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Obama's lead up to 5 in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. -- PPP's first post-conventions poll in Ohio finds Barack Obama with a 5 point lead over Mitt Romney, 50-45. This is the largest lead PPP has found for Obama in an Ohio poll since early May. Last month Obama led 48-45.

Both candidates have seen their images improve with Ohio voters in the wake of the conventions. Obama now breaks even in his approval rating at 48%, after being under water with 46% of voters approving and 51% disapproving of him a month ago. Romney's numbers are up from a 41/52 favorability rating a month ago as well, but he still remains unpopular. Only 44% see him favorably to 49% with a negative opinion.

Romney actually leads 46-44 with independents but Obama has the overall advantage thanks to a more unified party base. He leads 86/11 with Democrats, compared to Romney's 83/13 advantage with Republicans. Obama's 75 point lead within his own party is up from 70 points a month ago, suggesting that his party has coalesced around him a little bit more in the wake of a successful convention.

Obama's leading in Ohio because he's not as weak there with some large voter blocs as he is in other states. He trails only 48-46 with men and 50-46 with whites, and actually leads 49-47 with seniors. His performance with those groups is far better than it is nationally- Romney would need much wider leads with them if he was going to take Ohio.

Despite chatter that Obama's convention speech was not up to his normal standards Ohio voters still say by a 60-31 margin that Obama gives better speeches than Romney. His position in the state may also be helped by the fact that the folks who gave the major convention speeches Tuesday night are more popular than he is: Bill Clinton has a 57/34 favorability rating and Michelle Obama's is 57/35.

"It's hard to see a path to victory for Mitt Romney without Ohio," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But Barack Obama's led in our polling there all year and now his advantage is getting larger."

PPP surveyed 1,072 likely Ohio voters from September 7th to 9th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.0%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

Ohio Survey Results

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

Approve 48%
Disapprove 48%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable 44%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 7%

Q3 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama 50%
Mitt Romney 45%
Undecided 5%

Q4 Did the Democratic convention make you more or less likely to vote for Democrats this year, or did it not make a difference?

More likely 32% Didn't make a difference 36%
Less likely 32%

Q5 Who do you think had a better convention: the Democrats or the Republicans?

Democrats 47%
Republicans 35%
Not sure 18%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Martin O'Malley?

Favorable 6%
Unfavorable 8%
Not sure 86%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Julian Castro?

Favorable 28%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 55%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michelle Obama?

Favorable 57%
Unfavorable 35%
Not sure 8%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ann Romney?

Favorable 54%
Unfavorable 28%
Not sure 18%

Q10 Do you have a higher opinion of Michelle Obama or Ann Romney?

Michelle Obama 49%
Ann Romney 41%
Not sure 11%

Q11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Elizabeth Warren?

Favorable 23%
Unfavorable 23%
Not sure 54%

Q12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bill Clinton?

Favorable 57%
Unfavorable 34%
Not sure 8%



Q13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden?

Favorable 46%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 8%

Q14 Who do you think gives better speeches: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama 60%
Mitt Romney 31%
Not sure 9%

Q15 Who do you think deserves more credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama 63%
Mitt Romney 6%
Not sure 31%

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

Very liberal 11%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate 29%
Somewhat conservative 25%
Very conservative 17%

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

Woman 54%
Man 46%

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.

Democrat 41%
Republican 37%
Independent/Other 22%

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

White 83%
African-American 11%
Other 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.

18 to 29 15%
30 to 45 22%
46 to 65 43%
Older than 65 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	48%	83%	83%	62%	18%	10%
Disapprove	48%	16%	13%	33%	74%	87%
Not sure	5%	1%	3%	5%	8%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
M. Romney Favorability						
Favorable	44%	20%	14%	28%	66%	83%
Unfavorable	49%	78%	83%	62%	25%	12%
Not sure	7%	2%	3%	10%	9%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	50%	82%	84%	64%	23%	11%
Mitt Romney	45%	18%	14%	28%	70%	88%
Undecided	5%	1%	3%	8%	7%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Did DNC Make You More/Less Likely to Vote Dem?						
More likely	32%	60%	55%	41%	11%	8%
Less likely	32%	20%	14%	20%	48%	57%
Didn't make a difference	36%	20%	31%	39%	41%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Better Convention: DNC or RNC?						
Democrats	47%	75%	79%	62%	19%	14%
Republicans	35%	14%	11%	21%	53%	69%
Not sure	18%	11%	10%	17%	29%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
O'Malley Favorability						
Favorable	6%	18%	10%	6%	0%	1%
Unfavorable	8%	16%	12%	7%	7%	5%
Not sure	86%	66%	79%	87%	93%	94%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Castro Favorability						
Favorable	28%	54%	45%	34%	13%	6%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	11%	10%	24%	31%
Not sure	55%	36%	44%	56%	63%	63%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
M. Obama Favorability						
Favorable	57%	81%	85%	76%	34%	17%
Unfavorable	35%	18%	10%	21%	50%	73%
Not sure	8%	1%	5%	3%	16%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
A. Romney Favorability						
Favorable	54%	32%	27%	46%	75%	83%
Unfavorable	28%	59%	52%	28%	11%	6%
Not sure	18%	10%	21%	26%	13%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of M. Obama or A. Romney?						
Michelle Obama	49%	80%	83%	63%	18%	12%
Ann Romney	41%	17%	14%	25%	61%	81%
Not sure	11%	3%	3%	12%	21%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warren Favorability						
Favorable	23%	36%	43%	30%	8%	6%
Unfavorable	23%	31%	8%	14%	35%	32%
Not sure	54%	33%	49%	56%	57%	63%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Clinton Favorability						
Favorable	57%	79%	90%	73%	33%	18%
Unfavorable	34%	18%	8%	18%	52%	73%
Not sure	8%	2%	2%	8%	15%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Biden Favorability						
Favorable	46%	78%	84%	61%	14%	9%
Unfavorable	45%	17%	10%	29%	72%	87%
Not sure	8%	5%	6%	10%	13%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Who Gives Better Speeches?						
Barack Obama	60%	87%	89%	75%	36%	22%
Mitt Romney	31%	13%	6%	19%	45%	66%
Not sure	9%	-	5%	6%	18%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
More Responsible for Bin Laden Death?						
Barack Obama	63%	81%	89%	77%	42%	34%
Mitt Romney	6%	4%	4%	3%	6%	15%
Not sure	31%	14%	8%	20%	53%	51%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	51%	45%
Disapprove	48%	44%	52%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%





Crosstabs

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
M. Romney Favorability			
Favorable	44%	41%	47%
Unfavorable	49%	52%	47%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	50%	53%	46%
Mitt Romney	45%	43%	48%
Undecided	5%	4%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Did DNC Make You More/Less Likely to Vote Dem?			
More likely	32%	34%	31%
Less likely	32%	30%	35%
Didn't make a difference	36%	36%	35%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Better Convention: DNC or RNC?			
Democrats	47%	49%	45%
Republicans	35%	32%	37%
Not sure	18%	19%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
O'Malley Favorability			
Favorable	6%	5%	7%
Unfavorable	8%	7%	10%
Not sure	86%	88%	83%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Castro Favorability			
Favorable	28%	27%	28%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	18%
Not sure	55%	55%	54%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
M. Obama Favorability			
Favorable	57%	61%	53%
Unfavorable	35%	33%	37%
Not sure	8%	6%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
A. Romney Favorability			
Favorable	54%	52%	58%
Unfavorable	28%	32%	24%
Not sure	18%	17%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of M. Obama or A. Romney?			
Michelle Obama	49%	51%	46%
Ann Romney	41%	38%	43%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warren Favorability			
Favorable	23%	24%	23%
Unfavorable	23%	21%	25%
Not sure	54%	55%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Clinton Favorability			
Favorable	57%	58%	56%
Unfavorable	34%	33%	36%
Not sure	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Biden Favorability			
Favorable	46%	48%	44%
Unfavorable	45%	43%	48%
Not sure	8%	9%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who Gives Better Speeches?			
Barack Obama	60%	61%	59%
Mitt Romney	31%	29%	33%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
More Responsible for Bin Laden Death?			
Barack Obama	63%	64%	62%
Mitt Romney	6%	4%	8%
Not sure	31%	31%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	85%	11%	40%
Disapprove	48%	11%	84%	54%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
M. Romney Favorability				
Favorable	44%	14%	79%	42%
Unfavorable	49%	82%	14%	47%
Not sure	7%	4%	7%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	50%	86%	13%	44%
Mitt Romney	45%	11%	83%	46%
Undecided	5%	3%	4%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Did DNC Make You More/Less Likely to Vote Dem?				
More likely	32%	60%	8%	22%
Less likely	32%	11%	51%	38%
Didn't make a difference	36%	29%	40%	40%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Better Convention: DNC or RNC?				
Democrats	47%	84%	14%	36%
Republicans	35%	9%	65%	30%
Not sure	18%	7%	21%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
O'Malley Favorability				
Favorable	6%	10%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	8%	10%	7%	7%
Not sure	86%	80%	90%	89%



Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Castro Favorability				
Favorable	28%	44%	10%	27%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	24%	18%
Not sure	55%	45%	66%	55%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
M. Obama Favorability				
Favorable	57%	87%	25%	56%
Unfavorable	35%	10%	61%	36%
Not sure	8%	2%	14%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
A. Romney Favorability				
Favorable	54%	30%	80%	55%
Unfavorable	28%	51%	8%	19%
Not sure	18%	18%	12%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of M. Obama or A. Romney?				
Michelle Obama	49%	85%	14%	39%
Ann Romney	41%	10%	73%	42%
Not sure	11%	5%	13%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warren Favorability				
Favorable	23%	38%	7%	25%
Unfavorable	23%	14%	32%	25%
Not sure	54%	48%	62%	50%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Clinton Favorability				
Favorable	57%	90%	23%	57%
Unfavorable	34%	7%	65%	32%
Not sure	8%	3%	12%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Biden Favorability				
Favorable	46%	82%	12%	41%
Unfavorable	45%	12%	78%	48%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Who Gives Better Speeches?				
Barack Obama	60%	91%	28%	57%
Mitt Romney	31%	6%	59%	27%
Not sure	9%	3%	12%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
More Responsible for Bin Laden Death?				
Barack Obama	63%	86%	38%	64%
Mitt Romney	6%	1%	15%	1%
Not sure	31%	13%	47%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	44%	79%	47%
Disapprove	48%	51%	19%	53%
Not sure	5%	5%	2%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
M. Romney Favorability				
Favorable	44%	48%	16%	35%
Unfavorable	49%	45%	79%	58%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	50%	46%	81%	51%
Mitt Romney	45%	50%	15%	40%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Did DNC Make You More/Less Likely to Vote Dem?				
More likely	32%	29%	52%	39%
Less likely	32%	34%	20%	30%
Didn't make a difference	36%	37%	28%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Better Convention: DNC or RNC?				
Democrats	47%	43%	75%	55%
Republicans	35%	37%	17%	33%
Not sure	18%	20%	8%	12%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
O'Malley Favorability				
Favorable	6%	6%	5%	11%
Unfavorable	8%	8%	12%	16%
Not sure	86%	87%	83%	73%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Castro Favorability				
Favorable	28%	28%	31%	25%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	12%	21%
Not sure	55%	55%	56%	54%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
M. Obama Favorability				
Favorable	57%	53%	85%	65%
Unfavorable	35%	38%	15%	30%
Not sure	8%	9%	-	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
A. Romney Favorability				
Favorable	54%	57%	39%	53%
Unfavorable	28%	26%	38%	36%
Not sure	18%	17%	23%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Higher Opinion of M. Obama or A. Romney?				
Michelle Obama	49%	44%	80%	60%
Ann Romney	41%	44%	15%	33%
Not sure	11%	12%	5%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Warren Favorability				
Favorable	23%	22%	30%	31%
Unfavorable	23%	24%	17%	25%
Not sure	54%	54%	53%	44%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Clinton Favorability				
Favorable	57%	54%	84%	63%
Unfavorable	34%	37%	15%	28%
Not sure	8%	9%	1%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Biden Favorability				
Favorable	46%	43%	77%	49%
Unfavorable	45%	49%	14%	48%
Not sure	8%	9%	9%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Who Gives Better Speeches?				
Barack Obama	60%	56%	88%	63%
Mitt Romney	31%	33%	6%	31%
Not sure	9%	10%	5%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
More Responsible for Bin Laden Death?				
Barack Obama	63%	60%	86%	69%
Mitt Romney	6%	6%	3%	12%
Not sure	31%	34%	12%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	53%	44%	48%	47%
Disapprove	48%	39%	49%	48%	51%
Not sure	5%	8%	7%	4%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
M. Romney Favorability					
Favorable	44%	42%	38%	45%	48%
Unfavorable	49%	52%	49%	50%	47%
Not sure	7%	6%	13%	5%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	50%	52%	48%	50%	49%
Mitt Romney	45%	42%	44%	46%	47%
Undecided	5%	6%	8%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Did DNC Make You More/Less Likely to Vote Dem ?					
More likely	32%	47%	28%	29%	32%
Less likely	32%	39%	34%	29%	32%
Didn't make a difference	36%	13%	38%	42%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Better Convention: DNC or RNC?					
Democrats	47%	61%	43%	45%	46%
Republicans	35%	32%	31%	36%	39%
Not sure	18%	8%	26%	19%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
O'Malley Favorability					
Favorable	6%	11%	4%	6%	4%
Unfavorable	8%	14%	12%	5%	8%
Not sure	86%	75%	84%	89%	89%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Castro Favorability					
Favorable	28%	37%	24%	30%	19%
Unfavorable	17%	20%	19%	15%	19%
Not sure	55%	43%	57%	54%	61%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
M. Obama Favorability					
Favorable	57%	71%	51%	58%	54%
Unfavorable	35%	26%	40%	33%	39%
Not sure	8%	3%	9%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
A. Romney Favorability					
Favorable	54%	51%	50%	55%	59%
Unfavorable	28%	40%	31%	25%	23%
Not sure	18%	9%	19%	20%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Higher Opinion of M. Obama or A. Romney?					
Michelle Obama	49%	60%	44%	47%	48%
Ann Romney	41%	31%	41%	42%	44%
Not sure	11%	9%	15%	11%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warren Favorability					
Favorable	23%	20%	19%	27%	24%
Unfavorable	23%	29%	26%	20%	22%
Not sure	54%	51%	56%	53%	54%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Clinton Favorability					
Favorable	57%	66%	56%	56%	56%
Unfavorable	34%	31%	37%	33%	38%
Not sure	8%	3%	7%	12%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Biden Favorability					
Favorable	46%	60%	38%	46%	46%
Unfavorable	45%	29%	54%	45%	47%
Not sure	8%	11%	9%	8%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who Gives Better Speeches?					
Barack Obama	60%	69%	59%	59%	56%
Mitt Romney	31%	23%	32%	30%	35%
Not sure	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
More Responsible for Bin Laden Death?					
Barack Obama	63%	64%	60%	66%	60%
Mitt Romney	6%	9%	5%	6%	6%
Not sure	31%	27%	35%	28%	34%

