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## **Shifting GOP 2012 Race Still Has No Frontrunner**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – There continues to be no pacesetter nationally in the burgeoning Republican presidential field for 2012. In May, four candidates were bunched between 20 and 25% of the vote each. This month, the same four candidates are still in a statistical tie between 15 and 25%, but their relative positions have changed.

Mitt Romney tops the slate with 25%, to Mike Huckabee's 22, Sarah Palin's 19, Newt Gingrich's 15, and Ron Paul's 6, with 5% preferring someone else and 6% undecided. In May, Huckabee was at 25, Romney 23, Gingrich 21, Palin 20, and Paul 8.

Romney now leads with conservatives and Huckabee with moderates; Romney tends to do best with moderates and either Huckabee or Gingrich best with conservatives in most of PPP's statewide and national polls. Romney has also taken a 29-22 lead over Huckabee with women, a group Huckabee had led 27-22 over Romney last month. Palin continues in third with her own gender, and now does slightly better with men.

In the Northeast, Romney and Gingrich are essentially tied, 23-22, with Palin and Huckabee at 13; last month, it was Palin 23, Romney 22, and Gingrich and Huckabee 20. Huckabee continues to win the South with 30%, down from 34%. Romney has moved up there to 24%, to Palin's 20, and Gingrich's 13, versus Palin's 20% and Romney and Gingrich's 17% in May. Huckabee and Palin are still locked at 26 and 22, respectively, in the Midwest, while Romney and Gingrich have declined from 21 and 20 to 17 and 15. In the West, Romney was tops at 41% in May, to Gingrich's 30, with the rest far behind; now, Romney has 35% to Palin's 21%, Gingrich's 15, and Huckabee's 13.

“The big picture on the Republican race remains unchanged,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Romney, Huckabee, Palin, and Gingrich all have solid amount of support but none of them are coming close to breaking away from the pack yet.”

PPP surveyed 401 Republican primary voters from June 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.9%. 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.



## National Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?  
*Favorable*.....53% *Not Sure*.....32%  
*Unfavorable* .....15%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?  
*Favorable*.....67%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 18%  
*Not Sure*..... 15%
- Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?  
*Favorable*.....58%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 18%  
*Not Sure*.....25%
- Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?  
*Favorable*.....29%  
*Unfavorable* .....25%  
*Not Sure*.....46%
- Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?  
*Favorable*.....57%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 14%  
*Not Sure*.....28%
- Q6** If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney who would you support?  
*Newt Gingrich* ..... 15%  
*Mike Huckabee* .....22%  
*Sarah Palin* ..... 19%  
*Ron Paul*..... 6%  
*Mitt Romney*.....25%  
*Someone else*..... 5%  
*Undecided*..... 6%
- Q7** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?  
*Liberal*..... 3%  
*Moderate*.....32%  
*Conservative*.....65%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.  
*Woman* .....45%  
*Man*.....55%
- Q9** 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*..... 6%  
*30 to 45*.....24%  
*46 to 65*.....46%  
*Older than 65*.....24%
- Q10** If you live in the Northeast, press 1. If the South, press 2. If the Midwest, press 3. If the West, press 4.  
*Northeast* ..... 17%  
*South* .....35%  
*Midwest* .....25%  
*West* .....23%





**Crosstabs**

|                              | Base       | Ideology |          |              |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                              |            | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |
| <b>Huckabee Favorability</b> |            |          |          |              |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | <b>53%</b> | 18%      | 45%      | 58%          |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | <b>15%</b> | 36%      | 20%      | 12%          |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | <b>32%</b> | 45%      | 35%      | 30%          |

|                           | Base       | Ideology |          |              |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                           |            | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |
| <b>Palin Favorability</b> |            |          |          |              |
| <b>Favorable</b>          | <b>67%</b> | 18%      | 47%      | 79%          |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>        | <b>18%</b> | 73%      | 33%      | 9%           |
| <b>Not Sure</b>           | <b>15%</b> | 9%       | 21%      | 13%          |

|                              | Base       | Ideology |          |              |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                              |            | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |
| <b>Gingrich Favorability</b> |            |          |          |              |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | <b>58%</b> | 18%      | 47%      | 64%          |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | <b>18%</b> | 64%      | 28%      | 11%          |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | <b>25%</b> | 18%      | 25%      | 25%          |

|                          | Base       | Ideology |          |              |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                          |            | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |
| <b>Paul Favorability</b> |            |          |          |              |
| <b>Favorable</b>         | <b>29%</b> | -        | 30%      | 30%          |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>       | <b>25%</b> | 36%      | 28%      | 23%          |
| <b>Not Sure</b>          | <b>46%</b> | 64%      | 42%      | 47%          |





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|                            | Base | Ideology |          |              |
|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                            |      | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |
| <b>Romney Favorability</b> |      |          |          |              |
| <b>Favorable</b>           | 57%  | 27%      | 50%      | 62%          |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>         | 14%  | 36%      | 22%      | 10%          |
| <b>Not Sure</b>            | 28%  | 36%      | 28%      | 28%          |

|                         | Base | Ideology |          |              |
|-------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                         |      | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |
| <b>2012 GOP Nominee</b> |      |          |          |              |
| <b>Newt Gingrich</b>    | 15%  | -        | 12%      | 18%          |
| <b>Mike Huckabee</b>    | 22%  | 9%       | 28%      | 20%          |
| <b>Sarah Palin</b>      | 19%  | 18%      | 14%      | 22%          |
| <b>Ron Paul</b>         | 6%   | 9%       | 8%       | 6%           |
| <b>Mitt Romney</b>      | 25%  | 36%      | 25%      | 24%          |
| <b>Someone else</b>     | 5%   | 18%      | 9%       | 3%           |
| <b>Undecided</b>        | 6%   | 9%       | 5%       | 7%           |

|                              | Base | Gender |     |
|------------------------------|------|--------|-----|
|                              |      | Woman  | Man |
| <b>Huckabee Favorability</b> |      |        |     |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | 53%  | 55%    | 50% |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | 15%  | 11%    | 19% |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | 32%  | 34%    | 31% |

|                           | Base | Gender |     |
|---------------------------|------|--------|-----|
|                           |      | Woman  | Man |
| <b>Palin Favorability</b> |      |        |     |
| <b>Favorable</b>          | 67%  | 65%    | 68% |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>        | 18%  | 18%    | 18% |
| <b>Not Sure</b>           | 15%  | 16%    | 14% |





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|                              | Base       | Gender |     |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|-----|
|                              |            | Woman  | Man |
| <b>Gingrich Favorability</b> |            |        |     |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | <b>58%</b> | 54%    | 60% |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | <b>18%</b> | 14%    | 21% |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | <b>25%</b> | 32%    | 19% |

|                          | Base       | Gender |     |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|-----|
|                          |            | Woman  | Man |
| <b>Paul Favorability</b> |            |        |     |
| <b>Favorable</b>         | <b>29%</b> | 22%    | 35% |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>       | <b>25%</b> | 26%    | 25% |
| <b>Not Sure</b>          | <b>46%</b> | 52%    | 40% |

|                            | Base       | Gender |     |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|-----|
|                            |            | Woman  | Man |
| <b>Romney Favorability</b> |            |        |     |
| <b>Favorable</b>           | <b>57%</b> | 52%    | 61% |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>         | <b>14%</b> | 13%    | 16% |
| <b>Not Sure</b>            | <b>28%</b> | 35%    | 23% |

|                         | Base       | Gender |     |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|-----|
|                         |            | Woman  | Man |
| <b>2012 GOP Nominee</b> |            |        |     |
| <b>Newt Gingrich</b>    | <b>15%</b> | 14%    | 17% |
| <b>Mike Huckabee</b>    | <b>22%</b> | 22%    | 22% |
| <b>Sarah Palin</b>      | <b>19%</b> | 19%    | 20% |
| <b>Ron Paul</b>         | <b>6%</b>  | 3%     | 9%  |
| <b>Mitt Romney</b>      | <b>25%</b> | 27%    | 23% |
| <b>Someone else</b>     | <b>5%</b>  | 5%     | 5%  |
| <b>Undecided</b>        | <b>6%</b>  | 10%    | 3%  |





**Crosstabs**

|                              | Base | Age      |          |          |               |
|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|                              |      | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Huckabee Favorability</b> |      |          |          |          |               |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | 53%  | 44%      | 46%      | 54%      | 59%           |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | 15%  | 20%      | 18%      | 16%      | 11%           |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | 32%  | 36%      | 36%      | 30%      | 29%           |

|                           | Base | Age      |          |          |               |
|---------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|                           |      | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Palin Favorability</b> |      |          |          |          |               |
| <b>Favorable</b>          | 67%  | 60%      | 63%      | 65%      | 75%           |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>        | 18%  | 28%      | 17%      | 21%      | 13%           |
| <b>Not Sure</b>           | 15%  | 12%      | 21%      | 14%      | 13%           |

|                              | Base | Age      |          |          |               |
|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|                              |      | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Gingrich Favorability</b> |      |          |          |          |               |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | 58%  | 28%      | 49%      | 57%      | 75%           |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | 18%  | 24%      | 17%      | 19%      | 15%           |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | 25%  | 48%      | 34%      | 24%      | 10%           |

|                          | Base | Age      |          |          |               |
|--------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|                          |      | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Paul Favorability</b> |      |          |          |          |               |
| <b>Favorable</b>         | 29%  | 20%      | 24%      | 32%      | 32%           |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>       | 25%  | 28%      | 23%      | 23%      | 30%           |
| <b>Not Sure</b>          | 46%  | 52%      | 53%      | 45%      | 38%           |





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|                            | Base | Age      |          |          |               |
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|                            |      | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Romney Favorability</b> |      |          |          |          |               |
| <b>Favorable</b>           | 57%  | 32%      | 53%      | 58%      | 66%           |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>         | 14%  | 32%      | 19%      | 12%      | 10%           |
| <b>Not Sure</b>            | 28%  | 36%      | 28%      | 30%      | 24%           |

|                         | Base | Age      |          |          |               |
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|                         |      | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>2012 GOP Nominee</b> |      |          |          |          |               |
| <b>Newt Gingrich</b>    | 15%  | 12%      | 7%       | 16%      | 23%           |
| <b>Mike Huckabee</b>    | 22%  | 32%      | 28%      | 21%      | 16%           |
| <b>Sarah Palin</b>      | 19%  | 16%      | 22%      | 20%      | 17%           |
| <b>Ron Paul</b>         | 6%   | 16%      | 5%       | 8%       | 3%            |
| <b>Mitt Romney</b>      | 25%  | 16%      | 25%      | 23%      | 29%           |
| <b>Someone else</b>     | 5%   | -        | 4%       | 7%       | 5%            |
| <b>Undecided</b>        | 6%   | 8%       | 8%       | 5%       | 7%            |

|                              | Base | Region    |       |         |      |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|-------|---------|------|
|                              |      | Northeast | South | Midwest | West |
| <b>Huckabee Favorability</b> |      |           |       |         |      |
| <b>Favorable</b>             | 53%  | 41%       | 58%   | 55%     | 51%  |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>           | 15%  | 19%       | 18%   | 8%      | 16%  |
| <b>Not Sure</b>              | 32%  | 41%       | 23%   | 37%     | 33%  |

|                           | Base | Region    |       |         |      |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|-------|---------|------|
|                           |      | Northeast | South | Midwest | West |
| <b>Palin Favorability</b> |      |           |       |         |      |
| <b>Favorable</b>          | 67%  | 55%       | 68%   | 73%     | 66%  |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>        | 18%  | 30%       | 17%   | 14%     | 15%  |
| <b>Not Sure</b>           | 15%  | 14%       | 15%   | 13%     | 19%  |





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|                              |      | Northeast | South | Midwest | West |
| <b>Gingrich Favorability</b> |      |           |       |         |      |
| Favorable                    | 58%  | 49%       | 57%   | 55%     | 68%  |
| Unfavorable                  | 18%  | 26%       | 16%   | 20%     | 11%  |
| Not Sure                     | 25%  | 25%       | 27%   | 25%     | 21%  |

|                          | Base | Region    |       |         |      |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|-------|---------|------|
|                          |      | Northeast | South | Midwest | West |
| <b>Paul Favorability</b> |      |           |       |         |      |
| Favorable                | 29%  | 23%       | 32%   | 24%     | 34%  |
| Unfavorable              | 25%  | 28%       | 24%   | 28%     | 22%  |
| Not Sure                 | 46%  | 49%       | 44%   | 47%     | 44%  |

|                            | Base | Region    |       |         |      |
|----------------------------|------|-----------|-------|---------|------|
|                            |      | Northeast | South | Midwest | West |
| <b>Romney Favorability</b> |      |           |       |         |      |
| Favorable                  | 57%  | 54%       | 58%   | 48%     | 67%  |
| Unfavorable                | 14%  | 12%       | 14%   | 21%     | 10%  |
| Not Sure                   | 28%  | 35%       | 27%   | 30%     | 23%  |

|                         | Base | Region    |       |         |      |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|-------|---------|------|
|                         |      | Northeast | South | Midwest | West |
| <b>2012 GOP Nominee</b> |      |           |       |         |      |
| Newt Gingrich           | 15%  | 22%       | 13%   | 15%     | 15%  |
| Mike Huckabee           | 22%  | 13%       | 30%   | 26%     | 13%  |
| Sarah Palin             | 19%  | 13%       | 20%   | 22%     | 21%  |
| Ron Paul                | 6%   | 7%        | 6%    | 7%      | 5%   |
| Mitt Romney             | 25%  | 23%       | 24%   | 17%     | 35%  |
| Someone else            | 5%   | 10%       | 3%    | 6%      | 4%   |
| Undecided               | 6%   | 12%       | 5%    | 6%      | 5%   |

