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## **Ohio Voters Optimistic for New Administration**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that voters in Ohio overwhelmingly approve of the way President Barack Obama has handled his transition into office.

59% of respondents said they approved of the transition, with only 27% reporting that they disapprove.

Obama draws approval from groups across demographics. 50% of white voters and nearly two-thirds of African-American voters reported a positive view of his transition.

The survey also finds that a sizeable majority of voters believe that Obama will ultimately make a better president than George W. Bush, with a 51/33 split in Obama's favor.

Among independent voters, 46% said they think Obama will be a superior president. Though 83% of Democrats think so as well, 63% of Republican voters reported thinking Obama will not be an improvement over Bush.

“Ohio put George W. Bush over the top for another four years in office in 2004,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But it's pretty clear now that they think changing presidents will be a step forward.”

Later this week, PPP will release results about the 2010 Ohio governor's race and how former Republican Congressman John Kasich would stack up against incumbent Democrat Ted Strickland.

PPP surveyed 578 Ohio voters on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## Ohio Survey Results

**Q1** Who do you think will end up being a better President: George W. Bush or Barack Obama? If George W. Bush, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Bush* ..... 33%  
*Obama* ..... 51%  
*Not Sure*..... 16%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of how Barack Obama has handled his transition into office? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 59%  
*Disapprove*..... 27%  
*Not Sure*..... 14%

**Q3** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Women* .....54% *Men*.....46%

**Q4** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 45%  
*Republican*..... 35%  
*Other*..... 20%

**Q5** If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* .....84% *Other*..... 3%  
*African American* ...13%

**Q6** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

*18-29*..... 8% *46-65*.....38%  
*30-45*.....27% *Older than 65*.....28%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Bush/Obama</b>			
<b>Bush</b>	33%	25%	43%
<b>Obama</b>	51%	59%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	16%	16%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	59%	64%	54%
<b>Disapprove</b>	27%	23%	32%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	13%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Bush/Obama</b>				
<b>Bush</b>	33%	8%	63%	36%
<b>Obama</b>	51%	83%	13%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	16%	9%	24%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	59%	84%	32%	51%
<b>Disapprove</b>	27%	8%	49%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	8%	19%	19%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Bush/Obama</b>				
<b>Bush</b>	33%	34%	29%	32%
<b>Obama</b>	51%	48%	67%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	16%	18%	5%	12%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	59%	59%	64%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	27%	26%	33%	32%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	15%	2%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
<b>Bush/Obama</b>					
<b>Bush</b>	33%	32%	31%	36%	30%
<b>Obama</b>	51%	57%	53%	48%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	16%	11%	16%	15%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	59%	59%	61%	57%	61%
<b>Disapprove</b>	27%	32%	27%	30%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	9%	13%	13%	17%

