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Romney leads in Texas

Raleigh, N.C. – If Newt Gingrich was going to win a big victory anywhere between now and the Republican convention Texas would be a logical candidate...but it doesn't look like that's going to happen. Mitt Romney leads the state with 45% to 35% for Newt Gingrich and 14% for Ron Paul.

Texas really shows the extent to which GOP voters have unified around Romney over the last few weeks. When we polled the state in January Republicans were evenly divided in their feelings about him with 44% rating him favorably and 44% giving him poor marks. Now his favorability is a +43 spread at 66/23. That's very much indicative of people jumping on board the train.

There's a few things in the crosstabs that really stand out. Romney's winning Tea Party voters by a 44-38 spread. But he's still losing Evangelicals to Gingrich by a 45-40 margin. That's indicative of those voters still being somewhat tepid toward Romney and while there's little chance those folks would go for Barack Obama in the fall, Romney does need to worry at least a bit about whether they're going to come out at all.

Ron Paul's headed for an embarrassing performance in his home state. Only 37% of Texas Republicans have a favorable opinion of him to 48% with a negative one and his chances of hitting 20% even with most of the rest of the field out of the picture look minimal.

Texas looks like it will remain Republican in the general election, although it might be closer than it was in 2008. Romney leads Obama by 7 points at 50-43. John McCain took the state by 13 points in 2008. Obama leads Romney 56-34 with Hispanics and 57-35 with young voters. This is not likely to be the year Texas goes Democratic, but the trends with those groups make it seem possible it will happen some day.

“Strong might not be the word to describe Mitt Romney’s position in Texas,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Voters in the state don’t like him all that much. But he’s still the favorite for both the primary and general elections.”

PPP surveyed 591 Texas voters from April 19th to 22nd, as well as 400 Republican primary voters. The margin of error for the overall survey is +/-4.0% and for the GOP survey it's +/-4.9%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization.





Texas Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?
- Favorable*..... 55%
 - Unfavorable* 32%
 - Not sure* 13%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?
- Favorable*..... 37%
 - Unfavorable* 48%
 - Not sure* 14%
- Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?
- Favorable*..... 66%
 - Unfavorable* 23%
 - Not sure* 11%
- Q4** If the Republican candidates for President were Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?
- Newt Gingrich* 35%
 - Ron Paul* 14%
 - Mitt Romney*..... 45%
 - Someone else/Not sure* 6%
- Q5** Do you consider yourself to be a member of the Tea Party?
- Yes*..... 34%
 - No* 48%
 - Not sure* 18%
- Q6** Are you an Evangelical Christian, or not?
- Are an Evangelical*..... 59%
 - Are not* 41%
- Q7** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
- Very liberal*..... 2%
 - Somewhat liberal* 6%
 - Moderate*..... 12%
 - Somewhat conservative*..... 33%
 - Very conservative* 47%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
- Woman* 52%
 - Man*..... 48%
- Q9** 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* 3%
 - Republican*..... 79%
 - Independent/Other*..... 18%
- Q10** If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.
- 18 to 45*..... 32%
 - 46 to 65*..... 41%
 - Older than 65*..... 27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	55%	71%	42%	62%
Unfavorable	32%	20%	45%	22%
Not sure	13%	9%	13%	17%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	37%	34%	41%	34%
Unfavorable	48%	55%	46%	44%
Not sure	14%	12%	14%	22%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	66%	67%	60%	77%
Unfavorable	23%	26%	26%	12%
Not sure	11%	7%	14%	11%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	35%	38%	30%	45%
Ron Paul	14%	15%	15%	9%
Mitt Romney	45%	44%	49%	38%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	3%	6%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	55%	62%	45%
Unfavorable	32%	24%	45%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	37%	31%	46%
Unfavorable	48%	54%	41%
Not sure	14%	15%	13%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	66%	68%	61%
Unfavorable	23%	22%	26%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Newt Gingrich	35%	45%	21%
Ron Paul	14%	9%	21%
Mitt Romney	45%	40%	53%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	6%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	55%	36%	23%	36%	52%	68%
Unfavorable	32%	64%	54%	45%	36%	22%
Not sure	13%	-	23%	19%	12%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	37%	19%	48%	46%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	48%	71%	33%	37%	50%	51%
Not sure	14%	10%	19%	16%	13%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	66%	60%	35%	63%	75%	64%
Unfavorable	23%	31%	50%	25%	12%	27%
Not sure	11%	10%	15%	12%	13%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary						
Newt Gingrich	35%	43%	14%	24%	33%	42%
Ron Paul	14%	10%	47%	9%	12%	12%
Mitt Romney	45%	47%	31%	55%	52%	40%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	-	8%	11%	2%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	55%	49%	62%
Unfavorable	32%	33%	31%
Not sure	13%	18%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	37%	29%	46%
Unfavorable	48%	54%	42%
Not sure	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	66%	67%	65%
Unfavorable	23%	20%	27%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Newt Gingrich	35%	32%	39%
Ron Paul	14%	11%	17%
Mitt Romney	45%	51%	39%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	6%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	55%	45%	57%	51%
Unfavorable	32%	46%	31%	35%
Not sure	13%	9%	12%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	37%	34%	36%	41%
Unfavorable	48%	66%	49%	44%
Not sure	14%	-	15%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	66%	51%	67%	60%
Unfavorable	23%	49%	22%	26%
Not sure	11%	-	11%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	35%	17%	36%	36%
Ron Paul	14%	53%	11%	21%
Mitt Romney	45%	30%	48%	35%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	-	5%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	55%	57%	53%	56%
Unfavorable	32%	30%	33%	34%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	37%	41%	37%	33%
Unfavorable	48%	41%	51%	53%
Not sure	14%	17%	13%	14%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	66%	60%	68%	69%
Unfavorable	23%	25%	22%	23%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	8%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Newt Gingrich	35%	38%	34%	34%
Ron Paul	14%	19%	14%	7%
Mitt Romney	45%	37%	46%	55%
Someone else/Not sure	6%	6%	6%	4%





Texas Survey Results

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

Approve 42%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 54%
Not sure 10%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 53%
Not sure 14%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 41%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 10%

Q5 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 45%
Newt Gingrich..... 47%
Undecided..... 7%

Q6 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Ron Paul, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 43%
Ron Paul..... 47%
Undecided..... 10%

Q7 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 43%
Mitt Romney..... 50%
Undecided..... 7%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Rick Perry's job performance?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 8%

Q9 If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Rick Perry for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 45%
Romney-Perry..... 50%
Undecided..... 5%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 9%
Somewhat liberal 16%
Moderate..... 25%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 27%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%





Q12 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 30%
Republican..... 42%
Independent/Other..... 28%

Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 15%
White 69%
African-American 10%
Other..... 7%

Q14 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..... 12%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	42%	79%	84%	63%	17%	10%
Disapprove	52%	18%	15%	29%	73%	88%
Not sure	5%	3%	1%	8%	9%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	35%	18%	9%	17%	45%	65%
Unfavorable	54%	81%	84%	67%	45%	24%
Not sure	10%	1%	7%	16%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	33%	18%	30%	33%	41%	33%
Unfavorable	53%	75%	55%	50%	47%	51%
Not sure	14%	6%	15%	17%	12%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	41%	17%	9%	28%	62%	60%
Unfavorable	50%	79%	81%	61%	29%	30%
Not sure	10%	3%	10%	11%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	45%	90%	79%	68%	21%	11%
Newt Gingrich	47%	10%	15%	23%	69%	82%
Undecided	7%	-	6%	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	43%	83%	83%	64%	19%	9%
Ron Paul	47%	15%	12%	26%	68%	80%
Undecided	10%	2%	4%	10%	14%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	43%	85%	83%	61%	17%	11%
Mitt Romney	50%	15%	16%	27%	73%	84%
Undecided	7%	-	1%	12%	9%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Approval						
Approve	39%	20%	6%	17%	52%	74%
Disapprove	53%	79%	87%	70%	38%	21%
Not sure	8%	1%	8%	13%	9%	5%





Crosstabs

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Perry						
Obama-Biden	45%	82%	86%	65%	22%	10%
Romney-Perry	50%	18%	11%	27%	72%	86%
Undecided	5%	-	3%	8%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	42%	44%	41%
Disapprove	52%	52%	53%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	35%	32%	39%
Unfavorable	54%	54%	54%
Not sure	10%	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	33%	30%	36%
Unfavorable	53%	53%	52%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%





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Favorable	41%	39%	42%
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		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	45%	47%	44%
Newt Gingrich	47%	44%	50%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
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Crosstabs

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Approve	39%	38%	40%
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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Perry			
Obama-Biden	45%	46%	44%
Romney-Perry	50%	49%	52%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	42%	85%	8%	49%
Disapprove	52%	12%	86%	44%
Not sure	5%	2%	6%	7%

	Base	Party		
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Favorable	35%	12%	60%	24%
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Crosstabs

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Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	43%	87%	9%	47%
Mitt Romney	50%	9%	88%	38%
Undecided	7%	4%	4%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Approval				
Approve	39%	9%	67%	30%
Disapprove	53%	87%	22%	62%
Not sure	8%	4%	11%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Perry				
Obama-Biden	45%	87%	10%	51%
Romney-Perry	50%	10%	85%	41%
Undecided	5%	3%	4%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	42%	60%	33%	79%	52%
Disapprove	52%	37%	62%	17%	37%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	5%	12%





Crosstabs

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Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	35%	34%	39%	13%	32%
Unfavorable	54%	53%	50%	84%	55%
Not sure	10%	13%	10%	3%	13%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	33%	37%	34%	18%	36%
Unfavorable	53%	51%	53%	64%	42%
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Favorable	41%	39%	45%	16%	35%
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Newt Gingrich	47%	34%	57%	8%	35%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%





Crosstabs

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Obama-Biden	45%	57%	35%	85%	58%
Romney-Perry	50%	37%	60%	10%	35%
Undecided	5%	6%	5%	5%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	42%	55%	41%	41%	41%
Disapprove	52%	36%	52%	55%	55%
Not sure	5%	9%	7%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
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Favorable	35%	17%	37%	39%	37%
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Paul Favorability					
Favorable	33%	43%	37%	31%	28%
Unfavorable	53%	52%	46%	55%	56%
Not sure	14%	4%	17%	14%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	41%	30%	34%	45%	45%
Unfavorable	50%	65%	56%	45%	45%
Not sure	10%	4%	10%	11%	10%





Crosstabs

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Barack Obama	45%	57%	43%	44%	45%
Newt Gingrich	47%	30%	52%	50%	47%
Undecided	7%	13%	4%	6%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	43%	52%	43%	41%	43%
Ron Paul	47%	39%	47%	52%	43%
Undecided	10%	9%	10%	7%	14%

	Base	Age			
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Barack Obama	43%	57%	41%	40%	41%
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Perry Approval					
Approve	39%	30%	39%	43%	39%
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Crosstabs

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