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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Obama leads by 2 points in Virginia

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A new Public Policy Polling survey in Virginia, conducted on behalf of Health Care for America Now, finds Barack Obama continuing to hold onto a lead in the state at 49% to 47% for Mitt Romney. PPP has conducted three Virginia polls since the first Presidential debate and has found Obama with a 1-3 point advantage on each of them.

Key findings from the survey include:

-By a 53/45 margin voters trust Obama more than Romney to stand up for the middle class. And by a 50/43 spread they trust Obama more to make sure that the wealthiest American pay their fair share of taxes.

-Obama has a 51/47 lead with seniors, which may be driven in part by the fact that 51% of them trust Obama more to protect Medicare, compared to 46% of voters who pick Romney on that question.

-Obama's leading 54/42 with women, 91/7 with African Americans, and 54/38 with voters under 30. Romney's ahead 53/43 with men and 59/38 with white voters. The candidates are basically tied among independents with 45% going for Romney and 44% for Obama.

PPP interviewed 500 likely Virginia voters on October 18th and 19th on behalf of Health Care for America Now. The margin of error is +/-4.4%





Virginia Survey Results

Q1 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election were today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 47%
Undecided..... 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Barack Obama?

Favorable..... 48%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 2%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 2%

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

Favorable..... 49%
Unfavorable 47%
Not sure 4%

Q5 Which of the Presidential candidates do you trust more to stand up for the middle class: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 53%
Mitt Romney..... 45%
Not sure 2%

Q6 Which of the Presidential candidates do you trust more to make sure the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share of taxes: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 50% *Not sure* 8%
Mitt Romney..... 43%

Q7 Which of the Presidential candidates do you trust more to keep tax rates fair for the middle class: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 48%
Not sure 3%

Q8 Which of the Presidential candidates do you trust more to protect Medicare: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 47%
Not sure 4%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

Q10 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 42%
Republican..... 37%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q11 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 72%
African-American 20%
Other..... 8%

Q12 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..... 16%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	49%	54%	43%
Mitt Romney	47%	42%	53%
Undecided	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Favorability			
Favorable	48%	52%	43%
Unfavorable	51%	46%	56%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	49%	40%
Disapprove	53%	49%	58%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	49%	46%	53%
Unfavorable	47%	52%	42%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trusted More on Middle Class			
Barack Obama	53%	58%	48%
Mitt Romney	45%	40%	50%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trusted More to Make Sure Rich Pay Fair Share			
Barack Obama	50%	52%	47%
Mitt Romney	43%	42%	43%
Not sure	8%	6%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trusted More to Keep Middle Class Tax Rates Fair			
Barack Obama	49%	53%	44%
Mitt Romney	48%	45%	52%
Not sure	3%	1%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trusted More to Protect Medicare			
Barack Obama	49%	53%	45%
Mitt Romney	47%	44%	51%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	49%	88%	7%	44%
Mitt Romney	47%	10%	90%	45%
Undecided	4%	2%	3%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Favorability				
Favorable	48%	85%	8%	44%
Unfavorable	51%	15%	89%	53%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	81%	7%	39%
Disapprove	53%	17%	92%	58%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	49%	15%	87%	51%
Unfavorable	47%	80%	12%	44%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trusted More on Middle Class				
Barack Obama	53%	92%	12%	49%
Mitt Romney	45%	8%	86%	46%
Not sure	2%	0%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trusted More to Make Sure Rich Pay Fair Share				
Barack Obama	50%	83%	12%	50%
Mitt Romney	43%	13%	79%	36%
Not sure	8%	4%	8%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trusted More to Keep Middle Class Tax Rates Fair				
Barack Obama	49%	87%	10%	42%
Mitt Romney	48%	12%	89%	49%
Not sure	3%	1%	1%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trusted More to Protect Medicare				
Barack Obama	49%	87%	9%	45%
Mitt Romney	47%	11%	88%	46%
Not sure	4%	1%	4%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	49%	38%	91%	40%
Mitt Romney	47%	59%	7%	46%
Undecided	4%	3%	2%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Favorability				
Favorable	48%	39%	83%	45%
Unfavorable	51%	60%	15%	52%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	35%	79%	44%
Disapprove	53%	63%	19%	51%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	49%	59%	17%	40%
Unfavorable	47%	38%	77%	54%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Trusted More on Middle Class				
Barack Obama	53%	45%	87%	48%
Mitt Romney	45%	54%	13%	43%
Not sure	2%	2%	-	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Trusted More to Make Sure Rich Pay Fair Share				
Barack Obama	50%	42%	80%	48%
Mitt Romney	43%	51%	13%	36%
Not sure	8%	7%	7%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Trusted More to Keep Middle Class Tax Rates Fair				
Barack Obama	49%	40%	85%	42%
Mitt Romney	48%	57%	15%	51%
Not sure	3%	3%	-	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Trusted More to Protect Medicare				
Barack Obama	49%	40%	85%	42%
Mitt Romney	47%	56%	15%	50%
Not sure	4%	4%	-	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	49%	54%	48%	46%	51%
Mitt Romney	47%	38%	50%	49%	47%
Undecided	4%	8%	2%	5%	2%

	Base	Age			
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Obama Favorability					
Favorable	48%	51%	43%	48%	52%
Unfavorable	51%	49%	55%	50%	47%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	44%	45%	44%	47%
Disapprove	53%	56%	55%	53%	49%
Not sure	2%	-	-	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	49%	54%	50%	48%	47%
Unfavorable	47%	41%	48%	48%	50%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trusted More on Middle Class					
Barack Obama	53%	69%	53%	47%	52%
Mitt Romney	45%	31%	47%	49%	46%
Not sure	2%	-	-	4%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trusted More to Make Sure Rich Pay Fair Share					
Barack Obama	50%	44%	53%	50%	50%
Mitt Romney	43%	49%	36%	44%	43%
Not sure	8%	8%	10%	7%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trusted More to Keep Middle Class Tax Rates Fair					
Barack Obama	49%	54%	45%	48%	52%
Mitt Romney	48%	46%	50%	49%	46%
Not sure	3%	-	5%	3%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trusted More to Protect Medicare					
Barack Obama	49%	54%	47%	48%	51%
Mitt Romney	47%	46%	48%	47%	46%
Not sure	4%	-	5%	5%	3%

