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Ohio Republicans want Romney for pres., Blackwell for Sen.

Raleigh, N.C. – He is not yet leading, but Herman Cain’s performance in the first and so far only debate in the Republican presidential primary a few weeks ago has him already tying for third with Ohio’s GOP voters. In March, the last time PPP polled the contest in the Buckeye State, Mike Huckabee led with 19% over Mitt Romney’s 18%, Newt Gingrich’s 16%, and Sarah Palin’s 15%. Now, with Huckabee out of the picture, Romney tops with 21% over Palin’s 16%, Gingrich’s and Cain’s 12%, Michele Bachmann’s 10%, Ron Paul’s 9%, Tim Pawlenty’s 5%, and Jon Huntsman’s 1%.

Like Cain, Bachmann was not included in Ohio last time, but has been rising in the standings in PPP polls in other states. She has twice the support of fellow Minnesotan Pawlenty, whose announcement has not resulted in more support as of yet; he also placed at 5% in March. Gingrich has slipped after the public-relations disaster that was his first week officially in the race.

Palin actually leads at 20% with the most conservative voters, who make up 38% of the electorate. That puts her over Bachmann’s 15% and Cain’s and Romney’s 13% with that group. Bachmann gets only 6% and 7%, respectively, with moderates and the somewhat conservative. Romney earns 27% with the somewhat conservative, who are a 39% plurality—twice as much as anyone other candidate and twice as much as he gets with their brethren to the right—and also 22% with the 17% who claim to be moderates.

If Palin does not run, Gingrich and Paul would seem to benefit most, but Romney would still lead with 23% to Gingrich’s 16%, Cain’s and Paul’s 13%, Bachmann’s 11%, and Pawlenty’s 6%, with Huntsman at essentially zero.

Ken Blackwell is the overwhelming choice to face Sherrod Brown next fall. He gets 40% or 49% support, regardless of the number of opponents, with the next closest contender in the teens. That is a huge jump from the 17-21% he earned in March, when he also led.

PPP surveyed 400 usual Ohio Republican primary voters from May 19th to 22nd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.9%. 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 have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable 42% Not sure 23%
Unfavorable..... 34%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable 66% Not sure 10%
Unfavorable..... 24%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable 55% Not sure 20%
Unfavorable..... 25%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Blackwell?

Favorable 42% Not sure 39%
Unfavorable..... 19%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Kevin Coughlin?

Favorable 5% Not sure 86%
Unfavorable..... 9%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Jordan?

Favorable 17% Not sure 74%
Unfavorable..... 9%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Josh Mandel?

Favorable 18% Not sure 76%
Unfavorable..... 6%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mary Taylor?

Favorable 23% Not sure 65%
Unfavorable..... 12%

Q9 Given the choices of Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, and Mitt Romney who would you most like to see as the Republican candidate for President next year?

Michele Bachmann 10%
Herman Cain..... 12%
Newt Gingrich 12%
Jon Huntsman..... 1%
Sarah Palin 16%
Ron Paul..... 9%
Tim Pawlenty 5%
Mitt Romney..... 21%
Someone else/Not sure 15%

Q10 If Sarah Palin didn't run and the choices were just Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, and Mitt Romney who would you most like to see as the nominee?

Michele Bachmann 11%
Herman Cain..... 13%
Newt Gingrich 16%
Jon Huntsman..... 0%
Ron Paul..... 13%
Tim Pawlenty 6%
Mitt Romney..... 23%
Someone else/Not sure 18%





Q11 Given the choices of Ken Blackwell, Kevin Coughlin, Jim Jordan, Josh Mandel, and Mary Taylor who would you most like to see as the Republican candidate for Senate next year?

<i>Ken Blackwell</i>	40%
<i>Kevin Coughlin</i>	4%
<i>Jim Jordan</i>	12%
<i>Josh Mandel</i>	9%
<i>Mary Taylor</i>	7%
<i>Someone else/Not sure</i>	28%

Q12 If the choices of a Senate candidate next year were only Ken Blackwell, Kevin Coughlin, and Josh Mandel who would you vote for?

<i>Ken Blackwell</i>	49%
<i>Kevin Coughlin</i>	4%
<i>Josh Mandel</i>	16%
<i>Someone else/Not sure</i>	31%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	2%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	4%
<i>Moderate</i>	17%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	39%
<i>Very conservative</i>	38%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	46%
<i>Man</i>	54%

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>	6%
<i>30 to 45</i>	29%
<i>46 to 65</i>	37%
<i>Older than 65</i>	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	42%	28%	8%	25%	41%	56%
Unfavorable	34%	58%	57%	52%	30%	28%
Not sure	23%	14%	35%	23%	29%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Palin Favorability						
Favorable	66%	100%	50%	43%	59%	83%
Unfavorable	24%	-	39%	50%	23%	13%
Not sure	10%	-	11%	7%	17%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	55%	72%	12%	39%	60%	61%
Unfavorable	25%	14%	48%	36%	20%	24%
Not sure	20%	14%	40%	25%	20%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Blackwell Favorability						
Favorable	42%	56%	4%	20%	43%	56%
Unfavorable	19%	14%	38%	35%	16%	12%
Not sure	39%	30%	58%	44%	41%	33%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Coughlin Favorability						
Favorable	5%	-	8%	4%	4%	5%
Unfavorable	9%	14%	12%	13%	4%	12%
Not sure	86%	86%	80%	83%	91%	83%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Jordan Favorability						
Favorable	17%	42%	-	14%	16%	21%
Unfavorable	9%	14%	20%	18%	4%	9%
Not sure	74%	44%	80%	69%	80%	70%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Mandel Favorability						
Favorable	18%	14%	20%	15%	16%	22%
Unfavorable	6%	14%	-	15%	3%	5%
Not sure	76%	72%	80%	70%	81%	73%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Taylor Favorability						
Favorable	23%	14%	19%	18%	23%	26%
Unfavorable	12%	14%	11%	20%	8%	12%
Not sure	65%	72%	70%	62%	69%	62%





Crosstabs

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Palin						
Michele Bachmann	10%	-	12%	6%	7%	15%
Herman Cain	12%	28%	5%	7%	13%	13%
Newt Gingrich	12%	-	18%	14%	14%	10%
Jon Huntsman	1%	-	-	3%	1%	-
Sarah Palin	16%	42%	19%	18%	11%	20%
Ron Paul	9%	-	5%	14%	9%	8%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	-	-	1%	5%	6%
Mitt Romney	21%	30%	14%	22%	27%	13%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	-	27%	16%	13%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin						
Michele Bachmann	11%	14%	13%	6%	7%	17%
Herman Cain	13%	28%	-	7%	15%	14%
Newt Gingrich	16%	14%	23%	17%	14%	16%
Jon Huntsman	0%	14%	-	-	1%	-
Ron Paul	13%	-	12%	23%	10%	13%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	-	-	1%	9%	6%
Mitt Romney	23%	-	27%	22%	27%	19%
Someone else/Not sure	18%	30%	24%	25%	18%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary						
Ken Blackwell	40%	-	15%	23%	39%	52%
Kevin Coughlin	4%	28%	13%	10%	2%	1%
Jim Jordan	12%	14%	5%	15%	11%	13%
Josh Mandel	9%	28%	6%	3%	10%	10%
Mary Taylor	7%	-	11%	12%	7%	4%
Someone else/Not sure	28%	30%	50%	36%	31%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/o Jordan or Taylor						
Ken Blackwell	49%	80%	14%	28%	48%	62%
Kevin Coughlin	4%	-	19%	8%	2%	2%
Josh Mandel	16%	-	11%	20%	15%	17%
Someone else/Not sure	31%	20%	56%	44%	35%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	42%	35%	48%
Unfavorable	34%	34%	35%
Not sure	23%	31%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	66%	65%	66%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	27%
Not sure	10%	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	55%	51%	58%
Unfavorable	25%	23%	28%
Not sure	20%	26%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blackwell Favorability			
Favorable	42%	36%	48%
Unfavorable	19%	14%	23%
Not sure	39%	50%	30%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coughlin Favorability			
Favorable	5%	2%	7%
Unfavorable	9%	6%	11%
Not sure	86%	92%	81%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jordan Favorability			
Favorable	17%	19%	16%
Unfavorable	9%	6%	12%
Not sure	74%	75%	72%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mandel Favorability			
Favorable	18%	16%	20%
Unfavorable	6%	4%	8%
Not sure	76%	80%	72%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Taylor Favorability			
Favorable	23%	21%	25%
Unfavorable	12%	7%	16%
Not sure	65%	73%	59%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Palin			
Michele Bachmann	10%	11%	8%
Herman Cain	12%	8%	16%
Newt Gingrich	12%	15%	10%
Jon Huntsman	1%	1%	-
Sarah Palin	16%	14%	18%
Ron Paul	9%	6%	12%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	5%	4%
Mitt Romney	21%	20%	21%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	19%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin			
Michele Bachmann	11%	13%	10%
Herman Cain	13%	7%	18%
Newt Gingrich	16%	18%	14%
Jon Huntsman	0%	1%	0%
Ron Paul	13%	10%	16%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	8%	4%
Mitt Romney	23%	22%	23%
Someone else/Not sure	18%	23%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Ken Blackwell	40%	38%	41%
Kevin Coughlin	4%	3%	5%
Jim Jordan	12%	15%	10%
Josh Mandel	9%	9%	9%
Mary Taylor	7%	6%	8%
Someone else/Not sure	28%	29%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/o Jordan or Taylor			
Ken Blackwell	49%	46%	51%
Kevin Coughlin	4%	4%	4%
Josh Mandel	16%	19%	14%
Someone else/Not sure	31%	31%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	42%	33%	43%	43%	44%
Unfavorable	34%	50%	32%	34%	35%
Not sure	23%	17%	25%	24%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	66%	50%	62%	71%	66%
Unfavorable	24%	33%	30%	21%	20%
Not sure	10%	17%	8%	8%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	55%	42%	51%	55%	62%
Unfavorable	25%	25%	30%	25%	21%
Not sure	20%	33%	19%	21%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blackwell Favorability					
Favorable	42%	33%	41%	46%	41%
Unfavorable	19%	25%	21%	16%	18%
Not sure	39%	42%	38%	38%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Coughlin Favorability					
Favorable	5%	-	3%	3%	10%
Unfavorable	9%	25%	8%	9%	7%
Not sure	86%	75%	89%	88%	83%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Jordan Favorability					
Favorable	17%	8%	21%	16%	16%
Unfavorable	9%	33%	8%	7%	8%
Not sure	74%	58%	71%	77%	76%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mandel Favorability					
Favorable	18%	17%	19%	14%	24%
Unfavorable	6%	17%	6%	6%	4%
Not sure	76%	67%	75%	81%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Taylor Favorability					
Favorable	23%	-	14%	27%	31%
Unfavorable	12%	17%	16%	8%	12%
Not sure	65%	83%	70%	65%	57%





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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Palin					
Michele Bachmann	10%	17%	8%	13%	7%
Herman Cain	12%	17%	17%	9%	9%
Newt Gingrich	12%	25%	5%	16%	13%
Jon Huntsman	1%	-	2%	1%	-
Sarah Palin	16%	8%	16%	18%	16%
Ron Paul	9%	8%	14%	7%	7%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	8%	-	4%	10%
Mitt Romney	21%	8%	19%	18%	28%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	8%	19%	14%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin					
Michele Bachmann	11%	8%	8%	15%	10%
Herman Cain	13%	17%	20%	9%	10%
Newt Gingrich	16%	25%	10%	19%	15%
Jon Huntsman	0%	-	-	1%	-
Ron Paul	13%	17%	16%	11%	12%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	8%	-	4%	14%
Mitt Romney	23%	-	18%	24%	30%
Someone else/Not sure	18%	25%	28%	16%	10%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary					
Ken Blackwell	40%	36%	42%	40%	38%
Kevin Coughlin	4%	9%	7%	2%	2%
Jim Jordan	12%	9%	13%	14%	9%
Josh Mandel	9%	9%	7%	8%	13%
Mary Taylor	7%	-	2%	8%	12%
Someone else/Not sure	28%	36%	30%	28%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/o Jordan or Taylor					
Ken Blackwell	49%	50%	51%	49%	46%
Kevin Coughlin	4%	10%	3%	3%	5%
Josh Mandel	16%	10%	11%	16%	22%
Someone else/Not sure	31%	30%	34%	32%	27%

