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Obama closer in Utah against non-Mormon Republicans

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite losing Utah to John McCain by 28 points, President Obama has a chance to make the race much more competitive in 2012—that is, if the Republicans nominate someone who is not a Mormon. Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman both earn 63% of the vote against the president—14 to 20 points higher than any of the other four potential nominees. Against Huntsman, Obama gets only 23% of the vote, and 31% against Romney. But he trails Michele Bachmann by half his 2008 loss margin, 49-35, and is even closer against Tim Pawlenty, 45-34. He also lags Herman Cain only 43-36, and essentially ties Sarah Palin, 43-41.

Of the 44 states in which PPP has polled, Utah gives Obama a worse approval rating than all but Wyoming and Kentucky, with 32% approving and 62% disapproving. But for such a red state, they do not particularly like any of the non-Mormon Republicans either. Romney has a 63-29 favorable-unfavorable margin, and Huntsman a 54-36, some of the best numbers for a Republican anywhere. But it is downhill for the GOP from there, with Cain at 19-33, Bachmann at 29-44, Pawlenty at 17-38, and Palin at 32-58.

On top of that, the 30% of the population that does not affiliate with Mormonism would be perhaps the bluest state in the country. Two-thirds of them approve of the president's job performance, a level PPP has measured nowhere else, and they hate all the Republicans but Huntsman, who actually has a higher favorability rating (66-29) with them than with his own religion (50-40). Non-Mormon Utahns support Obama by nine points over Huntsman, 40 over Romney, 43 over Bachmann, 46 over Pawlenty, 47 over Cain, and 51 over Palin. Huntsman has a 69% favorability rating with Democrats and 61% with independents, but only 44% with his own party.

"Undecided Republicans would probably end up rallying around the GOP nominee, whoever he or she is, but right now, Utahns don't like anyone but the Mormon candidates," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 732 Utah voters from July 8th to 10th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.6%. 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.

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Utah Survey Results

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?	
	Approve32	2%
	Disapprove62	
	Not sure 6	6%
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?	on
	Favorable29	9%
	Unfavorable44	4%
	Not sure27	7%
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?	
	Favorable19	9%
	Unfavorable33	3%
	Not sure48	3%
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?	on
	Favorable32	2%
	Unfavorable58	3%
	Not sure10	
Q5	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Pawlenty?	
	Favorable17	7%
	Unfavorable38	3%
	Not sure44	4%
Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?	
	Favorable63	3%
	Unfavorable29	9%
	Not sure	3%

Q7	of Jon Huntsman?	inion
	Favorable	54%
	Unfavorable	
	Not sure	
Q8	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Michele Bachmann, who would you vote fo	ere
	Barack Obama	.35%
	Michele Bachmann	.49%
	Undecided	.16%
Q9	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Herman Cain, who would you vote for?	ere
	Barack Obama	.36%
	Herman Cain	.43%
	Undecided	
Q10	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	.41%
	Sarah Palin	.43%
	Undecided	.16%
Q11	If the candidates for President next year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Pawlenty, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	.34%
	Tim Pawlenty	.45%
	Undecided	





Q12	If the candidates for President next year w Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Romney, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	31%
	Mitt Romney	63%
	Undecided	6%
Q13	If the candidates for President next year w Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Huntsman, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	23%
	Jon Huntsman	63%
	Undecided	15%
Q14	Would you describe yourself as very liberal somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	l,
	Very liberal	8%
	Somewhat liberal	14%
	Moderate	25%
	Somewhat conservative	29%
	Very conservative	23%
Q15	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pre	
	Woman	53%
	Man	47%

	press 2. If you are an independent or ident with another party, press 3.	ify
	Democrat	.22%
	Republican	.50%
	Independent/Other	.28%
Q17	If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.	
	White	.94%
	Other	. 6%
Q18	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	to to
	18 to 29	.10%
	30 to 45	.30%
	46 to 65	.37%
	Older than 65	.23%
Q19	Are you a Mormon or another religion?	
	Mormon	.70%
	Another religion	

Q16 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican,





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval			-	<u>-</u>		
Approve	32%	74%	75%	53%	7%	1%
Disapprove	62%	22%	22%	37%	87%	96%
Not sure	6%	5%	4%	9%	6%	3%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability					•	
Favorable	29%	13%	13%	19%	28%	55%
Unfavorable	44%	77%	72%	58%	32%	15%
Not sure	27%	10%	15%	23%	40%	29%

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	,
Cain Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	_	-	='
Favorable	19%	5%	2%	7%	21%	43%
Unfavorable	33%	47%	61%	40%	28%	12%
Not sure	48%	48%	37%	53%	51%	44%

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative			
Palin Favorability			-	-				
Favorable	32%	8%	8%	13%	42%	63%		
Unfavorable	58%	88%	89%	78%	47%	22%		
Not sure	10%	4%	2%	9%	11%	15%		





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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Pawlenty Favorability						
Favorable	17%	13%	6%	8%	21%	33%
Unfavorable	38%	47%	60%	51%	31%	18%
Not sure	44%	40%	34%	42%	48%	49%

		Ideolog	ЭУ			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	63%	13%	32%	57%	84%	80%
Unfavorable	29%	75%	56%	33%	12%	13%
Not sure	8%	12%	12%	10%	3%	6%

		lde ology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Huntsman Favorability		-	•	-	•	•
Favorable	54%	63%	69%	70%	51%	30%
Unfavorable	36%	27%	27%	20%	37%	59%
Not sure	10%	10%	4%	10%	12%	11%

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Obam a/Bachm ann			-	-				
Barack Obama	35%	81%	82%	54%	9%	3%		
Michele Bachmann	49%	9%	15%	28%	66%	83%		
Undecided	16%	10%	3%	18%	25%	14%		





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Obam a/Cain		-	-	<u>-</u>				
Barack Obama	36%	81%	83%	62%	8%	1%		
Herman Cain	43%	8%	14%	19%	59%	79%		
Undecided	20%	11%	3%	19%	33%	20%		

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Obam a/Palin								
Barack Obama	41%	80%	83%	66%	18%	2%		
Sarah Palin	43%	8%	9%	21%	58%	81%		
Undecided	16%	13%	8%	12%	24%	17%		

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Tim Pawlenty	45%	8%	9%	23%	63%	81%		
Undecided	20%	15%	9%	19%	31%	18%		

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Mitt Romney	63%	10%	24%	48%	82%	95%	
Undecided	6%	14%	4%	8%	5%	4%	





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Jon Huntsman	63%	31%	31%	56%	80%	78%	
Undecided	15%	15%	13%	12%	13%	20%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval		-	
Approve	32%	34%	30%
Disapprove	62%	60%	65%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	29%	24%	35%	
Unfavorable	44%	44%	44%	
Not sure	27%	32%	22%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Cain Favorability		- -	
Favorable	19%	13%	25%
Unfavorable	33%	32%	35%
Not sure	48%	55%	40%





		Gender	er	
	Base	Woman	Man	
Palin Favorability		•		
Favorable	32%	29%	36%	
Unfavorable	58%	59%	57%	
Not sure	10%	12%	8%	

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Pawlenty Favorability		•		
Favorable	17%	13%	22%	
Unfavorable	38%	37%	40%	
Not sure	44%	49%	38%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability		-	
Favorable	63%	67%	60%
Unfavorable	29%	26%	32%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Huntsman Favorability			
Favorable	54%	51%	58%
Unfavorable	36%	36%	35%
Not sure	10%	13%	7%





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Obama/Bachmann		-	
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Michele Bachmann	49%	45%	54%
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Obam a/Cain		-	
Barack Obama	36%	38%	35%
Herman Cain	43%	38%	48%
Undecided	20%	24%	16%

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Obam a/Palin		-	
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		Party				
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Approve	32%	81%	5%	42%		
Disapprove Not sure		14%	89%	51%		
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	7%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat Republican Independent/Other				
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	29%	12%	39%	24%		
Unfavorable	44%	73%	26%	53%		
Not sure	27%	15%	35%	23%		





		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	19%	3%	27%	17%	
Unfavorable	33%	51%	24%	36%	
Not sure	48%	46%	49%	48%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Palin Favorability		='			
Favorable	32%	6%	49%	22%	
Unfavorable	58%	91%	39%	67%	
Not sure	10%	3%	12%	11%	

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Pawlenty Favorability					
Favorable	17%	5%	25%	14%	
Unfavorable	38%	61%	27%	41%	
Not sure	44%	34%	48%	45%	

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Undecided	20%	9%	23%	25%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	31%	77%	7%	40%		
Mitt Romney	63%	19%	90%	48%		
Undecided	6%	4%	4%	12%		

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Obam a/Hunts man				•			
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Obama Approval					
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Not sure	44%	32%	51%	43%	42%

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	Base	18 to 29			Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	63%	42%	64%	64%	72%
Unfavorable	29%	42%	29%	29%	23%
Not sure	8%	16%	7%	7%	5%

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Not sure	10%	10%	9%





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Barack Obama	23%	12%	48%
Jon Huntsman	63%	72%	39%
Undecided	15%	16%	12%

