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Raleigh, N.C. – There continue to be more Americans who disapprove than are happy with Barack Obama’s job performance and as a result the country is pretty evenly divided on whether it would rather have Obama or George W. Bush in the White House right now.

46% of voters like the job Obama is doing while 48% disapprove of him. Democrats and Republicans give him nearly mirror opposite reviews, with 84% of voters in his own party saying that Obama is doing a good job while 87% in the opposite party are unhappy with him. Independents lean slightly against the President as well, by a 41/45 margin.

Support for the health care bill has remained steady since its passage last month: 45% of Americans said they supported it four weeks ago and that level of support now remains the same. 50% are opposed. For the most part voters opposed to the bill also support its repeal, and a small plurality of voters would like to see that as a top focus for Congress this year.

46% of Americans now say they would rather have George W. Bush as President to 48% who say they prefer Obama. Although independents disapprove of Obama on balance, they do prefer him to Bush by a 49/37 margin and that’s what puts him ahead on that measure.

“George W. Bush’s approval ratings were horrid his final few years in office because even a decent number of Republicans and conservative leaning independents were unhappy with him,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Now those folks wish they could have him back over Obama.”

PPP surveyed 622 registered voters from April 9th to 11th. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 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..... 46% *Not Sure*..... 6%
Disapprove..... 48%

Q2 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..... 45%
Oppose..... 50%
No Opinion..... 5%

Q3 Do you support or oppose repealing the health care bill that was passed last month? If you support repeal, press 1. If you oppose repeal, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Support..... 53%
Oppose..... 40%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q4 Do you think Congress should make repealing the health care bill one of its top priorities for the rest of the year? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 47%
No..... 44%
Not Sure..... 8%

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

Obama..... 48%
Bush 46%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q6 If there was a Presidential election this month, do you think Barack Obama would win reelection? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 45%
No..... 44%
Not Sure..... 11%

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..... 48%
Someone else/don't remember..... 7%

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

Liberal..... 21%
Moderate..... 37%
Conservative..... 42%

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

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

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..... 38%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 24%





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

Hispanic..... 10%
White 75%
African American 12%
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..... 9%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	5%	88%	24%
Disapprove	48%	91%	7%	53%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Health Care				
Support	45%	4%	87%	14%
Oppose	50%	94%	8%	57%
No Opinion	5%	2%	5%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Repeal				
Support	53%	89%	18%	49%
Oppose	40%	6%	74%	18%
Not Sure	8%	4%	7%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Repeal Priority				
Yes	47%	82%	15%	43%
No	44%	11%	78%	30%
Not Sure	8%	7%	6%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Bush				
Obama	48%	3%	92%	32%
Bush	46%	90%	5%	43%
Not Sure	6%	7%	4%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Think Obama would win				
Yes	45%	9%	82%	22%
No	44%	81%	8%	51%
Not Sure	11%	10%	10%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	82%	66%	10%
Disapprove	48%	9%	28%	85%
Not Sure	6%	9%	6%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	45%	84%	63%	9%
Oppose	50%	9%	29%	89%
No Opinion	5%	6%	7%	3%





Crosstabs

		Base	Ideology		
			Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Repeal					
	Support	53%	16%	34%	87%
	Oppose	40%	73%	57%	7%
	Not Sure	8%	11%	8%	6%

		Base	Ideology		
			Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Repeal Priority					
	Yes	47%	16%	28%	80%
	No	44%	73%	63%	14%
	Not Sure	8%	11%	9%	6%

		Base	Ideology		
			Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Bush					
	Obama	48%	87%	69%	10%
	Bush	46%	6%	25%	83%
	Not Sure	6%	7%	6%	6%

		Base	Ideology		
			Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Think Obama would win					
	Yes	45%	77%	60%	16%
	No	44%	14%	24%	75%
	Not Sure	11%	8%	16%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	47%	45%
Disapprove	48%	47%	50%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	45%	45%	44%
Oppose	50%	50%	50%
No Opinion	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Repeal			
Support	53%	53%	52%
Oppose	40%	39%	40%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Repeal Priority			
Yes	47%	48%	47%
No	44%	44%	45%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Bush			
Obama	48%	46%	50%
Bush	46%	46%	46%
Not Sure	6%	9%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Think Obama would win			
Yes	45%	43%	47%
No	44%	42%	46%
Not Sure	11%	15%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	84%	10%	41%
Disapprove	48%	12%	87%	45%
Not Sure	6%	4%	3%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	45%	83%	7%	42%
Oppose	50%	13%	90%	47%
No Opinion	5%	4%	3%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Repeal				
Support	53%	25%	87%	43%
Oppose	40%	67%	8%	46%
Not Sure	8%	9%	5%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Repeal Priority				
Yes	47%	22%	82%	34%
No	44%	71%	12%	54%
Not Sure	8%	7%	6%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Bush				
Obama	48%	86%	8%	49%
Bush	46%	10%	87%	37%
Not Sure	6%	3%	5%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Think Obama would win				
Yes	45%	77%	12%	46%
No	44%	13%	78%	39%
Not Sure	11%	10%	10%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	74%	36%	84%	38%
Disapprove	48%	22%	59%	5%	46%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	11%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Health Care					
Support	45%	61%	35%	89%	50%
Oppose	50%	26%	61%	5%	50%
No Opinion	5%	13%	4%	5%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Repeal					
Support	53%	43%	58%	26%	54%
Oppose	40%	43%	34%	68%	42%
Not Sure	8%	13%	8%	5%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Repeal Priority					
Yes	47%	39%	53%	16%	50%
No	44%	48%	39%	74%	50%
Not Sure	8%	13%	8%	11%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Bush					
Obama	48%	70%	38%	89%	54%
Bush	46%	26%	55%	5%	38%
Not Sure	6%	4%	7%	5%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Think Obama would win					
Yes	45%	65%	36%	84%	42%
No	44%	26%	52%	5%	42%
Not Sure	11%	9%	11%	11%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	55%	44%	43%	49%
Disapprove	48%	39%	52%	49%	45%
Not Sure	6%	6%	4%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	45%	48%	43%	45%	46%
Oppose	50%	39%	53%	51%	51%
No Opinion	5%	14%	4%	5%	3%





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		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Repeal						
	Support	53%	46%	52%	56%	49%
	Oppose	40%	39%	42%	37%	43%
	Not Sure	8%	15%	6%	7%	8%

		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Repeal Priority						
	Yes	47%	38%	49%	51%	42%
	No	44%	48%	46%	43%	44%
	Not Sure	8%	14%	5%	6%	15%

		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Bush						
	Obama	48%	63%	46%	46%	46%
	Bush	46%	37%	49%	46%	46%
	Not Sure	6%	-	5%	8%	7%

		Age				
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Think Obama would win						
	Yes	45%	61%	39%	44%	49%
	No	44%	31%	47%	45%	42%
	Not Sure	11%	7%	14%	11%	9%

