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Obama still hovering under 50

Raleigh, N.C. – For the second month in a row Public Policy Polling finds Barack Obama’s national approval rating under 50%. 49% of voters in the country like the job he is doing as President while 47% express disapproval.

The trends in Obama’s approval are not changing much from month to month. He’s maintained an 83% approval rating with Democrats but gets good reviews from only 11% of Republicans. Independents are nearly evenly divided with 46% giving him good marks and 47% expressing disapproval.

Obama is finding more support from the voters on Afghanistan than health care with 47% approving of his handling of the former issue but only 39% on the latter. 30% of Republicans agree with him on Afghanistan while just 5% do on health care. For Democrats the trend is reversed with 69% saying they approve of his health care plan but just 63% with him on Afghanistan.

By a 50-44 margin voters say they prefer having Obama as President to George W. Bush. Nevertheless 20% already say they would like to see Obama impeached based on his actions so far, including 35% of Republicans.

“There seems to be more and more of a consensus in the polling now that Obama’s approval rating is under 50%,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Things still aren’t going well in the country and as times passes voters are more inclined to take that out on Obama.”

PPP will release its monthly 2012 Presidential numbers tomorrow.

PPP conducted a national survey of 1,253 registered voters from December 4th to 7th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.8%. 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 Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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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..... 47%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's approach to Afghanistan? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Support..... 47%
Oppose..... 37%
Not Sure..... 16%

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..... 39%
Oppose..... 52%
No Opinion..... 9%

Q4 Are you opposed because it gets government too involved in health care or because it would not involve government enough? If because it gets government too involved in health care, press 1. If because it doesn't involve government enough in health care, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Too Much Government Involvement..... 90%
Not Enough Government Involvement..... 6%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q5 Who would you rather have as President right now: George W. Bush or Barack Obama? If George W. Bush, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Bush 44%
Obama..... 50%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q6 Do you support the impeachment of President Obama for his actions in office so far? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 20%
No..... 67%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q7 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%

Q8 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 41%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%





Q10 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 39%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 27%

Q11 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 8%
White 74%
African American 13%
Other..... 4%

Q12 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.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 46%
Older than 65..... 19%

Q13

Northeast 24%
South 27%
Midwest 33%
West 16%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	10%	92%	13%
Disapprove	47%	87%	4%	71%
Not Sure	5%	4%	4%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Afghanistan				
Support	47%	30%	66%	31%
Oppose	37%	52%	19%	56%
Not Sure	16%	18%	15%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	39%	4%	77%	8%
Oppose	52%	92%	8%	81%
No Opinion	9%	4%	15%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Reason for Health Care Opposition				
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	94%	50%	83%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	3%	42%	7%
Not Sure	4%	3%	8%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Bush/Obama				
Bush	44%	85%	4%	54%
Obama	50%	9%	95%	15%
Not Sure	6%	6%	1%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Impeachment				
Yes	20%	34%	5%	31%
No	67%	48%	87%	48%
Not Sure	13%	18%	7%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	87%	66%	15%
Disapprove	47%	10%	28%	81%
Not Sure	5%	3%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Afghanistan				
Support	47%	60%	59%	29%
Oppose	37%	27%	26%	52%
Not Sure	16%	13%	15%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	39%	82%	54%	6%
Oppose	52%	13%	34%	86%
No Opinion	9%	5%	12%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reason for Health Care Opposition				
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	87%	81%	93%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	13%	14%	3%
Not Sure	4%	-	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bush/Obama				
Bush	44%	7%	25%	79%
Obama	50%	90%	69%	14%
Not Sure	6%	2%	6%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Impeachment				
Yes	20%	6%	12%	35%
No	67%	83%	80%	46%
Not Sure	13%	11%	8%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	54%	42%
Disapprove	47%	40%	54%
Not Sure	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Afghanistan			
Support	47%	47%	46%
Oppose	37%	34%	40%
Not Sure	16%	19%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	39%	41%	37%
Oppose	52%	46%	58%
No Opinion	9%	13%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Reason for Health Care Opposition			
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	89%	90%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	5%	8%
Not Sure	4%	6%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bush/Obama			
Bush	44%	41%	48%
Obama	50%	54%	46%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Impeachment			
Yes	20%	20%	21%
No	67%	64%	69%
Not Sure	13%	16%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	83%	11%	46%
Disapprove	47%	14%	84%	47%
Not Sure	5%	3%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Afghanistan				
Support	47%	63%	30%	45%
Oppose	37%	23%	52%	38%
Not Sure	16%	14%	18%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	39%	69%	5%	39%
Oppose	52%	18%	90%	52%
No Opinion	9%	13%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Reason for Health Care Opposition				
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	85%	93%	84%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	12%	3%	10%
Not Sure	4%	2%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bush/Obama				
Bush	44%	14%	83%	39%
Obama	50%	83%	10%	54%
Not Sure	6%	3%	7%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Impeachment				
Yes	20%	10%	35%	15%
No	67%	79%	48%	72%
Not Sure	13%	10%	17%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	74%	38%	91%	57%
Disapprove	47%	21%	57%	9%	37%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%	-	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Afghanistan					
Support	47%	47%	41%	77%	50%
Oppose	37%	21%	41%	23%	37%
Not Sure	16%	32%	18%	-	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	39%	42%	32%	77%	37%
Oppose	52%	37%	61%	9%	43%
No Opinion	9%	21%	7%	14%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Reason for Health Care Opposition					
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	57%	92%	100%	85%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	29%	5%	-	15%
Not Sure	4%	14%	4%	-	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bush/Obama					
Bush	44%	26%	53%	9%	37%
Obama	50%	74%	40%	91%	57%
Not Sure	6%	-	7%	-	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Impeachment					
Yes	20%	11%	24%	5%	20%
No	67%	79%	61%	90%	73%
Not Sure	13%	11%	15%	5%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	53%	50%	48%	49%
Disapprove	47%	40%	45%	48%	49%
Not Sure	5%	7%	6%	4%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Afghanistan					
Support	47%	47%	50%	45%	47%
Oppose	37%	34%	33%	40%	36%
Not Sure	16%	18%	17%	15%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	39%	40%	41%	41%	33%
Oppose	52%	39%	49%	54%	56%
No Opinion	9%	21%	10%	6%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Reason for Health Care Opposition					
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	89%	88%	90%	91%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	7%	7%	5%	9%
Not Sure	4%	4%	5%	5%	-

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bush/Obama					
Bush	44%	39%	40%	47%	46%
Obama	50%	56%	55%	48%	47%
Not Sure	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Impeachment					
Yes	20%	16%	19%	21%	22%
No	67%	58%	71%	67%	65%
Not Sure	13%	26%	10%	12%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	59%	41%	40%	64%
Disapprove	47%	35%	55%	57%	28%
Not Sure	5%	7%	3%	3%	7%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Afghanistan					
Support	47%	51%	45%	46%	47%
Oppose	37%	33%	39%	38%	35%
Not Sure	16%	16%	16%	16%	18%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	39%	48%	28%	35%	54%
Oppose	52%	42%	61%	59%	35%
No Opinion	9%	10%	11%	7%	11%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Reason for Health Care Opposition					
Too Much Government Involvement	90%	88%	89%	90%	92%
Not Enough Government Involvement	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%
Not Sure	4%	6%	5%	2%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Bush/Obama					
Bush	44%	31%	52%	55%	29%
Obama	50%	62%	40%	43%	67%
Not Sure	6%	7%	9%	3%	5%

	Base	Region			
		Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Obama Impeachment					
Yes	20%	18%	20%	22%	18%
No	67%	71%	60%	66%	74%
Not Sure	13%	11%	20%	11%	8%

