

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
December 12, 2011
December 2011 poll of Iowa respondents

Sample: 982 registered voters, margin of error +/- 3.5 percent
277 likely Republican caucus goers, margin of error +/- 6.0 percent

The Hawkeye Poll was conducted by telephone with live callers from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7, 2011. The poll is conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty and students in the University of Iowa Department of Political Science. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Associate Professor of Political Science Frederick Boehmke. UI Professor of Political Science Caroline Tolbert is a member of the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative and author of *Why Iowa?* The poll is a teaching, research, and service project of the UI Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). CLAS and the Office of the Provost fund the poll.

The research team used the facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Sociology Professor Kevin Leicht, in Iowa City to design the survey and conduct call sessions. The team programmed the survey for use with WinCATI, a questionnaire interface created by Sawtooth Technologies, and calls were made with the automatic dialing feature.

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Respondent identification: A registered voter sample was acquired for each of Iowa’s five congressional districts. An initial attempt was made on answering the phone to reach the “youngest male who is 18 years or older.” Alternatively, a female age 18 or older was interviewed. All who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

Weighting: The caucus survey results are weighted according to partisanship and gender by congressional district.

Likely caucus attendees: Caucus-goers are self-identified. Participants were asked how likely they were to caucus, and for which party. A total of 277 respondents indicated they were “somewhat likely” or “very likely” to attend the 2012 Republican caucuses.

** All topline results equal approximately 100 percent.*

Republican Presidential Candidate Choice: I’m going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican nomination for president in 2012. If the 2012 Iowa Republican presidential caucus was being held today and you were attending, for whom would you vote?	
Candidate	%
Mitt Romney	20.3
Rick Perry	8.2
Ron Paul	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	8.5
Newt Gingrich	29.8
Herman Cain	4.4

Jon Huntsman	1.5
Rick Santorum	5.3
Someone Else	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	10.5
Total	100.0

Likelihood of Attending 2012 Caucus: In talking to people about the Iowa caucuses, we often find that a lot of people are not able to attend because they aren't registered, they are sick, or they just don't have time. Which of the following statements best describes how likely you are to attend the caucuses in January 2012? 1 Very Likely, 2 Somewhat likely, 3 Not very likely, 4 Not at all likely

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Candidate	Very Likely %	Somewhat Likely %	Total %
Mitt Romney	22.6	16.0	20.3
Rick Perry	7.1	10.3	8.2
Ron Paul	7.0	17.8	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	11.2	3.2	8.5
Newt Gingrich	29.0	31.2	29.8
Herman Cain	6.0	1.2	4.4
Jon Huntsman	2.2	0.0	1.5
Rick Santorum	5.0	5.8	5.3
Someone Else	0.4	1.8	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	9.4	12.7	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Results taken from before and after Cain suspended his presidential campaign.

Republican Presidential Candidate Choice: I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican nomination for president in 2012. If the 2012 Iowa Republican presidential caucus was being held today and you were attending, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	With Cain %	After Cain %	Total %
Mitt Romney	22.0	19.3	20.3
Rick Perry	4.8	10.4	8.2
Ron Paul	7.1	13.0	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	10.2	7.4	8.5
Newt Gingrich	37.7	24.4	29.8
Herman Cain	6.5	2.9	4.4
Jon Huntsman	2.7	0.7	1.5
Rick Santorum	2.7	7.0	5.3
Someone Else	0.7	1.0	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	5.6	13.8	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Strong Republican: Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

1 Strong, 2 Not very strong

Republican Presidential Candidate Choice: I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican

nomination for president in 2012. If the 2012 Iowa Republican presidential caucus was being held today and you were attending, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Strong GOP %	Not Strong GOP %	Total %
Mitt Romney	23.1	20.7	22.3
Rick Perry	8.0	6.1	7.3
Ron Paul	5.0	8.6	6.2
Michelle Bachmann	8.9	6.4	8.1
Newt Gingrich	28.9	35.9	31.2
Herman Cain	5.3	5.6	5.4
Jon Huntsman	1.0	2.2	1.4
Rick Santorum	7.5	1.9	5.6
Someone Else	0.0	1.3	0.4
Don't Know/Refused	12.3	11.4	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Perceived sex of respondent:

Republican Presidential Candidate Choice: I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican nomination for president in 2012. If the 2012 Iowa Republican presidential caucus was being held today and you were attending, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Male %	Female %	Total %
Mitt Romney	17.6	23.7	20.3
Rick Perry	8.9	7.4	8.2
Ron Paul	11.5	9.6	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	11.3	5.1	8.5
Newt Gingrich	34.4	24.1	29.8
Herman Cain	3.6	5.3	4.4
Jon Huntsman	0.8	2.2	1.5
Rick Santorum	3.1	8.0	5.3
Someone Else	1.6	0.0	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	7.2	14.7	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Age

Republican Presidential Candidate Choice: I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican nomination for president in 2012. If the 2012 Iowa Republican presidential caucus was being held today and you were attending, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	18-34 %	35-54 %	55-69 %	70 and over %	Total %
Mitt Romney	11.7	16.6	18.8	27.9	20.3
Rick Perry	11.3	5.7	10.3	7.2	8.2
Ron Paul	20.8	14.3	8.3	7.2	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	3.3	10.4	12.3	3.9	8.5
Newt Gingrich	25.2	35.8	24.6	31.5	29.8
Herman Cain	14.8	2.2	1.4	6.9	4.4
Jon Huntsman	5.5	0.0	2.9	0.0	1.5
Rick Santorum	4.2	0.0	9.4	5.6	5.3

Someone Else	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	3.2	15.0	9.5	9.8	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Independents: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or Republican party? 1 Closer to Democratic, 2 Closer to Republican, 3 Neither

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Candidate	Lean Dem %	Lean GOP %	Neither %	Total %
Mitt Romney	36.4	13.2	14.2	14.5
Rick Perry	0.0	9.4	6.0	8.3
Ron Paul	29.9	18.5	20.9	19.6
Michelle Bachmann	0.0	6.6	8.7	6.7
Newt Gingrich	33.6	32.3	28.1	31.4
Herman Cain	0.0	4.1	0.0	3.0
Jon Huntsman	0.0	2.6	0.0	1.9
Rick Santorum	0.0	4.7	8.7	5.4
Don't Know/Refused	0.0	8.6	13.5	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Satisfaction with Candidate Choice: Given the current candidates in the race to be the Republican presidential nominee, how satisfied are you with your choices? Would you say you are: 1 Very satisfied, 2 Somewhat satisfied, 3 Not satisfied

Republican Presidential Candidate Choice: I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican nomination for president in 2012. If the 2012 Iowa Republican presidential caucus was being held today and you were attending, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Very satisfied %	Somewhat satisfied %	Not satisfied %	Total %
Mitt Romney	19.5	21.7	17.7	20.4
Rick Perry	5.1	11.2	4.4	8.2
Ron Paul	10.9	9.8	14.1	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	11.2	7.3	6.3	8.5
Newt Gingrich	35.9	29.1	16.1	29.9
Herman Cain	6.7	3.9	0.0	4.4
Jon Huntsman	0.0	2.8	0.0	1.5
Rick Santorum	7.6	3.8	5.1	5.3
Someone Else	0.0	0.5	5.1	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	3.1	10.1	31.2	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Candidate	Very satisfied %	Somewhat satisfied %	Not satisfied %	Total %
Mitt Romney	33.5	56.1	10.4	100.0
Rick Perry	21.7	71.9	6.4	100.0
Ron Paul	35.7	48.4	15.8	100.0
Michelle Bachmann	46.0	45.1	8.9	100.0
Newt Gingrich	42.1	51.5	6.5	100.0
Herman Cain	53.1	46.9	0.0	100.0
Jon Huntsman	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Rick Santorum	50.4	38.0	11.6	100.0
Someone Else	0.0	30.5	69.5	100.0
Don't Know/Refused	10.8	52.3	37.0	100.0
Total	35.0	52.9	12.0	100.0

Economic Conditions: How would you rate economic conditions in this country – very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

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Candidate	Good %	Poor %	Total %
Mitt Romney	27.4	19.5	20.5
Rick Perry	8.3	7.9	8.0
Ron Paul	7.5	11.2	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	2.8	9.4	8.6
Newt Gingrich	35.4	29.2	30.0
Herman Cain	4.1	3.9	3.9
Jon Huntsman	0.0	1.7	1.5
Rick Santorum	2.8	5.7	5.3
Someone Else	2.1	0.7	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	9.6	10.8	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Obama Job Approval: Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

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Candidate	Strongly approve %	Approve %	Neutral %	Disapprove %	Strongly Disapprove %	Total %
Mitt Romney	0.0	37.8	31.4	22.9	15.6	20.4
Rick Perry	0.0	20.3	0.0	8.3	7.4	7.9
Ron Paul	0.0	7.0	24.7	9.3	10.1	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	10.7	8.5

Newt Gingrich	0.0	30.7	12.5	25.8	34.6	29.8
Herman Cain	100.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	3.9	4.4
Jon Huntsman	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.9	1.5
Rick Santorum	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	7.9	5.3
Someone Else	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.0	0.5	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	0.0	4.2	22.7	14.4	7.5	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Tea Party Movement Support: Given your current knowledge of the Tea Party movement and their positions on the issues, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Tea Party movement?

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Candidate	Support %	Neither Support nor Oppose %	Oppose %	Total %
Mitt Romney	16.0	38.6	36.9	20.7
Rick Perry	7.3	0.0	9.9	7.1
Ron Paul	10.8	11.6	9.8	10.7
Michelle Bachmann	11.5	0.0	0.0	9.0
Newt Gingrich	33.8	9.6	20.1	30.1
Herman Cain	5.6	0.0	0.0	4.3
Jon Huntsman	1.2	0.0	4.5	1.6
Rick Santorum	6.1	0.0	3.0	5.2
Someone Else	0.0	3.9	4.5	0.9
Don't Know/Refused	7.7	36.4	11.3	10.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Opinion on Gay Marriage: Of the following statements, which comes closest to your view? 1 gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, 2 gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, 3 there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship.

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Candidate	Legally marry %	Civil Unions but not Marriage %	No Legal Representation %	Total %
Mitt Romney	25.1	25.7	14.4	20.5
Rick Perry	3.5	10.9	7.8	8.4
Ron Paul	22.8	6.6	10.3	10.6
Michelle Bachmann	2.5	5.6	13.5	8.7
Newt Gingrich	17.0	31.7	30.4	29.0
Herman Cain	3.4	3.7	5.5	4.5
Jon Huntsman	6.0	1.6	0.0	1.5
Rick Santorum	2.8	5.6	6.1	5.4
Someone Else	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.9

Don't Know/Refused	16.9	8.7	10.1	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0