

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

2012 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 18-22, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of $\pm 1,082$ —Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of Republicans, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 200 cell phone respondents and 800 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, cell phone only status, cell phone mostly status and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

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

1. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Next, I'm going to read a list of people who may be running in the Republican primaries for president in the 2012 election. After I read all the names, please tell me which of those candidates you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in 2012, or if you would support someone else. [RANDOM ORDER: Mississippi governor, Haley Barbour; Indiana governor, Mitch Daniels; Former speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich; former Arkansas governor, Mike Huckabee; former New Mexico governor, Gary Johnson; former Alaska governor, Sarah Palin; Texas Congressman, Ron Paul; Former Minnesota governor, Tim Pawlenty; former Massachusetts governor, Mitt Romney; former Pennsylvania senator, Rick Santorum; South Dakota senator, John Thune; former Utah governor, Jon Huntsman; Minnesota Congresswoman, Michele Bachmann]

BASED ON -1,082—REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	<i>2011 Mar 18-22</i>	<i>2011 Feb 18-20</i>	<i>2010 Nov 13-14</i>	<i>2010 Sep 25-26</i>
Mike Huckabee	19	18	16	12
Mitt Romney	15	16	19	19
Sarah Palin	12	16	16	16
Newt Gingrich	10	9	13	9
Ron Paul	6	5	6	7
Michele Bachmann	5	4	--	--
Mitch Daniels	4	3	1	2
Tim Pawlenty	3	3	4	3
Haley Barbour	2	3	4	3
Jon Huntsman	2	1	--	--
Rick Santorum	2	2	1	2
Gary Johnson	2	1	1	1
Donald Trump (vol.)	1	*	*	--
Chris Christie (vol.)	*	1	1	1
Herman Cain (vol.)	*	*	--	--
Mike Pence (vol.)	*	1	1	1
John Thune (vol.)	--	1	2	2
Other	2	3	2	4
Any/all (vol.)	1	*	*	1
None (vol.)	7	4	5	7
No opinion	8	10	9	11

Notes: Huntsman and Bachmann added Feb. 18-20; Pence removed Feb. 18-20; Thune removed Mar. 18-22.

2. **(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)** Who would be your second choice?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.1-2): FIRST AND SECOND CHOICES

BASED ON -1,082—REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

2011 Mar 18-22

Mike Huckabee	34
Sarah Palin	26
Mitt Romney	25
Newt Gingrich	20
Ron Paul	10
Michele Bachmann	8
Tim Pawlenty	6
Mitch Daniels	6
Haley Barbour	4
Jon Huntsman	4
Rick Santorum	3
Gary Johnson	3
Donald Trump (vol.)	2
Bobby Jindal (vol.)	1
Chris Christie (vol.)	*
Herman Cain (vol.)	*
Other	4
Any/all (vol.)	1
None (vol.)	14
No opinion	16

3. **(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who favor Palin and Huckabee)** Who would be your third choice?

SUMMARY (Q.1/Q.2/Q.3): VARIOUS BALLOT SCENARIOS

BASED ON –1,082—REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	<i>All potential candidates</i>	<i>If Huckabee does not run</i>	<i>If Palin does not run</i>	<i>If Huckabee and Palin do not run</i>
Mike Huckabee	19	--	23	--
Mitt Romney	15	19	16	22
Sarah Palin	12	17	--	--
Newt Gingrich	10	13	12	16
Ron Paul	6	8	7	9
Michele Bachmann	5	5	6	7
Mitch Daniels	4	4	4	5
Tim Pawlenty	3	3	3	4
Haley Barbour	2	3	2	3
Jon Huntsman	2	2	2	2
Rick Santorum	2	2	2	2
Gary Johnson	2	2	2	2
Donald Trump (vol.)	1	2	2	2
Herman Cain (vol.)	*	*	*	*
Other	2	3	2	3
Any/all/None/No opinion (vol.)	15	18	18	24

Note: Ballot without Huckabee re-configured to substitute Huckabee voters' second choice.

Ballot without Palin re-configured to substitute Palin voters' second choice.

Ballot without Huckabee and Palin re-configured to substitute Huckabee or Palin voters' second choice or (if their first and second choices are Huckabee and Palin) third choice.