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Mixed Reviews for Obama

Raleigh, N.C. – A year after Barack Obama’s election as President, there’s little middle ground in the way Americans are evaluating his work so far.

A majority of voters give Obama either an A or an F, with 30% giving him the highest grade and 26% the lowest. Another 37% rate him either above or below average with 18% saying he’s done B work and 19% saying it’s been D work. Just 7% say his performance so far falls in the middle and give him a C.

Overall 49% of voters express approval of Obama’s work with 46% disapproving. He has the support of 83% of Democrats, 47% of independents, and 10% of Republicans. There’s been little change in his base of support over the last year with liberals, moderates, blacks, Hispanics, and young voters all giving him positive reviews and conservatives, whites, and older voters expressing displeasure with his work.

Hurting Obama’s overall reviews is that for the first time in our polling we find a majority of Americans opposed to his health care plan. 40% say they support it with 52% opposed, including 58% of independents.

“This is the first time President Obama’s approval rating has dropped below 50% in our polling,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It does seem that the health care issue is hurting him some with independents who voted for him last year.”

The poll also found that 26% of Americans think ACORN stole the election for Obama last year, including 52% of Republicans. Overall 11% view the organization favorably while 53% have a negative opinion of it.

PPP will release its monthly 2012 Presidential numbers tomorrow, testing Barack Obama against Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney.

PPP conducted a national survey of 1,066 registered voters from November 13th to 15th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Tom Jensen at 919-744-6312

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National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve..... 49% *Not Sure*..... 5%
Disapprove..... 46%

Q2 How would you grade President Obama's overall performance so far? If you would give him an A, press 1. If a B, press 2. If a C, press 3. If a D, press 4. If an F, press 5.

A 30%
B 18%
C 7%
D 19%
F 26%

Q3 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support 40%
Oppose 52%
No Opinion 8%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of ACORN? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 11%
Unfavorable 53%
Not Sure 36%

Q5 Do you think that Barack Obama legitimately won the Presidential election last year, or do you think that ACORN stole it for him? If you think he won the election legitimately, press 1. If you think ACORN stole it for him, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Legitimately Won Election 62%
ACORN Stole It 26%
Not Sure 12%

Q6 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain 45%
Obama 47%
Someone else/don't remember 8%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal 16%
Moderate 50%
Conservative 34%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 49%
Man 51%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 41%
Republican 33%
Independent/Other 26%





Q10 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	8%
<i>White</i>	74%
<i>African American</i>	13%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If
you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65,
press 3. If older, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	16%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	15%

Q12

<i>Northeast</i>	25%
<i>South</i>	29%
<i>Midwest</i>	31%
<i>West</i>	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	11%	89%	31%
Disapprove	46%	85%	6%	63%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%	7%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Grade				
A	30%	2%	58%	22%
B	18%	7%	31%	11%
C	7%	11%	4%	7%
D	19%	35%	3%	21%
F	26%	46%	4%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	40%	5%	78%	24%
Oppose	52%	93%	9%	61%
No Opinion	8%	2%	13%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
ACORN Favorability				
Favorable	11%	3%	21%	2%
Unfavorable	53%	79%	25%	66%
Not Sure	36%	18%	53%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
ACORN Stole Election				
Legitimately Won Election	62%	31%	93%	62%
ACORN Stole It	26%	49%	5%	22%
Not Sure	12%	20%	2%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	87%	62%	12%
Disapprove	46%	4%	32%	85%
Not Sure	5%	10%	5%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Grade				
A	30%	58%	35%	8%
B	18%	28%	27%	1%
C	7%	2%	9%	8%
D	19%	-	16%	32%
F	26%	12%	13%	52%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	40%	91%	48%	7%
Oppose	52%	5%	38%	92%
No Opinion	8%	3%	14%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
ACORN Favorability				
Favorable	11%	41%	8%	2%
Unfavorable	53%	18%	47%	79%
Not Sure	36%	42%	46%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
ACORN Stole Election				
Legitimately Won Election	62%	88%	77%	30%
ACORN Stole It	26%	11%	16%	48%
Not Sure	12%	1%	8%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	48%	50%
Disapprove	46%	47%	45%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Grade			
A	30%	37%	23%
B	18%	11%	25%
C	7%	8%	7%
D	19%	20%	17%
F	26%	24%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	40%	41%	40%
Oppose	52%	51%	52%
No Opinion	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
ACORN Favorability			
Favorable	11%	9%	14%
Unfavorable	53%	52%	54%
Not Sure	36%	39%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
ACORN Stole Election			
Legitimately Won Election	62%	60%	65%
ACORN Stole It	26%	30%	23%
Not Sure	12%	10%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	83%	10%	47%
Disapprove	46%	12%	87%	46%
Not Sure	5%	5%	3%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Grade				
A	30%	56%	5%	21%
B	18%	26%	4%	25%
C	7%	4%	9%	10%
D	19%	7%	36%	15%
F	26%	7%	47%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	40%	73%	5%	36%
Oppose	52%	13%	92%	58%
No Opinion	8%	13%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
ACORN Favorability				
Favorable	11%	23%	2%	6%
Unfavorable	53%	32%	80%	50%
Not Sure	36%	45%	18%	45%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
ACORN Stole Election				
Legitimately Won Election	62%	86%	27%	72%
ACORN Stole It	26%	9%	52%	18%
Not Sure	12%	4%	21%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	67%	42%	77%	60%
Disapprove	46%	31%	54%	12%	36%
Not Sure	5%	2%	4%	12%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Grade					
A	30%	47%	23%	50%	44%
B	18%	22%	17%	25%	16%
C	7%	10%	8%	2%	4%
D	19%	19%	22%	1%	11%
F	26%	2%	30%	22%	24%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	40%	37%	36%	69%	51%
Oppose	52%	47%	57%	26%	36%
No Opinion	8%	17%	7%	5%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
ACORN Favorability					
Favorable	11%	11%	9%	25%	15%
Unfavorable	53%	34%	60%	29%	54%
Not Sure	36%	54%	32%	46%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
ACORN Stole Election					
Legitimately Won Election	62%	66%	57%	88%	75%
ACORN Stole It	26%	22%	29%	12%	20%
Not Sure	12%	12%	14%	-	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	58%	50%	51%	33%
Disapprove	46%	33%	45%	45%	61%
Not Sure	5%	8%	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Grade					
A	30%	8%	37%	35%	24%
B	18%	50%	10%	13%	14%
C	7%	-	8%	9%	11%
D	19%	25%	20%	16%	18%
F	26%	17%	25%	27%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	40%	36%	41%	43%	33%
Oppose	52%	55%	49%	49%	60%
No Opinion	8%	9%	9%	7%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
ACORN Favorability					
Favorable	11%	18%	13%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	53%	45%	47%	57%	58%
Not Sure	36%	36%	40%	34%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
ACORN Stole Election					
Legitimately Won Election	62%	64%	71%	62%	46%
ACORN Stole It	26%	27%	20%	26%	35%
Not Sure	12%	9%	9%	11%	18%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	54%	46%	46%	53%
Disapprove	46%	42%	44%	52%	42%
Not Sure	5%	4%	9%	2%	5%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Grade					
A	30%	26%	26%	33%	35%
B	18%	28%	18%	9%	21%
C	7%	7%	8%	6%	7%
D	19%	21%	22%	14%	19%
F	26%	17%	26%	37%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	40%	47%	35%	39%	42%
Oppose	52%	42%	57%	57%	48%
No Opinion	8%	11%	8%	5%	10%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
ACORN Favorability					
Favorable	11%	15%	11%	8%	12%
Unfavorable	53%	50%	56%	54%	51%
Not Sure	36%	35%	33%	38%	38%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
ACORN Stole Election					
Legitimately Won Election	62%	60%	65%	56%	73%
ACORN Stole It	26%	26%	26%	30%	19%
Not Sure	12%	14%	9%	14%	7%

