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## **Obama gains ground in Ohio, leads Romney by 9**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – The likely electorate in PPP’s latest Ohio poll, the one which planned to overturn John Kasich’s Senate Bill 5 yesterday, was slightly older, whiter, and less Democratic than the respondents to PPP’s last poll of the state three weeks ago. But if that same pro-union but not so liberal electorate turns out next fall, President Obama will still win this crucial swing state by a larger margin than he did in 2008, even against his toughest opponent, Mitt Romney, who tied the president just three weeks ago here.

Obama leads Romney, 50-41, four points larger than his 52-47 win over John McCain three years ago, and nine points larger than the 46-46 tie found in mid-October. The president tops the other Republican aspirants by double-digit margins, and has increased his leads by two to eight points over them. He leads Herman Cain by 11 (50-39), up from only three in the previous poll; Newt Gingrich by 13 (51-38), up from 11; Ron Paul by 14 (50-36), up from eight; Michele Bachmann also by 14 (51-37), up from nine; and Rick Perry by 17 (53-36), up from nine.

The reason for the president’s improvement has to do with enthusiasm. The Democrats voting in this fall’s election are in lock-step behind him, and the Republicans, 30% of whom said they would vote to overturn SB5, are more favorable to him than those in the general registered electorate. While Romney pulled 12% of Democrats and ceded only 4% of Republicans just three weeks ago, the case now is almost the reverse, with Obama winning 10% of the GOP and losing only 4% of his own party. The Republicans next fall will not likely be so open to voting for him, but the president has to hope his own party remains as motivated to oppose the GOP nominee as they are to oppose Kasich now.

“The electorate next year probably won’t be as friendly to Democrats as the one that showed up in Ohio yesterday,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But after a tough 2010 there it looks like the party is reenergized and ready to come back out for Barack Obama in 2012.”

PPP surveyed 1,022 likely Ohio voters from November 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. 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 President Barack Obama's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 41%  
*Disapprove*..... 49%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

*Favorable*..... 24%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 47%  
*Not sure* ..... 28%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

*Favorable*..... 33%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 43%  
*Not sure* ..... 25%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

*Favorable*..... 31%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 51%  
*Not sure* ..... 18%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

*Favorable*..... 20%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 50%  
*Not sure* ..... 30%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

*Favorable*..... 17%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 58%  
*Not sure* ..... 25%

**Q7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 28%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 48%  
*Not sure* ..... 24%

**Q8** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Michele Bachmann, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 51%  
*Michele Bachmann* ..... 37%  
*Undecided*..... 12%

**Q9** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Herman Cain, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 50%  
*Herman Cain*..... 39%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

**Q10** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 51%  
*Newt Gingrich* ..... 38%  
*Undecided*..... 11%

**Q11** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Ron Paul, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 50%  
*Ron Paul*..... 36%  
*Undecided*..... 15%





**Q12** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Rick Perry, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 53%  
*Rick Perry*..... 36%  
*Undecided*..... 11%

**Q13** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 50%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 41%  
*Undecided*..... 9%

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

*Very liberal*..... 7%  
*Somewhat liberal*..... 20%  
*Moderate*..... 31%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 25%  
*Very conservative*..... 18%

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

*Woman*..... 53%  
*Man*..... 47%

**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*..... 41%  
*Republican*..... 35%  
*Independent/Other*..... 24%

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

*White*..... 85%  
*African-American*..... 11%  
*Other*..... 4%

**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*..... 8%  
*30 to 45*..... 26%  
*46 to 65*..... 40%  
*Older than 65*..... 26%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	41%	75%	72%	52%	17%	7%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	11%	19%	34%	72%	91%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	14%	9%	13%	10%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Bachmann Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	13%	8%	15%	29%	58%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	71%	70%	55%	34%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	28%	15%	22%	30%	37%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Cain Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	13%	15%	16%	46%	71%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	43%	66%	65%	54%	28%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	21%	20%	30%	25%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	31%	4%	8%	19%	48%	63%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	79%	79%	60%	34%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	16%	13%	21%	18%	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Paul Favorability</b>						
Favorable	20%	8%	16%	19%	24%	27%
Unfavorable	50%	69%	56%	47%	45%	48%
Not sure	30%	23%	28%	35%	32%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Perry Favorability</b>						
Favorable	17%	6%	4%	10%	22%	39%
Unfavorable	58%	78%	77%	61%	54%	32%
Not sure	25%	16%	19%	30%	24%	29%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
Favorable	28%	16%	15%	26%	36%	39%
Unfavorable	48%	68%	66%	46%	38%	41%
Not sure	24%	16%	19%	28%	27%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Bachmann</b>						
Barack Obama	51%	86%	90%	65%	24%	9%
Michele Bachmann	37%	7%	9%	17%	58%	84%
Undecided	12%	7%	1%	18%	17%	6%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Cain</b>						
Barack Obama	50%	84%	90%	64%	24%	8%
Herman Cain	39%	12%	8%	20%	61%	87%
Undecided	10%	4%	2%	16%	14%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>						
Barack Obama	51%	86%	88%	66%	24%	11%
Newt Gingrich	38%	9%	9%	20%	60%	82%
Undecided	11%	5%	3%	14%	16%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Paul</b>						
Barack Obama	50%	89%	86%	61%	25%	9%
Ron Paul	36%	5%	11%	22%	52%	77%
Undecided	15%	7%	3%	17%	23%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Perry</b>						
Barack Obama	53%	92%	88%	68%	27%	8%
Rick Perry	36%	6%	8%	18%	53%	86%
Undecided	11%	1%	4%	13%	20%	7%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>						
Barack Obama	50%	90%	82%	64%	27%	6%
Mitt Romney	41%	10%	12%	23%	62%	87%
Undecided	9%	-	6%	13%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
Approve	41%	45%	37%
Disapprove	49%	44%	56%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bachmann Favorability</b>			
Favorable	24%	20%	30%
Unfavorable	47%	46%	48%
Not sure	28%	34%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Cain Favorability</b>			
Favorable	33%	25%	42%
Unfavorable	43%	44%	41%
Not sure	25%	31%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	31%	25%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	52%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	22%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Paul Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	14%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	50%	47%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	39%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Perry Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	13%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	58%	57%	60%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	31%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	28%	26%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	44%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	29%	17%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Bachmann</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	56%	45%
<b>Michele Bachmann</b>	37%	31%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	12%	13%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Cain</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	56%	45%
<b>Herman Cain</b>	39%	33%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	57%	45%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	38%	32%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Paul</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	57%	42%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	36%	28%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	15%	15%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Perry</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	53%	58%	47%
<b>Rick Perry</b>	36%	30%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	54%	45%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	41%	36%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	73%	11%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	14%	86%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	12%	4%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bachmann Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	11%	42%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	65%	29%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	28%	24%	29%	34%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Cain Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	10%	61%	31%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	43%	65%	19%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	25%	21%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	31%	7%	57%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	75%	26%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	18%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Paul Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	12%	26%	25%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	50%	57%	47%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	31%	27%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Perry Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	5%	32%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	58%	73%	45%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	23%	23%	32%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	28%	13%	43%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	65%	35%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	22%	22%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Bachmann</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	90%	10%	43%
<b>Michele Bachmann</b>	37%	5%	74%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	12%	5%	16%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Cain</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	89%	9%	44%
<b>Herman Cain</b>	39%	5%	78%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	6%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	91%	11%	41%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	38%	4%	77%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	5%	13%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Paul</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	88%	12%	38%
Ron Paul	36%	5%	67%	44%
Undecided	15%	7%	22%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Perry</b>				
Barack Obama	53%	92%	13%	42%
Rick Perry	36%	4%	71%	41%
Undecided	11%	4%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	90%	10%	39%
Mitt Romney	41%	4%	82%	45%
Undecided	9%	6%	8%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
Approve	41%	37%	69%	62%
Disapprove	49%	53%	20%	35%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%	3%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Bachmann Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	26%	16%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	47%	50%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	28%	27%	34%	34%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Cain Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	34%	17%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	43%	42%	51%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	24%	32%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	31%	33%	12%	20%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	49%	63%	71%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	25%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Paul Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	21%	11%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	50%	50%	47%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	29%	42%	28%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Perry Favorability</b>				
Favorable	17%	18%	3%	10%
Unfavorable	58%	57%	69%	67%
Not sure	25%	25%	28%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
Favorable	28%	30%	16%	13%
Unfavorable	48%	47%	55%	66%
Not sure	24%	23%	29%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Bachmann</b>				
Barack Obama	51%	47%	76%	76%
Michele Bachmann	37%	41%	15%	20%
Undecided	12%	13%	10%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Cain</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	47%	76%	62%
Herman Cain	39%	42%	20%	23%
Undecided	10%	11%	4%	15%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
Barack Obama	51%	47%	81%	67%
Newt Gingrich	38%	42%	12%	26%
Undecided	11%	11%	7%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Paul</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	45%	81%	70%
Ron Paul	36%	39%	13%	28%
Undecided	15%	16%	6%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Perry</b>				
Barack Obama	53%	48%	85%	69%
Rick Perry	36%	40%	7%	26%
Undecided	11%	12%	8%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	46%	81%	64%
Mitt Romney	41%	45%	16%	31%
Undecided	9%	10%	3%	6%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	41%	42%	43%	40%	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	38%	48%	51%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	19%	10%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bachmann Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	28%	18%	26%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	32%	48%	48%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	28%	40%	33%	26%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Cain Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	32%	31%	35%	31%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	43%	24%	36%	44%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	44%	32%	21%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	31%	36%	30%	31%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	32%	50%	53%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	32%	20%	16%	15%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Paul Favorability</b>					
Favorable	20%	9%	22%	21%	18%
Unfavorable	50%	39%	40%	54%	55%
Not sure	30%	52%	38%	25%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Perry Favorability</b>					
Favorable	17%	13%	15%	20%	14%
Unfavorable	58%	50%	54%	58%	64%
Not sure	25%	38%	31%	21%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
Favorable	28%	25%	23%	29%	31%
Unfavorable	48%	29%	52%	50%	47%
Not sure	24%	46%	25%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Bachmann</b>					
Barack Obama	51%	63%	50%	49%	52%
Michele Bachmann	37%	17%	35%	41%	39%
Undecided	12%	21%	16%	10%	9%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Cain</b>					
Barack Obama	50%	63%	48%	49%	52%
Herman Cain	39%	25%	41%	41%	39%
Undecided	10%	13%	11%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>					
Barack Obama	51%	63%	48%	51%	52%
Newt Gingrich	38%	25%	37%	41%	39%
Undecided	11%	13%	15%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Paul</b>					
Barack Obama	50%	67%	46%	48%	51%
Ron Paul	36%	13%	37%	40%	35%
Undecided	15%	21%	17%	12%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Perry</b>					
Barack Obama	53%	70%	50%	51%	53%
Rick Perry	36%	13%	35%	40%	36%
Undecided	11%	17%	15%	8%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>50%</b>	65%	47%	49%	50%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	<b>41%</b>	30%	39%	43%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>9%</b>	4%	15%	8%	7%

