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Obama has a large lead in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama kicks off the general election with a 50-39 lead over John McCain in Ohio, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling.

It's a significant change from PPP's most recent previous Ohio survey, conducted in March, which found Obama trailing McCain 49-41 during the heart of the Jeremiah Wright controversy.

Obama leads by equal margins among men and women, and has a four point lead with white voters while also holding a dominant 75-21 advantage with African Americans.

The survey also found that Hillary Clinton could help him if she was on the ticket in Ohio. 19% of respondents said they would be more likely to vote for Obama if he was her VP choice, while 15% said they would be less likely to support him.

Clinton fares better as a possible choice than Governor Ted Strickland. Even though Strickland's approval rating is a strong 47/26, 15% of respondents said they would be less likely to vote for Obama if he was on the ticket, compared to just 11% who said his inclusion would make them more likely to go for him.

"Barack Obama appears to be enjoying a strong unity bounce in Ohio," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "He begins the general election campaign in a strong position in the state, and Ohio is one place where putting Senator Clinton on the ticket seems likely to give him a boost."

PPP also found that Republican Senator George Voinovich could be vulnerable to a challenge in 2010 from Democratic Congressmen Tim Ryan and Betty Sutton.

PPP surveyed 733 likely voters on June 14th and 15th. The survey's margin of error is +/- 3.6%. 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.

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



Ohio Poll

Q1 The candidates for President are Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain.....39% *Undecided*.....11%

Obama.....50%

Q2 What impact would Barack Obama choosing Hillary Clinton as his running mate have on your vote for President? Would it not matter because you're voting for Obama no matter what, not matter because you're voting for John McCain no matter what, make you more likely to vote for Obama, or make you less likely to vote for Obama? If it wouldn't matter because you're voting for Obama no matter what, press 1. If it wouldn't matter because you're voting for McCain no matter what, press 2. If choosing Clinton would make you more likely to vote for Obama, press 3. If it would make you less likely to vote for Obama, press 4. If you're not sure, press 5.

Voting for Obama regardless.....34% *More likely to vote for Obama*.....19%

Voting for McCain regardless.....29% *Less likely to vote for Obama*.....15%

Not sure..... 2%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Governor Ted Strickland's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 47%

Disapprove..... 26%

Not sure..... 27%

Q4 What impact would Barack Obama choosing Ted Strickland as his running mate have on your vote for President? Would it not matter because you're voting for Obama no matter what, not matter because you're voting for John McCain no matter what, make you more likely to vote for Obama, or make you less likely to vote for Obama? If it wouldn't matter because you're voting for Obama no matter what, press 1. If it wouldn't matter because you're voting for McCain no matter what, press 2. If choosing Strickland would make you more likely to vote for Obama, press 3. If it would make you less likely to vote for Obama, press 4. If you're not sure, press 5.

Voting for Obama regardless 37% *More likely to vote for Obama* 11%

Voting for McCain regardless 30% *Less likely to vote for Obama* 15%

Not sure 7%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Republican Senator George Voinovich's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve..... 31% *Not sure* 29%

Disapprove..... 39%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Tim Ryan and Republican George Voinovich, who would you vote for? If Tim Ryan, press 1. If George Voinovich, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Ryan33% *Undecided*.....34%

Voinovich33%





Q7 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Betty Sutton and Republican George Voinovich, who would you vote for? If Betty Sutton, press 1. If George Voinovich, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Sutton 32%
Voinovich 37%
Undecided..... 32%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat 55%
Republican..... 30%
Other..... 15%

Q10 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 82%
African-American 13%
Other..... 4%

Q11 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, press 4.

18 to 29..... 17%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 41%
Older than 65..... 14%





Ohio

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Obama			
McCain	39%	39%	40%
Obama	50%	49%	50%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Clinton on Ticket			
Voting for Obama regardless	34%	35%	33%
Voting for McCain regardless	29%	28%	31%
More likely to vote for Obama	19%	23%	15%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	12%	19%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Strickland Approval			
Approve	47%	45%	50%
Disapprove	26%	22%	30%
Not sure	27%	33%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Strickland on Ticket			
Voting for Obama regardless	37%	37%	37%
Voting for McCain regardless	30%	31%	30%
More likely to vote for Obama	11%	12%	9%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	13%	18%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voinovich Approval			
Approve	31%	33%	30%
Disapprove	39%	31%	48%
Not sure	29%	37%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Ryan/Voinovich			
Ryan	33%	30%	36%
Voinovich	33%	34%	32%
Undecided	34%	36%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sutton/Voinovich			
Sutton	32%	31%	33%
Voinovich	37%	35%	38%
Undecided	32%	34%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	39%	17%	83%	32%
Obama	50%	73%	10%	45%
Undecided	11%	10%	7%	23%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Clinton on Ticket				
Voting for Obama regardless	34%	50%	6%	32%
Voting for McCain regardless	29%	11%	66%	20%
More likely to vote for Obama	19%	28%	5%	15%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	10%	20%	27%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Strickland Approval				
Approve	47%	58%	31%	41%
Disapprove	26%	22%	32%	26%
Not sure	27%	20%	37%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Strickland on Ticket				
Voting for Obama regardless	37%	55%	7%	32%
Voting for McCain regardless	30%	12%	72%	15%
More likely to vote for Obama	11%	13%	6%	13%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	15%	11%	24%
Not sure	7%	6%	4%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Voinovich Approval				
Approve	31%	25%	42%	31%
Disapprove	39%	45%	30%	35%
Not sure	29%	29%	28%	34%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Ryan/Voinovich				
Ryan	33%	48%	8%	25%
Voinovich	33%	17%	62%	31%
Undecided	34%	34%	30%	44%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Sutton/Voinovich				
Sutton	32%	48%	6%	24%
Voinovich	37%	20%	66%	40%
Undecided	32%	32%	29%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	39%	42%	21%	43%
Obama	50%	46%	75%	41%
Undecided	11%	12%	4%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Clinton on Ticket				
Voting for Obama regardless	34%	28%	69%	30%
Voting for McCain regardless	29%	31%	17%	30%
More likely to vote for Obama	19%	21%	8%	15%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	17%	5%	18%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	7%





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		White	African-American	Other
Strickland Approval				
Approve	47%	52%	24%	35%
Disapprove	26%	23%	38%	40%
Not sure	27%	25%	38%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Strickland on Ticket				
Voting for Obama regardless	37%	32%	66%	31%
Voting for McCain regardless	30%	33%	13%	24%
More likely to vote for Obama	11%	12%	3%	-
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	15%	13%	29%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Voinovich Approval				
Approve	31%	32%	24%	29%
Disapprove	39%	39%	39%	47%
Not sure	29%	29%	37%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Ryan/Voinovich				
Ryan	33%	32%	40%	41%
Voinovich	33%	34%	23%	33%
Undecided	34%	34%	37%	27%





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Sutton	32%	30%	40%	38%
Voinovich	37%	38%	26%	35%
Undecided	32%	31%	34%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCain/Obama					
McCain	39%	45%	36%	35%	50%
Obama	50%	46%	53%	53%	35%
Undecided	11%	9%	11%	11%	14%

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Clinton on Ticket					
Voting for Obama regardless	34%	41%	33%	34%	26%
Voting for McCain regardless	29%	32%	27%	25%	41%
More likely to vote for Obama	19%	16%	16%	23%	18%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	9%	23%	15%	11%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Strickland Approval					
Approve	47%	39%	52%	47%	51%
Disapprove	26%	32%	26%	24%	22%
Not sure	27%	29%	22%	29%	27%





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Strickland on Ticket					
Voting for Obama regardless	37%	34%	39%	40%	28%
Voting for McCain regardless	30%	32%	28%	27%	42%
More likely to vote for Obama	11%	9%	12%	11%	9%
Less likely to vote for Obama	15%	18%	15%	15%	11%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voinovich Approval					
Approve	31%	33%	29%	31%	34%
Disapprove	39%	35%	44%	40%	36%
Not sure	29%	33%	27%	30%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ryan/Voinovich					
Ryan	33%	24%	39%	34%	28%
Voinovich	33%	38%	34%	29%	37%
Undecided	34%	38%	28%	36%	35%

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Sutton	32%	25%	37%	34%	24%
Voinovich	37%	42%	37%	32%	42%
Undecided	32%	33%	26%	34%	34%

