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Obama's approval steady

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama's national approval rating is 52% for the second month in a row, Public Policy Polling finds.

81% of Democrats, 52% of independents, and 18% of Republicans think that he's doing a good job. Compared to a month ago he's down with Democrats and up with independents and Republicans, although none of the shifts are very substantial.

50% of whites disapprove of Obama's performance compared to 45% approving but his overall numbers are solid thank to an 89% rating with African Americans and a 64% one with Hispanics.

There has been a pretty meaningful uptick in support for his health care plan though. Voters are now almost evenly divided on it with 45% in favor and 46% opposed. A month ago only 40% of respondents expressed support for it. Most of the climb has come with independent voters. They were opposed to it by a margin of 49 to 35, but now narrowly express support for it 46/44.

"Barack Obama's overall standing right now is pretty solid," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "His approval rating's basically the same as the vote he got in November and his supporters are becoming more united around his key policy proposal."

The poll also showed high levels of extremism among voters of both parties on some key issues. 42% of Republicans think Barack Obama was not born in the US while 25% of Democrats think George W. Bush had something to do with 9/11.

PPP will release new numbers looking at possible 2012 match ups for President tomorrow.

PPP conducted a national survey of 621 voters from September 18th to 21st. 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.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Tom Jensen at 919-744-6312

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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 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..... 46%
No Opinion..... 9%

Q3 Do you think Barack Obama was born in the United States? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 59%
No 23%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q4 Do you think President Bush intentionally allowed the 9/11 attacks to take place because he wanted the United States to go to war in the Middle East? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 14%
No 78%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q5 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..... 40%
Obama..... 45%
Someone else/don't remember..... 15%

Q6 Do you think George W. Bush is the Anti-Christ? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 8%
No 81%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q7 Do you think Barack Obama is the Anti-Christ? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 10%
No 79%
Not Sure..... 11%

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

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 37%

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

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

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..... 40%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 25%

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

Hispanic..... 10%
White 74%
African American 11%
Other..... 5%





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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	17%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	52%	11%	93%	39%
Disapprove	44%	84%	5%	55%
Not Sure	4%	5%	2%	6%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	45%	8%	81%	36%
Oppose	46%	90%	6%	52%
No Opinion	9%	2%	14%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Born in US				
Yes	59%	30%	87%	53%
No	23%	43%	4%	23%
Not Sure	18%	27%	9%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Bush/9/11				
Yes	14%	2%	27%	9%
No	78%	95%	62%	79%
Not Sure	8%	4%	11%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Bush Anti-Christ				
Yes	8%	2%	11%	13%
No	81%	94%	73%	71%
Not Sure	11%	4%	16%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Anti-Christ				
Yes	10%	19%	0%	12%
No	79%	68%	92%	70%
Not Sure	11%	13%	8%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	52%	88%	65%	18%
Disapprove	44%	11%	30%	77%
Not Sure	4%	1%	4%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	45%	82%	55%	13%
Oppose	46%	11%	32%	81%
No Opinion	9%	7%	13%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Born in US				
Yes	59%	82%	71%	33%
No	23%	15%	16%	35%
Not Sure	18%	4%	14%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bush/9/11				
Yes	14%	27%	12%	10%
No	78%	62%	79%	83%
Not Sure	8%	11%	9%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bush Anti-Christ				
Yes	8%	14%	8%	4%
No	81%	69%	81%	89%
Not Sure	11%	17%	12%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Anti-Christ				
Yes	10%	5%	7%	15%
No	79%	88%	84%	68%
Not Sure	11%	7%	9%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	52%	54%	49%
Disapprove	44%	41%	48%
Not Sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	45%	45%	44%
Oppose	46%	43%	50%
No Opinion	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Born in US			
Yes	59%	59%	58%
No	23%	21%	25%
Not Sure	18%	20%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bush/9/11			
Yes	14%	14%	15%
No	78%	77%	78%
Not Sure	8%	9%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bush Anti-Christ			
Yes	8%	7%	8%
No	81%	82%	81%
Not Sure	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Anti-Christ			
Yes	10%	11%	8%
No	79%	77%	81%
Not Sure	11%	12%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	52%	81%	18%	52%
Disapprove	44%	16%	79%	40%
Not Sure	4%	2%	3%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	45%	70%	15%	46%
Oppose	46%	18%	81%	44%
No Opinion	9%	12%	4%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Born in US				
Yes	59%	77%	37%	61%
No	23%	11%	42%	14%
Not Sure	18%	11%	22%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bush/9/11				
Yes	14%	25%	6%	9%
No	78%	63%	90%	83%
Not Sure	8%	12%	4%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bush Anti-Christ				
Yes	8%	14%	3%	3%
No	81%	75%	91%	78%
Not Sure	11%	11%	5%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Anti-Christ				
Yes	10%	5%	19%	5%
No	79%	90%	67%	79%
Not Sure	11%	6%	15%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	52%	64%	45%	89%	50%
Disapprove	44%	36%	50%	9%	50%
Not Sure	4%	-	5%	2%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	45%	52%	39%	81%	33%
Oppose	46%	40%	52%	9%	49%
No Opinion	9%	9%	8%	10%	18%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Born in US					
Yes	59%	59%	55%	91%	55%
No	23%	21%	26%	3%	14%
Not Sure	18%	20%	19%	6%	30%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bush/9/11					
Yes	14%	8%	12%	34%	14%
No	78%	83%	81%	46%	76%
Not Sure	8%	9%	6%	20%	10%





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Yes	8%	12%	6%	13%	6%
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Not Sure	11%	17%	9%	15%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Anti-Christ					
Yes	10%	16%	9%	-	21%
No	79%	69%	80%	95%	56%
Not Sure	11%	15%	11%	5%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	52%	62%	52%	51%	46%
Disapprove	44%	38%	43%	46%	49%
Not Sure	4%	-	6%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	45%	50%	43%	46%	41%
Oppose	46%	38%	45%	49%	48%
No Opinion	9%	12%	12%	5%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Born in US					
Yes	59%	65%	63%	58%	48%
No	23%	24%	20%	24%	24%
Not Sure	18%	12%	17%	18%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bush/9/11					
Yes	14%	18%	14%	14%	13%
No	78%	79%	80%	77%	72%
Not Sure	8%	3%	6%	9%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bush Anti-Christ					
Yes	8%	16%	6%	7%	3%
No	81%	75%	84%	85%	74%
Not Sure	11%	9%	9%	7%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Anti-Christ					
Yes	10%	22%	5%	9%	7%
No	79%	69%	85%	82%	70%
Not Sure	11%	9%	9%	9%	23%

