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# Ipsos Poll conducted for Thomson Reuters: November 18-19, 2011

***NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.***

*These findings are from an online omnibus survey of 1,432 Americans age 18 and over. Individuals were interviewed via a U.S. online household panel. Data were collected via a national survey, including a screener for registered voters. The poll includes 423 Republican Registered Voters. The data were weighted to national Census data by gender, age, region, education, and ethnicity, and the national profile of registered voters. The survey was conducted November 18-19, 2011. Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Figures marked by an asterisk (*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.*

***BASE: REPUBLICAN REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY***

**1. If the 2012 Republican presidential primaries were being held today, for whom of the following would you vote?**

| | Nov. 18-19, 2011 *(Base: 423)* | Nov. 10-11, 2011 *(Base:461)* | Nov 7-8, 2011 *(Base: 462)* | Oct 27-28, 2011 *(Base: 554)* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newt Gingrich | 24 | 16 | 16 | 11 |
| Mitt Romney | 22 | 28 | 26 | 29 |
| Herman Cain | 12 | 20 | 21 | 24 |
| Rick Perry | 10 | 12 | 10 | 15 |
| Ron Paul | 9 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| Michelle Bachmann | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Rick Santorum | 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Jon Huntsman | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Wouldn't vote | 11 | 7 | 9 | 9 |

***BASE: REPUBLICAN REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY***

**2. If your first choice in the 2012 Republican presidential primaries dropped out of the race, who would your second choice be?**

| | Nov. 18-19, 2011 *(Base: 423)* | Nov 10-11, 2011 *(Base: 461)* | Oct 27-28, 2011 *(Base: 554)* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Newt Gingrich | 19 | 16 | 17 |
| Mitt Romney | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| Herman Cain | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| Rick Perry | 13 | 15 | 21 |
| Ron Paul | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Michelle Bachmann | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| Jon Huntsman | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Rick Santorum | 3 | n/a | n/a |
| Wouldn't vote | 5 | 12 | 5 |

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***BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS***

**3. Regardless of your personal preference, which Republican Presidential Candidate do you think will win the nomination and be Republican Candidate for President?**

| | Nov. 18-19, 2011 | | Nov 10-11, 2011 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ALL | Republican RVs *(Base: 423)* | ALL | Republican RVs *(Base: 461)* |
| Mitt Romney | 34 | 42 | 35 | 47 |
| Newt Gingrich | 11 | 19 | 6 | 9 |
| Herman Cain | 8 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| Rick Perry | 9 | 8 | 11 | 14 |
| Michelle Bachmann | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Ron Paul | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Jon Huntsman | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Rick Santorum | 1 | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| None of these | 23 | 7 | 24 | 4 |

***BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS***

**4. Now thinking about all of the candidates running for the Republican nomination, please indicate below which qualities you associate most with each candidate. You can choose as many qualities as you like for each column.**

| | Mitt Romney | Jon Huntsman | Newt Gingrich | Michelle Bachmann | Ron Paul | Rick Perry | Herman Cain | Rick Santorum |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Honest | 21 | 13 | 18 | 19 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 13 |
| Hypocritical | 18 | 13 | 24 | 20 | 13 | 21 | 26 | 12 |
| Smart | 36 | 21 | 34 | 26 | 27 | 23 | 26 | 19 |
| Extremist | 11 | 10 | 17 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 10 |
| Sensible | 30 | 15 | 23 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 13 |
| None of these | 37 | 55 | 35 | 39 | 43 | 42 | 38 | 57 |

***BASE: REPUBLICAN REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY***

| | Mitt Romney | Jon Huntsman | Newt Gingrich | Michelle Bachmann | Ron Paul | Rick Perry | Herman Cain | Rick Santorum |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Honest | 33 | 18 | 33 | 33 | 30 | 28 | 29 | 22 |
| Hypocritical | 18 | 13 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 11 |
| Smart | 54 | 28 | 55 | 39 | 34 | 35 | 38 | 29 |
| Extremist | 13 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 13 | 13 | 11 |
| Sensible | 42 | 21 | 42 | 34 | 24 | 27 | 37 | 23 |
| None of these | 22 | 48 | 20 | 29 | 32 | 29 | 24 | 45 |

**5. How much, if anything, have you heard in the last few days about payments for consultancy that Newt Gingrich received from mortgage company Freddie Mac between 1999 and 2006?**

| | ALL | Republican RVs *(Base: 423)* |
|---|---|---|
| I have heard a great deal about this | 11 | 13 |
| I have heard some about this | 22 | 27 |
| I have heard a little about this | 23 | 27 |
| I haven't heard anything about this | 30 | 25 |
| Don't know | 14 | 8 |
| **TOTAL: Heard at least a little** | **56** | **67** |

***READ OUT**: It is being reported that Newt Gingrich's consulting firm, The Gingrich Group, received between $1.6-$1.8 million dollars from Freddie Mac between 1999 and 2006. Anonymous former Freddie Mac employees indicate that these payments were for Gingrich to help Freddie Mac "build bridges with Republican members of Congress" who had concerns about Freddie Mac's work. Gingrich asserts that these payments were for advice only, that he advised Freddie Mac that their lending practices were "insane", and that he has never done lobbying of any kind.*

*In his 2011 book, Newt Gingrich is highly critical of Freddie Mac, calling them "irresponsible" and saying that they should be replaced entirely by smaller, private companies.*

**6. Which response below comes closest to your personal opinion about this issue?**

| | ALL | Republican RVs *(Base: 423)* |
|---|---|---|
| I believe that Gingrich did not lobby Republicans on behalf of Freddie Mac | 20 | 36 |
| I believe that Gingrich did lobby Republicans on behalf of Freddie Mac | 37 | 25 |
| Don't know | 43 | 38 |

**7. And how, if at all, does this information impact on your personal view of Newt Gingrich?**

| | ALL | Republican RVs *(Base: 423)* |
|---|---|---|
| It makes me more favorable towards Gingrich | 6 | 7 |
| It makes no difference to my view of Gingrich | 31 | 46 |
| It makes me less favorable towards Gingrich | 38 | 31 |
| Don't know | 26 | 17 |