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### **Ohio Republicans Fall Behind in Hypothetical Ballot**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – In a match-up with 2014 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed FitzGerald, 38% of respondents chose FitzGerald while only 35% chose Republican Governor John Kasich. When polled last November, Kasich led a potential foe 44-43. 42% of respondents approve of Kasich while 47% disapprove. Men approved of Kasich 46-43 compared to 38-50 for women.

Even though FitzGerald was ahead in the hypothetical ballot, he was unknown by nearly two-thirds of respondents. 20% had a favorable opinion of him, while 18% had an unfavorable opinion. More men thought favorably of FitzGerald than women did, yet more men preferred Kasich to FitzGerald in a hypothetical ballot. Even 55% of Democrats were unsure about favorability for FitzGerald.

“John Kasich’s net approval rating has dropped by 10 points since we last polled Ohio in November,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “This race looks like a toss up at this point.”

Ohio’s Republican state treasurer Josh Mandel’s approval rating was even lower than Kasich’s; only 30% approve, while 41% disapprove and 30% were not sure. In a matchup with Democratic candidate Connie Pillich next year, 40% of voters said they’d choose Pillich compared to 35% for Mandel and 24% undecided.

28% of respondents said they approve of Republican Secretary of State Jon Husted’s job performance, while 28% disapprove and 43% were not sure. Husted just barely polled ahead in a hypothetical match-up with Democratic opponent Nina Turner: 37% Husted to 36% Turner.

Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine had the highest job approval rating in the poll; 49% of respondents said they approved, compared to 28% disapproving and 23% not sure. DeWine leads safely in a match-up with Democratic opponent David Pepper, 46-32. Democrats were split 40-40 approve-disapprove for DeWine, but they went strongly for Pepper for the hypothetical ballot.

PPP surveyed 551 Ohio voters between August 16-19, 2013. The margin of error for the sample is +/-4.2%. 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 ..... 47%  
Disapprove..... 49%  
Not sure ..... 4%

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

Approve ..... 42% Not sure ..... 11%  
Disapprove..... 47%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ed FitzGerald?

Favorable..... 20%  
Unfavorable ..... 18%  
Not sure ..... 62%

**Q4** If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican John Kasich and Democrat Ed FitzGerald, who would you vote for?

John Kasich ..... 35%  
Ed FitzGerald..... 38%  
Undecided..... 27%

**Q5** Do you approve or disapprove of State Treasurer Josh Mandel's job performance?

Approve ..... 30% Not sure ..... 30%  
Disapprove..... 41%

**Q6** If the candidates for State Treasurer next year were Republican Josh Mandel and Democrat Connie Pillich, who would you vote for?

Josh Mandel ..... 35%  
Connie Pillich..... 40%  
Undecided..... 24%

**Q7** Do you approve or disapprove of Secretary of State Jon Husted's job performance?

Approve ..... 28% Not sure ..... 43%  
Disapprove..... 28%

**Q8** If the candidates for Secretary of State next year were Republican Jon Husted and Democrat Nina Turner, who would you vote for?

Jon Husted..... 37%  
Nina Turner..... 36%  
Undecided..... 28%

**Q9** Do you approve or disapprove of Attorney General Mike DeWine's job performance?

Approve ..... 49% Not sure ..... 23%  
Disapprove..... 28%

**Q10** If the candidates for Attorney General next year were Republican Mike DeWine and Democrat David Pepper, who would you vote for?

Mike DeWine ..... 46%  
David Pepper..... 32%  
Undecided..... 21%

**Q11** In the last presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 47%  
Mitt Romney..... 45%  
Someone else/Don't remember ..... 8%

**Q12** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%  
Somewhat liberal ..... 17%  
Moderate..... 33%  
Somewhat conservative..... 23%  
Very conservative ..... 16%

**Q13** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman ..... 54%  
Man..... 46%





**Q14** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	42%
<i>Republican</i> .....	36%
<i>Independent/Other</i> .....	22%

**Q15** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i> .....	80%
<i>African-American</i> .....	11%
<i>Other</i> .....	8%

**Q16** If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i> .....	36%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	38%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	26%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	86%	7%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	9%	92%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	5%	1%	10%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	42%	24%	64%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	68%	25%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	9%	10%	31%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>FitzGerald Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	31%	9%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	17%	15%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	62%	52%	76%	49%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald</b>				
<b>John Kasich</b>	35%	11%	66%	5%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	65%	10%	29%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	24%	23%	66%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Mandel Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	30%	16%	47%	17%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	62%	17%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	23%	36%	33%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Mandel/Pillich</b>				
<b>Josh Mandel</b>	35%	9%	68%	7%
<b>Connie Pillich</b>	40%	69%	11%	30%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	21%	21%	62%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Husted Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	28%	18%	40%	24%
<b>Disapprove</b>	28%	40%	14%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	42%	45%	36%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Husted/Turner</b>				
<b>Jon Husted</b>	37%	10%	68%	17%
<b>Nina Turner</b>	36%	64%	10%	8%
<b>Undecided</b>	28%	26%	22%	75%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>DeWine Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	49%	41%	59%	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	28%	36%	18%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	23%	23%	23%	22%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>DeWine/Pepper</b>				
<b>Mike DeWine</b>	46%	27%	71%	22%
<b>David Pepper</b>	32%	55%	10%	20%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	18%	19%	58%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	47%	69%	79%	65%	13%	13%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	28%	17%	29%	85%	86%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	5%	6%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kasich Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	42%	36%	21%	31%	55%	71%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	60%	70%	56%	35%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	3%	8%	13%	10%	16%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>FitzGerald Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	38%	28%	23%	9%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	24%	11%	23%	14%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	62%	38%	61%	54%	77%	77%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald</b>						
<b>John Kasich</b>	35%	30%	8%	20%	56%	67%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	53%	64%	47%	19%	9%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	17%	28%	32%	25%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Mandel Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	30%	35%	13%	15%	41%	58%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	53%	60%	55%	23%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	12%	27%	30%	36%	34%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Mandel/Pillich</b>						
<b>Josh Mandel</b>	35%	32%	10%	18%	54%	71%
<b>Connie Pillich</b>	40%	53%	71%	53%	21%	3%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	15%	19%	29%	24%	26%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Husted Approval</b>						
Approve	28%	30%	14%	23%	33%	45%
Disapprove	28%	54%	37%	35%	14%	9%
Not sure	43%	16%	49%	41%	53%	46%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Husted/Turner</b>						
Jon Husted	37%	34%	9%	21%	58%	65%
Nina Turner	36%	49%	67%	45%	13%	8%
Undecided	28%	17%	24%	33%	29%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>DeWine Approval</b>						
Approve	49%	41%	36%	45%	66%	54%
Disapprove	28%	47%	45%	28%	16%	12%
Not sure	23%	12%	18%	27%	17%	34%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>DeWine/Pepper</b>						
Mike DeWine	46%	39%	24%	36%	73%	58%
David Pepper	32%	53%	60%	40%	12%	4%
Undecided	21%	8%	16%	24%	16%	38%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	47%	52%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	49%	44%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kasich Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	42%	38%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	50%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>FitzGerald Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	16%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	18%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	62%	66%	59%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald</b>			
<b>John Kasich</b>	35%	28%	44%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	37%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	35%	18%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Mandel Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	30%	25%	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	39%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	36%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Mandel/Pillich</b>			
<b>Josh Mandel</b>	35%	30%	41%
<b>Connie Pillich</b>	40%	38%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	32%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Husted Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	28%	28%	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	28%	23%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	49%	36%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Husted/Turner</b>			
<b>Jon Husted</b>	37%	31%	43%
<b>Nina Turner</b>	36%	32%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	28%	37%	17%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>DeWine Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>49%</b>	52%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>28%</b>	23%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>23%</b>	25%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>DeWine/Pepper</b>			
<b>Mike DeWine</b>	<b>46%</b>	47%	45%
<b>David Pepper</b>	<b>32%</b>	28%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>21%</b>	25%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>47%</b>	79%	9%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>49%</b>	14%	89%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	6%	2%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>42%</b>	28%	64%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>47%</b>	64%	23%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	8%	13%	14%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>FitzGerald Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	31%	10%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	14%	16%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	62%	55%	74%	59%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald</b>				
<b>John Kasich</b>	35%	10%	68%	31%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	61%	9%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	29%	23%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Mandel Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	30%	18%	45%	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	56%	18%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	27%	37%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Mandel/Pillich</b>				
<b>Josh Mandel</b>	35%	13%	68%	27%
<b>Connie Pillich</b>	40%	64%	13%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	23%	19%	34%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Husted Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	28%	18%	38%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	28%	37%	16%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	44%	46%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Husted/Turner</b>				
<b>Jon Husted</b>	37%	14%	67%	31%
<b>Nina Turner</b>	36%	59%	10%	32%
<b>Undecided</b>	28%	27%	22%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>DeWine Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	49%	40%	58%	53%
<b>Disapprove</b>	28%	40%	16%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	23%	20%	26%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>DeWine/Pepper</b>				
<b>Mike DeWine</b>	46%	27%	68%	47%
<b>David Pepper</b>	32%	54%	13%	22%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	19%	19%	30%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>47%</b>	41%	84%	54%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>49%</b>	55%	13%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	3%	3%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>42%</b>	44%	31%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>47%</b>	46%	50%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	10%	19%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>FitzGerald Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>20%</b>	19%	30%	13%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>18%</b>	15%	25%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>62%</b>	66%	44%	52%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald</b>				
<b>John Kasich</b>	<b>35%</b>	38%	9%	42%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	<b>38%</b>	35%	58%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>27%</b>	27%	33%	15%





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		White	African-American	Other
<b>Mandel Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	30%	30%	25%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	39%	44%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	32%	31%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Mandel/Pillich</b>				
<b>Josh Mandel</b>	35%	38%	17%	34%
<b>Connie Pillich</b>	40%	37%	53%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	25%	30%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Husted Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	28%	30%	16%	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	28%	26%	35%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	44%	49%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Husted/Turner</b>				
<b>Jon Husted</b>	37%	41%	8%	31%
<b>Nina Turner</b>	36%	31%	62%	50%
<b>Undecided</b>	28%	28%	30%	19%





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		White	African-American	Other
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Approve	49%	51%	33%	53%
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Not sure	23%	22%	28%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>DeWine/Pepper</b>				
Mike DeWine	46%	50%	21%	47%
David Pepper	32%	27%	61%	38%
Undecided	21%	23%	18%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
Approve	47%	53%	46%	40%
Disapprove	49%	45%	49%	55%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kasich Approval</b>				
Approve	42%	45%	34%	49%
Disapprove	47%	41%	56%	41%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	10%







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	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>FitzGerald Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	21%	19%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	18%	15%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	62%	61%	66%	60%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald</b>				
<b>John Kasich</b>	35%	33%	30%	45%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	35%	44%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	32%	26%	22%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Mandel Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	30%	35%	22%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	41%	47%	30%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	24%	31%	35%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Mandel/Pillich</b>				
<b>Josh Mandel</b>	35%	33%	33%	42%
<b>Connie Pillich</b>	40%	33%	48%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	33%	19%	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Husted Approval</b>				
Approve	28%	33%	24%	28%
Disapprove	28%	30%	27%	28%
Not sure	43%	36%	49%	45%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Husted/Turner</b>				
Jon Husted	37%	33%	35%	44%
Nina Turner	36%	32%	39%	37%
Undecided	28%	35%	27%	19%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>DeWine Approval</b>				
Approve	49%	43%	51%	55%
Disapprove	28%	30%	27%	26%
Not sure	23%	27%	22%	19%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>DeWine/Pepper</b>				
Mike DeWine	46%	37%	50%	53%
David Pepper	32%	33%	33%	30%
Undecided	21%	30%	17%	17%

