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## **Obama looking good against top Republicans**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Public Policy Polling’s monthly national survey looking at how Barack Obama matches up to some prospective 2012 opponents continues to find him leading all of them by margins equal to or greater than his popular vote margin against John McCain last fall.

This is the third month in a row PPP has conducted this poll, and in every instance Mike Huckabee has fared the strongest of the potential GOP hopefuls. He trails Obama 50-43.

Sarah Palin continues to look like the weakest of the prominent Republicans, with a 12 point deficit against Obama. Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney each trail by eight.

Palin is by far the figure the most voters have views about. While 23% said they didn’t have an opinion one way or the other about Romney, with 22% saying the same for Huckabee and 19% for Gingrich only 7% said they were agnostic toward Palin.

“The take away from this poll continues to be the same every month,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Barack Obama has maintained the popularity he showed at the ballot box last fall, and none of the most well known Republicans are overwhelmingly liked by the American public. They’ll probably need a new face or a rebranding of an old one to succeed in 2012.”

Obama’s approval rating stands at 52%, with 44% of voters disapproving of his job performance. He continues to show a high degree of polarization in his numbers with 82% of Democrats but only 18% of Republicans giving him good reviews.

PPP conducted a national survey of 638 voters from June 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s 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](http://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*..... 52% *Not Sure*..... 4%  
*Disapprove*..... 44%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*.....35% *Not Sure*.....19%  
*Unfavorable* .....46%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*.....43% *Not Sure*.....22%  
*Unfavorable* .....35%

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

*Favorable*..... 43%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 49%  
*Not Sure*..... 7%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*.....41%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 36%  
*Not Sure*..... 23%

**Q6** If the candidates for President next time were Newt Gingrich and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Newt Gingrich, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Gingrich* ..... 41%  
*Obama*.....49%  
*Not Sure*..... 10%

**Q7** If the candidates for President next time were Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Huckabee*..... 43%  
*Obama*.....50%  
*Not Sure*..... 8%

**Q8** If the candidates for President next time were Sarah Palin and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Sarah Palin, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Palin*..... 40%  
*Obama*.....52%  
*Not Sure*..... 8%

**Q9** If the candidates for President next time were Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for? If Barack Obama, press 1. If Mitt Romney, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Obama*..... 48%  
*Romney* ..... 40%  
*Not Sure*..... 12%





**Q10** 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*..... 46%  
*Conservative*..... 38%

**Q11** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 52%  
*Man*..... 48%

**Q12** 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* ..... 43%  
*Republican*..... 34%  
*Independent/Other*..... 23%

**Q13** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

*Hispanic*..... 9%  
*White* ..... 74%  
*African American* ..... 12%  
*Other*..... 4%

**Q14** 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*..... 14%  
*30 to 45*..... 26%  
*46 to 65*..... 38%  
*Older than 65*..... 21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>52%</b>	92%	67%	17%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>44%</b>	5%	29%	78%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	3%	4%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	7%	23%	61%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>46%</b>	82%	53%	23%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	11%	24%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>43%</b>	13%	33%	68%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>34%</b>	66%	38%	17%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	21%	29%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>43%</b>	4%	33%	72%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>49%</b>	92%	58%	21%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	4%	8%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	19%	35%	58%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	60%	40%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	22%	26%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Gingrich/Obama</b>				
<b>Gingrich</b>	41%	3%	27%	74%
<b>Obama</b>	49%	94%	62%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	2%	11%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Huckabee/Obama</b>				
<b>Huckabee</b>	43%	4%	28%	76%
<b>Obama</b>	50%	93%	64%	15%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	3%	9%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
<b>Palin</b>	40%	4%	25%	74%
<b>Obama</b>	52%	94%	68%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	2%	8%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Obama</b>	<b>48%</b>	90%	57%	21%
<b>Romney</b>	<b>40%</b>	8%	28%	69%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	1%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>52%</b>	56%	48%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>44%</b>	39%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	34%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>46%</b>	43%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	23%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>43%</b>	40%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	30%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	29%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Palin Favorability</b>			
Favorable	43%	40%	47%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	45%
Not Sure	7%	7%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
Favorable	41%	39%	44%
Unfavorable	36%	34%	38%
Not Sure	23%	28%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich/Obama</b>			
Gingrich	41%	36%	46%
Obama	49%	53%	46%
Not Sure	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Huckabee/Obama</b>			
Huckabee	43%	37%	48%
Obama	50%	54%	45%
Not Sure	8%	9%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Palin</b>			
<b>Palin</b>	40%	36%	44%
<b>Obama</b>	52%	55%	48%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Obama</b>	48%	50%	46%
<b>Romney</b>	40%	37%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	52%	82%	18%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	44%	14%	78%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	10%	66%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	70%	19%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	20%	15%	23%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	21%	70%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	50%	17%	31%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	29%	13%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	18%	75%	44%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	76%	20%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	6%	4%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	24%	63%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	49%	21%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	27%	15%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gingrich/Obama</b>				
<b>Gingrich</b>	41%	12%	76%	42%
<b>Obama</b>	49%	80%	16%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	7%	7%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Huckabee/Obama</b>				
<b>Huckabee</b>	43%	12%	79%	46%
<b>Obama</b>	50%	81%	17%	40%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	7%	5%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
<b>Palin</b>	40%	15%	72%	41%
<b>Obama</b>	52%	82%	18%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	4%	10%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Obama</b>	48%	79%	19%	35%
<b>Romney</b>	40%	13%	74%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	9%	7%	23%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	52%	60%	44%	93%	57%
<b>Disapprove</b>	44%	36%	51%	7%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	5%	-	4%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	24%	40%	14%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	64%	41%	61%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	12%	19%	25%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	36%	50%	11%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	40%	31%	46%	43%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	24%	19%	43%	18%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	40%	49%	14%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	44%	45%	79%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	16%	6%	7%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	40%	44%	29%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	32%	35%	39%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	28%	21%	32%	16%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Gingrich/Obama</b>					
<b>Gingrich</b>	41%	32%	47%	11%	33%
<b>Obama</b>	49%	52%	42%	89%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	16%	10%	-	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Huckabee/Obama</b>					
<b>Huckabee</b>	43%	40%	49%	7%	37%
<b>Obama</b>	50%	52%	42%	93%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	8%	9%	-	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>					
<b>Palin</b>	40%	40%	46%	4%	39%
<b>Obama</b>	52%	56%	44%	93%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	4%	9%	4%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Obama</b>	48%	48%	41%	89%	53%
<b>Romney</b>	40%	32%	47%	7%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	20%	12%	4%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	52%	62%	47%	53%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	44%	35%	47%	43%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	26%	34%	35%	42%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	38%	46%	50%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	36%	20%	16%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	35%	42%	45%	48%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	43%	32%	37%	27%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	22%	26%	19%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	32%	48%	41%	50%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	64%	43%	52%	43%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	4%	9%	8%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	41%	35%	41%	41%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	36%	41%	35%	36%	34%
<b>Not Sure</b>	23%	24%	24%	23%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich/Obama</b>					
<b>Gingrich</b>	41%	30%	43%	39%	49%
<b>Obama</b>	49%	60%	44%	51%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	10%	13%	10%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Huckabee/Obama</b>					
<b>Huckabee</b>	43%	39%	47%	38%	48%
<b>Obama</b>	50%	53%	46%	53%	48%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	9%	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Palin</b>					
<b>Palin</b>	40%	30%	43%	36%	49%
<b>Obama</b>	52%	61%	47%	53%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	9%	9%	10%	1%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Obama</b>	<b>48%</b>	55%	45%	50%	44%
<b>Romney</b>	<b>40%</b>	35%	43%	37%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	10%	12%	13%	9%

