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## **Santorum Leads Romney by 11 in Washington**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Rick Santorum leads Mitt Romney by double digits in advance of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Republican caucuses, a new poll from Public Policy Polling finds. Santorum leads Romney 38%-27%, with Ron Paul taking 15% and Newt Gingrich placing 4<sup>th</sup> with 12%. Santorum benefits from very high favorability numbers, with 69% of caucusgoers holding a favorable opinion of him and just 18% unfavorable. Mitt Romney also has a net positive favorability rating, but voters opinion of him is more lukewarm at 47% - 42%. Ron Paul (38/49) and Newt Gingrich (39/46) had net unfavorable opinion ratings.

Santorum would benefit greatly if Newt Gingrich were to leave the race. Without Gingrich in the field, Santorum's lead over Romney expands to 21 points, 49-28. Among current Gingrich supporters, Santorum is the second choice of 55% of them compared to just 16% who say they would go to Romney.

Santorum leads Romney among Evangelical Christians (50-18), Tea Party members (50-20), "somewhat conservative" voters (36-33), and "very conservative" voters (50-19). Romney leads Santorum among non-Evangelicals (36-26), non-Tea Party members (32-30), and voters who describe themselves as "moderate" (29-27).

All that being said, only 50% of voters say that they are strongly committed to their candidate, and 50% say they might end up supporting someone else. Among voters strongly committed to their candidate, Santorum leads Romney by just 8 points, 40-32. Among those who say their minds could change, Santorum's lead is larger at 43-28.

"Rick Santorum's the favorite in Washington for now," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But with half of voters open to changing their minds, Romney wins in Michigan and Arizona could swing the momentum back in his favor."

PPP will release numbers looking at the Governor's race, gay marriage, and marijuana legalization tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 400 likely Washington caucus voters between February 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.9%. 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.



## Washington Survey Results

**Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

*Favorable*..... 39%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 46%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?

*Favorable*..... 38%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 49%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 47%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 42%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?

*Favorable*..... 69%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 18%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q5** If the Republican candidates for President were Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?

*Newt Gingrich* ..... 12%  
*Ron Paul*..... 15%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 27%  
*Rick Santorum* ..... 38%  
*Someone else/Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q6** Would you say you are strongly committed to that candidate, or might you end up supporting someone else?

*Strongly committed to that candidate*..... 50%  
*Might end up supporting someone else* ..... 50%

**Q7** Who is your second choice for President?

*Newt Gingrich* ..... 20%  
*Ron Paul*..... 9%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 18%  
*Rick Santorum* ..... 37%  
*Someone else/Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q8** If the Republican candidates for President were just Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?

*Ron Paul*..... 16%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 28%  
*Rick Santorum* ..... 49%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q9** Do you consider yourself to be a member of the Tea Party?

*Yes*..... 35%  
*No*..... 50%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q10** Are you an Evangelical Christian, or not?

*Are an Evangelical* ..... 50%  
*Are not* ..... 50%

**Q11** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal* ..... 2%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 5%  
*Moderate*..... 17%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 37%  
*Very conservative* ..... 39%

**Q12** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 45%  
*Man*..... 55%



**Q13** If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i> .....	34%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	39%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	27%



**Crosstabs**

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	39%	86%	28%	27%	40%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	6%	65%	53%	44%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	9%	7%	20%	16%	14%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>Paul Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	19%	78%	33%	35%	28%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	61%	18%	54%	54%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	20%	4%	13%	11%	28%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	47%	34%	22%	95%	32%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	58%	71%	2%	54%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	9%	7%	3%	14%	27%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	69%	57%	43%	55%	97%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	16%	45%	29%	0%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	27%	12%	16%	3%	36%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>						
Newt Gingrich	12%	100%	-	-	-	-
Ron Paul	15%	-	100%	-	-	-
Mitt Romney	27%	-	-	100%	-	-
Rick Santorum	38%	-	-	-	100%	-
Someone else/Not sure	8%	-	-	-	-	100%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus			
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>					
<b>Strongly committed to that candidate</b>	50%	49%	48%	54%	48%
<b>Might end up supporting someone else</b>	50%	51%	52%	46%	52%

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>						
Newt Gingrich	20%	-	15%	20%	33%	-
Ron Paul	9%	9%	-	10%	15%	-
Mitt Romney	18%	16%	24%	-	33%	-
Rick Santorum	37%	55%	27%	41%	19%	100%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	20%	34%	30%	-	-

	Base	2012 GOP Pres Caucus				
		Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Someone else/Not sure
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>						
Ron Paul	16%	18%	82%	1%	3%	9%
Mitt Romney	28%	13%	9%	90%	1%	6%
Rick Santorum	49%	59%	6%	6%	95%	30%
Not sure	7%	9%	3%	2%	1%	55%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
Favorable	40%	40%	40%
Unfavorable	45%	50%	40%
Not sure	15%	10%	20%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>Paul Favorability</b>			
Favorable	39%	39%	39%
Unfavorable	50%	50%	49%
Not sure	12%	11%	12%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
Favorable	49%	48%	51%
Unfavorable	41%	47%	35%
Not sure	9%	5%	14%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>			
Favorable	71%	66%	76%
Unfavorable	18%	25%	10%
Not sure	11%	9%	14%





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	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>			
Newt Gingrich	13%	13%	14%
Ron Paul	16%	15%	16%
Mitt Romney	30%	32%	28%
Rick Santorum	41%	40%	43%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>			
Strongly committed to that candidate	50%	100%	-
Might end up supporting someone else	50%	-	100%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>			
Newt Gingrich	22%	24%	19%
Ron Paul	10%	8%	13%
Mitt Romney	20%	18%	22%
Rick Santorum	32%	30%	33%
Someone else/Not sure	17%	21%	13%

	Base	Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?	
		Strongly committed to that candidate	Might end up supporting someone else
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>			
Ron Paul	17%	16%	17%
Mitt Romney	30%	32%	28%
Rick Santorum	50%	49%	52%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	53%	28%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>46%</b>	35%	58%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	12%	15%	21%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>Paul Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>38%</b>	29%	45%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>49%</b>	59%	43%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	11%	12%	20%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>47%</b>	50%	47%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>42%</b>	42%	43%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	8%	10%	19%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>69%</b>	82%	59%	69%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>18%</b>	7%	28%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	10%	13%	19%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>				
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	12%	14%	10%	12%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	15%	10%	19%	9%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	27%	20%	32%	26%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	38%	50%	30%	41%
<b>Someone else/Not     sure</b>	8%	6%	9%	12%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>				
<b>Strongly committed     to that candidate</b>	50%	47%	55%	37%
<b>Might end up     supporting     someone else</b>	50%	53%	45%	63%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>				
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	20%	30%	10%	31%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	9%	7%	12%	6%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	18%	22%	16%	17%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	37%	29%	42%	39%
<b>Someone else/Not     sure</b>	15%	13%	19%	7%

	Base	Tea Party ID		
		Yes	No	Not sure
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>				
<b>Ron Paul</b>	16%	10%	21%	14%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	28%	23%	33%	24%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	49%	62%	36%	60%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	5%	10%	2%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
Favorable	39%	44%	35%
Unfavorable	46%	39%	53%
Not sure	15%	17%	12%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>Paul Favorability</b>			
Favorable	38%	39%	37%
Unfavorable	49%	49%	49%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
Favorable	47%	38%	56%
Unfavorable	42%	49%	35%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>			
Favorable	69%	77%	60%
Unfavorable	18%	12%	25%
Not sure	13%	11%	15%





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	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>			
Newt Gingrich	12%	12%	12%
Ron Paul	15%	14%	15%
Mitt Romney	27%	18%	36%
Rick Santorum	38%	50%	26%
Someone else/Not sure	8%	6%	10%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>			
Strongly committed to that candidate	50%	50%	49%
Might end up supporting someone else	50%	50%	51%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>			
Newt Gingrich	20%	25%	15%
Ron Paul	9%	11%	7%
Mitt Romney	18%	19%	18%
Rick Santorum	37%	32%	42%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	13%	18%

	Base	Evangelical?	
		Are an Evangelical	Are not
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>			
Ron Paul	16%	17%	16%
Mitt Romney	28%	20%	36%
Rick Santorum	49%	57%	40%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>						
Favorable	39%	61%	25%	29%	39%	45%
Unfavorable	46%	39%	66%	58%	45%	39%
Not sure	15%	-	9%	13%	16%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Paul Favorability</b>						
Favorable	38%	50%	48%	50%	33%	36%
Unfavorable	49%	50%	52%	34%	53%	52%
Not sure	13%	-	-	16%	15%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
Favorable	47%	50%	55%	37%	53%	45%
Unfavorable	42%	50%	45%	48%	35%	46%
Not sure	11%	-	-	16%	12%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>						
Favorable	69%	47%	55%	44%	68%	83%
Unfavorable	18%	53%	35%	33%	16%	9%
Not sure	13%	-	10%	23%	16%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>						
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	12%	21%	13%	7%	15%	11%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	15%	21%	22%	25%	11%	12%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	27%	32%	37%	29%	33%	19%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	38%	8%	20%	27%	36%	50%
<b>Someone else/Not     sure</b>	8%	18%	9%	12%	6%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>						
<b>Strongly committed     to that candidate</b>	50%	52%	53%	48%	44%	56%
<b>Might end up     supporting     someone else</b>	50%	48%	47%	52%	56%	44%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>						
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	20%	32%	25%	15%	17%	24%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	9%	-	9%	6%	10%	11%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	18%	-	18%	12%	20%	21%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	37%	47%	20%	41%	40%	34%
<b>Someone else/Not     sure</b>	15%	21%	28%	25%	13%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>						
<b>Ron Paul</b>	16%	21%	17%	26%	12%	15%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	28%	32%	32%	27%	35%	21%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	49%	37%	23%	35%	46%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	10%	27%	12%	6%	3%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	39%	38%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	45%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	17%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Paul Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	31%	44%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	50%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	19%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	47%	48%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	39%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	69%	71%	67%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	12%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	17%	10%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>			
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	12%	12%	12%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	15%	7%	20%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	27%	31%	24%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	38%	39%	37%
<b>Someone else/Not     sure</b>	8%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>			
<b>Strongly committed     to that candidate</b>	50%	56%	45%
<b>Might end up     supporting     someone else</b>	50%	44%	55%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>			
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	20%	19%	21%
<b>Ron Paul</b>	9%	9%	9%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	18%	17%	19%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	37%	42%	33%
<b>Someone else/Not     sure</b>	15%	12%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>			
<b>Ron Paul</b>	16%	10%	21%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	28%	29%	27%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	49%	50%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	10%	5%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	39%	28%	41%	51%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	54%	47%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	18%	12%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Paul Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	46%	35%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	35%	55%	58%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	19%	11%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	47%	42%	51%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	44%	43%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	14%	6%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	69%	61%	69%	78%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	18%	21%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	21%	10%	8%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus</b>				
Newt Gingrich	12%	10%	11%	17%
Ron Paul	15%	21%	13%	9%
Mitt Romney	27%	24%	29%	28%
Rick Santorum	38%	36%	38%	42%
Someone else/Not sure	8%	10%	9%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Committed to Candidate or Might Change Your Mind?</b>				
<b>Strongly committed to that candidate</b>	50%	45%	53%	52%
<b>Might end up supporting someone else</b>	50%	55%	47%	48%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary 2nd Choice</b>				
Newt Gingrich	20%	15%	23%	22%
Ron Paul	9%	10%	11%	6%
Mitt Romney	18%	21%	18%	16%
Rick Santorum	37%	36%	35%	42%
Someone else/Not sure	15%	18%	14%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2012 GOP Pres Caucus w/o Gingrich</b>				
Ron Paul	16%	24%	15%	9%
Mitt Romney	28%	25%	31%	28%
Rick Santorum	49%	44%	47%	57%
Not sure	7%	7%	8%	6%

