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Obama Rebounds, Leads Major 2012 GOP Contenders

Raleigh, N.C. – A month after trailing all but Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich, President Barack Obama is now ahead of all four major Republican presidential candidates polled, plus a new dark horse.

Obama has increased his lead over Palin from 47-45 to 50-43 since April; she is the only candidate against whom Obama has majority support. Even unknown candidate Gary Johnson, former New Mexico governor, has Obama at 46, to Johnson's 28. Obama leads Mike Huckabee 46-45 after trailing him 47-45 last month. The president beats Gingrich 49-42; they were tied at 45 in April. Romney lags behind Obama 46-44 after beating him 45-44 a month ago.

81% of voters have no opinion of Gary Johnson; those who do are negative, 4-15. Romney is the only candidate to significantly improve his favorability numbers in the last month. His favorables stayed the same (33%) but his unfavorables dropped from 42 to 36. Huckabee stayed roughly the same, 32-31 then and 33-30 now. Palin went from 38-52 to 37-56, and Gingrich from 34-47 to 29-48.

PPP will release numbers on the race for the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination tomorrow.

“The election is still over two years away, but this is another indication that President Obama's and Democrats' prospects have been boosted in recent weeks as the economy improves and the health care battle recedes in voters' minds,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

Complete results are attached.

PPP surveyed 707 registered American voters from May 7th to 9th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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?

Approve..... 50% *Not Sure*..... 4%
Disapprove..... 46%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable.....33% *Not Sure*.....37%
Unfavorable30%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 56%
Not Sure..... 7%

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

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 48%
Not Sure..... 23%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

Favorable..... 4%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 81%

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

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 36%
Not Sure..... 31%

Q7 If the candidates for President next time were Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

Mike Huckabee 45%
Barack Obama..... 46%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q8 If the candidates for President next time were Sarah Palin and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

Sarah Palin 43%
Barack Obama..... 50%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q9 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

Newt Gingrich 42%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Undecided..... 9%

Q10 If the candidates for President in 2012 were Gary Johnson and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?

Gary Johnson 28%
Barack Obama..... 46%
Undecided..... 26%

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

Mitt Romney..... 44%
Barack Obama..... 46%
Not Sure..... 11%





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

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 38%

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

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q14 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..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 24%

Q15 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 10%
White 72%
African American 12%
Other..... 6%

Q16 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..... 42%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	50%	87%	64%	14%
Disapprove	46%	10%	30%	83%
Not Sure	4%	3%	6%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	33%	12%	20%	60%
Unfavorable	30%	52%	35%	11%
Not Sure	37%	36%	45%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	37%	12%	19%	69%
Unfavorable	56%	87%	72%	22%
Not Sure	7%	1%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	29%	4%	18%	55%
Unfavorable	48%	75%	59%	22%
Not Sure	23%	22%	23%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	4%	4%	3%	5%
Unfavorable	15%	20%	16%	11%
Not sure	81%	76%	80%	84%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	11%	29%	49%
Unfavorable	36%	67%	36%	20%
Not Sure	31%	22%	35%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Huckabee				
Mike Huckabee	45%	9%	27%	84%
Barack Obama	46%	87%	61%	10%
Not Sure	8%	4%	12%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Sarah Palin	43%	10%	26%	80%
Barack Obama	50%	89%	66%	13%
Not Sure	6%	1%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Gingrich				
Newt Gingrich	42%	9%	25%	77%
Barack Obama	49%	88%	65%	12%
Undecided	9%	3%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Johnson				
Gary Johnson	28%	9%	16%	52%
Barack Obama	46%	86%	60%	11%
Undecided	26%	6%	24%	37%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Mitt Romney	44%	11%	30%	75%
Barack Obama	46%	85%	59%	11%
Not Sure	11%	4%	11%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	50%	49%	51%
Disapprove	46%	46%	47%
Not Sure	4%	5%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	33%	35%	31%
Unfavorable	30%	24%	36%
Not Sure	37%	41%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	37%	36%	37%
Unfavorable	56%	56%	56%
Not Sure	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	29%	28%	30%
Unfavorable	48%	47%	50%
Not Sure	23%	26%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Johnson Favorability			
Favorable	4%	4%	5%
Unfavorable	15%	10%	20%
Not sure	81%	86%	75%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	33%	33%	34%
Unfavorable	36%	31%	41%
Not Sure	31%	37%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Huckabee			
Mike Huckabee	45%	43%	48%
Barack Obama	46%	48%	44%
Not Sure	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Sarah Palin	43%	41%	46%
Barack Obama	50%	52%	48%
Not Sure	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Newt Gingrich	42%	39%	44%
Barack Obama	49%	49%	48%
Undecided	9%	11%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Johnson			
Gary Johnson	28%	27%	30%
Barack Obama	46%	48%	44%
Undecided	26%	25%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Mitt Romney	44%	41%	46%
Barack Obama	46%	47%	44%
Not Sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	50%	83%	14%	46%
Disapprove	46%	13%	84%	47%
Not Sure	4%	4%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	33%	15%	57%	30%
Unfavorable	30%	42%	14%	31%
Not Sure	37%	43%	29%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	37%	13%	67%	33%
Unfavorable	56%	82%	23%	60%
Not Sure	7%	5%	11%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	29%	7%	55%	27%
Unfavorable	48%	72%	19%	51%
Not Sure	23%	21%	26%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	4%	3%	6%	4%
Unfavorable	15%	22%	11%	9%
Not sure	81%	75%	83%	86%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	16%	55%	32%
Unfavorable	36%	51%	17%	35%
Not Sure	31%	33%	28%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Huckabee				
Mike Huckabee	45%	13%	84%	44%
Barack Obama	46%	80%	9%	42%
Not Sure	8%	7%	7%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Sarah Palin	43%	15%	81%	37%
Barack Obama	50%	83%	12%	50%
Not Sure	6%	2%	7%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Newt Gingrich	42%	12%	82%	34%
Barack Obama	49%	82%	10%	48%
Undecided	9%	5%	8%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Johnson				
Gary Johnson	28%	8%	55%	25%
Barack Obama	46%	80%	10%	41%
Undecided	26%	12%	35%	35%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Mitt Romney	44%	13%	78%	44%
Barack Obama	46%	80%	9%	41%
Not Sure	11%	7%	13%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	50%	64%	41%	94%	45%
Disapprove	46%	32%	56%	3%	45%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%	3%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	33%	18%	39%	15%	26%
Unfavorable	30%	32%	28%	41%	21%
Not Sure	37%	50%	33%	44%	53%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	37%	27%	43%	3%	41%
Unfavorable	56%	73%	48%	91%	50%
Not Sure	7%	-	9%	6%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	29%	14%	36%	3%	24%
Unfavorable	48%	55%	43%	76%	47%
Not Sure	23%	32%	21%	21%	29%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	4%	14%	3%	-	6%
Unfavorable	15%	19%	13%	29%	9%
Not sure	81%	67%	84%	71%	85%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	33%	29%	39%	12%	18%
Unfavorable	36%	33%	33%	47%	44%
Not Sure	31%	38%	28%	41%	38%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Huckabee					
Mike Huckabee	45%	38%	52%	6%	53%
Barack Obama	46%	48%	39%	88%	44%
Not Sure	8%	14%	9%	6%	3%





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Not Sure	11%	14%	12%	6%	9%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	50%	51%	48%	50%	50%
Disapprove	46%	44%	48%	45%	47%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	33%	27%	31%	33%	39%
Unfavorable	30%	26%	26%	32%	30%
Not Sure	37%	47%	43%	34%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	37%	29%	34%	39%	37%
Unfavorable	56%	70%	54%	54%	58%
Not Sure	7%	1%	12%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	29%	7%	31%	28%	36%
Unfavorable	48%	48%	47%	51%	44%
Not Sure	23%	44%	22%	20%	20%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	4%	4%	1%	5%	7%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	13%	12%	23%
Not sure	81%	79%	86%	83%	70%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	33%	33%	32%	33%	36%
Unfavorable	36%	36%	34%	37%	35%
Not Sure	31%	31%	34%	30%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Huckabee					
Mike Huckabee	45%	37%	46%	43%	52%
Barack Obama	46%	57%	43%	49%	41%
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Mitt Romney	44%	38%	46%	44%	41%
Barack Obama	46%	50%	43%	47%	45%
Not Sure	11%	12%	11%	9%	14%

