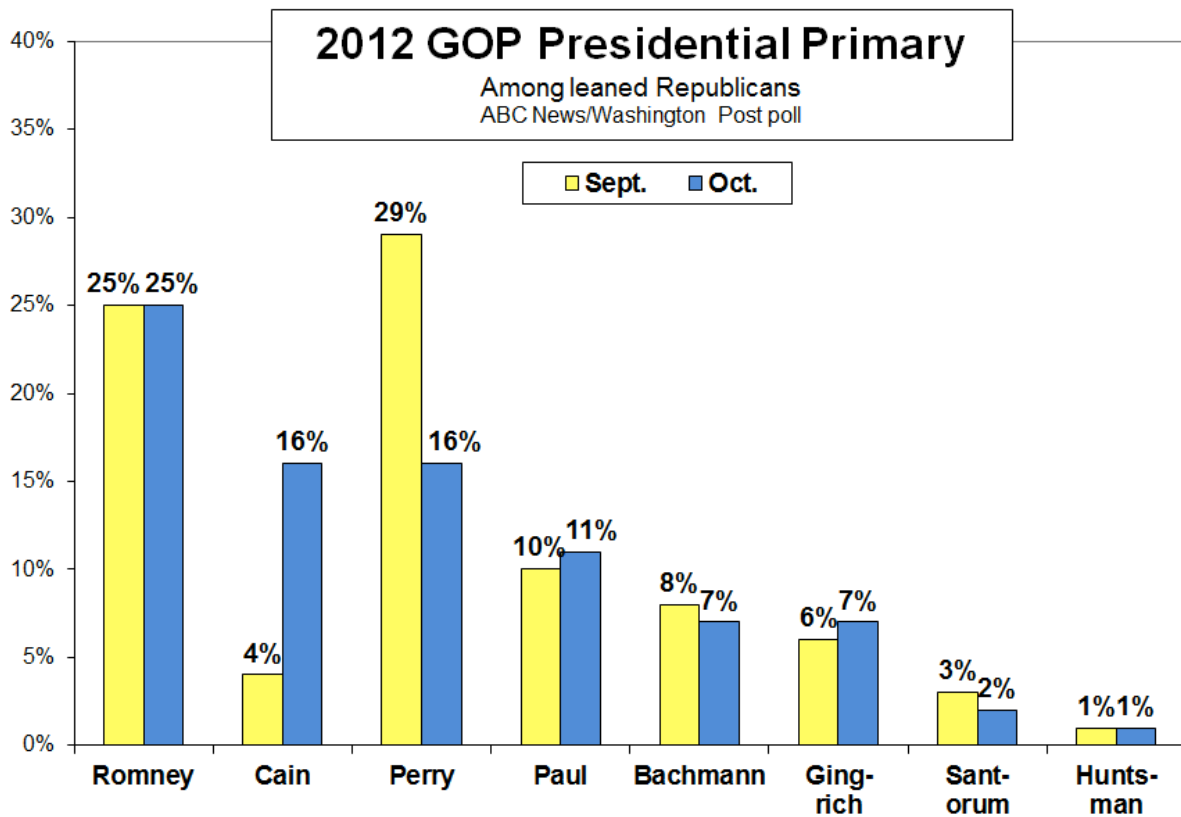


Obama Seen as Underdog – But Against Whom?

Americans broadly expect Barack Obama to be a one-term president, even as the Republican contest to challenge him churns wildly.

Rick Perry, slammed by poor debate performances after a soaring start, has lost ground badly – hemorrhaging support from seniors and very conservative Republicans and relinquishing the overall advantage in his party’s contest to Mitt Romney. Instead it’s Herman Cain’s turn to surge: He’s suddenly running evenly with Perry in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll.

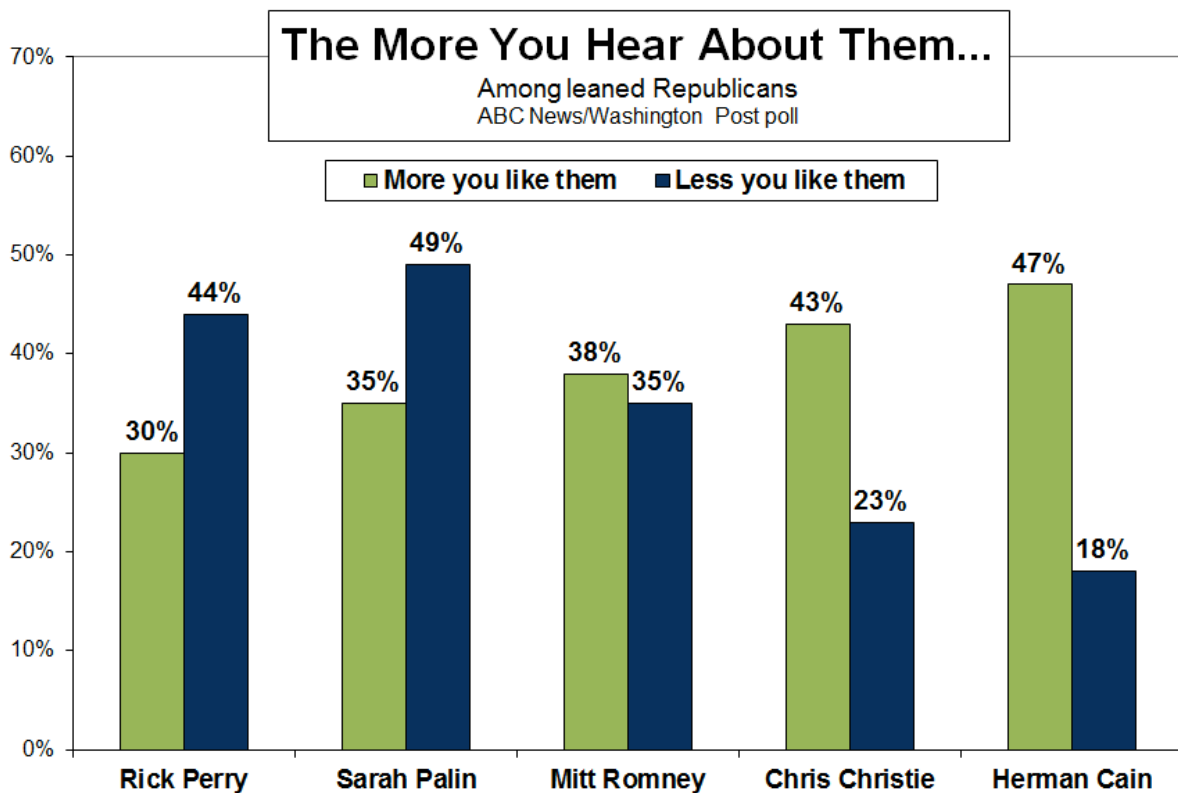


Chris Christie, when added to the mix, debuts with 11 percent support in this poll, produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#). While that means nine in 10 don’t side with the New Jersey governor, 42 percent of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents also say they’d like him to run – more than say that about the other major figure still in the wings, Sarah Palin.

These results indicate the unsettled nature of the Republican contest. Among announced candidates, Romney has 25 percent support, unchanged from last month; Perry has 16 percent, down by a steep 13 points; Cain, with 16 percent, is up sharply from 4 percent a month ago.

Best for Cain and Christie alike is the way in which potential Republican voters are warming to them. Forty-seven percent say the more they hear about Cain the more they like him, vs. just 18 percent who like him less. It's a similar 43-23 percent positive for Christie.

Perry is heading in the opposite direction, with more negative reviews than positive ones. His troubles since his lackluster debate performances are unmistakable, as well as a cautionary sign for those enjoying their moment in the sun. Forty-four percent of Republicans and Republican leaning-independents now say the more they hear about Perry, the less they like him, outnumbering the 30 percent who like him more. And among those who watched last week's debate, many more – 63 percent – say they like Perry less.



Romney gets an even split on this score – like his overall support numbers, he appears to be neither gaining ground nor losing it, which for a frontrunner could be worse. Head-to-head vs. Perry, Romney leads on experience and electability; the two are close in trust to handle the economy, as well as on Social Security.

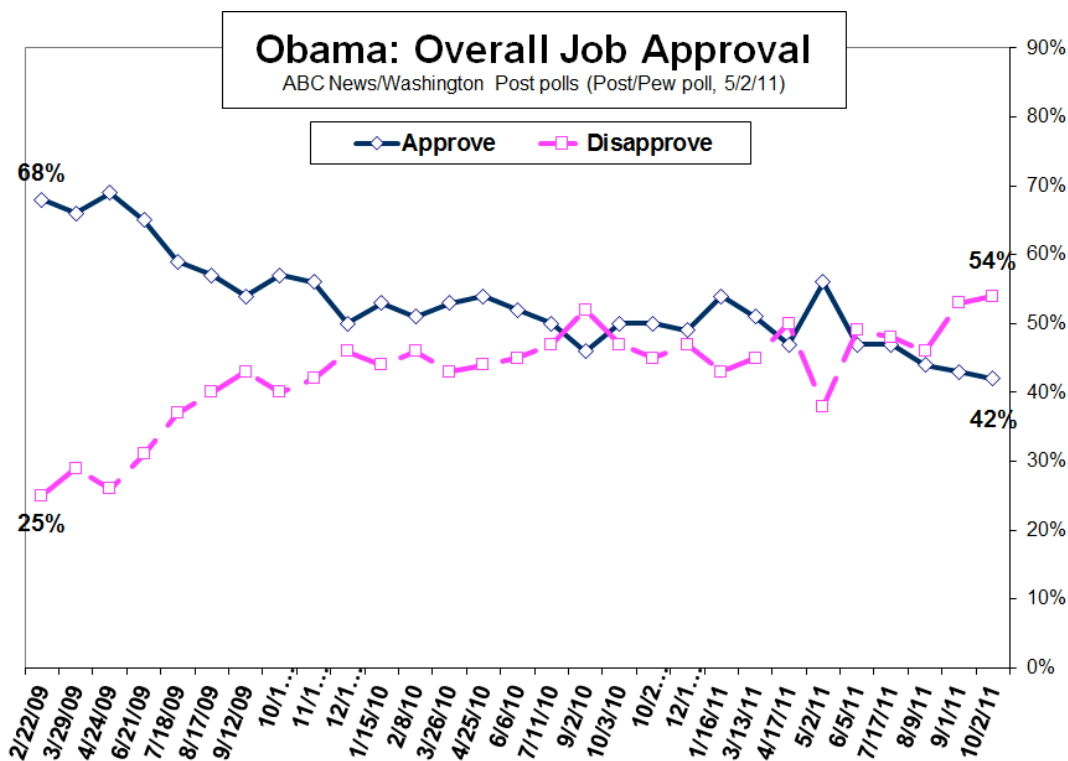
CAIN and PERRY – The sharpest changes are between Perry, long-serving governor of Texas, and Cain, a businessman who’s never held elective office. Cain – in the headlines for winning a Florida Republican Party straw poll last week – has moved up among several of the groups in which Perry’s lost ground.

Perry’s lost 36 points in the past month among leaned Republicans who are following the election very closely; Cain’s gained 30 points in this same group. Cain now wins 36 percent support from those paying very close attention, vs. 24 percent for Romney, 12 percent for Perry.

Perry, attacked in the debates for calling Social Security a failure and a Ponzi scheme, has lost 35 points among senior citizens. Criticized by conservatives for signing an order mandating a vaccine for pre-teen girls, and for offering in-state college tuition to illegal immigrants, he’s lost 35 points among strong supporters of the Tea Party political movement and 27 points among very conservative Republicans; Cain’s gained 25 and 16 points in these groups, respectively.

Cain also has gained 22 points among Republican-leaning independents. He’s tied with Romney among leaned Republicans who’ve watched the debates, with 27 and 26 percent support, vs. 14 percent for Perry. And leaned Republicans who’ve watched the debates say the more they hear about Cain the more they like him by a vast 70-12 percent.

OBAMA – Obama, for his part, presiding over the longest and deepest economic downturn since the Great Depression, is down to 42 percent approval for his job performance, numerically a new low, and not the kind of number that lends itself to re-election. He’s at career lows specifically among independents – key swing voters – and moderates.



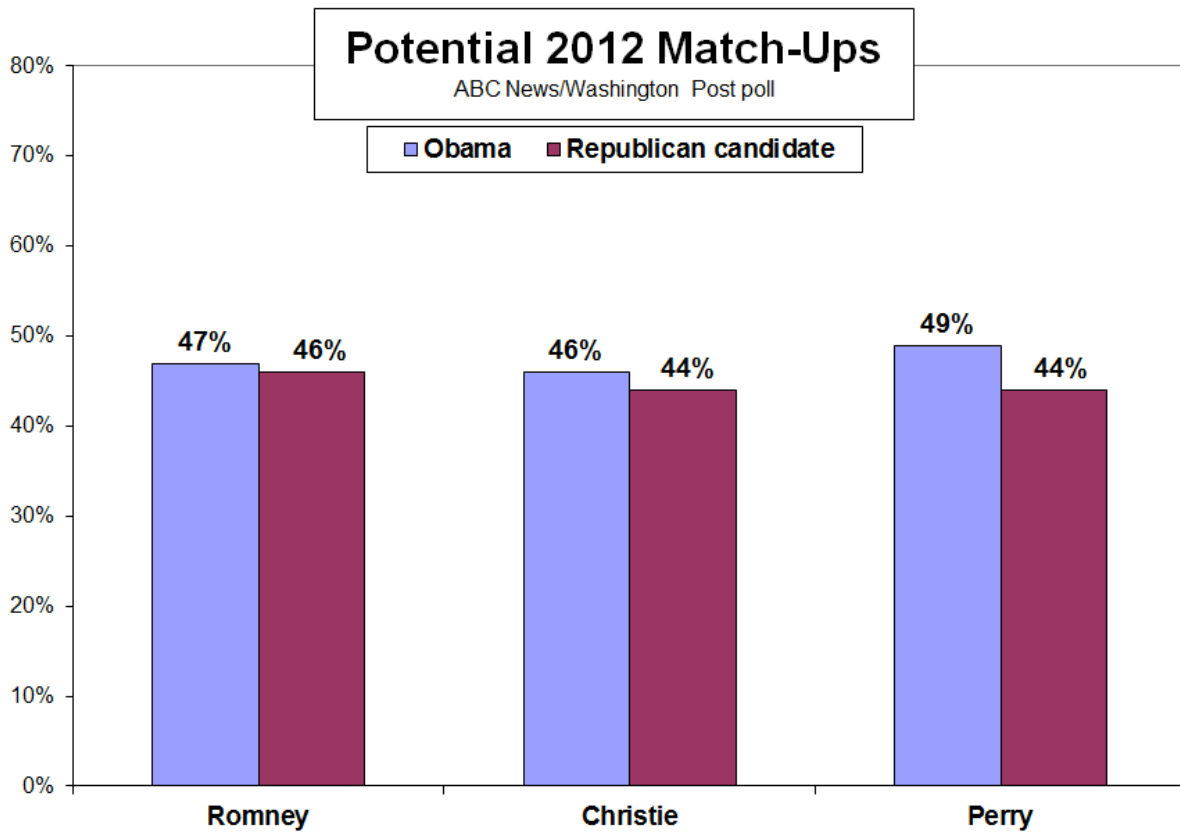
Fifty-four percent of Americans disapprove of the president’s performance. That includes 40 percent who disapprove strongly, outnumbering strong approvers by 2-1.

While the intensity of his critics is trouble for Obama, so are expectations that he won’t be re-elected; Americans by 55-37 percent expect the eventual Republican nominee to win. Such views can inform voter enthusiasm – precisely the ingredient that led the GOP to its broad success in the 2010 midterms. (See separate analysis, released Monday.)

HEAD to HEAD – General-election match-ups remain quite close, with support for Obama’s challengers below his disapproval rating, indicating that discontent with the president hasn’t yet coalesced into full-throated support for the other side.

Obama has 47 percent support vs. 46 percent against Romney; this flips to 46-48 among registered voters. It’s 46-44 percent among all adults for Obama-Christie and 49-44 percent pitting Obama against Perry. The differences are not statistically significant.

In these trial heats, Romney and Christie numerically edge out Obama among independents, and come close among moderates. Perry, by contrast, does not have a numerical edge among independents, and trails Obama among moderates by 20 points.

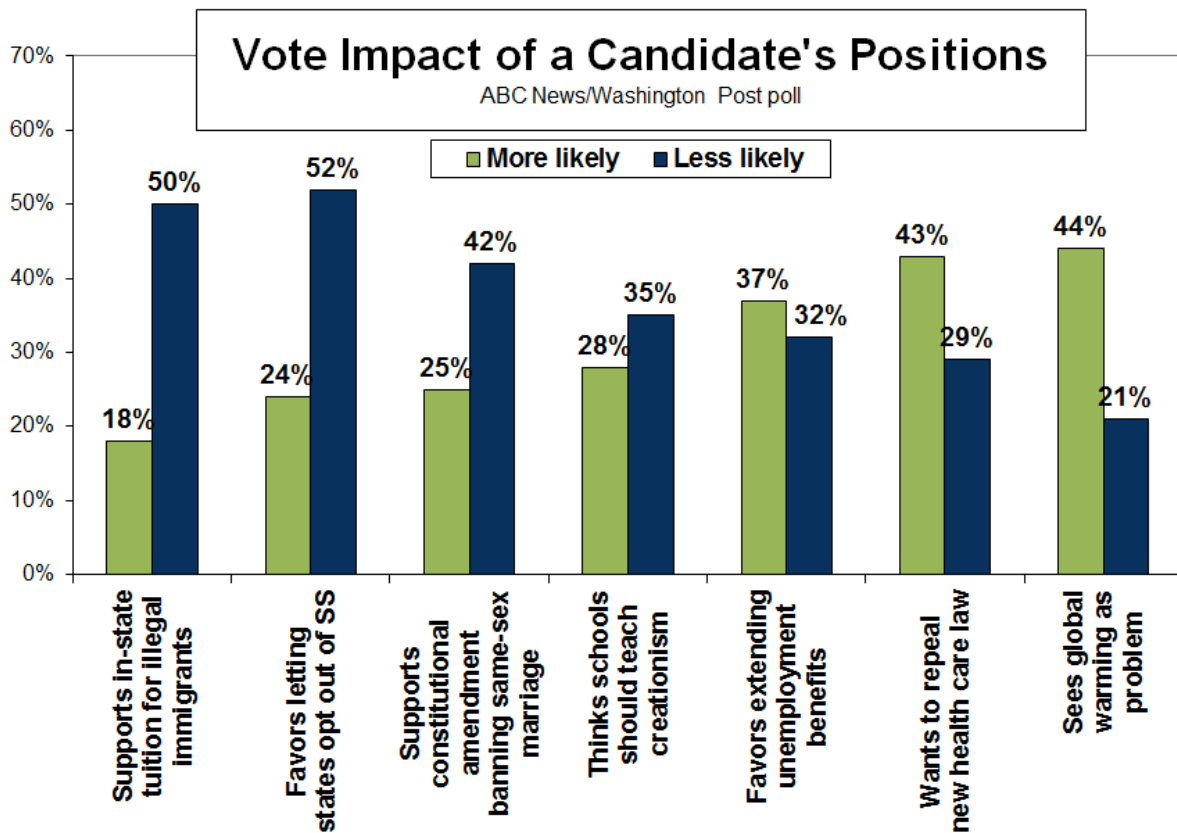


By another measure, 46 percent of Americans say they definitely will not support Obama for re-election, about where it's been since spring, leaving him fairly little margin for error in his 2012 campaign. Notably, though, nearly as many, 44 percent, flatly rule out Perry; fewer, 37 percent, reject Romney out of hand.

Some differences among groups underscore Romney's room to navigate. Fewer independents wouldn't consider Romney, 34 percent, than say that about either Obama or Perry (48 and 46 percent, respectively). And while 85 percent of Republicans say there's no way they'd support Obama, fewer Democrats, 63 percent, flatly rule out Romney. (It's similar for Perry among Democrats).

ISSUES – As the president's likely to point out in the campaign ahead, he's got potential advantages on some issues, depending on the GOP nominee. Americans by 44-21 percent say they're more apt to support a candidate who sees global warming as a problem to be addressed. And by 42-25 percent they're more apt to oppose one who favors a Constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

That said, Americans by 43-29 percent also say they're more apt to support than oppose a candidate who favors repealing the new health care law, a centerpiece of Obama's presidency and now a potential liability as he seeks a second term.

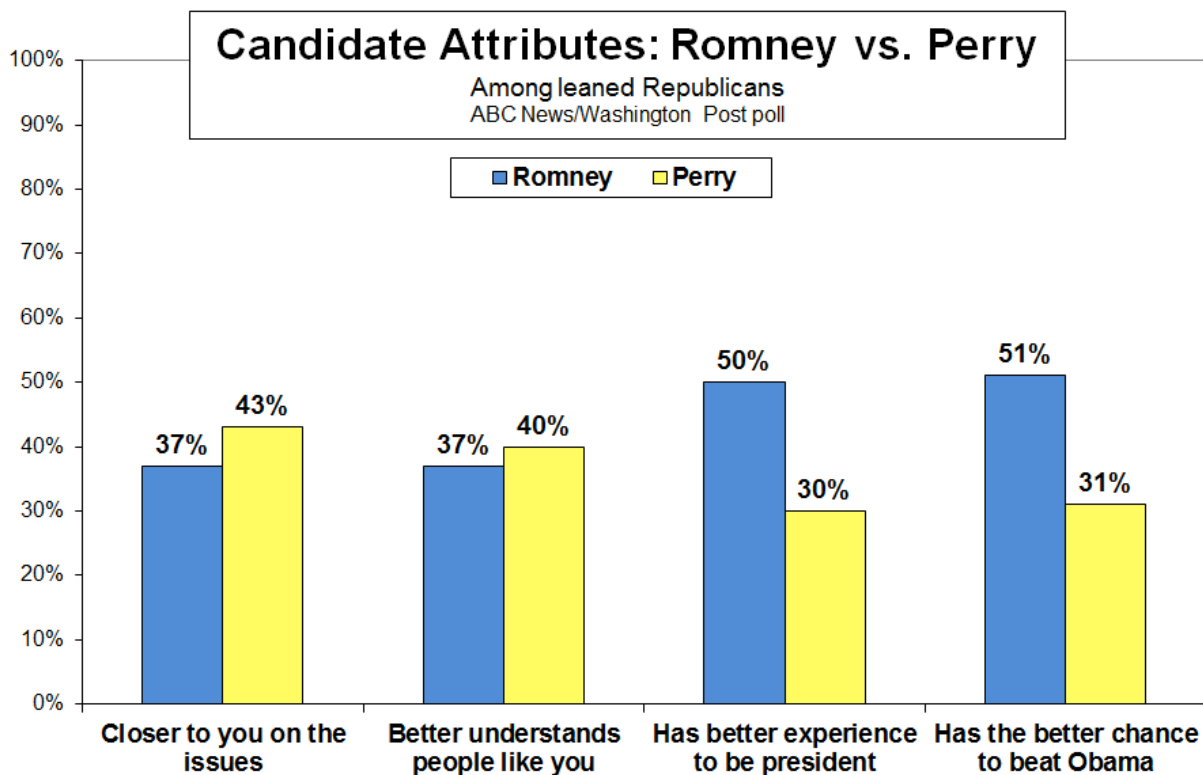


On other issues, the public is broadly more likely to oppose a candidate who favors allowing states to opt out of the Social Security system, by 52-24 percent, a potential vulnerability for Perry. And by 50-18 percent Americans are more likely to oppose a candidate who favors providing in-state tuition for illegal immigrants, a policy of Perry's in Texas. (Using the word "undocumented" instead of "illegal" doesn't meaningfully change the result.)

More narrowly, Americans by 35-28 percent say they're more likely to oppose than to support a candidate who favors teaching creationism or intelligent design alongside evolution as part of the science curriculum in public schools.

Two of these represent challenges for Perry in his own party. Leaned Republicans say by 41-33 percent that they'd be less likely to support a candidate who favors allowing states to replace Social Security with their own retirement systems, a suggestion Perry has characterized as worthy of discussion. And by a broad 63-12 percent they are more likely to oppose a candidate who supports in-state tuition for illegal immigrants; 47 percent are "much" less apt to support such a candidate.

GOP ISSUES and ATTRIBUTES – Issues matter; Republicans and Republican-leaning independents by 73-20 percent say it's more important to them to support the candidate they agree with the most than the one who's most likely to win. That's a relative weakness for Romney; head-to-head against Perry, leaned Republicans by 43-37 percent describe Perry as closer to them on the issues.



At the same time, Romney numerically leads Perry on several issues – 44-34 percent in trust to handle the deficit, 44-35 percent on the economy and 41-34 percent on Social Security and immigration alike. Perry has a numerical advantage, 42-35 percent (none of these is statistically significant) over Romney on health care. Romney’s opponents have criticized the mandatory coverage law he signed as governor of Massachusetts.

Of these, the economy, naturally, stands tall. Fifty-one percent of leaned Republicans identify it as the single most important issue in their choice for the GOP candidate for president; the deficit trails distantly, cited by 13 percent, with all other mentions in the single digits. Those most concerned about the economy fracture when asked the next most important issue – two in 10 say taxes; one in 10 apiece mention the deficit, health care and foreign policy issues.

Separately, on personal attributes, Perry paces Romney, 40-37 percent, on empathy – who “better understands the problems of people like you.” Still, in having the better experience, it’s Romney by 50-30 percent; and in electability it’s similar, 51-31 percent for Romney.

WINGS – Christie’s renewed interest – he’d said he would not run, then said he’s reconsidering – garners some support, albeit not a mandate. While, as noted, 42 percent of leaned Republicans would like to see him enter the race, 34 percent would like him to stay out, and 24 percent have no opinion either way.

Christie does best, naturally, among the three in 10 leaned Republicans who are dissatisfied with the current field of candidates. In this group, 22 percent support him for the nomination.

Any way it’s sliced, Christie’s in a better position for a late arrival than is Sarah Palin. Republicans and Republican-leaning independents say by 49-35 percent that the more they hear about Palin the less they like her. And by 2-1, 66-31 percent, they’d like her not to enter the race.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, 2011, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults, including landline and cell-phone-only respondents. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 4 points for the full sample and 6 points for leaned Republicans. The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York, N.Y.

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Full results follow.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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18. On another subject, how closely are you following the 2012 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	---- Closely -----			---- Not closely -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	
10/2/11	64	24	40	36	23	13	0
9/1/11	66	25	40	34	20	14	*
7/17/11	61	18	43	39	23	15	*
6/5/11	61	22	39	38	23	15	*
11/3/08 RV	91	64	28	8	5	4	*
11/2/08 RV	90	63	28	9	5	4	*
11/1/08 RV	90	61	29	10	6	4	*
10/31/08 RV	89	60	29	11	7	4	*
10/30/08 RV	89	59	29	11	7	4	*
10/29/08 RV	89	60	30	10	6	4	*
10/28/08 RV	90	59	31	10	6	4	*
10/27/08 RV	91	60	31	9	5	4	*
10/26/08 RV	90	60	30	9	5	4	*
10/25/08 RV	89	59	30	11	6	5	*

10/24/08	RV	89	60	28	11	6	5	*
10/23/08	RV	88	58	30	12	6	6	*
10/22/08	RV	89	57	32	11	6	5	*
10/21/08	RV	90	58	32	10	6	4	*
10/20/08	RV	90	57	34	10	6	4	*
10/19/08	RV	90	57	33	10	6	3	*
10/11/08	RV	92	59	33	8	4	4	*
9/29/08	RV	89	58	31	11	7	5	*
9/22/08	RV	91	55	36	9	5	4	0
9/7/08	RV	89	51	38	10	6	5	*
8/22/08	RV	84	42	42	16	11	5	*
7/13/08	RV	79	36	42	21	12	9	1
6/15/08		75	34	41	25	12	13	*
5/11/08		83	39	44	17	13	5	0
4/13/08		84	37	47	16	11	5	*
3/2/08		84	42	42	15	11	4	*
2/1/08		81	35	46	19	12	7	*
1/12/08		79	32	47	21	15	6	*
12/9/07		72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07		67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07		69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07		70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07		66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07		66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07		65	20	44	35	25	10	*

Call for full trend.

19. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Republican nomination for president next year - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

	----- Satisfied -----			--- Dissatisfied ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
10/2/11	62	9	54	32	25	7	6
9/1/11	65	15	51	29	21	8	6
7/17/11	54	8	46	38	29	10	8
6/5/11	47	7	40	46	38	9	7
4/17/11	43	5	38	40	30	10	17
11/1/07	69	16	54	28	22	7	2
9/7/07	68	19	49	26	21	6	5
7/21/07	65	13	53	32	26	6	3
6/1/07	68	11	56	28	22	6	4
4/15/07	65	16	49	31	27	5	3
2/25/07	73	14	58	24	20	5	3

20. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) What's the single most important issue to you in your choice for the Republican candidate for president?

	10/2/11
Economy/jobs	51
Deficit/debt/spending	13
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in government	7
Taxes	4
Health care	4
Morals/family values	3
Social Security	2
Immigration	1
Size/role of government	1
Education	1
Leadership	1

Business	1
Military	1
Beating Barack Obama	1
Conservative	1
Qualifications/Experience	1
Foreign policy	1
Gun control	1
Other	4
No opinion	5

20a. (IF ECONOMY/JOBS) After the economy/jobs, what's the next most important issue?

	10/2/11
Taxes	19
Health care	11
Foreign policy	10
Deficit/debt/spending	10
Terrorism/security	8
Education	6
Immigration	5
War in Afghanistan	5
Military	4
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in government	2
Housing/Mortgages	2
Size/role of government	2
Beating Barack Obama	1
Conservative	1
Gun control	1
Morals/family values	1
Social Security	1
Other	1
No opinion	6

21. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) If the 2012 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were (Michele Bachmann), (Herman Cain), (Chris Christie), (Newt Gingrich), (Jon Huntsman), (Sarah Palin), (Ron Paul), (Rick Perry), (Mitt Romney), (Rick Santorum). For whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	All leaned Reps. 10/2/11	Among RVs 10/2/11
Michele Bachmann	4	4
Herman Cain	14	15
Chris Christie	10	10
Newt Gingrich	6	7
Jon Huntsman	1	1
Sarah Palin	9	8
Ron Paul	9	7
Rick Perry	14	15
Mitt Romney	21	20
Rick Santorum	1	2
Other (vol.)	1	2
No one/None of them (vol.)	3	3
Would not vote (vol.)	*	*
No opinion	6	6

22. (IF NAMED A CANDIDATE) Do you support (CANDIDATE) strongly, or somewhat?

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
10/2/11	36	64	0
10/2/11 RV	38	62	0
9/1/11	34	66	*
9/1/11 RV	32	68	*
7/17/11	34	66	0
7/17/11 RV	35	65	0

23. (IF WOULD VOTE FOR PALIN) If Palin does not run for president, for whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	----- Without Palin -----	
	All leaned Reprs. 10/2/11	Among RVs 10/2/11
Michele Bachmann	6	6
Herman Cain	14	15
Chris Christie	11	11
Newt Gingrich	7	8
Jon Huntsman	1	1
Ron Paul	11	8
Tim Pawlenty	NA	NA
Rick Perry	15	15
Mitt Romney	22	22
Rick Santorum	2	2
Other (vol.)	1	2
No one/None of them (vol.)	4	3
Would not vote (vol.)	*	*
No opinion	7	7

24. (IF WOULD VOTE FOR CHRISTIE) If Christie does not run for president, for whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	----- Without Christie -----					
	---- All leaned Reprs. ----			----- Among RVs -----		
	10/2/11	9/1/11	7/17/11	10/2/11	9/1/11	7/17/11
Michele Bachmann	4	6	12	4	6	13
Herman Cain	16	3	6	17	3	7
Newt Gingrich	7	4	5	8	4	4
Jon Huntsman	1	1	3	1	1	3
Sarah Palin	10	14	18	8	14	16
Ron Paul	9	8	9	8	8	7
Tim Pawlenty	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	2
Rick Perry	16	27	8	16	29	8
Mitt Romney	23	22	26	23	23	26
Rick Santorum	1	2	2	2	2	2
Other (vol.)	2	1	1	2	1	1
No one/None of them (vol.)	4	4	1	4	4	1
Would not vote (vol.)	1	2	1	1	1	*
No opinion	6	4	8	6	4	8

25. (IF WOULD VOTE FOR CHRISTIE OR PALIN) If neither (Christie) nor (Palin) run, for whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	----- Without Christie/Palin -----					
	---- All leaned Reps. ----			----- Among RVs -----		
	10/2/11	9/1/11	7/17/11	10/2/11	9/1/11	7/17/11
Michele Bachmann	7	8	16	7	9	17
Herman Cain	16	4	7	17	5	7
Newt Gingrich	7	6	6	9	5	6
Jon Huntsman	1	1	3	1	1	3
Ron Paul	11	10	11	9	10	10
Tim Pawlenty	NA	NA	3	NA	NA	3
Rick Perry	16	29	8	17	30	8
Mitt Romney	25	25	30	25	25	30
Rick Santorum	2	3	3	2	3	3
Other (vol.)	2	2	1	2	2	1
No one/None of them (vol.)	5	5	2	4	4	2
Would not vote (vol.)	1	2	1	1	1	*
No opinion	7	5	8	7	5	9

26. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Would you like to see Sarah Palin run for the Republican nomination for president, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/2/11	31	66	3

27. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Would you like to see Chris Christie run for the Republican nomination for president, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/2/11	42	34	24

28/29. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Have you watched any of the debates among the Republican candidates for president that have been held recently, or not? (IF WATCHED) Did you happen to watch last week's debate, or not that one?

	----- Have watched GOP debates -----				Have not	No
	NET	Last week	Not last week	DK	watched	opinion
10/2/11	46	21	24	1	54	0

30. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Regardless of who you may support, would you say that the more you hear about [ITEM] (the more you like him/her), or the more you hear about [ITEM] (the less you like him/her)?

10/2/11 - Summary Table

	More you like	Less you like	Makes no diff. (vol.)	Haven't heard enough (vol.)	No opinion
a. Mitt Romney	38	35	10	11	6
b. Rick Perry	30	44	4	15	6
c. Sarah Palin	35	49	9	2	6
d. Chris Christie	43	23	4	20	9
e. Herman Cain	47	18	2	25	9

31. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) What's more important to you: supporting the presidential candidate in your party (who you agree with most on the issues), or the candidate (who's most likely to win in November 2012)?

Agree on Most likely Same Both Neither No

	issues	to win	person (vol.)	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.
10/2/11	73	20	1	2	1	3
2/25/07	85	13	0	*	1	1

32. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Regardless of who you may support, between only (Romney) and (Perry), who do you think [ITEM]?

10/2/11 - Summary Table

	Romney	Perry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Better understands the problems of people like you	37	40	2	7	15
b. Has the better experience to be president	50	30	3	3	13
c. Is closer to you on the issues	37	43	2	4	14
d. Has the better chance to defeat Barack Obama in the general election	51	31	5	3	10

33. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Regardless of who you may support, between only (Romney) and (Perry), who do you trust more to handle (ITEM)?

10/2/11 - Summary Table

	Romney	Perry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. Social Security	41	34	2	5	19
b. The economy	44	35	3	5	14
c. Health care	35	42	1	7	15
d. Immigration	41	34	1	8	16
e. The federal budget deficit	44	34	2	5	15

34. Say a candidate for president [ITEM]. Would you be (more likely) to vote for a candidate who held this position, (less likely), or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote? Is that much more/less likely or somewhat more/less likely?

10/2/11 - Summary Table*

- a. Thinks public schools should teach creationism or intelligent design alongside evolution as part of the science curriculum.
- b. Sees global warming as a problem that needs to be addressed
- c. Wants to repeal the new federal health care law that takes effect over the next few years
- d. Favors letting states opt out of the Social Security system and replace it with their own retirement programs
- e. Favors increasing the period of time in which people can get unemployment benefits
- f. Supports a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage
- g. Supports allowing illegal immigrants who graduate from a state high-school to qualify for in-state college tuition
- h. Supports allowing undocumented immigrants who graduate from a state high-school to qualify for in-state college tuition

*Full sample asked items a-f; half sample asked item g; other half sample asked item h.

	- More likely -			- Less likely -			No diff	No op.
	NET	Much	Smwt	NET	Smwt	Much		
a. Teach creationism	28	17	11	35	11	24	33	4
b. Sees global warming as problem	44	28	16	21	7	13	34	2
c. Wants to repeal new health care law	43	31	12	29	9	20	21	6
d. Let states opt out Social Security	24	12	12	52	18	34	20	4

e. Extend unemployment benefits	37	20	17	32	16	16	30	2
f. Supports banning same-sex marriage	25	20	5	42	8	35	32	1
g. (HALF) Supports in-state tuition for illegal immigrants	18	12	7	50	15	36	29	2
h. (HALF) Supports in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants	21	12	9	51	14	37	27	2

35. Obama has announced that he is running for re-election in 2012. Would you say you will definitely vote for him, you'll consider voting for him, or you definitely will not vote for him?

	Definitely will	Will consider	Definitely will not	No opinion
10/2/11	22	30	46	2
10/2/11 RV	23	29	46	2
8/9/11***	20	33	44	2
8/9/11*** RV	21	30	46	2
6/5/11	24	29	45	1
6/5/11 RV	25	27	47	1
4/17/11	28	25	45	2
4/17/11 RV	30	23	46	1
12/12/10*	26	30	43	2
12/12/10* RV	26	28	44	2
11/23/09**	24	31	41	4

**If Obama runs...would you..."

**"Thinking ahead to 2012, at this point would you..."

***Washington Post

36. If (NAME) wins the Republican nomination for president would you definitely vote for him in the general election for president in 2012, would you consider voting for him or would you definitely not vote for him?

10/02/11 - Summary Table

	Definitely would	Would consider	Definitely would not	No opinion
a. Mitt Romney	19	37	37	7
b. Rick Perry	17	31	44	7

Trend where available:

a. Mitt Romney

	Definitely would	Would consider	Definitely would not	No opinion
10/2/11	19	37	37	7
9/30/07	8	28	57	7
4/15/07	7	32	54	8

b. No trend.

37. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Barack Obama, the Democrat) and ([ITEM], the Republican), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Obama) or toward (ITEM)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - GEN POP

10/2/11 - Summary Table

Obama	Rep.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
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a. Mitt Romney	47	46	*	3	1	2
b. Rick Perry	49	44	1	3	2	2
c. Chris Christie	46	44	1	3	2	3

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

10/2/11 - Summary Table

	Obama	Rep.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Mitt Romney	46	48	*	2	1	2
b. Rick Perry	49	46	1	2	1	2
c. Chris Christie	45	45	1	3	2	3

Trend where available:

a. Mitt Romney

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - GEN POP

	Obama	Romney	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/2/11	47	46	*	3	1	2
9/1/11	46	47	*	2	3	2
7/17/11	51	44	*	2	1	2
6/5/11	47	47	*	2	1	2
4/17/11	49	45	*	3	1	2

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Obama	Romney	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/2/11 RV	46	48	*	2	1	2
9/1/11 RV	45	49	*	2	2	2
7/17/11 RV	49	47	*	2	1	1
6/5/11 RV	46	49	*	2	1	2

b. Rick Perry

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - GEN POP

	Obama	Perry	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/2/11	49	44	1	3	2	2
9/1/11	46	46	*	2	2	3
7/17/11	55	38	*	2	1	4

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Obama	Perry	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/2/11 RV	49	46	1	2	1	2
9/1/11 RV	46	47	*	2	2	2
7/17/11 RV	53	40	*	2	2	3

c. No trend.

41. Just your best guess, who do you think will win the presidential election next year - (Obama) or (the Republican candidate)?

Obama Rep candidate No opinion

10/2/11 37 55 8

42. What is your view of the Tea Party political movement - would you say you support it strongly, support it somewhat, oppose it somewhat or oppose it strongly?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/2/11	42	12	30	47	20	27	11
9/1/11	47	13	35	45	18	27	8
7/17/11	44	13	31	46	23	24	10
6/5/11	46	13	33	44	21	24	10
4/17/11	42	16	26	49	21	27	10

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