

South Carolina Republican Primary Poll



Sample 339 Likely South Carolina Republican Primary Voters
screened from a sample of 759 Registered Voters
Conducted January 18-20, 2012
Margin of Error $\pm 6.1\%$

1. Which candidate will you vote for in the Republican primary election for president?

Newt Gingrich	33%
Mitt Romney	29%
Ron Paul	18%
Rick Santorum	16%
Rick Perry	2%
Not sure	2%

2. If you had to choose one, which of these two individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president? (includes leaners)

Mitt Romney	46%
Newt Gingrich	54%

3. If you had to choose one, which of these two individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president? (includes leaners)

Mitt Romney	66%
Ron Paul	34%

4. If you had to choose one, which of these two individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president? (includes leaners)

Mitt Romney	46%
Rick Santorum	54%

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5. Have you heard that Governor Nikki Haley has endorsed Mitt Romney?

Yes 90%
 No 10%

6. Does this make you more or less likely to vote for Romney, or does it make no difference?

More likely 9%
 Less likely 10%
 Makes no difference 82%

7. Which of the Republican candidates do you trust the most on ...?

	Mitt Romney	Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Rick Santorum	Rick Perry
Social issues	19%	23%	18%	33%	7%
Foreign Policy issues	24%	45%	19%	9%	4%
Economic issues	34%	32%	20%	10%	4%

8. Which of the following candidates do you think can beat Obama in the general election?

	Very likely to beat Obama	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely to beat Obama	Not sure
Mitt Romney	53%	27%	9%	6%	5%
Newt Gingrich	46%	26%	14%	11%	4%
Ron Paul	14%	14%	23%	45%	5%
Rick Santorum	18%	32%	23%	20%	6%
Rick Perry	9%	18%	25%	38%	10%

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9. What is more important to you when deciding who to support in the Republican primary: a candidate's ability to beat Barack Obama in the general election, or his position on the issues?

A candidate's ability to beat Obama is more important	50%
A candidate's position on the issues is more important	48%
Not sure	3%

10. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	38%
No	37%
Not Sure	25%

11. Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	6%
Legal/Illegal in some cases	54%
Illegal in all cases	36%
Not sure	4%

12. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

Strongly favor	3%
Somewhat favor	7%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	73%
Not sure	5%

13. Do you favor increasing taxes on families making over \$250,000 per year?

Favor	27%
Oppose	58%
Not sure	14%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mitt Romney did at Bain Capital?

Approve	39%
Disapprove	13%
Not sure	48%

15. Do you think Mitt Romney pays his fair share of federal taxes?

Yes, he pays his fair share	51%
No, he does not pay his fair share	21%
Not sure	29%

16. 2008 Republican Primary Vote

McCain	28%
Huckabee	27%
Thompson	14%
Romney	14%
Paul	3%
Other	3%
Did not vote or ineligible	10%

17. Party ID

Republican	71%
Lean Republican	19%
Independent	8%
Democrat	2%

18. Gender

Male	53%
Female	47%

19. Ideology

Very Conservative	45%
Conservative	44%
Liberal or Moderate	11%
Don't know	1%

20. Family Income

Under \$40K	29%
\$40 – \$80K	44%
Over \$80K	27%

21. Education

High School or less	27%
Some College	38%
College Grad	24%
Post Grad	10%

22. Race

White	98%
Non-White	2%

23. Age

18-29	9%
30-44	16%
45-64	46%
65+	29%

24. What is your marital status?

Married	75%
Separated	2%
Divorced	7%
Widowed	6%
Single	9%
Domestic partnership	1%