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Clinton leads, Obama trails in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – In possible general election match ups in Ohio Hillary Clinton shows a slight lead over John McCain while McCain has a larger advantage over Barack Obama, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling.

Clinton leads McCain 45-44 in the state, while McCain has a 49-41 advantage over Obama.

A similar PPP poll for Florida released yesterday showed Hillary Clinton having trouble with black voters and Barack Obama with difficulty shoring up the Democratic base. The same trend shows itself in Ohio. Clinton leads McCain just 47-27 with the key demographic of African American voters, while Obama pulls just 62% with respondents who identified themselves as Democrats.

“Some of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama’s supporters dislike the other candidate so much that at this point they’re not committing to voting for the eventual Democratic nominee in the general election,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

“They’ll probably come around but a key factor here is whether Democrats end up feeling that their nominee was chosen through a legitimate process. If they don’t it could cause some folks to sit on their hands this fall,” Debnam continued.

McCain has no such problems shoring up his base. He gets 88% of Republican votes against Clinton and 86% against Obama.

A Public Policy Polling Florida survey released Tuesday showed McCain leading both Democrats in the state.

PPP surveyed 621 likely voters March 15th-17th. The survey’s margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 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 Survey Results

Q1 If the election for President was between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican John McCain, who would you vote for? If Hillary Clinton, press 1. If John McCain, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Clinton.....45% *Undecided*.....11%

McCain.....44%

Q2 If the election for President was between Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain.....49%

Obama.....41%

Undecided..... 10%

Q3 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*..... 8%

Education 3% *Health care*..... 5%

Economy and jobs 53% *Immigration* 5%

Taxes 6% *Other*..... 1%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women49% *Men*.....51%

Q5 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat.....48%

Republican.....32%

Other.....20%

Q6 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White82% *Other*..... 6%

African American ...12%

Q7 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.....13% *46-65*.....33%

30-45.....31% *Older than 65*.....24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Clinton/McCain			
Clinton	45%	53%	38%
McCain	44%	35%	53%
Undecided	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
McCain/Obama			
McCain	49%	44%	54%
Obama	41%	43%	38%
Undecided	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Clinton/McCain				
Clinton	45%	76%	7%	33%
McCain	44%	12%	88%	50%
Undecided	11%	12%	5%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	49%	27%	86%	44%
Obama	41%	62%	12%	37%
Undecided	10%	11%	3%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Clinton/McCain				
Clinton	45%	46%	47%	34%
McCain	44%	46%	27%	46%
Undecided	11%	8%	27%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	49%	54%	27%	31%
Obama	41%	36%	69%	46%
Undecided	10%	10%	4%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Clinton/McCain					
Clinton	45%	43%	39%	49%	48%
McCain	44%	42%	50%	40%	42%
Undecided	11%	15%	11%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
McCain/Obama					
McCain	49%	43%	54%	47%	49%
Obama	41%	48%	35%	43%	42%
Undecided	10%	9%	11%	10%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Clinton/McCain									
Clinton	45%	52%	40%	52%	8%	11%	80%	17%	51%
McCain	44%	38%	21%	37%	80%	82%	13%	76%	49%
Undecided	11%	10%	39%	11%	13%	7%	7%	6%	-

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McCain/Obama									
McCain	49%	44%	37%	44%	66%	83%	32%	76%	16%
Obama	41%	48%	35%	46%	20%	9%	58%	14%	84%
Undecided	10%	8%	29%	10%	14%	7%	10%	10%	-

