

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
December 20, 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 was conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty and graduate students in political science. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Associate Professor of Political Science Frederick Boehmke. The poll used the facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Sociology Professor Kevin Leicht. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project of the Department of Political Science in the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. CLAS and the Provost's Office fund the poll.

The team programmed the survey for use with WinCATI, a questionnaire interface created by Sawtooth Technologies, and 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 aged 18 or older was interviewed. All who stated they were over the age of 18 and willing to participate in the survey was included.

Weighting: The results are weighted according to partisanship, gender, and age by congressional district, except results pertaining to the GOP caucus, which 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 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.*

LIKELY CAUCUS ATTENDEE: 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 are you to attend the caucuses in January 2012? 1 Very likely 2 Somewhat likely 3 Not very likely 4 Not at all likely

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: How would you rate economic conditions in this country today -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

Economic conditions	Very Likely %	Somewhat Likely %	Not Very Likely %	Not at all Likely %	Total %
Very good	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5
Somewhat good	18.8	11.8	16.9	21.9	18.7
Somewhat poor	41.0	52.7	56.2	46.7	48.2
Very poor	39.6	31.5	24.7	30.6	31.6
Don't know/refused	0.5	3.4	1.4	0.3	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

PARTY IDENTIFICATION: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or Republican party?

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: How would you rate economic conditions in this country today -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

Economic conditions	Democrat %	Republican %	Independent %	Total %
Very good	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.4
Somewhat good	22.4	11.6	19.0	17.5
Somewhat poor	63.7	47.9	45.9	52.0
Very poor	12.3	39.8	34.2	29.4
Don't know/refused	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE: What do you think is the most important problem facing this country?

Most important issue	%
Jobs/unemployment	16.8
The economy/recession	40.5
Budget deficit/national debt	15.4
Government spending	1.7
Wars in Iraq/Afghanistan	0.4
Finance/Wall Street	1.2
National security	0.5
Illegal immigration	0.9
The environment	0.4
Education	0.9
Gas and energy prices	0.2
Taxes	0.8
Gay rights	0.1
Something else	17.9
Don't know/refused	2.3
Total	100.0

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

General election match up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Very good %	Somewhat good %	Somewhat poor %	Very poor %	Total %
Barack Obama	100.0	53.0	45.1	27.9	41.6
Mitt Romney	0.0	31.6	37.3	59.0	42.6
Don't know/refused	0.0	15.4	17.6	13.1	15.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

General election match up: If the 2012 presidential election were held today and Barack Obama, the Democrat, was running against Newt Gingrich, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Candidate	Very good %	Somewhat good %	Somewhat poor %	Very poor %	Total %
Barack Obama	100.0	55.7	50.1	22.7	43.2
Newt Gingrich	0.0	34.5	39.1	64.5	45.6
Don't know/refused	0.0	9.8	10.9	12.8	11.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

SUPPORT FOR TEA PARTY MOVEMENT: 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?

Strongly support	11.4
Somewhat support	30.7
Neither support nor oppose	5.5
Somewhat oppose	18.5
Strongly oppose	27.3
Don't know/refused	6.5
Total	100.0

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INCOME: Last year, that is in 2010, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop

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Support	<\$10 %	\$10- under \$20 %	\$20- under \$30 %	\$30- under \$40 %	\$40- under \$50 %	\$50- under \$75 %	\$75- under \$100 %	\$100- under \$150 %	\$150 %	Total %
Strongly support	6.5	7.9	9.2	17.4	20.2	10.7	8.3	13.3	7.0	11.2
Somewhat support	10.4	27.3	33.6	30.9	37.1	34.6	36.0	20.3	32.2	30.6
Neither support nor oppose	3.4	8.8	5.3	6.0	6.8	5.4	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.1
Somewhat oppose	37.4	14.2	14.3	19.5	20.6	20.8	18.8	18.0	19.4	19.3
Strongly oppose	34.4	30.2	31.6	17.6	8.2	26.5	30.2	41.6	33.5	29.0
Don't know/refused	7.8	11.4	5.9	8.6	7.1	2.1	3.3	3.3	2.2	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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AGE: In what year were you born?

Support	18-34 %	35-54 %	55-69 %	70 and over %	Total %
Strongly support	8.6	9.5	14.9	15.3	11.4
Somewhat support	30.0	36.1	27.8	23.1	30.7
Neither support nor oppose	3.8	6.8	4.4	6.8	5.5
Somewhat oppose	20.4	20.1	16.6	14.9	18.5
Strongly oppose	28.9	21.1	33.0	31.0	27.3
Don't know/refused	8.2	6.4	3.4	9.0	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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CAUCUS SUPPORT: 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	Strongly support %	Some-what support %	Neither support nor oppose %	Some-what oppose %	Strongly oppose %	Don't know/refused %	Total %
Mitt Romney	11.1	14.4	51.1	16.8	57.0	8.0	18.0
Rick Perry	6.5	7.8	0.0	8.2	6.3	24.4	7.7
Ron Paul	5.5	20.1	12.2	38.0	4.0	4.2	14.9
Michelle Bachmann	18.8	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9
Newt Gingrich	33.1	35.5	9.7	28.2	3.3	22.6	30.0
Herman Cain	15.2	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	6.0
Jon Huntsman	0.0	4.3	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
Rick Santorum	4.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	4.1	19.7	3.9
Someone else	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	7.2	0.0	0.5
Don't know/refused	5.3	7.6	24.3	5.7	17.9	18.3	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

SUPPORT FOR TEA PARTY MOVEMENT: 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?

Support	Female %	Male %	Total %
Strongly support	9.3	13.7	11.4
Somewhat support	25.4	36.2	30.7
Neither support nor oppose	7.1	4.0	5.5
Somewhat oppose	24.4	12.5	18.5
Strongly oppose	23.9	30.7	27.3
Don't know/refused	10.0	2.9	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

SUPPORT FOR OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT: Given your current knowledge of the Occupy Wall Street movement and their positions on the issues, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Occupy Wall Street movement?

Strongly support	7.3
Somewhat support	25.8
Neither support nor oppose	9.0

Somewhat oppose	24.0
Strongly oppose	23.5
Don't know/refused	10.4
Total	100.0

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Support	18-34 %	35-54 %	55-69 %	70 and over %	Total %
Strongly support	5.7	7.3	8.7	7.8	7.3
Somewhat support	26.6	26.5	30.0	16.6	25.8
Neither support nor oppose	6.0	12.0	7.3	8.9	9.0
Somewhat oppose	33.8	22.4	19.0	20.7	24.0
Strongly oppose	18.6	21.0	26.1	32.8	23.5
Don't know/refused	9.4	10.8	8.9	13.1	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Support	<\$10 %	\$10- under \$20 %	\$20- under \$30 %	\$30- under \$40 %	\$40- under \$50 %	\$50- under \$75 %	\$75- under \$100 %	\$100- under \$150 %	\$150 %	Total %
Strongly support	24.0	6.2	9.7	4.9	6.7	2.6	5.2	5.1	10.6	6.4
Somewhat support	25.9	37.2	27.5	15.2	15.5	31.1	32.6	23.5	30.6	27.2
Neither support nor oppose	12.8	11.6	13.0	14.8	11.9	4.4	4.4	11.2	7.0	9.0
Somewhat oppose	23.8	16.9	32.6	15.6	19.9	31.4	21.5	31.3	17.0	24.6
Strongly oppose	4.1	20.5	14.6	28.9	26.2	25.8	27.2	22.6	21.3	23.3

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Don't know/refused	9.3	7.6	2.6	20.6	19.8	4.7	9.1	6.3	13.5	9.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Mitt Romney	55.0	10.5	17.3	19.1	21.3	7.8	18.0
Rick Perry	0.0	4.7	0.0	3.5	10.4	21.8	7.7
Ron Paul	0.0	31.2	32.4	17.7	3.3	18.1	14.9
Michelle Bachmann	0.0	3.1	0.0	10.1	10.9	2.3	7.9
Newt Gingrich	0.0	29.6	6.9	34.3	33.4	18.5	30.0
Herman Cain	45.0	3.0	15.8	1.3	7.8	6.1	6.0
Jon Huntsman	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	2.1
Rick Santorum	0.0	2.7	0.0	1.7	3.4	20.3	3.9
Someone else	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
Don't know/refused	0.0	5.7	27.7	12.3	7.6	5.2	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

SUPPORT FOR OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT: Given your current knowledge of the Occupy Wall Street movement and their positions on the issues, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Occupy Wall Street movement?

Support	Female %	Male %	Total %
Strongly support	4.5	10.3	7.3
Somewhat support	22.6	29.1	25.8
Neither support nor oppose	8.3	9.7	9.0
Somewhat oppose	30.0	17.9	24.0
Strongly oppose	20.6	26.4	23.5
Don't know/refused	14.0	6.6	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0