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Kasich Approval on the Rise

Raleigh, N.C. -- PPP's second poll in a row in the Buckeye State shows once embattled Governor John Kasich improving his standing, both in job approval and in a test of his 2014 reelection bid. His approval rating stands even, a 7 point bump, with his disapproval at 41% and he leads a generic Democratic challenger by 4 points, after showing narrow leads against a host of hypothetical opponents in June.

"John Kasich has really resurrected his image after a shaky first year in office," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "He's gone from being one of the most unpopular Governors in the country to about average."

Senator Rob Portman has benefited from some good press surrounding his VP buzz, bringing his net approval up from +1 to +7, with 38% approving of his job performance and 31% disapproving. This comes from a rise among both independents and Republicans, of 12 points and 14 points respectively.

House Speaker John Boehner is about as unpopular as ever in his home state, with his approval rating increasing nominally to -10 from -12 two months ago. However, more Ohio voters would vote to keep Boehner in the Speaker's seat over Nancy Pelosi, with the generic congressional ballot moving from a tie at 43% in June to a 4 point Republican advantage.

Cleveland Browns fans outnumber Cincinnati Bengals fans by nearly 2 to 1 in the state, 37% to 21%. However, in a show of classic midwestern realism, Ohio NFL fans expect the Bengals to outperform their preferred Browns in the coming season, 40% to 26%.

There is far less discord over college football, as the Buckeyes are overwhelmingly popular, with 71% of respondents considering themselves fans. Urban Meyer enjoys sky high approval at OSU, with 60% of fans approving of his performance and only 2% disapproving. When asked to pick between Meyer and former coach Jim Tressel, OSU fans go for Meyer by 5 points.

PPP surveyed 961 likely Ohio voters from August 9th to 12th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.16%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Ohio Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Rob Portman's job performance?

Approve38% Not sure30%
Disapprove.....31%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor John Kasich's job performance?

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 41%
Not sure 18%

Q3 Generally speaking, if there was an election today, would you vote for Republican John Kasich or his Democratic opponent?

John Kasich 43%
Democratic opponent..... 39%
Not sure 17%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of House Speaker John Boehner's job performance?

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure 21%

Q5 If there was an election for the Congress today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic..... 41%
Republican..... 45%
Undecided..... 14%

Q6 Do you think early voting should be available to all Ohio voters in the last three days of the early voting period, or only for members of the military?

It should be available to all Ohio voters 61%
Only to members of the military 30%
Not sure 9%

Q7 The Ohio Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission Amendment would create an Ohio Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission to establish the boundaries for Ohio's state legislative and congressional districts every 10 years. If the election was today would you vote for or against this amendment?

For 37%
Against..... 24%
Undecided..... 39%

Q8 Who do you think will have a better season this year: the Cincinnati Bengals or the Cleveland Browns?

Bengals..... 40%
Browns..... 26%
Not sure 34%

Q9 Are you a bigger fan of the Bengals or the Browns, or do you not root for either team?

Bengals..... 21%
Browns..... 37%
Don't root for either team 42%

Q10 Do you consider yourself to be an Ohio State fan, or not?

OSU fan..... 71%
Not an OSU fan 29%

Q11 (Q24-26 asked only of OSU fans) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Urban Meyer is doing as football coach?

Approve 60%
Disapprove..... 2%
Not sure 38%





Q12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Tressel?

Favorable..... 65%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 21%

Q13 Who would you rather have as football coach: Urban Meyer or Jim Tressel?

Urban Meyer..... 38%
Jim Tressel..... 33%
Not sure 29%

Q14 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..... 25%
Very conservative 18%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q16 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..... 40%
Republican..... 37%
Independent/Other..... 24%

Q17 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 82%
African-American 13%
Other..... 5%

Q18 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..... 12%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Portman Approval						
Approve	38%	15%	14%	34%	53%	65%
Disapprove	31%	65%	51%	38%	11%	6%
Not sure	30%	20%	36%	28%	36%	28%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kasich Approval						
Approve	41%	32%	12%	27%	58%	71%
Disapprove	41%	58%	73%	52%	20%	11%
Not sure	18%	10%	15%	20%	22%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kasich or Dem Opponent						
John Kasich	43%	28%	5%	26%	66%	85%
Democratic opponent	39%	69%	80%	50%	13%	3%
Not sure	17%	4%	15%	24%	20%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Boehner Approval						
Approve	35%	28%	7%	19%	58%	60%
Disapprove	45%	64%	74%	61%	18%	15%
Not sure	21%	9%	19%	20%	25%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democratic	41%	84%	79%	54%	9%	3%
Republican	45%	12%	9%	25%	74%	91%
Undecided	14%	3%	12%	22%	17%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Early Voting Be Available to All or Just Military?						
It should be available to all Ohio voters	61%	86%	86%	76%	42%	27%
Only to members of the military	30%	10%	11%	18%	47%	54%
Not sure	9%	4%	3%	6%	11%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
For/Against Independent Redistricting Amendment						
For	37%	47%	43%	43%	32%	23%
Against	24%	30%	21%	20%	21%	34%
Undecided	39%	23%	36%	37%	48%	43%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Who'll Have Better Season?						
Bengals	40%	45%	36%	44%	35%	41%
Browns	26%	29%	30%	23%	31%	16%
Not sure	34%	26%	34%	33%	34%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bigger Fan of Bengals or Browns?						
Bengals	21%	31%	14%	25%	16%	23%
Browns	37%	27%	42%	39%	40%	30%
Don't root for either team	42%	42%	44%	36%	43%	47%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
OSU Fan?						
OSU fan	71%	54%	77%	72%	69%	73%
Not an OSU fan	29%	46%	23%	28%	31%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Meyer Approval						
Approve	60%	66%	60%	64%	57%	57%
Disapprove	2%	4%	0%	2%	2%	0%
Not sure	38%	31%	40%	33%	40%	43%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Tressel Favorability						
Favorable	65%	54%	58%	69%	65%	67%
Unfavorable	14%	26%	23%	15%	8%	7%
Not sure	21%	20%	19%	16%	26%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rather Have Meyer or Tressel?						
Urban Meyer	38%	44%	45%	36%	34%	38%
Jim Tressel	33%	29%	31%	35%	33%	32%
Not sure	29%	26%	24%	29%	33%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Portman Approval			
Approve	38%	33%	45%
Disapprove	31%	31%	32%
Not sure	30%	36%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kasich Approval			
Approve	41%	35%	47%
Disapprove	41%	43%	39%
Not sure	18%	22%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kasich or Dem Opponent			
John Kasich	43%	40%	48%
Democratic opponent	39%	41%	37%
Not sure	17%	19%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boehner Approval			
Approve	35%	31%	39%
Disapprove	45%	44%	45%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democratic	41%	46%	35%
Republican	45%	43%	48%
Undecided	14%	11%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Early Voting Be Available to All or Just Military?			
It should be available to all Ohio voters	61%	63%	60%
Only to members of the military	30%	27%	33%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
For/Against Independent Redistricting Amendment			
For	37%	29%	46%
Against	24%	22%	25%
Undecided	39%	49%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who'll Have Better Season?			
Bengals	40%	36%	44%
Browns	26%	26%	26%
Not sure	34%	38%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bigger Fan of Bengals or Browns?			
Bengals	21%	21%	21%
Browns	37%	36%	39%
Don't root for either team	42%	43%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
OSU Fan?			
OSU fan	71%	70%	71%
Not an OSU fan	29%	30%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Meyer Approval			
Approve	60%	56%	65%
Disapprove	2%	0%	3%
Not sure	38%	44%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tressel Favorability			
Favorable	65%	55%	75%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	14%
Not sure	21%	30%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rather Have Meyer or Tressel?			
Urban Meyer	38%	35%	42%
Jim Tressel	33%	29%	37%
Not sure	29%	37%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Portman Approval				
Approve	38%	15%	59%	49%
Disapprove	31%	48%	14%	27%
Not sure	30%	36%	28%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kasich Approval				
Approve	41%	17%	69%	35%
Disapprove	41%	65%	14%	44%
Not sure	18%	18%	17%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kasich or Dem Opponent				
John Kasich	43%	12%	81%	37%
Democratic opponent	39%	72%	7%	36%
Not sure	17%	16%	12%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boehner Approval				
Approve	35%	10%	62%	33%
Disapprove	45%	68%	17%	48%
Not sure	21%	22%	21%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democratic	41%	83%	5%	26%
Republican	45%	10%	86%	38%
Undecided	14%	7%	9%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Early Voting Be Available to All or Just Military?				
It should be available to all Ohio voters	61%	80%	39%	66%
Only to members of the military	30%	15%	48%	25%
Not sure	9%	5%	13%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
For/Against Independent Redistricting Amendment				
For	37%	41%	32%	37%
Against	24%	23%	25%	22%
Undecided	39%	35%	43%	41%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Who'll Have Better Season?				
Bengals	40%	38%	40%	43%
Browns	26%	33%	24%	17%
Not sure	34%	30%	36%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bigger Fan of Bengals or Browns?				
Bengals	21%	19%	26%	16%
Browns	37%	43%	33%	34%
Don't root for either team	42%	38%	41%	50%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
OSU Fan?				
OSU fan	71%	76%	72%	59%
Not an OSU fan	29%	24%	28%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Meyer Approval				
Approve	60%	61%	59%	63%
Disapprove	2%	1%	3%	1%
Not sure	38%	38%	39%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tressel Favorability				
Favorable	65%	63%	62%	74%
Unfavorable	14%	19%	10%	11%
Not sure	21%	18%	28%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rather Have Meyer or Tressel?				
Urban Meyer	38%	34%	40%	44%
Jim Tressel	33%	38%	29%	28%
Not sure	29%	28%	31%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Portman Approval				
Approve	38%	41%	22%	32%
Disapprove	31%	29%	38%	46%
Not sure	30%	30%	40%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kasich Approval				
Approve	41%	43%	26%	40%
Disapprove	41%	40%	44%	47%
Not sure	18%	17%	30%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kasich or Dem Opponent				
John Kasich	43%	47%	26%	29%
Democratic opponent	39%	35%	64%	51%
Not sure	17%	18%	10%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Boehner Approval				
Approve	35%	38%	23%	16%
Disapprove	45%	41%	53%	72%
Not sure	21%	21%	24%	12%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democratic	41%	35%	73%	52%
Republican	45%	50%	25%	26%
Undecided	14%	15%	2%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should Early Voting Be Available to All or Just Military?				
It should be available to all Ohio voters	61%	58%	76%	74%
Only to members of the military	30%	32%	19%	24%
Not sure	9%	10%	4%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
For/Against Independent Redistricting Amendment				
For	37%	39%	32%	26%
Against	24%	22%	29%	28%
Undecided	39%	39%	39%	46%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Who'll Have Better Season?				
Bengals	40%	41%	44%	20%
Browns	26%	25%	29%	27%
Not sure	34%	34%	27%	53%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bigger Fan of Bengals or Browns?				
Bengals	21%	19%	35%	10%
Browns	37%	40%	24%	34%
Don't root for either team	42%	41%	41%	56%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
OSU Fan?				
OSU fan	71%	71%	71%	63%
Not an OSU fan	29%	29%	29%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Meyer Approval				
Approve	60%	61%	67%	39%
Disapprove	2%	1%	5%	1%
Not sure	38%	38%	29%	59%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Tressel Favorability				
Favorable	65%	67%	52%	61%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	29%	17%
Not sure	21%	21%	19%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Rather Have Meyer or Tressel?				
Urban Meyer	38%	37%	47%	41%
Jim Tressel	33%	35%	25%	15%
Not sure	29%	28%	28%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Portman Approval					
Approve	38%	29%	33%	42%	44%
Disapprove	31%	48%	24%	30%	31%
Not sure	30%	23%	43%	28%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kasich Approval					
Approve	41%	35%	37%	42%	46%
Disapprove	41%	50%	37%	42%	39%
Not sure	18%	15%	26%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kasich or Dem Opponent					
John Kasich	43%	31%	42%	46%	48%
Democratic opponent	39%	46%	37%	39%	39%
Not sure	17%	23%	21%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Boehner Approval					
Approve	35%	26%	33%	37%	37%
Disapprove	45%	54%	38%	46%	45%
Not sure	21%	21%	29%	17%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democratic	41%	55%	32%	41%	43%
Republican	45%	37%	47%	46%	46%
Undecided	14%	8%	21%	13%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Early Voting Be Available to All or Just Military?					
It should be available to all Ohio voters	61%	68%	63%	61%	56%
Only to members of the military	30%	26%	26%	31%	34%
Not sure	9%	5%	11%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
For/Against Independent Redistricting Amendment					
For	37%	32%	28%	44%	37%
Against	24%	35%	22%	21%	24%
Undecided	39%	32%	49%	35%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who'll Have Better Season?					
Bengals	40%	32%	39%	42%	40%
Browns	26%	38%	21%	24%	27%
Not sure	34%	30%	39%	34%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bigger Fan of Bengals or Browns?					
Bengals	21%	30%	14%	23%	20%
Browns	37%	35%	37%	38%	37%
Don't root for either team	42%	35%	49%	39%	43%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
OSU Fan?					
OSU fan	71%	75%	67%	70%	73%
Not an OSU fan	29%	25%	33%	30%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Meyer Approval					
Approve	60%	59%	72%	56%	56%
Disapprove	2%	5%	-	2%	2%
Not sure	38%	36%	28%	42%	42%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tressel Favorability					
Favorable	65%	50%	74%	65%	61%
Unfavorable	14%	23%	11%	15%	12%
Not sure	21%	27%	16%	20%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rather Have Meyer or Tressel?					
Urban Meyer	38%	38%	39%	39%	35%
Jim Tressel	33%	43%	37%	29%	30%
Not sure	29%	19%	24%	32%	34%

