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## **Obama beats all Republicans but Romney in AZ**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Even as President Obama is on shakier ground now than he was in 2008 in states he won easily like Pennsylvania and Nevada, his re-election campaign, rather than retreat and reinforce, is reportedly planning to expand the electoral playing field even further. PPP's latest poll of the home state of Obama's 2008 opponent, John McCain, shows that this plan has some merit. McCain beat Obama by over eight points in Arizona, but none of his potential successors comes close to that comfortable margin. The president leads four possible 2012 GOP nominees and narrowly lags another.

Obama trails Mitt Romney, 44-48, but tops Mike Huckabee, 46-44; Newt Gingrich, 47-40; Sarah Palin, 49-38; and Donald Trump, 48-36. In PPP's January poll, Romney led, 49-43 (a two-point decline), and Huckabee 48-44 (-6). Gingrich tied at 46% (-7), and Palin trailed 41-49 (-3). Trump was not tested. In the intervening months, the president's approval rating has hardly moved, now a net -4. But all the Republicans but Romney have become less popular, and only Romney is better liked than disliked. Obama has taken huge leads with independents, tying Romney with them in January but leading by 17 points now.

Palin, McCain's running mate, has talked of basing any White House bid from the Grand Canyon State, but 57% of voters do not want the ex-Alaska governor making the state home, including a third of Republicans and two-thirds of independents.

Other than Bill Clinton's two-point win over Bob Dole in his healthy 1996 re-election bid, Arizona has gone red in every presidential election from 1952 onward.

"Arizona looks to be one of Barack Obama's best shots at picking up a state he lost in 2008," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "The same strong support from Hispanic voters that helped him win Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada could translate to an Arizona victory without John McCain on the ballot next year."

PPP surveyed 623 Arizona voters from April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.9%. 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.



## Arizona Survey Results

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

*Approve* ..... 46%  
*Disapprove*..... 50%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

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

*Favorable*..... 26%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 59%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

*Favorable*..... 35%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 48%  
*Not sure* ..... 17%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

*Favorable*..... 32%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 62%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 45%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 37%  
*Not sure* ..... 17%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

*Favorable*..... 24%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 66%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q7** If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 47%  
*Newt Gingrich* ..... 40%  
*Undecided*..... 13%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 46%  
*Mike Huckabee* ..... 44%  
*Undecided*..... 10%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 49%  
*Sarah Palin* ..... 38%  
*Undecided*..... 13%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 44%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 48%  
*Undecided*..... 8%

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

*Barack Obama*..... 48%  
*Donald Trump* ..... 36%  
*Undecided*..... 16%





**Q12** Would you like for Sarah Palin to move to Arizona or not?

*Would like Palin to move to Arizona*..... 27%  
*Would not like her to*..... 57%  
*Not sure*..... 16%

**Q13** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 7%  
*Somewhat liberal*..... 17%  
*Moderate*..... 33%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 25%  
*Very conservative*..... 17%

**Q14** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman*..... 51%  
*Man*..... 49%

**Q15** 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*..... 34%  
*Republican*..... 43%  
*Independent/Other*..... 23%

**Q16** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Hispanic*..... 14%  
*White*..... 79%  
*Other*..... 7%

**Q17** 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*..... 10%  
*30 to 45*..... 24%  
*46 to 65*..... 40%  
*Older than 65*..... 26%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	46%	92%	85%	55%	21%	4%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	6%	12%	36%	78%	96%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	1%	2%	9%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	26%	5%	8%	12%	40%	61%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	59%	94%	81%	70%	35%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	1%	11%	18%	24%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	11%	8%	29%	54%	57%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	86%	69%	49%	31%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	3%	23%	22%	15%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Palin Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	9%	7%	17%	50%	73%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	62%	91%	90%	77%	43%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	-	3%	6%	8%	6%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
Favorable	45%	18%	22%	39%	63%	66%
Unfavorable	37%	75%	57%	40%	18%	26%
Not sure	17%	7%	21%	21%	19%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Trump Favorability</b>						
Favorable	24%	8%	8%	18%	35%	43%
Unfavorable	66%	90%	89%	74%	49%	46%
Not sure	10%	2%	3%	8%	17%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>						
Barack Obama	47%	87%	85%	60%	19%	5%
Newt Gingrich	40%	13%	6%	23%	63%	87%
Undecided	13%	-	9%	17%	18%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>						
Barack Obama	46%	89%	85%	59%	17%	4%
Mike Huckabee	44%	2%	6%	28%	72%	90%
Undecided	10%	9%	8%	13%	12%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Palin</b>						
Barack Obama	49%	89%	86%	67%	20%	4%
Sarah Palin	38%	2%	8%	21%	61%	84%
Undecided	13%	9%	6%	12%	19%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>						
Barack Obama	44%	94%	80%	56%	16%	4%
Mitt Romney	48%	2%	10%	31%	79%	91%
Undecided	8%	4%	9%	12%	5%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Trump</b>						
Barack Obama	48%	89%	88%	63%	19%	4%
Donald Trump	36%	2%	7%	21%	57%	79%
Undecided	16%	9%	6%	16%	23%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Like Palin to Move to AZ?</b>						
Would like Palin to move to Arizona	27%	13%	9%	16%	39%	54%
Would not like her to	57%	85%	83%	68%	42%	22%
Not sure	16%	2%	7%	17%	19%	24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	46%	48%	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	48%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	26%	23%	29%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	59%	57%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	20%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	37%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	43%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	20%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Palin Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	29%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	62%	65%	59%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	7%	4%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	41%	50%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	37%	40%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	19%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	21%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	66%	67%	66%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	49%	44%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	40%	37%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	13%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	48%	43%
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	44%	43%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	9%	12%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Palin</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	51%	47%
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	38%	35%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	44%	47%	41%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	48%	44%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Trump</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	48%	50%	46%
<b>Donald Trump</b>	36%	34%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	16%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Like Palin to Move to AZ?</b>			
<b>Would like Palin to move to Arizona</b>	27%	24%	30%
<b>Would not like her to</b>	57%	57%	58%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	19%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	46%	86%	12%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	11%	84%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	26%	7%	46%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	59%	81%	36%	69%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	11%	18%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	13%	57%	25%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	69%	28%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	19%	15%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	6%	57%	25%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	62%	91%	34%	72%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	3%	9%	3%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	20%	68%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	37%	62%	16%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	18%	15%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Trump Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	8%	38%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	66%	88%	49%	68%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	4%	13%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	86%	12%	55%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	40%	7%	74%	25%
<b>Undecided</b>	13%	7%	14%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	85%	9%	56%
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	44%	10%	79%	28%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	5%	11%	16%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
Barack Obama	49%	87%	13%	61%
Sarah Palin	38%	7%	70%	25%
Undecided	13%	5%	17%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
Barack Obama	44%	85%	8%	52%
Mitt Romney	48%	9%	85%	35%
Undecided	8%	6%	7%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Trump</b>				
Barack Obama	48%	88%	12%	56%
Donald Trump	36%	7%	65%	25%
Undecided	16%	5%	23%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Like Palin to Move to AZ?</b>				
Would like Palin to move to Arizona	27%	10%	45%	17%
Would not like her to	57%	84%	32%	66%
Not sure	16%	6%	22%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	46%	62%	40%	74%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	34%	55%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	4%	4%	-

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	26%	28%	27%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	59%	58%	57%	79%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	15%	16%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	35%	24%	38%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	48%	52%	46%	68%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	24%	16%	15%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	23%	35%	20%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	62%	66%	60%	76%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	11%	5%	4%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	31%	50%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	37%	50%	34%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	18%	17%	21%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Trump Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	21%	26%	11%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	66%	73%	64%	81%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	7%	10%	8%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	47%	61%	42%	71%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	40%	26%	45%	23%
<b>Undecided</b>	13%	14%	13%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	46%	63%	40%	70%
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	44%	30%	49%	21%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	6%	11%	9%





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	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Palin</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	63%	44%	72%
<b>Sarah Palin</b>	38%	26%	42%	23%
<b>Undecided</b>	13%	10%	14%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	44%	61%	39%	68%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	48%	28%	54%	19%
<b>Undecided</b>	8%	11%	7%	13%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Trump</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	48%	64%	43%	69%
<b>Donald Trump</b>	36%	24%	40%	22%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	12%	17%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Like Palin to Move to AZ?</b>				
<b>Would like Palin to move to Arizona</b>	27%	24%	28%	14%
<b>Would not like her to</b>	57%	63%	56%	66%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	13%	16%	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>46%</b>	52%	39%	49%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>50%</b>	45%	56%	48%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	3%	5%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>26%</b>	23%	25%	24%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>59%</b>	52%	61%	64%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	26%	14%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	32%	31%	34%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>48%</b>	45%	49%	51%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>17%</b>	23%	19%	15%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>32%</b>	26%	29%	34%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>62%</b>	74%	64%	60%	59%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	-	8%	5%	5%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>45%</b>	42%	51%	42%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>37%</b>	35%	34%	42%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>17%</b>	23%	16%	16%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trump Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>24%</b>	26%	26%	24%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>66%</b>	71%	62%	66%	69%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	3%	12%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Gingrich</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>47%</b>	48%	40%	51%	46%
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	<b>40%</b>	32%	47%	38%	41%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>13%</b>	19%	13%	11%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Huckabee</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>46%</b>	52%	43%	48%	42%
<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	<b>44%</b>	29%	48%	43%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	19%	9%	9%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Palin</b>					
Barack Obama	49%	55%	45%	50%	48%
Sarah Palin	38%	26%	43%	39%	39%
Undecided	13%	19%	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
Barack Obama	44%	58%	36%	47%	41%
Mitt Romney	48%	39%	52%	46%	50%
Undecided	8%	3%	12%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Trump</b>					
Barack Obama	48%	52%	43%	51%	48%
Donald Trump	36%	16%	43%	38%	34%
Undecided	16%	32%	13%	11%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Like Palin to Move to AZ?</b>					
Would like Palin to move to Arizona	27%	19%	27%	28%	28%
Would not like her to	57%	65%	58%	58%	52%
Not sure	16%	16%	14%	14%	19%

