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Obama, Romney tied in Pennsylvania

Raleigh, N.C. – President Obama’s approval rating in Pennsylvania has deteriorated to the point that there is no state he hopes to win next year which sees him worse. 42% approve and 53% disapprove of his job performance in the Keystone State, a nine-point decline from the 46-48 PPP measured less than five months ago. That puts the state and its views on the president in league with tough-to-win states like Missouri and Montana, both of which Obama’s campaign played in in 2008, but neither of which he won, and neither of which he will likely win next year.

Luckily for the president, he has not yet fallen behind the Republicans hoping to depose him next fall. But he is still in trouble of losing Pennsylvania’s crucial electoral votes; he won them by ten points over John McCain. Obama ties Mitt Romney at 45%; the two were knotted at 44% in June. He leads Ron Paul by four, 46-42; the state’s former Sen. Rick Santorum by five, 47-42; Newt Gingrich by six, 49-43; Rick Perry by 13, 51-38; and Herman Cain by 18, 53-35. The president is ceding 11-16% of his own party’s vote, more than the 10% reported by exit polls in 2008. He is losing independents by up to three points and winning them by no more than seven, when he beat McCain by 19. He is cushioned by still taking 8-15% of the GOP (versus 13% in 2008).

For Cain, the only one tested in both polls other than Romney, this is an extraordinary slippage from an already bad 12-point deficit when only 55% of voters could express an opinion on him. But now that 83% are familiar with him after the sexual harassment allegations, his numbers are rapidly eroding. Only 22% have a favorable opinion of him, to 61% with an unfavorable one. In June, that same 22% saw him positively, but only a third negatively. Perry is the only one worse off on a personal level (17-66).

“Pennsylvania is Barack Obama’s most worrisome state for 2012,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He’s slipped there more than in any other large state and the electoral college picture changes fundamentally if it goes into the GOP column.”

PPP surveyed 500 Pennsylvania voters from November 17th to 20th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.4%. 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.



Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 42%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 61%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 31%
Unfavorable 55%
Not sure 14%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 21%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 17%
Unfavorable 66%
Not sure 17%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 32%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 17%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?

Favorable..... 31%
Unfavorable 53%
Not sure 16%

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

Barack Obama..... 53%
Herman Cain..... 35%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 49%
Newt Gingrich 43%
Undecided..... 9%

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

Barack Obama..... 46%
Ron Paul..... 42%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 51%
Rick Perry 38%
Undecided..... 11%





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

<i>Barack Obama</i>	45%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	45%
<i>Undecided</i>	11%

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

<i>Barack Obama</i>	47%
<i>Rick Santorum</i>	42%
<i>Undecided</i>	10%

Q14 Which system would you prefer for dispensing Pennsylvania's electoral votes: giving all of them to the statewide winner or giving one to the winner of each individual Congressional District?

<i>The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner</i>	38%
<i>One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional District</i>	43%
<i>Not sure</i>	19%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	11%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	18%
<i>Moderate</i>	26%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	28%
<i>Very conservative</i>	18%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q17 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>	49%
<i>Republican</i>	41%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	9%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	84%
<i>African-American</i>	12%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q19 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	16%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	42%	71%	77%	57%	13%	12%
Disapprove	53%	24%	22%	35%	84%	82%
Not sure	5%	5%	1%	8%	3%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cain Favorability						
Favorable	22%	7%	5%	12%	30%	52%
Unfavorable	61%	79%	89%	69%	47%	29%
Not sure	17%	14%	6%	19%	23%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	31%	10%	5%	12%	54%	64%
Unfavorable	55%	76%	85%	73%	30%	22%
Not sure	14%	14%	10%	14%	16%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	27%	24%	28%	24%	30%	31%
Unfavorable	51%	50%	62%	53%	42%	54%
Not sure	21%	26%	10%	24%	29%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	17%	5%	6%	10%	24%	34%
Unfavorable	66%	82%	80%	79%	48%	52%
Not sure	17%	13%	14%	11%	28%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	32%	19%	13%	32%	47%	36%
Unfavorable	51%	67%	78%	47%	31%	51%
Not sure	17%	14%	9%	21%	22%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Santorum Favorability						
Favorable	31%	21%	12%	13%	46%	58%
Unfavorable	53%	64%	74%	72%	31%	32%
Not sure	16%	15%	14%	15%	23%	10%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	53%	77%	86%	75%	26%	16%
Herman Cain	35%	17%	11%	15%	54%	70%
Undecided	12%	6%	3%	10%	19%	14%





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Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	49%	84%	85%	67%	18%	10%
Newt Gingrich	43%	16%	10%	22%	68%	84%
Undecided	9%	-	5%	10%	14%	6%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	46%	66%	79%	67%	18%	11%
Ron Paul	42%	24%	15%	22%	65%	75%
Undecided	12%	10%	6%	11%	16%	14%

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Obama/Perry						
Barack Obama	51%	77%	86%	70%	22%	15%
Rick Perry	38%	18%	11%	19%	60%	74%
Undecided	11%	5%	3%	11%	18%	11%

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Undecided	11%	6%	8%	14%	11%	10%





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Obama/Santorum						
Barack Obama	47%	77%	83%	66%	15%	16%
Rick Santorum	42%	18%	12%	19%	72%	76%
Undecided	10%	5%	4%	14%	14%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should EVs Go to Statewide Winner or By CD?						
The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner	38%	40%	57%	42%	29%	26%
One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional District	43%	41%	25%	46%	43%	55%
Not sure	19%	18%	18%	12%	27%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	42%	47%	37%
Disapprove	53%	48%	58%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	22%	16%	29%
Unfavorable	61%	63%	58%
Not sure	17%	22%	12%





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Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	31%	23%	40%
Unfavorable	55%	60%	50%
Not sure	14%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	27%	23%	32%
Unfavorable	51%	51%	52%
Not sure	21%	27%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	17%	15%	19%
Unfavorable	66%	64%	69%
Not sure	17%	21%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	32%	30%	33%
Unfavorable	51%	50%	52%
Not sure	17%	20%	14%





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Santorum Favorability			
Favorable	31%	28%	34%
Unfavorable	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	16%	21%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Cain			
Barack Obama	53%	60%	45%
Herman Cain	35%	27%	44%
Undecided	12%	13%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	49%	58%	39%
Newt Gingrich	43%	35%	51%
Undecided	9%	7%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	46%	52%	39%
Ron Paul	42%	37%	48%
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	Base	Gender	
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Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	51%	57%	44%
Rick Perry	38%	33%	45%
Undecided	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	45%	51%	39%
Mitt Romney	45%	40%	49%
Undecided	11%	9%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Santorum			
Barack Obama	47%	52%	42%
Rick Santorum	42%	37%	48%
Undecided	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should EVs Go to Statewide Winner or By CD?			
The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner	38%	34%	43%
One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional District	43%	41%	45%
Not sure	19%	25%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	42%	69%	9%	45%
Disapprove	53%	26%	85%	53%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	22%	8%	37%	28%
Unfavorable	61%	77%	41%	64%
Not sure	17%	14%	22%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	31%	9%	60%	25%
Unfavorable	55%	78%	24%	71%
Not sure	14%	13%	16%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	27%	24%	30%	36%
Unfavorable	51%	54%	47%	57%
Not sure	21%	22%	23%	7%





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Perry Favorability				
Favorable	17%	6%	31%	12%
Unfavorable	66%	81%	47%	74%
Not sure	17%	13%	22%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	32%	24%	45%	18%
Unfavorable	51%	59%	37%	70%
Not sure	17%	17%	18%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	31%	15%	50%	31%
Unfavorable	53%	69%	33%	55%
Not sure	16%	16%	17%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	53%	84%	19%	45%
Herman Cain	35%	10%	65%	38%
Undecided	12%	6%	17%	17%





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Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	49%	83%	8%	43%
Newt Gingrich	43%	11%	82%	39%
Undecided	9%	6%	9%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Paul				
Barack Obama	46%	76%	11%	41%
Ron Paul	42%	16%	72%	44%
Undecided	12%	8%	16%	16%

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Rick Perry	38%	11%	71%	38%
Undecided	11%	7%	14%	18%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	76%	10%	36%
Mitt Romney	45%	15%	81%	38%
Undecided	11%	9%	9%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Santorum				
Barack Obama	47%	78%	13%	41%
Rick Santorum	42%	16%	75%	34%
Undecided	10%	6%	12%	25%

	Base	Party		
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Should EVs Go to Statewide Winner or By CD?				
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One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional District	43%	33%	53%	45%
Not sure	19%	16%	23%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	42%	36%	80%	47%
Disapprove	53%	59%	18%	40%
Not sure	5%	5%	2%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	22%	24%	10%	13%
Unfavorable	61%	59%	72%	60%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%	27%





Crosstabs

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Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	31%	36%	9%	15%
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Paul Favorability				
Favorable	27%	28%	21%	26%
Unfavorable	51%	51%	52%	47%
Not sure	21%	20%	27%	27%

	Base	Race		
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Perry Favorability				
Favorable	17%	18%	10%	7%
Unfavorable	66%	66%	74%	53%
Not sure	17%	16%	16%	40%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	32%	35%	14%	14%
Unfavorable	51%	49%	67%	49%
Not sure	17%	16%	19%	37%





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Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	31%	34%	15%	14%
Unfavorable	53%	52%	64%	40%
Not sure	16%	14%	22%	47%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	53%	49%	85%	51%
Herman Cain	35%	39%	11%	33%
Undecided	12%	12%	5%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	49%	43%	88%	51%
Newt Gingrich	43%	49%	7%	33%
Undecided	9%	9%	5%	16%

	Base	Race		
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Undecided	11%	11%	5%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	39%	83%	40%
Mitt Romney	45%	50%	11%	37%
Undecided	11%	11%	6%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Santorum				
Barack Obama	47%	42%	85%	42%
Rick Santorum	42%	47%	11%	41%
Undecided	10%	11%	4%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should EVs Go to Statewide Winner or By CD?				
The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner	38%	36%	58%	37%
One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional District	43%	47%	19%	30%
Not sure	19%	18%	23%	33%





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Obama Approval					
Approve	42%	53%	41%	41%	37%
Disapprove	53%	45%	53%	55%	57%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	4%	6%

	Base	Age			
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Cain Favorability					
Favorable	22%	18%	16%	25%	29%
Unfavorable	61%	70%	57%	63%	53%
Not sure	17%	13%	27%	12%	18%

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Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	31%	20%	27%	30%	48%
Unfavorable	55%	68%	49%	60%	42%
Not sure	14%	13%	24%	10%	10%

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Paul Favorability					
Favorable	27%	33%	25%	27%	27%
Unfavorable	51%	53%	45%	55%	51%
Not sure	21%	15%	29%	18%	23%





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Perry Favorability					
Favorable	17%	8%	16%	19%	22%
Unfavorable	66%	75%	61%	67%	65%
Not sure	17%	18%	24%	14%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	32%	25%	24%	32%	47%
Unfavorable	51%	63%	53%	51%	41%
Not sure	17%	13%	24%	17%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Santorum Favorability					
Favorable	31%	30%	20%	34%	40%
Unfavorable	53%	57%	53%	55%	45%
Not sure	16%	13%	27%	12%	15%

	Base	Age			
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Obama/Cain					
Barack Obama	53%	65%	59%	50%	42%
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Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	49%	70%	43%	48%	38%
Newt Gingrich	43%	23%	51%	41%	53%
Undecided	9%	8%	6%	11%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	46%	55%	45%	46%	38%
Ron Paul	42%	35%	51%	38%	45%
Undecided	12%	10%	4%	15%	17%

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Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	51%	65%	53%	48%	41%
Rick Perry	38%	25%	41%	39%	44%
Undecided	11%	10%	6%	12%	14%

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Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	45%	60%	49%	42%	32%
Mitt Romney	45%	33%	45%	46%	52%
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Barack Obama	47%	55%	49%	48%	39%
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