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Obama Leads Battered Republican Field in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – President Obama leads all 4 remaining Republican challengers in Ohio among general election voters. He leads Mitt Romney by 7 points (49-42), Newt Gingrich by 12 (51-39), Ron Paul by 10 (48-38), and Rick Santorum performs best, trailing Obama by 6 points (48-42).

Obama's job approval rating stands at 48% approval and 48% disapproval, an improvement from 41-49 the last time PPP polled Ohio in November. By contrast, the Republican field's collective favorability rating appears to be suffering from the negative turn the primary contests have taken in the last several weeks. All Republican candidates have net negative favorability ratings, some of them quite large – Newt Gingrich is at 25-59, Ron Paul is at 27-57, Romney's at 28-56, and Santorum again performs best at 35-48.

While Obama enjoys an 82% job approval and 12% disapproval among his fellow Democrats, the Republican field suffers from defections in their own party – 36% of Republicans view Gingrich unfavorably, 36% view Romney unfavorably, 23% view Santorum unfavorably, and a full 56% of Republicans view Ron Paul unfavorably.

“We've now found Barack Obama with a solid lead in Ohio on our last two polls,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Obama's benefiting from the weakness of the Republican candidate field, but his own numbers are on the rise as well. We've found that if he can win just one state out of Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina he's likely to be reelected so these numbers bode very well for his prospects.”

PPP released Republican primary numbers yesterday showing basically a three way tie between Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum in the state. PPP will release numbers tomorrow looking at John Boehner's standing and on Friday will have an update on the US Senate race.

PPP surveyed 820 Ohio voters on January 28th and 29th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.





Ohio Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 48%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 59%
Not sure 16%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 57%
Not sure 16%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 56%
Not sure 17%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 48%
Not sure 17%

Q6 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Newt Gingrich..... 39%
Undecided..... 10%

Q7 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Ron Paul, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 48%
Ron Paul..... 38%
Undecided..... 13%

Q8 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 42%
Undecided..... 9%

Q9 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 48%
Rick Santorum 42%
Undecided..... 9%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 21%
Very conservative 21%

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 a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 42%
Republican..... 36%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 84%
African-American 11%
Other..... 5%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 14%
30 to 45..... 22%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 20%



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	48%	85%	75%	61%	25%	9%
Disapprove	48%	13%	17%	34%	72%	88%
Not sure	4%	1%	9%	5%	3%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	25%	14%	5%	14%	32%	55%
Unfavorable	59%	79%	83%	67%	50%	25%
Not sure	16%	8%	11%	19%	18%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	27%	25%	21%	27%	29%	29%
Unfavorable	57%	61%	63%	56%	53%	56%
Not sure	16%	14%	16%	17%	18%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	28%	8%	12%	26%	46%	34%
Unfavorable	56%	79%	75%	59%	32%	48%
Not sure	17%	13%	13%	15%	22%	19%





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Santorum Favorability						
Favorable	35%	11%	12%	26%	50%	63%
Unfavorable	48%	75%	74%	57%	31%	19%
Not sure	17%	14%	14%	18%	19%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	51%	86%	81%	64%	30%	11%
Newt Gingrich	39%	12%	9%	29%	56%	77%
Undecided	10%	2%	10%	7%	14%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	48%	81%	78%	60%	28%	10%
Ron Paul	38%	19%	10%	30%	54%	68%
Undecided	13%	-	12%	10%	17%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	49%	87%	78%	62%	23%	11%
Mitt Romney	42%	10%	11%	33%	65%	75%
Undecided	9%	2%	11%	5%	12%	13%





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Obama/Santorum						
Barack Obama	48%	89%	79%	61%	24%	9%
Rick Santorum	42%	11%	12%	30%	60%	82%
Undecided	9%	-	8%	9%	16%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	52%	43%
Disapprove	48%	43%	54%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

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		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	25%	21%	29%
Unfavorable	59%	61%	56%
Not sure	16%	18%	15%

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Paul Favorability			
Favorable	27%	25%	29%
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Santorum Favorability			
Favorable	35%	35%	35%
Unfavorable	48%	45%	52%
Not sure	17%	20%	13%

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Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	51%	55%	46%
Newt Gingrich	39%	35%	44%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%

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Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	48%	55%	41%
Ron Paul	38%	32%	45%
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Barack Obama	49%	54%	43%
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Obama/Santorum			
Barack Obama	48%	53%	43%
Rick Santorum	42%	38%	47%
Undecided	9%	9%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	82%	11%	40%
Disapprove	48%	12%	87%	53%
Not sure	4%	5%	1%	8%

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