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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 5-8, 2012 with a random sample of –1,011—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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

For results based on the sample of –744—homeowners, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –479—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 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 sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by 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, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 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.

21. *(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)* Next, I'd like you to think about the Republican nomination for president in the 2012 election. Please tell me if you would find – [ITEM A READ FIRST, THEN ITEMS B-H READ IN RANDOM ORDER]-- to be an acceptable nominee for president from the Republican Party, or not.

BASED ON --479-- REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANING INDEPENDENTS

<i>2012 Jan 5-8</i> <i>(sorted by "acceptable")</i>	Acceptable	Not acceptable	No opinion
Mitt Romney	59	31	10
Newt Gingrich	46	46	8
Rick Santorum	45	39	16
Rick Perry	37	55	9
Ron Paul	29	62	10
Jon Huntsman	21	61	18

TREND RESULTS:

A. Former Massachusetts governor, Mitt Romney

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	59	31	10
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	54	41	5

B. Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	46	46	8
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	62	34	4

C. Former Utah governor, Jon Huntsman

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	21	61	18
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	28	58	14

Q.21 (ACCEPTABILITY OF REPUBLICAN NOMINATION CANDIDATES) CONTINUED**D. Texas Congressman, Ron Paul**

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	29	62	10
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	34	62	4

E. Texas Governor, Rick Perry

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	37	55	9
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	41	52	7

F. Former Pennsylvania Senator, Rick Santorum

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	45	39	16
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	27	62	11

For comparison:**Minnesota Congresswoman, Michele Bachmann**

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	37	56	7

Businessman, Herman Cain

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	37	58	6