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# Gingrich Leads, But Likely GOP Primary Voters Have Not Ruled Out Romney

Newt Gingrich holds a substantial 35% to 21% lead over Mitt Romney among Republican and Republican-leaning independent voters who say they are very likely to vote in the GOP primaries or caucuses. But clear majorities say there is at least a chance they would vote for either Gingrich or Romney in Republican primaries in their state. None of the other Republican candidates draws nearly as much potential support.

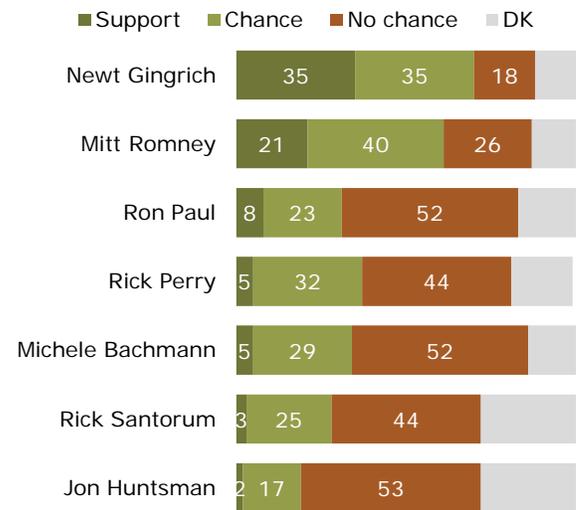
The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press was conducted Dec. 7-11 among 1, 521 adults, including 392 likely Republican primary voters. It finds that 70% support Gingrich or say there is a chance they would vote for him. Romney trails Gingrich for the nomination, but as many as 61% of likely Republican primary voters either support Romney or say there is a chance they could support him.

Just 18% of likely Republican primary voters say there is no chance they could support Gingrich and only somewhat more (26%) say there is no chance they could vote for Romney. More than four-in-ten likely Republican primary voters have effectively ruled out voting for the other GOP candidates.

The survey finds that neither Gingrich nor Romney is drawing much in the way of strong support. Just 29% of Republican and Republican-leaning voters who favor Gingrich for the nomination support him strongly; 69% support him “only moderately.” Similarly, far fewer GOP voters support Romney strongly (33%) than support him only moderately (66%). Support for both Gingrich and Romney is softer than was support for the leading GOP candidates four years ago.

### GOP Nomination Race among Likely Primary Voters

Based on Rep and Rep-leaning registered voters who say they are very likely to vote in primary (N=392)



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Gingrich holds a sizable lead over Romney among Republican and Republican-leaning voters who are very likely to vote in the primaries and caucuses, and agree with the Tea Party movement (35% to 20%).

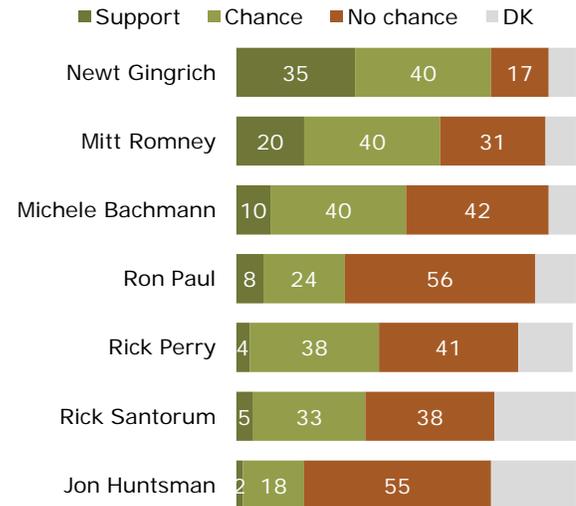
However, most Tea Party Republicans have not ruled out the possibility of supporting Romney. One-in-five (20%) likely Republican primary voters who agree with the Tea Party say Romney is their top choice for the GOP nomination. Another 40% say if their preferred candidate were not in the race there is a chance they could vote for the former Massachusetts governor. About three-in-ten (31%) likely Republican primary voters who agree with the Tea Party say there is no chance they would vote for Romney.

Just 17% of likely GOP primary voters who agree with the Tea Party say there is no chance they would vote for Gingrich. Fully 75% either support Gingrich currently or say there is chance they would vote for him.

Among white evangelical Protestants who say they are very likely to vote in a GOP primary, 51% either support Romney (10%) or say there is at least some chance they would support him (41%); 35% say there is no chance they would support him. Two-thirds (67%) of white evangelicals likely to vote in a GOP primary support Gingrich (35%) or say there is a chance they would vote for him (32%); 18% say there is no chance they would vote for him.

### Most Tea Party Republicans Have Not Ruled Out Voting for Romney

*Based on Rep and Rep-leaning registered voters who agree with the Tea Party movement and say they are very likely to vote in primary (N=208)*



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## Gingrich Fares Better than Romney among Men

Among likely Republican primary voters, Gingrich runs somewhat better among men than among women. Gingrich leads Romney by two-to-one (40% to 19%) among men who say they are very likely to vote in the Republican primary in their state. Among Republican women, however, nearly as many support Romney (22%) as support Gingrich (29%).

Gingrich runs well among likely Republican primary voters in the South: 41% prefer him for the GOP nomination compared with 16% who prefer Romney. By contrast voters in the West are divided: 30% prefer Romney, 27% Gingrich.

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### Gingrich's Gender Gap among Likely GOP Primary Voters

	Gingrich %	Romney %	Gingrich adv
<b>All Likely GOP primary voters</b>	35	21	+14
Men	40	19	+21
Women	29	22	+7
South	41	16	+25
East/Midwest	34	19	+15
West	27	30	-3
<i>Tea Party ...</i>			
Agree	35	20	+15
Disagree/No opinion	34	22	+12

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## Intense Support Lacking for Gingrich, Romney

Among all Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters who express a preference for the GOP nomination, 34% support their choice for the GOP nomination strongly, while 64% say they back their candidate only moderately.

There is no difference in intensity between those who support Gingrich and those who support Romney. About three-in-ten among both groups (33% Romney, 29% Gingrich) say they support their candidate strongly; far more say they support their candidate only moderately (66% Romney, 69% Gingrich).

In January 2008, roughly half of Republican and Republican-leaning voters who favored John McCain for the GOP nomination supported him strongly. And among Democratic voters, even higher proportions of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton supporters backed them strongly.

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### Most Republicans Support GOP Candidates "Only Moderately"

	Support candidate ...		
	Strongly %	Only Moderately %	DK %
<b>Rep/Lean Rep RVs*</b>	34	64	2=100
<i>Among ...</i>			
Gingrich supporters	29	69	2=100
Romney supporters	33	66	1=100

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\* Based on Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters who expressed a preference for the GOP nomination. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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## Gingrich Moves to the Top

Support for Gingrich has doubled over the past month among all Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters, from 16% in mid-November to 33% in the current survey. In July, just 3% of Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters favored Gingrich for the nomination.

Support for Mitt Romney has shown little change over this time period, and has been steady since last fall. In the current survey, 21% of Republican and GOP-leaning voters favor Romney.

In November, 22% of GOP voters supported Herman Cain for the Republican nomination. These voters have gone almost exclusively to Gingrich – no other GOP candidate has seen a significant increase in support from one month ago.

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### A Year of Twists and Turns in GOP Race

	Nov 4-7 2010	Mar 8-14	July 20-24	Sep 22- Oct 4	Nov 9-14	Dec 7-11
<b>Rep/Lean Rep RVs</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Newt Gingrich	9	11	3	7	16	33
Mitt Romney	17	21	21	21	23	21
Ron Paul	10	8	9	11	8	8
Michele Bachmann	--	--	11	4	5	6
Rick Perry	--	--	12	16	8	4
Rick Santorum	2	2	1	2	2	3
Jon Huntsman	--	--	2	1	1	3
Herman Cain	--	--	8	12	22	--
Sarah Palin	16	13	11	9	--	--
Mike Huckabee	19	20	--	--	--	--
Other	12	10	4	1	*	*
None/DK	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100

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## More Say Gingrich Can Beat Obama

As Gingrich has moved into the lead for the GOP nomination, he also is increasingly viewed as having the best chance of any Republican to defeat Barack Obama. Currently, 35% of Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters say that Gingrich has the best chance of beating Obama next November, up from just 13% a month ago.

Nearly three-in-ten (28%) say Romney has the best chance of beating Obama, which is little changed from a month ago. Very few Republican and Republican-leaning voters think any other GOP candidate has the best chance of defeating Obama.

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### Gingrich Increasingly Viewed as Having Best Chance to Win

Rep/Lean Rep RVs	Aug 17-21	Nov 9-14	Dec 7-11
	%	%	%
Newt Gingrich	4	13	35
Mitt Romney	22	30	28
Rick Perry	28	6	2
Ron Paul	3	2	2
Jon Huntsman	1	*	1
Michele Bachmann	7	1	1
Rick Santorum	1	0	1
Herman Cain	3	18	0
Sarah Palin	9	0	0
Other	1	2	*
All	0	1	1
None	3	4	4
Don't know	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>
	100	100	100

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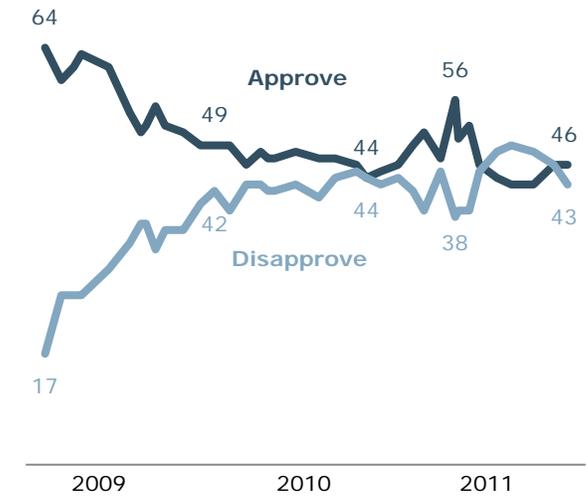
## Little Change in Obama Approval

The survey finds little change in Barack Obama's job rating over the past month. But Obama's ratings continue to be better than they were in the summer.

Currently, 46% of the public approves of Obama's job performance while 43% disapprove. In November, 46% approved and 46% disapproved. From July through early October his job ratings were more negative than positive. Since August, there has been a six-point decline in the percentage disapproving of Obama's job performance (from 49% to 43%). Obama's rating hit a two-year high in May (56%), following the killing of Osama bin Laden.

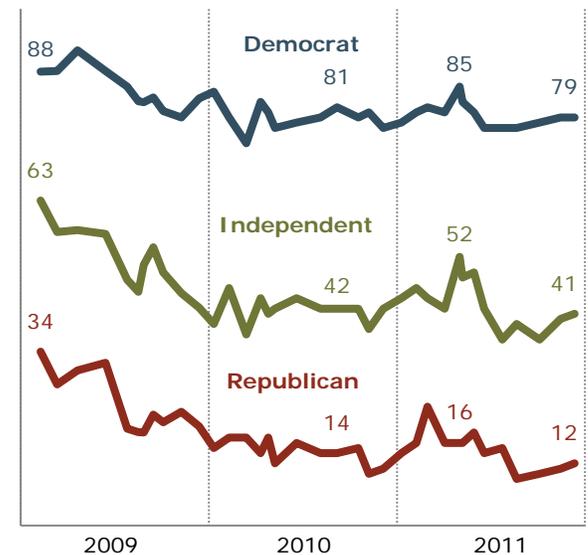
In the current survey, 79% of Democrats approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president. About as many independents approve (41%) as disapprove (46%). Just 12% of Republicans approve of the way Obama is handling his job.

### Obama Approval



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### Obama Approval by Party



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## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted December 7-11, 2011 among a national sample of 1,521 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (914 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 607 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 284 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, region, and population density to parameters from the March 2010 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2010 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size within the landline sample. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Sample Size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,521	3.5 percentage points
Republicans	380	6.5 percentage points
Democrats	489	5.5 percentage points
Independents	569	5.0 percentage points
Registered voters	1,211	3.5 percentage points
<i>Among Rep/Rep leaning voters</i>		
All	504	5.5 percentage points
Very likely to vote in primary/caucus	392	6.0 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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**DECEMBER 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**December 7-11, 2011**  
**N=1521**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

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Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
May 2, 2011	56	38	6	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

**QUESTIONS 2, 4-9, 12-13, 15 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 3, 10-11, 14, 16-17****ASK ALL:**

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

**[INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1 FOR REGIST AND REGICERT]**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST:**

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

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2011

76	Yes, Registered
72	Absolutely certain
4	Chance registration has lapsed
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
23	No, not registered
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**QUESTIONS 18-19 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 20-24**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2	12	17
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2	16	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3	18	16
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3	17	18
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
May 25-30, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	15	17
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

**ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):**

Q.25 As I name some possible Republican candidates for president in 2012, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]**

**IF NAMED CANDIDATE GIVEN (1 thru 7 in Q.25) ASK:**

Q.25a Do you support **[INSERT LAST NAME OF CANDIDATE FROM Q.25]** strongly or only moderately?

**BASED ON REP/REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=504]:**

Dec 7-11 2011		Nov 9-14 2011	Sep 22-Oct 4 2011	Jul 20-24 2011	Mar 8-14 2011	Nov 4-7 2010
33	<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	16	7	3	11	9
10	Strongly					
24	Only moderately/DK					
21	<b>Mitt Romney</b>	23	21	21	21	17
7	Strongly					
14	Only moderately/DK					
8	<b>Ron Paul</b>	8	11	9	8	10
2	Strongly					
6	Only moderately/DK					
6	<b>Michele Bachmann</b>	5	4	11	--	--
3	Strongly					
2	Only moderately/DK					
4	<b>Rick Perry</b>	8	16	12	--	--
2	Strongly					
3	Only moderately/DK					
3	<b>Rick Santorum</b>	2	2	1	2	2
1	Strongly					
1	Only moderately/DK					
3	<b>Jon Huntsman</b>	1	1	2	--	--
1	Strongly					
1	Only moderately/DK					
*	Other (VOL.) <sup>1</sup>	*	1	1	1	5
--	Herman Cain	22	12	8	--	--
--	Sarah Palin	--	9	11	13	16
--	Tim Pawlenty	--	--	3	3	5
--	Mike Huckabee	--	--	--	20	19
--	Mitch Daniels	--	--	--	2	--
--	Haley Barbour	--	--	--	2	2
--	Chris Christie	--	--	--	2	--
10	None (VOL.)	4	5	5	5	4
4	Too early to tell (VOL.)	5	5	7	3	--
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	8	7	10

<sup>1</sup> Cain, Palin, Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly asked in some previous surveys. Chris Christie was never asked in any surveys. In surveys in which they received less than 1% support, these responses are included in other. Dashes indicate that candidates were not explicitly asked about and received less than 1% support.

**ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q25 (REGICERT=1 AND Q25=1-7 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):**

Q.26 If [INSERT NAME CHOSEN IN Q25] were not in the race, is there a chance that you would vote for [INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE] in your state's Republican primary or caucus, or not? What about [NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Is there a chance that you would vote for [NAME] in your state's Republican primary, or not?]<sup>2</sup>

**ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO DID NOT CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q25 (REGICERT=1 AND Q25=9-99 (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):**

Q.27 Is there a chance that you would vote for [INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE] in your state's Republican primary or caucus, or not? What about [NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Is there a chance that you would vote for [NAME] in your state's Republican primary, or not?]

**BASED ON REP/REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=504]:**

		Yes, a <u>chance</u>	No, not <u>a chance</u>	(VOL.) Not planning to <u>vote in primary</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Candidate was first choice</i>
a.	Mitt Romney Dec 7-11, 2011	39	26	*	14	21
b.	Newt Gingrich Dec 7-11, 2011	34	20	*	13	33
<b>NO ITEM c</b>						
d.	Rick Perry Dec 7-11, 2011	32	46	*	18	4
e.	Ron Paul Dec 7-11, 2011	23	51	*	18	8
f.	Michele Bachmann Dec 7-11, 2011	28	51	*	15	6
g.	Jon Huntsman Dec 7-11, 2011	19	51	*	27	3
h.	Rick Santorum Dec 7-11, 2011	23	46	*	28	3

**ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):**

Q.28 If there is a Republican primary election or caucus in your state early next year, how likely is it that you will vote? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely to vote in the Republican primaries?

**BASED ON REP/REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=504]:**

	Very <u>likely</u>	Somewhat <u>likely</u>	Not too <u>likely</u>	Not at <u>all likely</u>	(VOL.) <u>No primary</u>	(VOL.) <u>Not eligible</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 7-11, 2011	75	14	4	3	0	3	1

<sup>2</sup> Respondents were not asked about the candidate they picked in Q.25; they were asked this question about all other candidates. Respondents who did not pick a named candidate in Q.25 were asked Q.27 about all candidates.

**ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):**

Q.29 Apart from who you would like to see nominated, which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance of defeating Barack Obama next November? [OPEN END; RECORD FIRST MENTION ONLY.] [IF PERSON OFFERS MULTIPLE CANDIDATES, PROBE WITH: Which of those do you think has the best chance of defeating Obama?]

**BASED ON REP/REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=504]:**

Dec 7-11 2011		Nov 9-14 2011	Aug 17-21 2011 <sup>3</sup>
35	Newt Gingrich	13	4
28	Mitt Romney	30	22
2	Rick Perry	6	28
2	Ron Paul	2	3
1	Jon Huntsman	*	1
1	Michele Bachmann	1	7
1	Rick Santorum	0	1
0	Herman Cain	18	3
0	Sarah Palin	0	9
*	Other	2	1
1	All	1	0
4	None	4	3
25	Don't know/Refused	21	19

**QUESTIONS 30-36, 41-46, 48-52 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE  
NO QUESTIONS 37-40, 47**

**ASK ALL:**

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>4</sup>	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

<sup>3</sup> In August 2011, question began "Apart from your opinions about the Republican candidates, which one..."

<sup>4</sup> In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May through October, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."