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## **Ohioans Would Re-Do Gubernatorial Election**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – After a little over a year on the job, Ohioans appear to be having voter’s remorse over the election of Republican John Kasich as Governor. Kasich holds a 53% job disapproval rating compared to just 33% approval. Independents disapprove by a 38-47 rate, just 9% of Democrats approve compared to 80% who do not, and 25% of Republicans disapprove while only 58% approve. When asked who they would vote for if they could do last fall’s election for Governor over again, Ted Strickland leads by 20 points, with 56% of voters say they would vote for him and just 36% for Kasich.

House Speaker John Boehner fares even worse, with only 28% of voters approving of his job performance and 54% disapproving.

“Ohio voters sent John Kasich a strong message in November by repealing Senate Bill 5 and his numbers haven’t improved any since then,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He remains one of the least popular Governors in the country and that could help Democratic prospects in the state this fall.”

PPP also asked some Ohio-related sports questions of voters, regarding the Ohio State University, LeBron James, and Pete Rose. 70% of Ohio voters consider themselves to be OSU fans, and 67% of those fans approve of the recent hiring of Urban Meyer as the school’s new football coach. Despite his dismissal last year, fans still hold Jim Tressel in high regard, with 60% holding a favorable opinion to just 16% unfavorable.

Among voters who hold an opinion though, LeBron James still hasn’t recovered from his defection to Miami, with just 15% of voters holding a favorable opinion of him and 33% unfavorable. Voters are split on how warmly they view baseball legend Pete Rose, who garners a 32-26 favorability rating, but a majority of voters (55-23) believe he should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

PPP surveyed 820 Ohio voters on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 Governor John Kasich's job performance?

Approve..... 33% Not sure ..... 14%  
Disapprove..... 53%

**Q2** If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Democrat Ted Strickland or Republican John Kasich?

Ted Strickland ..... 56% Not sure ..... 8%  
John Kasich ..... 36%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Rob Portman's job performance?

Approve ..... 26% Not sure ..... 42%  
Disapprove..... 32%

**Q4** Do you approve or disapprove of the job House Speaker John Boehner is doing?

Approve ..... 28% Not sure ..... 18%  
Disapprove..... 54%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of LeBron James?

Favorable..... 15%  
Unfavorable ..... 33%  
Not sure ..... 51%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pete Rose?

Favorable..... 32%  
Unfavorable ..... 26%  
Not sure ..... 42%

**Q7** Do you think Pete Rose should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame, or not?

He should..... 55%  
He should not..... 23%  
Not sure ..... 22%

**Q8** Do you consider yourself to be an Ohio State fan, or not?

Ohio State fan..... 70%  
Not ..... 30%

**Q9** (*Ohio State fans only:*) Do you approve or disapprove of Urban Meyer's hire as the new football coach?

Approve ..... 67% Not sure ..... 27%  
Disapprove..... 6%

**Q10** (*Ohio State fans only:*) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Tressel?

Favorable..... 60%  
Unfavorable ..... 16%  
Not sure ..... 25%

**Q11** 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%

**Q12** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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

**Q13** 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%





**Q14** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i> .....	84%
<i>African-American</i> .....	11%
<i>Other</i> .....	5%

**Q15** 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.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	14%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	22%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	44%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kasich Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	33%	10%	6%	22%	53%	63%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	80%	83%	65%	32%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	10%	11%	14%	15%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Strickland/Kasich Re-do</b>						
<b>Ted Strickland</b>	56%	90%	80%	71%	36%	19%
<b>John Kasich</b>	36%	8%	11%	21%	56%	73%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	3%	10%	8%	7%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Portman Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	26%	13%	6%	14%	43%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	32%	51%	46%	42%	16%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	42%	36%	48%	43%	41%	38%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Boehner Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	28%	7%	7%	17%	55%	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	80%	73%	64%	33%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	13%	19%	19%	12%	25%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>						
Favorable	15%	25%	16%	15%	15%	10%
Unfavorable	33%	25%	36%	34%	31%	36%
Not sure	51%	50%	48%	51%	53%	54%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Rose Favorability</b>						
Favorable	32%	35%	32%	35%	29%	29%
Unfavorable	26%	20%	30%	28%	24%	23%
Not sure	42%	46%	37%	36%	47%	48%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Should Rose Be in Hall?</b>						
He should	55%	50%	53%	57%	56%	54%
He should not	23%	23%	25%	24%	22%	21%
Not sure	22%	27%	22%	19%	21%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>OSU Fan?</b>						
Ohio State fan	70%	58%	65%	77%	67%	76%
Not	30%	42%	35%	23%	33%	24%





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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Meyer Hire Approval</b>						
Approve	67%	68%	66%	67%	71%	63%
Disapprove	6%	5%	5%	5%	8%	6%
Not sure	27%	27%	29%	28%	21%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Tressel Favorability</b>						
Favorable	60%	59%	58%	59%	64%	59%
Unfavorable	16%	27%	16%	13%	14%	15%
Not sure	25%	14%	26%	27%	23%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kasich Approval</b>			
Approve	33%	28%	38%
Disapprove	53%	55%	52%
Not sure	14%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Strickland/Kasich Re-do</b>			
Ted Strickland	56%	60%	52%
John Kasich	36%	30%	43%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%





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<b>Portman Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	26%	22%	29%
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<b>Not sure</b>	42%	48%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Boehner Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	28%	22%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	54%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	24%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	15%	14%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	33%	29%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	51%	57%	46%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Rose Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	25%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	26%	26%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	42%	49%	34%





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<b>Should Rose Be in Hall?</b>			
He should	55%	50%	60%
He should not	23%	22%	24%
Not sure	22%	28%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>OSU Fan?</b>			
Ohio State fan	70%	70%	71%
Not	30%	30%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Meyer Hire Approval</b>			
Approve	67%	65%	69%
Disapprove	6%	4%	8%
Not sure	27%	31%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Tressel Favorability</b>			
Favorable	60%	56%	64%
Unfavorable	16%	16%	16%
Not sure	25%	28%	21%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	33%	9%	58%	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	80%	25%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	11%	16%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Strickland/Kasich Re-do</b>				
<b>Ted Strickland</b>	56%	86%	23%	52%
<b>John Kasich</b>	36%	7%	69%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	7%	8%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Portman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	26%	9%	45%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	32%	49%	12%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	42%	42%	43%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Boehner Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	28%	8%	53%	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	74%	28%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	19%	18%





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<b>LeBron Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	15%	19%	11%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	33%	32%	35%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	51%	50%	54%	52%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Rose Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	30%	34%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	26%	26%	27%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	42%	43%	39%	45%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Should Rose Be in Hall?</b>				
<b>He should</b>	55%	53%	59%	54%
<b>He should not</b>	23%	23%	22%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	24%	19%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>OSU Fan?</b>				
<b>Ohio State fan</b>	70%	72%	71%	66%
<b>Not</b>	30%	28%	29%	34%





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<b>Meyer Hire Approval</b>				
Approve	67%	63%	72%	68%
Disapprove	6%	4%	8%	6%
Not sure	27%	33%	20%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Tressel Favorability</b>				
Favorable	60%	56%	61%	66%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	17%	13%
Not sure	25%	28%	22%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
Approve	33%	36%	15%	31%
Disapprove	53%	51%	72%	48%
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<b>Approve</b>	28%	29%	14%	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	52%	69%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	17%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	15%	12%	43%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	33%	35%	18%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	51%	53%	39%	50%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Rose Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	32%	36%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	26%	26%	25%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	42%	42%	39%	51%





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<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	21%	23%	38%

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<b>Ohio State fan</b>	<b>70%</b>	72%	61%	65%
<b>Not</b>	<b>30%</b>	28%	39%	35%

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		White	African-American	Other
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<b>Approve</b>	<b>67%</b>	69%	54%	61%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>6%</b>	5%	10%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>27%</b>	26%	36%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Tressel Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>60%</b>	59%	63%	59%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>16%</b>	17%	7%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>25%</b>	23%	30%	39%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kasich Approval</b>					
Approve	33%	15%	39%	34%	37%
Disapprove	53%	59%	51%	54%	50%
Not sure	14%	25%	11%	12%	12%

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Disapprove	32%	37%	34%	32%	28%
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<b>Boehner Approval</b>					
Approve	28%	19%	37%	24%	30%
Disapprove	54%	45%	49%	60%	52%
Not sure	18%	36%	14%	15%	18%





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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	15%	11%	19%	15%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	33%	38%	41%	31%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	51%	51%	40%	54%	58%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Rose Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	20%	37%	36%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	26%	18%	31%	25%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	42%	62%	31%	38%	49%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Should Rose Be in Hall?</b>					
<b>He should</b>	55%	36%	67%	57%	50%
<b>He should not</b>	23%	28%	19%	22%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	36%	13%	22%	24%

	Base	Age			
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<b>Ohio State fan</b>	70%	72%	73%	67%	73%
<b>Not</b>	30%	28%	27%	33%	27%





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<b>Approve</b>	<b>67%</b>	64%	78%	64%	63%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>6%</b>	6%	7%	5%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>27%</b>	31%	15%	31%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Tressel Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>60%</b>	69%	64%	54%	60%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>16%</b>	9%	21%	15%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>25%</b>	23%	15%	31%	24%

