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Clinton expands lead in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – Hillary Clinton has expanded her lead in Ohio, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling. After leading by just four points in a poll conducted last week, she has now expanded that to nine. Clinton leads Barack Obama 51-42.

Obama has not seen the same level of support from young people in Ohio that he has benefited from in other states. He leads Clinton only 49-46 among voters aged 18-29 and trails 48-44 with respondents 30-45.

Although he has the same high level of support from African Americans that he has tended to enjoy (75-18), his gap among white voters is considerable. Clinton has a 59-34 advantage with that group.

“It looks like the Clinton campaign stepped up with their backs against the walls,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “This is the first key state PPP has polled in where Clinton did better the weekend before the election than she was doing ten days out.”

A particular problem for Obama is limited support among male voters, who he has dominated in states where he has done well. In Ohio he leads that group just 47-46.

On the Republican side, John McCain continues to hold a substantial lead over Mike Huckabee, 50-33. Ron Paul is in third at 10%.

“Mike Huckabee seems likely to drop out after Tuesday,” said Debnam. “He’s just not getting any traction anywhere.”

PPP surveyed 1112 likely Democratic primary voters and 612 likely Republican primary voters on March 1st and 2nd. The survey’s margins of errors are +/- 2.9% and +/- 4.0% respectively. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Ohio Democratic Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Democratic candidates still running for President are Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for Hillary Clinton, press 1. If for Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided press 3.

Clinton.....51% *Undecided*..... 7%
Obama.....42%

Q2 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

<i>War in Iraq</i> 24%	<i>Moral and family values</i> 3%
<i>Education</i> 6%	<i>Health care</i> 9%
<i>Economy and jobs</i> . 53%	<i>Immigration</i> 2%
<i>Taxes</i> 3%	<i>Other</i> 1%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women56% *Men*.....44%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 81%
Republican..... 10%
Other..... 10%

Q5 If you are white, press 1, if African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White78% *Other*..... 5%
African American ...17%

Q6 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18-29.....12% *46-65*.....43%
30-45.....26% *Older than 65*.....19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	51%	54%	46%
Obama	42%	38%	47%
Undecided	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Clinton	51%	53%	46%	33%
Obama	42%	40%	45%	57%
Undecided	7%	7%	9%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
President				
Clinton	51%	59%	18%	37%
Obama	42%	34%	75%	53%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Clinton	51%	46%	48%	49%	60%
Obama	42%	49%	44%	43%	34%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	51%	46%	43%	52%	64%	61%	47%	61%	84%
Obama	42%	47%	46%	41%	36%	32%	43%	26%	8%
Undecided	7%	7%	12%	7%	-	7%	10%	13%	7%





Ohio Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republicans still running for President include Mike Huckabee, John McCain, and Ron Paul. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If John McCain, press 2. If Ron Paul, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee.....33% Paul10%
McCain.....50% Undecided..... 7%

Q2 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

War in Iraq 19% Moral and family values..... 18%
Education 3% Health care..... 5%
Economy and jobs.35% Immigration 9%
Taxes 10% Other..... 1%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women43% Men.....57%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 4%
Republican..... 89%
Other..... 7%

Q5 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White96% Other..... 2%
African American 2%

Q6 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18-29.....10% 46-65.....46%
30-45.....20% Older than 65.....24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Huckabee	33%	36%	31%
McCain	50%	49%	52%
Paul	10%	6%	12%
Undecided	7%	9%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Huckabee	33%	30%	33%	27%
McCain	50%	43%	52%	36%
Paul	10%	9%	9%	22%
Undecided	7%	17%	6%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
President				
Huckabee	33%	33%	42%	23%
McCain	50%	51%	33%	54%
Paul	10%	9%	17%	15%
Undecided	7%	7%	8%	8%

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Paul	10%	18%	12%	10%	4%
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President									
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McCain	50%	64%	53%	57%	54%	26%	44%	44%	43%
Paul	10%	7%	-	9%	5%	10%	22%	19%	14%
Undecided	7%	5%	24%	8%	7%	6%	9%	4%	14%

