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Obama ties Romney, leads others by 6 to 12 nationally

Raleigh, N.C. – Most Americans do not think their fellow citizens will re-elect President Obama next year, but they still plan to vote for him over all but one of his potential opponents all the same. That is because the GOP field is no more popular as a whole—and most of them individually less so—than he is.

47% of Americans think Obama will not get another four years, and 43% think he will. Independents are bearish on his chances by the same four-point margin, and way more Republicans are convinced Obama will lose (84%) than Democrats that he will win (71%). Yet voters still give the president leads over all the hopefuls but Mitt Romney, who he ties at 45%. He tops new frontrunner Herman Cain, 48-42; Ron Paul, 47-39; Rick Perry, 49-40; Newt Gingrich, 50-39; and Michele Bachmann, 50-38. Obama's margins have declined since last month, when he led Romney 49-45, Perry 52-41, Gingrich 53-41, and Bachmann 53-39. Cain and Paul were not tested then.

45% approve and 51% disapprove of the president's job performance. But only 37% have a favorable opinion of the Republican lineup, and 46% an unfavorable one. More Republicans see their candidates in a negative light (12%) than Democrats in a positive one (9%), and independents frown on the bunch by a 33-48 margin. Independents (43-51) see the president better than his aspiring replacements, but the gap between disapproving partymates (18%) and approving aisle-crossers (8%) is even greater. Cain is the only of the GOP bunch seen positively, and barely, 37-36. Romney's favorability spread matches the president, 37-43, but the others are all massively disliked, and most even more so than last month. Gingrich is next most "popular" at 30-56, up just slightly from 28-57; then Bachmann at 27-56 (30-53); Paul at 21-55; and Perry at 23-57 (30-50).

"The electability gap in the Republican field has widened," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Mitt Romney would make it a toss up but any other candidate would start out well behind Barack Obama."

PPP surveyed 700 American voters from October 7th to 10th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.7%. 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.



National Survey Results

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

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 56%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 36%
Not sure 26%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 56%
Not sure 14%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

Favorable..... 21%
Unfavorable 55%
Not sure 23%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Favorable..... 23%
Unfavorable 57%
Not sure 20%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 43%
Not sure 19%

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

Barack Obama..... 50%
Michele Bachmann 38%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 48%
Herman Cain..... 42%
Undecided..... 9%

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

Barack Obama..... 50%
Newt Gingrich 39%
Undecided..... 12%

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

Barack Obama..... 47%
Ron Paul..... 39%
Undecided..... 15%





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

<i>Barack Obama</i>	49%
<i>Rick Perry</i>	40%
<i>Undecided</i>	11%

Q13 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>	10%

Q14 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republican candidate field for President?

<i>Favorable</i>	37%
<i>Unfavorable</i>	46%
<i>Not sure</i>	17%

Q15 Do you think Barack Obama will be reelected for a second term as President or not?

<i>He will</i>	43%
<i>He will not</i>	47%
<i>Not sure</i>	11%

Q16 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	19%
<i>Moderate</i>	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	26%
<i>Very conservative</i>	15%

Q17 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q18 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>	41%
<i>Republican</i>	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	24%

Q19 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	8%
<i>White</i>	74%
<i>African-American</i>	12%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q20 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>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	45%	86%	76%	56%	16%	7%
Disapprove	51%	13%	18%	37%	83%	93%
Not sure	4%	1%	6%	7%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	27%	14%	8%	14%	41%	60%
Unfavorable	56%	80%	75%	62%	45%	22%
Not sure	17%	6%	17%	23%	15%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cain Favorability						
Favorable	37%	12%	10%	26%	62%	71%
Unfavorable	36%	77%	55%	39%	18%	9%
Not sure	26%	11%	35%	35%	20%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	30%	13%	8%	18%	53%	56%
Unfavorable	56%	84%	74%	65%	37%	30%
Not sure	14%	3%	18%	17%	10%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paul Favorability						
Favorable	21%	18%	16%	20%	23%	31%
Unfavorable	55%	71%	53%	49%	59%	54%
Not sure	23%	11%	31%	31%	18%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perry Favorability						
Favorable	23%	11%	3%	13%	35%	51%
Unfavorable	57%	82%	80%	60%	43%	29%
Not sure	20%	7%	17%	26%	21%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	37%	14%	25%	34%	58%	41%
Unfavorable	43%	70%	53%	43%	28%	38%
Not sure	19%	16%	22%	23%	14%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Bachmann						
Barack Obama	50%	94%	87%	60%	19%	7%
Michele Bachmann	38%	1%	5%	22%	65%	90%
Undecided	12%	5%	8%	17%	16%	3%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Cain						
Barack Obama	48%	91%	88%	59%	15%	5%
Herman Cain	42%	5%	6%	27%	74%	92%
Undecided	9%	4%	6%	14%	11%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	50%	92%	87%	60%	19%	5%
Newt Gingrich	39%	4%	7%	26%	63%	89%
Undecided	12%	4%	6%	15%	18%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Paul						
Barack Obama	47%	92%	82%	53%	18%	6%
Ron Paul	39%	4%	15%	26%	59%	84%
Undecided	15%	4%	3%	21%	23%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Perry						
Barack Obama	49%	92%	85%	59%	19%	4%
Rick Perry	40%	7%	9%	25%	63%	93%
Undecided	11%	1%	6%	16%	17%	3%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	45%	90%	83%	53%	14%	5%
Mitt Romney	45%	6%	13%	29%	76%	89%
Undecided	10%	4%	5%	17%	10%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
GOP Field Favorability						
Favorable	37%	12%	13%	21%	57%	79%
Unfavorable	46%	84%	77%	54%	22%	8%
Not sure	17%	4%	10%	25%	21%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Will Obama Be Re-elected?						
He will	43%	83%	70%	52%	16%	7%
He will not	47%	10%	15%	31%	79%	89%
Not sure	11%	7%	15%	17%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	47%	43%
Disapprove	51%	49%	54%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	27%	26%	28%
Unfavorable	56%	54%	58%
Not sure	17%	21%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cain Favorability			
Favorable	37%	33%	43%
Unfavorable	36%	34%	39%
Not sure	26%	34%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	30%	26%	34%
Unfavorable	56%	55%	57%
Not sure	14%	18%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	21%	19%	25%
Unfavorable	55%	51%	60%
Not sure	23%	30%	16%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	23%	23%	23%
Unfavorable	57%	52%	63%
Not sure	20%	25%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	37%	35%	40%
Unfavorable	43%	40%	47%
Not sure	19%	25%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Bachmann			
Barack Obama	50%	53%	47%
Michele Bachmann	38%	36%	40%
Undecided	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Cain			
Barack Obama	48%	50%	46%
Herman Cain	42%	40%	45%
Undecided	9%	10%	9%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	50%	51%	47%
Newt Gingrich	39%	37%	41%
Undecided	12%	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Paul			
Barack Obama	47%	47%	46%
Ron Paul	39%	38%	40%
Undecided	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Perry			
Barack Obama	49%	49%	48%
Rick Perry	40%	39%	41%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	45%	47%	43%
Mitt Romney	45%	43%	47%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Field Favorability			
Favorable	37%	35%	38%
Unfavorable	46%	43%	50%
Not sure	17%	22%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Will Obama Be Re-elected?			
He will	43%	42%	43%
He will not	47%	47%	47%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	79%	8%	43%
Disapprove	51%	18%	91%	51%
Not sure	4%	4%	2%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	27%	15%	43%	23%
Unfavorable	56%	68%	36%	64%
Not sure	17%	17%	21%	13%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cain Favorability				
Favorable	37%	15%	65%	35%
Unfavorable	36%	55%	14%	37%
Not sure	26%	29%	22%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	30%	8%	56%	29%
Unfavorable	56%	78%	31%	57%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	21%	18%	27%	19%
Unfavorable	55%	56%	53%	56%
Not sure	23%	26%	20%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	23%	7%	45%	16%
Unfavorable	57%	73%	35%	62%
Not sure	20%	20%	20%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	19%	51%	48%
Unfavorable	43%	59%	31%	34%
Not sure	19%	22%	18%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Bachmann				
Barack Obama	50%	87%	8%	50%
Michele Bachmann	38%	7%	77%	33%
Undecided	12%	6%	15%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Cain				
Barack Obama	48%	85%	7%	47%
Herman Cain	42%	10%	83%	38%
Undecided	9%	5%	11%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	50%	86%	7%	49%
Newt Gingrich	39%	7%	77%	37%
Undecided	12%	7%	16%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Paul				
Barack Obama	47%	83%	6%	44%
Ron Paul	39%	11%	71%	38%
Undecided	15%	6%	23%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Perry				
Barack Obama	49%	85%	8%	49%
Rick Perry	40%	9%	79%	35%
Undecided	11%	6%	14%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	82%	5%	42%
Mitt Romney	45%	10%	85%	44%
Undecided	10%	8%	10%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
GOP Field Favorability				
Favorable	37%	9%	71%	33%
Unfavorable	46%	75%	12%	48%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Will Obama Be Re-elected?				
He will	43%	71%	11%	41%
He will not	47%	16%	84%	45%
Not sure	11%	13%	5%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	58%	35%	96%	52%
Disapprove	51%	37%	61%	4%	45%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	-	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	27%	34%	27%	20%	29%
Unfavorable	56%	59%	55%	58%	60%
Not sure	17%	7%	18%	22%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	37%	29%	43%	15%	30%
Unfavorable	36%	44%	29%	62%	58%
Not sure	26%	28%	28%	24%	13%





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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	30%	29%	34%	9%	27%
Unfavorable	56%	52%	53%	72%	68%
Not sure	14%	19%	13%	19%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	21%	35%	22%	10%	14%
Unfavorable	55%	38%	56%	56%	71%
Not sure	23%	27%	22%	33%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	23%	29%	25%	4%	20%
Unfavorable	57%	46%	56%	67%	62%
Not sure	20%	25%	18%	30%	18%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	37%	33%	42%	17%	25%
Unfavorable	43%	42%	40%	56%	63%
Not sure	19%	25%	18%	28%	12%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Bachmann					
Barack Obama	50%	63%	41%	92%	54%
Michele Bachmann	38%	24%	46%	4%	33%
Undecided	12%	12%	13%	4%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Cain					
Barack Obama	48%	60%	39%	91%	53%
Herman Cain	42%	27%	51%	6%	35%
Undecided	9%	13%	10%	3%	12%

	Base	Race			
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Barack Obama	50%	60%	41%	93%	55%
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Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	49%	63%	40%	91%	55%
Rick Perry	40%	25%	47%	5%	40%
Undecided	11%	12%	13%	4%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	45%	60%	35%	91%	53%
Mitt Romney	45%	30%	54%	5%	35%
Undecided	10%	10%	11%	4%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
GOP Field Favorability					
Favorable	37%	37%	42%	7%	34%
Unfavorable	46%	44%	41%	75%	59%
Not sure	17%	19%	17%	18%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Will Obama Be Re-elected?					
He will	43%	49%	35%	87%	44%
He will not	47%	34%	56%	4%	40%
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Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	50%	44%	43%	46%
Disapprove	51%	43%	52%	54%	50%
Not sure	4%	8%	3%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bachmann Favorability					
Favorable	27%	30%	22%	29%	26%
Unfavorable	56%	45%	56%	58%	58%
Not sure	17%	25%	22%	13%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	37%	23%	34%	41%	43%
Unfavorable	36%	40%	38%	34%	36%
Not sure	26%	38%	28%	25%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	30%	23%	28%	31%	35%
Unfavorable	56%	45%	62%	56%	55%
Not sure	14%	33%	10%	12%	10%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	21%	23%	23%	21%	19%
Unfavorable	55%	48%	51%	58%	59%
Not sure	23%	30%	26%	21%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	23%	23%	22%	23%	22%
Unfavorable	57%	45%	60%	57%	61%
Not sure	20%	33%	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	37%	33%	30%	40%	44%
Unfavorable	43%	40%	46%	44%	41%
Not sure	19%	28%	24%	16%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Bachmann					
Barack Obama	50%	63%	51%	46%	51%
Michele Bachmann	38%	28%	38%	40%	40%
Undecided	12%	10%	11%	14%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Cain					
Barack Obama	48%	55%	51%	45%	47%
Herman Cain	42%	35%	40%	45%	44%
Undecided	9%	10%	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	50%	57%	52%	45%	50%
Newt Gingrich	39%	30%	37%	41%	42%
Undecided	12%	13%	11%	14%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Paul					
Barack Obama	47%	50%	48%	44%	49%
Ron Paul	39%	38%	40%	38%	39%
Undecided	15%	13%	12%	18%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Perry					
Barack Obama	49%	54%	51%	46%	49%
Rick Perry	40%	41%	38%	41%	41%
Undecided	11%	5%	11%	13%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
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Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	45%	57%	48%	40%	45%
Mitt Romney	45%	33%	43%	48%	47%
Undecided	10%	10%	9%	12%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP Field Favorability					
Favorable	37%	38%	38%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	46%	43%	46%	48%	46%
Not sure	17%	20%	17%	15%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Will Obama Be Re-elected?					
He will	43%	51%	43%	39%	44%
He will not	47%	41%	44%	52%	44%
Not sure	11%	8%	12%	9%	12%

