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Obama leads 2012 contests; US not ready for another Bush

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s monthly look at how Barack Obama fares against a quartet of possible 2012 Republican opponents finds him leading all of them by a margin equal to or greater than what he won against John McCain last year.

Mike Huckabee comes closest to Obama, which has been the case all six times PPP has run this poll. He trails the President 48-41. A month ago Obama’s lead was only 47-44.

Polling next best is Mitt Romney who trails 48-39, representing a small increase in Obama’s advantage of 47-40 from a month ago.

For the first time we looked at Jeb Bush on this month’s poll and it doesn’t look like the country is interested in perpetuating that dynasty at this point. Just 22% of voters have a positive opinion of him to 45% unfavorable and he trails Obama 50-37 in a head to head.

Sarah Palin’s numbers are now the poorest they’ve been in a PPP survey with 55% of voters viewing her unfavorably to 37% positively. She trails Obama by landslide numbers, 53-38.

“For all the talk of Barack Obama’s faltering popularity it looks like he’d be reelected with ease right now,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “There is no compelling Republican alternative as far as voters are concerned.”

Obama has a double digit lead among independents against all four possible opponents.

PPP will release the final part of its national poll 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 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 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 have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jeb Bush? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable..... 45%
Not Sure..... 33%

Q4 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..... 38% *Not Sure*..... 26%
Unfavorable..... 36%

Q5 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..... 37%
Unfavorable..... 55%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q6 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..... 33%
Unfavorable..... 38%
Not Sure..... 29%

Q7 If the candidates for President next time were Jeb Bush and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Jeb Bush, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bush..... 37%
Obama..... 50%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q8 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..... 41%
Obama..... 48%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q9 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..... 38%
Obama..... 53%
Not Sure..... 9%





Q10 If the candidates for President next time were Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If Mitt Romney, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Romney 39%
Obama 48%
Not Sure 13%

Q11 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%

Q12 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%

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

Woman 55%
Man 45%

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 40%
Republican 35%
Independent/Other 25%

Q15 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%

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 17%
30 to 45 26%
46 to 65 40%
Older than 65 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
Bush Favorability				
Favorable	22%	44%	4%	16%
Unfavorable	45%	15%	71%	48%
Not Sure	33%	41%	25%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	38%	67%	12%	37%
Unfavorable	36%	14%	58%	28%
Not Sure	26%	19%	30%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	37%	73%	3%	43%
Unfavorable	55%	18%	91%	44%
Not Sure	8%	8%	6%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	54%	13%	36%
Unfavorable	38%	20%	57%	29%
Not Sure	29%	26%	30%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Bush/Obama				
Bush	37%	76%	4%	33%
Obama	50%	9%	91%	34%
Not Sure	13%	14%	4%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	41%	80%	6%	42%
Obama	48%	8%	91%	26%
Not Sure	11%	12%	3%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Palin				
Palin	38%	74%	5%	45%
Obama	53%	12%	93%	40%
Not Sure	9%	15%	2%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Romney	39%	75%	7%	40%
Obama	48%	9%	89%	29%
Not Sure	13%	16%	4%	31%

	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
Bush Favorability				
Favorable	22%	7%	13%	40%
Unfavorable	45%	75%	56%	17%
Not Sure	33%	18%	30%	44%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	38%	16%	29%	59%
Unfavorable	36%	63%	43%	15%
Not Sure	26%	20%	29%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	37%	15%	20%	69%
Unfavorable	55%	81%	71%	22%
Not Sure	8%	4%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	10%	32%	46%
Unfavorable	38%	65%	41%	20%
Not Sure	29%	25%	27%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bush/Obama				
Bush	37%	7%	23%	71%
Obama	50%	87%	63%	16%
Not Sure	13%	6%	15%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	41%	10%	31%	69%
Obama	48%	88%	58%	15%
Not Sure	11%	2%	11%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Palin				
Palin	38%	14%	23%	69%
Obama	53%	86%	68%	18%
Not Sure	9%	-	9%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama/Romney				
Romney	39%	7%	30%	66%
Obama	48%	88%	57%	17%
Not Sure	13%	5%	12%	17%





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
Bush Favorability			
Favorable	22%	19%	25%
Unfavorable	45%	44%	46%
Not Sure	33%	37%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	38%	35%	41%
Unfavorable	36%	33%	40%
Not Sure	26%	32%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	37%	36%	39%
Unfavorable	55%	55%	54%
Not Sure	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	33%	31%	34%
Unfavorable	38%	33%	43%
Not Sure	29%	35%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bush/Obama			
Bush	37%	34%	42%
Obama	50%	52%	48%
Not Sure	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee/Obama			
Huckabee	41%	36%	47%
Obama	48%	50%	44%
Not Sure	11%	14%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Palin	38%	36%	41%
Obama	53%	55%	50%
Not Sure	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Romney	39%	34%	46%
Obama	48%	52%	44%
Not Sure	13%	14%	10%

	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
Bush Favorability				
Favorable	22%	6%	43%	19%
Unfavorable	45%	71%	17%	42%
Not Sure	33%	23%	40%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	38%	13%	70%	32%
Unfavorable	36%	55%	12%	38%
Not Sure	26%	31%	18%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	37%	12%	69%	33%
Unfavorable	55%	80%	22%	59%
Not Sure	8%	7%	9%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	33%	15%	50%	38%
Unfavorable	38%	55%	21%	33%
Not Sure	29%	30%	29%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bush/Obama				
Bush	37%	13%	70%	32%
Obama	50%	79%	16%	51%
Not Sure	13%	8%	15%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee/Obama				
Huckabee	41%	15%	77%	33%
Obama	48%	78%	13%	46%
Not Sure	11%	6%	10%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Palin	38%	13%	70%	35%
Obama	53%	83%	18%	52%
Not Sure	9%	4%	11%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Romney	39%	14%	72%	35%
Obama	48%	78%	14%	46%
Not Sure	13%	8%	14%	18%





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
Bush Favorability					
Favorable	22%	34%	23%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	45%	49%	43%	55%	48%
Not Sure	33%	17%	34%	37%	42%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	38%	39%	42%	13%	29%
Unfavorable	36%	42%	35%	41%	35%
Not Sure	26%	19%	24%	46%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	37%	38%	41%	12%	40%
Unfavorable	55%	58%	50%	81%	55%
Not Sure	8%	4%	9%	7%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	33%	37%	34%	13%	45%
Unfavorable	38%	40%	38%	38%	29%
Not Sure	29%	23%	28%	49%	27%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bush/Obama					
Bush	37%	36%	42%	10%	32%
Obama	50%	55%	45%	83%	48%
Not Sure	13%	9%	13%	7%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	41%	41%	46%	11%	33%
Obama	48%	50%	42%	86%	44%
Not Sure	11%	8%	12%	3%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Palin					
Palin	38%	29%	43%	14%	35%
Obama	53%	67%	47%	85%	49%
Not Sure	9%	5%	10%	2%	16%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Romney	39%	32%	44%	10%	40%
Obama	48%	57%	42%	84%	49%
Not Sure	13%	10%	14%	6%	11%

	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
Bush Favorability					
Favorable	22%	18%	20%	23%	27%
Unfavorable	45%	52%	47%	44%	38%
Not Sure	33%	30%	33%	33%	35%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	38%	26%	40%	40%	38%
Unfavorable	36%	50%	35%	36%	26%
Not Sure	26%	24%	26%	24%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	37%	30%	37%	38%	42%
Unfavorable	55%	67%	56%	54%	44%
Not Sure	8%	3%	7%	8%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	33%	36%	32%	32%	33%
Unfavorable	38%	39%	38%	40%	31%
Not Sure	29%	24%	29%	28%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bush/Obama					
Bush	37%	29%	36%	39%	43%
Obama	50%	59%	53%	49%	39%
Not Sure	13%	12%	11%	12%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee/Obama					
Huckabee	41%	35%	37%	44%	46%
Obama	48%	53%	51%	47%	40%
Not Sure	11%	12%	12%	9%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Palin	38%	27%	38%	40%	44%
Obama	53%	67%	52%	52%	43%
Not Sure	9%	6%	10%	7%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Romney	39%	33%	37%	40%	47%
Obama	48%	58%	49%	47%	41%
Not Sure	13%	9%	13%	13%	13%

