

NBC News/Marist Poll
Ohio Republican Presidential Primary State - 2012
Questionnaire

March 2012

Screener

<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in Ohio?

HH SELECTION – LANDLINE FRAME ONLY

GENDER GUESS

PRIMRULE: STATE PRIMARY RULES.

Open - enrollment - walk-up
Open - enrollment - no walk-up
Open - no enrollment - walk-up
Open - no enrollment - no walk-up
Semi-open - enrollment - walk-up
Semi-open - enrollment - no walk-up
Closed - enrollment - walk-up
Closed - enrollment - no walk-up

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%

Have I reached you on your cell phone or on your regular home phone?

	Residents
Cell	25
Regular home phone	75
Total	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Residents
Yes	86
No	13
Not a U.S. Citizen	0
Unsure	1
Refused	0
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2)

Percent
86

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters
Approve	45
Disapprove	45
Unsure	9
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1573, MOE +/-2.5%

If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	50
Mitt Romney, the Republican	38
Undecided	12
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1573, MOE +/-2.5%

If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats	49
Mitt Romney and Rob Portman, the Republicans	38
Undecided	13
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1573, MOE +/-2.5%

If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	51
Newt Gingrich, the Republican	36
Undecided	13
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1505, MOE +/-2.5%

If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	48
Ron Paul, the Republican	38
Undecided	13
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1505, MOE +/-2.5%

If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama, the Democrat	50
Rick Santorum, the Republican	36
Undecided	14
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): Split sample; n=1154, MOE +/-2.9%

If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats	51
Rick Santorum and Rob Portman, the Republicans	37
Undecided	13
Total	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%; Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Headed in the right direction	39	40
Off on the wrong track	55	55
Unsure	6	5
Total	100	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%; Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:

	Residents	Registered Voters
The worst is yet to come	44	42
The worst is behind us	49	50
Unsure	8	8
Total	100	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%; Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

During the next 12 months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Residents	Registered Voters
Economy will get better	33	35
Economy will get worse	21	20
Economy will stay about the same	42	42
Unsure	3	3
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Kasich is doing as governor?

	Registered Voters
Approve	40
Disapprove	43
Unsure	17
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

If November's election for U.S. Senate in Ohio were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters
Sherrod Brown, the Democrat	47
Josh Mandel, the Republican	37
Undecided	16
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

Do you plan to vote in the Ohio:

	Registered Voters
Republican primary	29
Democratic primary	30
Or do you plan to wait to vote in the general election	36
Not planning to vote	2
Unsure	3
Total	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%

In which year were you born (recoded into age of respondent)?

	Residents
18 to 29	15
30 to 44	26
45 to 59	26
60 or older	33
Total	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%

Are you white, black or African-American, Latino or Hispanic, Asian, or Native American? (If not Latino: Are you Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?)

	Residents
White	84
African American or Black	11
Latino or Hispanic	2
Other	3
Total	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%

Which of the following includes your combined family income before taxes:

	Residents
Less than \$15,000 a year	14
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000	15
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000	25
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 or more	15
Total	100

Residents: n=3566, MOE +/-1.6%

Which county in Ohio do you live in (recoded into region of the state)?

	Residents
Cleveland Area	18
East	22
Northwest/Toledo	16
Columbus Area	16
South/Cincinnati	28
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, or an Independent, that is, not enrolled in any party? (Independent follow-up: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democrat or Republican party?)

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Democrat	38	2
Democrat leaning Independent	12	2
Independent	12	5
Republican leaning Independent	11	23
Republican	26	66
Other	1	1
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Tea Party Supporters	24	48
No	67	45
Unsure	9	7
Total	100	100

Tea Party supporters (TEAPARTY=1)

Would you say you strongly support the Tea Party Movement or just support it?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Strongly support Tea Party	7	18
Support Tea Party	17	30
Does not support Tea Party	67	45
Unsure	9	7
Total	100	100

POTREP=1

IF (REPSEL=1)

OR (PRIMRULE=1, 2, 3, 4, 7 AND PRIMPRF=1)

OR ((PRIMRULE=5, 6) AND (PARTYR=03 OR PRTDF=02, 03) AND (PRIMPRF=1))

POTREP: POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTORATE=1

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

In the upcoming primary election for president next week, have you already voted early or by absentee, or not?

	Likely Voters
Yes, already voted early or by absentee	11
No	89
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Would you rate your chances of voting in the Republican presidential primary in Ohio as excellent, good, fair, or poor? If you have already voted early or by absentee, please say so.

	Likely Voters
Excellent (including early voters and absentee)	74
Good	20
Fair	4
Poor	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

If next week's Republican presidential primary in Ohio were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (Tossup including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate, voted early, or by absentee):

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	34
Mitt Romney	32
Newt Gingrich	15
Ron Paul	13
Other	1
Undecided	6
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on primary day?

	Likely Voters
Strongly support	57
Somewhat support	31
Might vote differently	11
Unsure	1
Total	100

Likely voters with a candidate preference: n=631, MOE +/- 3.9%

Who is your second choice for the Republican presidential primary in Ohio?

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	26
Rick Santorum	25
Newt Gingrich	24
Ron Paul	16
Undecided	9
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Using the numbers 1 to 5, with 1 meaning very interested and 5 meaning not interested at all, how interested are you in the Ohio Republican presidential primary?

	Likely Voters
1 - Very interested	65
2	14
3	11
4	5
5 - Not interested at all	5
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Have you ever voted before in the Ohio Republican presidential primary?

	Likely Voters
Yes	86
No	14
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Which one of the following qualities is most important to you in deciding whom to support for the Republican presidential nomination? A candidate who:

	Likely Voters
Shares your values	28
Is closest to you on the issues	25
Can beat President Obama in 2012	29
Has the experience to govern	16
Unsure	2
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Mitt Romney?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	51
Acceptable but with reservations	30
Not acceptable	16
Unsure	2
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Newt Gingrich?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	40
Acceptable but with reservations	29
Not acceptable	28
Unsure	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Ron Paul?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	31
Acceptable but with reservations	26
Not acceptable	39
Unsure	4
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Please tell me if you would find each of the following candidates acceptable, acceptable but with reservations, or not acceptable as the Republican nominee for president: Rick Santorum?

	Likely Voters
Acceptable	53
Acceptable but with reservations	25
Not acceptable	19
Unsure	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Are you currently satisfied with the Republican candidates who are running for president or would you like to see someone else run?

	Likely Voters
Satisfied with current candidates	51
Like to see someone else run	46
Undecided	3
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Which one of the following candidates do you consider to be the true conservative:

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	35
Newt Gingrich	21
Ron Paul	18
Mitt Romney	11
None	5
Undecided	10
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Which one of the following candidates do you think has the best chance to beat President Obama:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	53
Rick Santorum	18
Newt Gingrich	12
Ron Paul	5
None	4
Undecided	8
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Which is more important to you:

	Likely Voters
The Republican nominee for president is a true conservative	36
The Republican nominee for president has the best chance to beat President Obama	57
Unsure	7
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Which one of the following candidates best understands the problems of people like yourself:

	Likely Voters
Rick Santorum	31
Ron Paul	19
Mitt Romney	18
Newt Gingrich	18
None	7
Undecided	6
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Regardless of whom you support, who do you think will be the Republican nominee to run against President Obama:

	Likely Voters
Mitt Romney	70
Rick Santorum	13
Newt Gingrich	5
Ron Paul	3
None of the above	1
Undecided	8
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

Did you vote in the 2008 presidential election, were you not eligible to vote at the time, or did you not get a chance to vote in the 2008 presidential election?

	Registered Voters
Yes, voted in 2008 presidential election	87
Not eligible in 2008	5
Did not get a chance to vote in 2008	7
Unsure	1
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%

How about in November of 2010...Did you vote in the 2010 congressional elections, were you not eligible to vote at the time, or did you not get a chance to vote in the 2010 congressional elections?

	Registered Voters
Yes, voted in 2010 congressional elections	74
Not eligible in 2010	4
Did not get a chance to vote in 2010	19
Unsure	2
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

On another topic, politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Very liberal	4	1
Liberal	16	4
Moderate	39	27
Conservative	31	48
Very conservative	10	21
Total	100	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim?

	Likely Voters
Protestant	65
Catholic	26
Jewish	0
Other	3
No Religion	5
Total	100

Likely voters & religion is Protestant, Other, None, or Refused

Would you describe yourself as a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

	Likely Voters
Yes	40
No	60
Total	100

Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Do you consider a Mormon to be a Christian, or not?

	Likely Voters
Yes	56
No-Unsure	44
Total	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

What is the highest level of school you completed or the highest degree you received (recoded)?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Not college graduate	66	62
College graduate	34	38
Total	100	100

Registered voters (NRVVOTE=1,2): n=3079, MOE +/-1.8%; Likely voters: n=820, MOE +/- 3.4%

Are you male or female?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Male	48	49
Female	52	51
Total	100	100