	59%	68%	47%	62%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	41%	22%	63%	40%
Unfavorable	44%	62%	24%	44%
Not sure	15%	16%	14%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	38%	16%	64%	34%
Unfavorable	52%	75%	24%	55%
Not sure	11%	9%	12%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	34%	28%	38%	42%
Unfavorable	51%	58%	46%	47%
Not sure	15%	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	18%	9%	28%	20%
Unfavorable	67%	75%	57%	66%
Not sure	15%	15%	15%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	45%	27%	67%	40%
Unfavorable	44%	63%	21%	47%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Bachmann				
Barack Obama	49%	83%	11%	51%
Michele Bachmann	41%	13%	75%	34%
Undecided	10%	4%	14%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	49%	87%	6%	50%
Herman Cain	46%	10%	87%	47%
Undecided	5%	3%	8%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	49%	85%	7%	51%
Newt Gingrich	46%	12%	87%	41%
Undecided	5%	3%	7%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Paul				
Barack Obama	47%	84%	8%	43%
Ron Paul	43%	12%	76%	45%
Undecided	10%	4%	16%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Perry				
Barack Obama	51%	85%	12%	50%
Rick Perry	41%	8%	79%	39%
Undecided	8%	6%	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	46%	79%	7%	47%
Mitt Romney	46%	13%	87%	41%
Undecided	8%	8%	6%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	44%	66%	36%	79%	57%
Disapprove	53%	32%	61%	21%	30%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	-	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	27%	33%	27%	16%	26%
Unfavorable	59%	54%	58%	83%	49%
Not sure	15%	13%	15%	1%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	41%	36%	42%	39%	41%
Unfavorable	44%	49%	42%	51%	46%
Not sure	15%	15%	16%	10%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	38%	37%	42%	21%	15%
Unfavorable	52%	60%	47%	72%	65%
Not sure	11%	3%	11%	7%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	34%	34%	38%	14%	22%
Unfavorable	51%	53%	49%	60%	65%
Not sure	15%	13%	14%	26%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	18%	25%	17%	17%	22%
Unfavorable	67%	62%	67%	79%	58%
Not sure	15%	13%	16%	4%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	45%	35%	49%	34%	26%
Unfavorable	44%	50%	41%	47%	60%
Not sure	11%	15%	10%	19%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Bachmann					
Barack Obama	49%	68%	42%	82%	61%
Michele Bachmann	41%	27%	47%	15%	21%
Undecided	10%	5%	11%	3%	19%

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	Base	Race			
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Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	49%	71%	42%	85%	54%
Newt Gingrich	46%	23%	54%	15%	23%
Undecided	5%	6%	4%	-	23%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	47%	65%	39%	82%	67%
Ron Paul	43%	24%	50%	15%	25%
Undecided	10%	10%	11%	3%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	51%	74%	43%	85%	61%
Rick Perry	41%	14%	49%	15%	27%
Undecided	8%	12%	8%	-	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	46%	66%	38%	79%	62%
Mitt Romney	46%	17%	56%	15%	22%
Undecided	8%	17%	6%	6%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	44%	50%	44%	42%	44%
Disapprove	53%	43%	54%	55%	53%
Not sure	4%	7%	2%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	27%	27%	25%	26%	32%
Unfavorable	59%	63%	58%	59%	54%
Not sure	15%	10%	18%	15%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	41%	33%	44%	40%	45%
Unfavorable	44%	50%	42%	43%	43%
Not sure	15%	17%	14%	17%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	38%	33%	33%	37%	47%
Unfavorable	52%	57%	56%	52%	43%
Not sure	11%	10%	11%	11%	10%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	34%	43%	42%	28%	31%
Unfavorable	51%	43%	42%	56%	57%
Not sure	15%	13%	16%	16%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	18%	23%	16%	20%	14%
Unfavorable	67%	67%	67%	65%	72%
Not sure	15%	10%	18%	15%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	45%	33%	40%	49%	49%
Unfavorable	44%	57%	42%	42%	41%
Not sure	11%	10%	18%	9%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Bachmann					
Barack Obama	49%	57%	46%	51%	46%
Michele Bachmann	41%	33%	46%	38%	46%
Undecided	10%	10%	9%	11%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Cain					
Barack Obama	49%	60%	46%	50%	43%
Herman Cain	46%	40%	49%	44%	50%
Undecided	5%	-	5%	6%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	49%	57%	46%	51%	44%
Newt Gingrich	46%	40%	49%	43%	51%
Undecided	5%	3%	5%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	47%	50%	42%	50%	45%
Ron Paul	43%	47%	49%	37%	43%
Undecided	10%	3%	9%	13%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	51%	60%	49%	51%	47%
Rick Perry	41%	37%	46%	40%	42%
Undecided	8%	3%	5%	10%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	46%	60%	44%	45%	39%
Mitt Romney	46%	33%	49%	46%	52%
Undecided	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%

