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Obama leads 51-47 in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's newest Ohio poll finds Barack Obama leading Mitt Romney 51-47, up from a 49-48 margin a week ago.

It's starting to look like Obama might have turned the corner with his wins in the second and third debates. When asked who they think won the debates as a whole Obama wins out 45/43, suggesting he really fixed his problems from the first debate with the second two. Obama's approval is on positive ground at 51/48, while Romney's favorability is in negative territory at 47/51. Ohioans trust Obama over Romney on both the economy (52/46) and foreign policy (54/44).

Obama's built up a big lead among early voters in the state. 36% say they've already cast their ballots and they report having voted for Obama by a 63/36 margin. Romney's up 53/45 with those yet to vote.

The main shift from a week ago is Democrats further unifying around Obama as the election nears. Last week he led 86/14 with them in the state and now he's pushed that up further to 88/10. Romney continues to lead with independents, 50/46, but that's down a tick from 49/42 last week.

“The margins have bounced around but we’ve found Barack Obama leading Mitt Romney on every Ohio poll we’ve done all year,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “And with the election barely a week away we find Obama’s position in the state becoming a little bit stronger.”

The Senate race really appears to be getting away from Josh Mandel in the closing stages. Sherrod Brown's opened up a 53/42 lead. Brown's winning independents 48/44 even as Obama loses them, and he has 89% of Democrats lined up behind him while only 81% of Republicans are committed to Mandel. Brown's approval is on slightly positive ground at 47/44, while Mandel continues to be very unpopular with only 38% of voters seeing him favorably to 51% with a negative opinion.

PPP surveyed 718 likely voters from October 26th to 28th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.7%. 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 President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 51%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 2%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 47%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 2%

Q3 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Mitt Romney..... 47%
Undecided..... 2%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Sherrod Brown's job performance?

Approve 47% *Not sure* 9%
Disapprove..... 44%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Josh Mandel?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 11%

Q6 The candidates for US Senate are Democrat Sherrod Brown and Republican Josh Mandel. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Sherrod Brown..... 53%
Josh Mandel 42%
Undecided..... 6%

Q7 Have you already voted, either at an early voting site or with an absentee ballot?

Yes..... 36%
No..... 64%

Q8 Issue 2 would remove the authority of elected representatives and grant new authority to appointed officials to establish congressional and state legislative district lines. It would create a state-funded commission of appointed individuals from a limited pool of applicants to replace the aforementioned. The commission would consist of 12 members as follows: four affiliated with the largest political party, four affiliated with the second largest political party, and four not affiliated with either of the two largest political parties. Affirmative votes of seven of 12 members are needed to select a plan. If the election was today, would you vote for or against Issue 2?

For 37%
Against..... 48%
Not sure 15%

Q9 Who do you think won the Presidential debates overall?

Barack Obama..... 45%
Mitt Romney..... 43%
Not sure 12%

Q10 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

Barack Obama..... 52%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Not sure 2%





Q11 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of foreign policy?

Barack Obama..... 54%
Mitt Romney..... 44%
Not sure..... 2%

Q12 Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?

Very excited..... 64%
Somewhat excited..... 24%
Not at all excited..... 12%

Q13 If there was an election for Congress today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic..... 50%
Republican..... 42%
Not sure..... 8%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 32%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative..... 15%

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..... 43%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 21%

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

White..... 83%
African-American..... 12%
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..... 24%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Obama Approval			
Approve	51%	63%	44%
Disapprove	48%	36%	54%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	47%	38%	53%
Unfavorable	50%	61%	45%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	51%	63%	45%
Mitt Romney	47%	36%	53%
Undecided	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Brown Approval			
Approve	47%	60%	40%
Disapprove	44%	34%	49%
Not sure	9%	6%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Mandel Favorability			
Favorable	38%	32%	42%
Unfavorable	51%	61%	46%
Not sure	11%	7%	13%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Brown/Mandel			
Sherrrod Brown	53%	63%	47%
Josh Mandel	42%	34%	46%
Undecided	6%	3%	7%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Voted Already?			
Yes	35%	100%	-
No	65%	-	100%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Issue 2			
For	37%	45%	33%
Against	48%	50%	47%
Not sure	15%	5%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Who Won Debates Overall?			
Barack Obama	45%	61%	37%
Mitt Romney	43%	30%	50%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Trust More on Economy?			
Barack Obama	52%	66%	45%
Mitt Romney	46%	32%	54%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Trusted More on Foreign Policy			
Barack Obama	54%	67%	47%
Mitt Romney	44%	32%	50%
Not sure	2%	0%	3%

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	64%	66%	63%
Somewhat excited	24%	21%	25%
Not at all excited	12%	13%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Voted Already?	
		Yes	No
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democratic	50%	65%	42%
Republican	42%	30%	48%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	51%	83%	82%	60%	24%	9%
Disapprove	48%	17%	15%	38%	76%	91%
Not sure	2%	-	4%	2%	0%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	47%	16%	14%	39%	75%	90%
Unfavorable	50%	83%	82%	58%	23%	9%
Not sure	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	51%	82%	85%	57%	27%	8%
Mitt Romney	47%	15%	14%	39%	72%	92%
Undecided	2%	4%	1%	4%	1%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown Approval						
Approve	47%	75%	82%	56%	20%	5%
Disapprove	44%	17%	11%	35%	70%	86%
Not sure	9%	8%	7%	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Mandel Favorability						
Favorable	38%	17%	10%	28%	60%	81%
Unfavorable	51%	79%	79%	62%	24%	11%
Not sure	11%	4%	11%	11%	16%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brown/Mandel						
Sherrrod Brown	53%	84%	85%	62%	25%	10%
Josh Mandel	42%	12%	13%	30%	67%	88%
Undecided	6%	4%	2%	9%	8%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Voted Already?						
Yes	35%	50%	48%	28%	37%	22%
No	65%	50%	52%	72%	63%	78%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Issue 2						
For	37%	52%	55%	46%	21%	7%
Against	48%	37%	35%	37%	62%	76%
Not sure	15%	11%	11%	16%	17%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Who Won Debates Overall?						
Barack Obama	45%	81%	73%	51%	21%	5%
Mitt Romney	43%	14%	10%	32%	70%	91%
Not sure	12%	6%	17%	18%	9%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Economy?						
Barack Obama	52%	89%	87%	61%	24%	4%
Mitt Romney	46%	11%	11%	37%	75%	95%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trusted More on Foreign Policy						
Barack Obama	54%	88%	92%	62%	23%	4%
Mitt Romney	44%	12%	7%	35%	72%	95%
Not sure	2%	-	0%	3%	5%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Voter Enthusiasm						
Very excited	64%	89%	62%	53%	61%	77%
Somewhat excited	24%	6%	25%	32%	29%	12%
Not at all excited	12%	5%	13%	15%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democratic	50%	86%	90%	54%	23%	4%
Republican	42%	13%	7%	31%	70%	94%
Not sure	8%	2%	3%	15%	8%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	51%	55%	46%
Disapprove	48%	43%	52%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	47%	44%	51%
Unfavorable	50%	53%	48%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	51%	55%	46%
Mitt Romney	47%	43%	52%
Undecided	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown Approval			
Approve	47%	50%	44%
Disapprove	44%	39%	49%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mandel Favorability			
Favorable	38%	35%	42%
Unfavorable	51%	53%	49%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brown/Mandel			
Sherrrod Brown	53%	55%	50%
Josh Mandel	42%	38%	46%
Undecided	6%	7%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voted Already?			
Yes	35%	42%	28%
No	65%	58%	72%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Issue 2			
For	37%	35%	40%
Against	48%	47%	48%
Not sure	15%	18%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who Won Debates Overall?			
Barack Obama	45%	49%	41%
Mitt Romney	43%	42%	44%
Not sure	12%	9%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Economy?			
Barack Obama	52%	56%	48%
Mitt Romney	46%	42%	50%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trusted More on Foreign Policy			
Barack Obama	54%	57%	50%
Mitt Romney	44%	41%	47%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	64%	65%	64%
Somewhat excited	24%	23%	25%
Not at all excited	12%	12%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democratic	50%	54%	46%
Republican	42%	39%	45%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	89%	10%	42%
Disapprove	48%	10%	90%	54%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	47%	11%	90%	50%
Unfavorable	50%	86%	9%	48%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	51%	88%	9%	46%
Mitt Romney	47%	10%	90%	50%
Undecided	2%	2%	1%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown Approval				
Approve	47%	80%	10%	42%
Disapprove	44%	10%	82%	48%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Mandel Favorability				
Favorable	38%	8%	75%	38%
Unfavorable	51%	83%	14%	46%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brown/Mandel				
Sherrod Brown	53%	89%	12%	48%
Josh Mandel	42%	8%	81%	44%
Undecided	6%	3%	7%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Voted Already?				
Yes	35%	45%	26%	32%
No	65%	55%	74%	68%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Issue 2				
For	37%	55%	12%	41%
Against	48%	30%	72%	47%
Not sure	15%	15%	16%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Who Won Debates Overall?				
Barack Obama	45%	78%	8%	36%
Mitt Romney	43%	9%	87%	42%
Not sure	12%	13%	4%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	52%	90%	8%	43%
Mitt Romney	46%	9%	91%	52%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trusted More on Foreign Policy				
Barack Obama	54%	92%	8%	46%
Mitt Romney	44%	8%	88%	49%
Not sure	2%	0%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	64%	69%	68%	48%
Somewhat excited	24%	20%	21%	36%
Not at all excited	12%	11%	10%	16%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democratic	50%	89%	6%	40%
Republican	42%	7%	89%	41%
Not sure	8%	4%	5%	19%





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		White	African-American	Other
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Mitt Romney	47%	52%	12%	35%
Undecided	2%	1%	2%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Brown Approval				
Approve	47%	45%	66%	35%
Disapprove	44%	47%	20%	37%
Not sure	9%	7%	14%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
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Mandel Favorability				
Favorable	38%	42%	17%	25%
Unfavorable	51%	47%	80%	46%
Not sure	11%	11%	3%	28%

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		White	African-American	Other
Brown/Mandel				
Sherrrod Brown	53%	48%	86%	56%
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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Voted Already?				
Yes	35%	33%	52%	38%
No	65%	67%	48%	62%

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Issue 2				
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	Base	Race		
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Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democratic	50%	44%	96%	51%
Republican	42%	49%	1%	21%
Not sure	8%	7%	3%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	51%	55%	50%	52%	47%
Disapprove	48%	45%	47%	47%	52%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	1%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	47%	40%	48%	47%	52%
Unfavorable	50%	57%	50%	52%	44%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	51%	60%	53%	51%	45%
Mitt Romney	47%	36%	47%	46%	54%
Undecided	2%	5%	-	2%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown Approval					
Approve	47%	57%	42%	50%	43%
Disapprove	44%	36%	48%	42%	48%
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	9%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mandel Favorability					
Favorable	38%	40%	38%	37%	41%
Unfavorable	51%	57%	49%	52%	48%
Not sure	11%	2%	14%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brown/Mandel					
Sherrod Brown	53%	62%	52%	53%	47%
Josh Mandel	42%	36%	43%	40%	46%
Undecided	6%	2%	5%	7%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voted Already?					
Yes	35%	48%	23%	33%	49%
No	65%	52%	77%	67%	51%





Crosstabs

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Issue 2					
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Not sure	15%	20%	19%	14%	10%

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Who Won Debates Overall?					
Barack Obama	45%	52%	41%	48%	42%
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Not sure	12%	14%	16%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Economy?					
Barack Obama	52%	59%	51%	54%	45%
Mitt Romney	46%	38%	49%	44%	52%
Not sure	2%	3%	-	2%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trusted More on Foreign Policy					
Barack Obama	54%	62%	54%	55%	47%
Mitt Romney	44%	34%	45%	42%	50%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	64%	69%	57%	67%	65%
Somewhat excited	24%	21%	33%	21%	22%
Not at all excited	12%	10%	10%	12%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democratic	50%	64%	50%	50%	45%
Republican	42%	32%	39%	42%	49%
Not sure	8%	4%	11%	8%	6%

