

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

2012 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 15-20, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,047—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. 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, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). 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; former Utah governor, Jon Huntsman; Minnesota Congresswoman, Michele Bachmann; Businessman, Donald Trump]

BASED ON -1,047—REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

**2011
April 15-20**

Mike Huckabee	16
Donald Trump	16
Mitt Romney	13
Sarah Palin	10
Ron Paul	6
Newt Gingrich	6
Michele Bachmann	4
Mitch Daniels	3
Tim Pawlenty	3
Rick Santorum	2
Haley Barbour	2
Jon Huntsman	1
Gary Johnson	*
Chris Christie (vol.)	*
Herman Cain (vol.)	*
Other	1
Any/all (vol.)	*
None (vol.)	6
No opinion	8

TREND RESULTS (EXCLUDING TRUMP)

	2011 Apr 15-20	2011 Mar 18-22	2011 Feb 18-20	2010 Nov 13-14	2010 Sep 25-26
Mike Huckabee	19	19	18	16	12
Mitt Romney	16	15	16	19	19
Sarah Palin	13	12	16	16	16
Newt Gingrich	7	10	9	13	9
Ron Paul	7	6	5	6	7
Michele Bachmann	5	5	4	--	--
Mitch Daniels	4	4	3	1	2
Tim Pawlenty	3	3	3	4	3
Haley Barbour	3	2	3	4	3
Rick Santorum	2	2	2	1	2
Jon Huntsman	1	2	1	--	--

Gary Johnson	1	2	1	1	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	3	2	4
Any/all (vol.)	*	1	*	*	1
None (vol.)	7	7	4	5	7
No opinion	10	8	10	9	11

Notes: Huntsman and Bachmann added Feb. 18-20; Pence removed Feb. 18-20; Thune removed Mar. 18-22.
 To compute trend, those who prefer Trump (added April 15-20) have their second choice substituted for their Trump vote.
 Prior data for Trump, based on volunteered responses, included in "Other" category.

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

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

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2011 Apr 15-20

Mike Huckabee	28
Mitt Romney	27
Donald Trump	25
Sarah Palin	21
Newt Gingrich	13
Ron Paul	10
Michele Bachmann	7
Tim Pawlenty	7
Haley Barbour	5
Mitch Daniels	5
Rick Santorum	4
Jon Huntsman	3
Gary Johnson	2
Chris Christie (vol.)	1
Herman Cain (vol.)	*
Other	4
Any/all (vol.)	1
None (vol.)	11
No opinion	15

3. **THIRD CHOICE (NOT REPORTED)**

4. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Next, when you think about politics, which of the following sets of issues is most important to you – [ROTATED: social issues and moral values, government spending and power, business and the economy, national security and foreign policy]?

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	<i>2011 Apr 15-20</i>	<i>2011 Mar 18-22</i>	<i>2011 Feb 18-20</i>
Government spending and power	37	38	35
Business and the economy	36	32	31
Social issues and moral values	15	17	17
National security and foreign policy	12	12	15
No opinion	1	2	2