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# Obama edges Romney, Perry in Ohio

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Ohio has been the quintessential battleground for much of recent U.S. presidential election history, and in PPP's latest poll of the Buckeye State, President Obama leads all but one of his potential Republican opponents by single-digit margins.

Obama defeated John McCain in the state by almost five points, and poll respondents report having voted for him by only three. In that sense, only Mitt Romney and perhaps Rick Perry outperform the 2008 nominee at the present moment. Obama leads Romney by only two points, 45-43, a little bit of closure since PPP last polled the race in May, when Obama led, 46-42. The newest entrant, Perry, is down, 45-41. Michele Bachmann trails, 48-41; Herman Cain, 47-39; and Palin, 51-38, down from 50-40 in May.

Though Obama's approval rating has slipped from 46% approving and 49% disapproving to 44-52, all the Republicans are still less liked than he is. The freshest face, Perry, is for the time being, the most popular. But still only 28% have a favorable view of him, to 37% who have an unfavorable one. That compares to Cain's 22-35, Bachmann's and Romney's 30-49, and Palin's 34-59. Romney has eroded, having been at 32-43 in May.

Most of the movement in Obama's approval marks and the horseraces is because of Republicans hardening against him. Independents have soured a little in their assessment of the president's job performance, but have moved a little toward the president in their vote preference. And though Romney and Perry take over 10% of Democrats to Obama's 4% of the GOP, Obama remains narrowly on top because Democrats are twice as numerous as independents.

"Barack Obama's saving grace is the weakness of the Republican field- that's how he can be ahead in Ohio despite being so unpopular," said Dean Debnam, President of Public of Policy Polling. "But his leads are tenuous and could vanish quickly once the GOP starts to united around a candidate."

PPP surveyed 792 Ohio voters from August 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.5%. 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.

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# **Ohio Survey Results**

Q1	Barack Obama's job performance?	Q7	Democrat Barack Ob
	Approve44%		Michele Bachmann, v
	Disapprove52%		Barack Obama
	Not sure4%		Michele Bachmann
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?	Q8	Undecided  If the candidates for F
	Favorable30%		Democrat Barack Obs Herman Cain, who we
	Unfavorable49%		Barack Obama
	Not sure21%		Herman Cain
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?		Undecided
	Favorable22%	Q9	If the candidates for F Democrat Barack Ob
	Unfavorable35%		Sarah Palin, who wou
	Not sure43%		Barack Obama
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?		Sarah Palin
	Favorable34%	040	Undecided  If the candidates for F
	Unfavorable59%	QIU	Democrat Barack Ob
	Not sure7%		Perry, who would you
Q5	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pick Porm?		Barack Obama
	of Rick Perry?		Rick Perry
	Favorable28%		Undecided
	Unfavorable	Q11	If the candidates for F Democrat Barack Ob
	Not sure		Romney, who would
Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?		Barack Obama
	Favorable30%		Mitt Romney
	Unfavorable49%		Undecided
	Not sure 21%		

Q7	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Michele Bachmann, who would you vote fo	
	Barack Obama	.48%
	Michele Bachmann	.41%
	Undecided	. 11%
Q8	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Herman Cain, who would you vote for?	ere
	Barack Obama	.47%
	Herman Cain	.39%
	Undecided	15%
Q9	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?	ere
	Barack Obama	.51%
	Sarah Palin	.38%
	Undecided	. 11%
Q10	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican I Perry, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	45%
	Rick Perry	
	Undecided	
Q11	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican I Romney, who would you vote for?	ere
	Barack Obama	.45%
	Mitt Romney	.43%
	Undecided	





Q12	Who did you vote for President in 2008?	
	John McCain	46%
	Barack Obama	49%
Q13	Someone else/Don't remember	
	Very liberal	8%
	Somewhat liberal	19%
	Moderate	31%
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	
Q14	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pre	
	Woman	51%
	Man	49%

Q15	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republic press 2. If you are an independent or identified with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	44%
	Republican	34%
	Independent/Other	22%
Q16	If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.	ın,
	White	84%
	African-American	12%
	Other	4%
Q17	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	
	18 to 29	10%
	30 to 45	24%
	46 to 65	46%
	Older than 65	





		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obama Approval					
Approve	44%	7%	82%	8%	
Disapprove	52%	89%	13%	87%	
Not sure	4%	4%	5%	5%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	30%	47%	13%	35%	
Unfavorable	49%	26%	73%	26%	
Not sure	21%	26%	14%	39%	

		2008 Vo		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Cain Favorability		-		
Favorable	22%	37%	7%	25%
Unfavorable	35%	20%	52%	19%
Not sure	43%	44%	41%	56%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
Palin Favorability		-					
Favorable	34%	62%	8%	36%			
Unfavorable	59%	28%	88%	49%			
Not sure	7%	10%	4%	15%			





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	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	28%	48%	10%	33%	
Unfavorable	37%	15%	59%	16%	
Not sure	35%	37%	31%	51%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Romney Favorability		·				
Favorable	30%	45%	17%	20%		
Unfavorable	49%	33%	65%	45%		
Not sure	21%	22%	18%	35%		

		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Obam a/Bachmann		-			
Barack Obama	48%	11%	87%	10%	
Michele Bachmann	41%	74%	7%	56%	
Undecided	11%	15%	5%	34%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
Obama/Cain		=					
Barack Obama	47%	9%	86%	13%			
Herman Cain	39%	72%	6%	52%			
Undecided	15%	18%	9%	35%			





		2008 Vo	te	
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Obam a/Palin				
Barack Obama	51%	12%	90%	25%
Sarah Palin	38%	73%	6%	34%
Undecided	11%	15%	4%	41%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
Obama/Perry		·					
Barack Obama	45%	8%	83%	10%			
Rick Perry	41%	76%	7%	55%			
Undecided	14%	16%	10%	35%			

		2008 Vo	te	
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney		•		
Barack Obama	45%	8%	83%	18%
Mitt Romney	43%	77%	11%	47%
Undecided	12%	15%	7%	35%

		Ideolog	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Obama Approval			-	-	-		
Approve	44%	75%	82%	58%	11%	7%	
Disapprove	52%	19%	15%	35%	86%	91%	
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	7%	3%	2%	





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		Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	30%	24%	13%	16%	45%	57%
Unfavorable	49%	66%	77%	60%	30%	15%
Not sure	21%	10%	10%	24%	25%	27%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Cain Favorability								
Favorable	22%	19%	5%	11%	32%	45%		
Unfavorable	35%	52%	55%	40%	24%	13%		
Not sure	43%	29%	40%	49%	44%	42%		

		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative		
Palin Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	_	-	='	
Favorable	34%	23%	9%	18%	51%	73%	
Unfavorable	59%	73%	86%	76%	39%	18%	
Not sure	7%	4%	5%	7%	9%	10%	

		Ideolog	eology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	. ,		
Perry Favorability			-	-		,		
Favorable	28%	19%	11%	16%	41%	57%		
Unfavorable	37%	56%	58%	48%	18%	9%		
Not sure	35%	25%	31%	36%	41%	34%		





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability		-	-			
Favorable	30%	22%	19%	22%	46%	38%
Unfavorable	49%	67%	63%	54%	33%	40%
Not sure	21%	11%	18%	24%	21%	22%

		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Obam a/Bachm ann				-		
Barack Obama	48%	81%	86%	64%	15%	9%
Michele Bachmann	41%	15%	10%	21%	75%	75%
Undecided	11%	5%	4%	15%	10%	16%

		ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative		
Obam a/Cain		_	<u>-</u>	_	-	='	
Barack Obama	47%	84%	87%	59%	14%	6%	
Herman Cain	39%	11%	8%	20%	70%	77%	
Undecided	15%	5%	4%	21%	16%	17%	

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	
Obam a/Palin		-	-	-	-	
Barack Obama	51%	89%	85%	69%	18%	8%
Sarah Palin	38%	11%	13%	19%	64%	80%
Undecided	11%	-	2%	13%	18%	12%





		Ideolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Obam a/Perry			-	=			
Barack Obama	45%	86%	84%	56%	12%	6%	
Rick Perry	41%	10%	10%	23%	73%	80%	
Undecided	14%	4%	6%	21%	15%	15%	

		Ideolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Obam a/Romney				-	='		
Barack Obama	45%	82%	84%	57%	13%	6%	
Mitt Romney	43%	16%	10%	28%	73%	79%	
Undecided	12%	2%	6%	15%	14%	15%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	47%	41%
Disapprove	52%	48%	56%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	30%	30%	30%	
Unfavorable	49%	47%	51%	
Not sure	21%	24%	19%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Cain Favorability		-	
Favorable	22%	19%	24%
Unfavorable	35%	31%	40%
Not sure	43%	50%	36%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Palin Favorability		-	
Favorable	34%	30%	38%
Unfavorable	59%	62%	56%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Perry Favorability		-	
Favorable	28%	27%	30%
Unfavorable	37%	34%	39%
Not sure	35%	39%	31%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability		-	
Favorable	30%	29%	31%
Unfavorable	49%	46%	53%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama/Bachmann		-	
Barack Obama	48%	52%	44%
Michele Bachmann	41%	38%	44%
Undecided	11%	10%	12%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama/Cain		-	
Barack Obama	47%	50%	43%
Herman Cain	39%	35%	43%
Undecided	15%	15%	14%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obam a/Palin		-	
Barack Obama	51%	55%	46%
Sarah Palin	38%	33%	45%
Undecided	11%	12%	9%

		Gender	
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Obama/Perry		-	
Barack Obama	45%	48%	41%
Rick Perry	41%	38%	45%
Undecided	14%	14%	14%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama/Romney		-	
Barack Obama	45%	47%	42%
Mitt Romney	43%	43%	44%
Undecided	12%	10%	14%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval		='		•
Approve	44%	79%	4%	34%
Disapprove		16%	93%	59%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	7%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	30%	14%	53%	26%
Unfavorable	49%	69%	24%	49%
Not sure	21%	17%	23%	25%

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Cain Favorability		='			
Favorable	22%	7%	40%	22%	
Unfavorable	35%	51%	16%	34%	
Not sure	43%	41%	44%	44%	





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Palin Favorability		•		•
Favorable	34%	10%	61%	40%
Unfavorable	59%	86%	27%	52%
Not sure	7%	4%	11%	8%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability		,	,	
Favorable	28%	11%	49%	30%
Unfavorable	37%	58%	12%	32%
Not sure	35%	30%	39%	38%

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Romney Favorability		-		-	
Favorable	30%	17%	45%	32%	
Unfavorable	49%	66%	32%	44%	
Not sure	21%	17%	23%	25%	

		Party			
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Unfavorable	35%	41%	39%	34%	32%	
Not sure	43%	36%	45%	44%	42%	

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Favorable	34%	38%	35%	32%	36%
Unfavorable	59%	62%	57%	60%	55%
Not sure	7%	-	9%	7%	9%

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Perry Favorability					
Favorable	28%	31%	26%	27%	33%
Unfavorable	37%	38%	35%	38%	33%
Not sure	35%	31%	39%	34%	34%





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Romney Favorability					
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Unfavorable	49%	46%	48%	52%	46%
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Obama/Perry					
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Rick Perry	41%	33%	43%	40%	45%
Undecided	14%	8%	16%	13%	16%

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Obam a/Rom ne y					
Barack Obama	45%	56%	42%	47%	38%
Mitt Romney	43%	41%	42%	41%	50%
Undecided	12%	3%	16%	12%	12%

