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July 7, 2009 - Obama's Approval Drops In Ohio - Critical Swing State, Quinnipiac University Poll Finds; 2010 Senate Race Tips Slightly To Democrats

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President Barack Obama gets a lackluster 49 - 44 percent approval rating in Ohio, considered by many to be the most important swing state in a presidential election, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. This is President Obama's lowest approval rating in any national or statewide Quinnipiac University poll since he was inaugurated and is down from 62 - 31 percent in a May 6 survey.

By a small 48 - 46 percent margin, voters disapprove of the way Obama is handling the economy, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. This is down from a 57 - 36 percent approval May 6. A total of 66 percent of Ohio voters are "somewhat dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" with the way things are going in the state, while 33 percent are "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied," numbers that haven't changed since Obama was elected.

In the race for Ohio's U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring George Voinovich in 2010, Lee Fisher and Jennifer Brunner remain neck-and-neck for the Democratic nomination and both would defeat any of the GOP candidates if the election were today.

"The economy in Ohio is as bad as anywhere in America. These numbers indicate that for the first time voters have decided that President Barack Obama bears some responsibility for their problems," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Until now voters have given President Obama high ratings on the economy, blaming former President George W. Bush for their problems. They might be taking out their frustration on President Obama, possibly deciding that the change he promised has not come as quickly as they expected."

"Ohio historically has been the prototypical swing state. One of the reasons Barack Obama won the presidency by such a wide margin is that he carried Ohio with 52 percent of the vote and captured the lion's share of independent votes," Brown added.

"Now, by a 48 - 46 percent margin, Ohio independent voters give the President a failing grade on the economy. These numbers indicate that he may be losing, at least for now, some of those who voted for him in November and should be an indication to the White House that his honeymoon with the voters may be ending."

In the Senate race, Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher holds a 24 - 21 percent lead over Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner in the race for the Democratic nomination, with 51 percent undecided.

Former U.S. Rep. Rob Portman holds a 33 - 10 percent lead over car dealer Tom Ganley on the Republican side, with 55 percent undecided.

In general election trial heats, Brunner would defeat Ganley 35 - 31 percent and get 35 percent to Portman's 34 percent. Fisher leads Ganley 36 - 30 percent and Portman 37 - 33 percent.

From June 26 - July 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,259 Ohio voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. The survey includes 483 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points and 445 Republicans with a margin of error of +/-4.7 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research. For more data and RSS feed - <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling.xml>, or (203) 582-5201.

2. (If registered Republican) As you may know, Ohio Senator George Voinovich will not be running for reelection in 2010. Thinking about the 2010 Republican primary for United States Senator, if the 2010 Republican primary for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Rob Portman and Tom Ganley, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED REPS..

	Tot	Men	Wom
Portman	33%	39%	25%
Ganley	10	11	9
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	-
DK/NA	55	46	65

TREND: (If registered Republican) As you may know, Ohio Senator George Voinovich will not be running for reelection in 2010. Thinking about the 2010 Republican primary for United States Senator, if the 2010 Republican primary for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Rob Portman and

Tom Ganley, for whom would you vote? (*Someone Else & Wouldn't Vote volunteered options not in option list)

REGISTERED REPUBLICANS.....

	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4
	2009	2009	2009	2009*

Portman	33	29	31	33
Ganley	10	8	na	na
Taylor	na	8	14	11
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	-
DK/NA	55	54	52	56

3. (If registered Democrat) Thinking about the 2010 Democratic primary for United States Senator, if the 2010 Democratic primary for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Lee Fisher and Jennifer Brunner, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED DEMS..

	Tot	Men	Wom
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Fisher	24%	31%	20%
Brunner	21	26	18
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	2

WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	4
DK/NA	51	42	56

TREND: (If registered Democrat) Thinking about the 2010 Democratic primary for United States Senator, if the 2010 Democratic primary for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Lee Fisher and Jennifer Brunner, for whom would you vote? (*Someone Else & Wouldn't Vote volunteered options not in option list / na=not asked)

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.....

	Jul 7 2009	May 6 2009	Mar 18 2009	Feb 4 2009*
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Fisher 18	24	20	18	
Brunner	21	16	14	16
Yates	na	4	6	na
Ryan	na	na	12	14
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	-
DK/NA	51	59	46	53

6. If the 2010 election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Lee Fisher the Democrat and Rob Portman the Republican, for whom would you vote?

WtBrnAgn

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Fisher	37%	5%	76%	28%	33%	40%	28%
Portman	33	72	4	31	41	27	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL) 1	2	-	-	3	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	1	3	2	1	1
DK/NA	26	22	19	35	21	31	27

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthE	SthW	WstCnt
Fisher	35%	43%	30%	40%	24%	39%
Portman	32	28	25	26	53	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	5	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	4	-	2	3
DK/NA	29	28	36	34	19	17

TREND: If the 2010 election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Lee Fisher the Democrat and Rob Portman the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4
2009	2009	2009	2009

Fisher		37	42	41	42
Portman					
	33	31	33	27	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)		2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)		2	-	2	1
DK/NA		26	26	24	29

7. If the 2010 election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Lee Fisher the Democrat and Tom Ganley the Republican, for whom would you vote?

		WtBrnAgn					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglc1
Fisher	36%	5%	73%	26%	32%	39%	26%
Ganley	30	65	4	29	38	24	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
DK/NA	31	28	22	42=2			
0	26	36	29				

Cntrl NrthE NrthW SthE SthW WstCnt

Fisher	36%	41%	31%	36%	21%	37%
Ganley	26	31	23	33	34	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	2	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	4	1	2	3
DK/NA	35	26	40	29	41	24

8. If the 2010 election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Jennifer Brunner the Democrat and Tom Ganley the Republican, for whom would you vote?

							WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Brunner	35%	6%	71%	23%	31%	38%	27%
Ganley	31	67	4=2				
0 30 38	25	41					
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	3	1	1
DK/NA	31	25	23	44	26	35	31

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Brunner	35%	37%	40%	31%	24%	37%
Ganley	32	30	23	35	34	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	5	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	3	2	-	3	3
DK/NA	32	30	31	34	38	24

9. If the 2010 election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Jennifer Brunner the Democrat and Rob Portman the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	20						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Brunner	35%	5%	71%	26%	31%	39%	25%
Portman	34	72	5	32	42	27	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	2	1	-
DK/NA	29	23	23	39	24	33	28

Cntrl NrthE NrthW SthE SthW WstCnt

Brunner	31%	39%	41%	32%	24%	38%
Portman	36	28	22	29	54	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	4	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	2	-	1	3
DK/NA	31	32	31	38	21	20

TREND: If the 2010 electi on for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were Jennifer Brunner the Democrat and Rob Portman the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4
2009	2009	2009	2009

Brunner	35	40	39	38
Portman	34	32	34	28
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	2	1
DK/NA	29	27	25	31

14. Is your opinion of - Lee Fisher favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

						WtBrnAgn
Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl

Favorable	27%	9%	46%	24%	27%	27%	22%
Unfavorable	16	31	4	14	21	11	20
Hvn't hrd enough	56	59	50	60	50	61	57
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of - Jennifer Brunner favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4	Dec 10
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008

Favorable	27	31	31	34	26
Unfavorable	16	12	14	10	24
Hvn't hrd enough	56	55	55	55	49
REFUSED	1	120	1	1	1

16. Is your opinion of - Rob Portman favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

							WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl

Favorable	21%	35%	8%	23%	27%	16%	24%
Unfavorable	6	1	9	6	5	6	3
Hvn't hrd enough	72	63	82	70	67	77	71
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of - Rob Portman favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4	Dec 10
0A	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008

Favorable	21	22	25	21	12
Unfavorable	6	9	7	6	7
Hvn't hrd enough	72	68	67	72	80
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1

17. Is your opinion of - Tom Ganley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	WtBrnAgn						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl

Favorable	12%	19%	6%	11%	14%	10%	14%
Unfavorable	4	2	7	3	5	3	3
Hvn't hrd enough	83	78	86	84	79	86	82
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of - Tom Ganley favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

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Favorable	12	6
Unfavorable	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	83	89
REFUSED	1	1

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Voinovich is handling his job as United States Senator?

	WtBrnAgn						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Approve	52%	60%	53%	46%	49%	55%	53%

Disapprove	29	28	23	35	39	21	30
DK/NA	19	13	24	18	13	24	17

	E	NrthW	SthE	SthW	Cntrl	Nrth	WstCnt
Approve					45%	60%	45%
Disapprove					29	25	31
DK/NA					26	15	24
					48%	44%	56%
					36	37	28
					16	19	15

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Voinovich is handling his job as United States Senator? (*Also 55% on 2/4/2009)

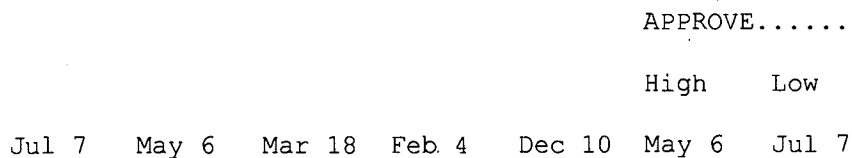
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	High		Low				
	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4	Dec 10	May 6	Dec 13
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2009*	2006
Approve	52	55	52	55	51	55	41
Disapprove	29	30	32	29	31	30	33
DK/NA	19	15					
	16	16	17	15	26		

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Sherrod Brown is handling his job as United States Senator?

	WtBrnAgn						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Approve	41%	29%	58%	37%	36%	46%	35%
Disapprove	29	43	12	32	39	19	34
DK/NA	30	28	30	31	24	35	32

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthE	SthW	WstCnt
Approve	37%	51%	36%	48%	25%	37%
Disapprove	29	27	22	20	36	32
DK/NA	33	22	41	33	39	30

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Sherrod Brown is handling his job as United States Senator?



	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009
Approve	41	52	48	51	48	52	41
Disapprove	29	24	25	22	26	24	29
DK/NA	30	24	27	27	26	24	30

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lee Fisher is handling his job as Ohio's lieutenant governor?

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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Approve	39%	26%	58%	32%	38%	40%	35%
Disapprove	24	36	10	23	30	18	30
DK/NA	38	38	32	45	32	42	34

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthE	SthW	WstCnt
Approve	35%	42%	31%	59%	30%	42%

Disapprove	23	21	27	14	26	30
DK/NA	42	36	42	27	44	28

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lee Fisher is handling his job as Ohio's lieutenant governor?

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Approve	39	49
Disapprove	24	17
DK/NA	38	33

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23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jennifer Brunner is handling her job as Ohio's Secretary of State?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn	Evnglcl
Approve	38%	22%	60%	32%	37%	39%		34%
Disapprove	25	42	7	27	32	18		30
DK/NA	37	36	33	41	30	43		36

		WtBrnAgn					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Approve	49%	19%	85%	38%	39%	57%	33%
Disapprove	44	75	11	48	53	36	59
DK/NA	8	6	3	14	8	7	8

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthE	SthW	WstCnt
Approve	50%	52%	55%	46%	36%	47%
Disapprove	43	39	40	44	60	47
DK/NA	6	10	6	10	4	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 6
	2009	2009	2009	2009
Approve	49	62	57	67
Disapprove	44	31	33	16
DK/NA	8	7	11	17

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthE	SthW	WstCnt
Approve	36%	44%	44%	40%	28%	33%
Disapprove	29	21	13	21	31	31
DK/NA	36	35	43	39	41	35

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jennifer Brunner is handling her job as Ohio's Secretary of State?

	Jul 7 2009	May 6 2009	Mar 18 2009	Feb 4 2009	Dec 10 2008	Aug 14 2008	Jun 4 2008
Approve	38	45	41	44	39	38	38
Disapprove	25	20	19	16	28	12	13
DK/NA	37	34	39	41	33	50	48

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

25. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Ohio today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Very satisfied	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%
Smwht satisfied	31	22	46	27	28	35	26
Smwht dissatisfied	36	40	31	36	34	38	36
Very dissatisfied	30	36	19	36	34	25	35
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	-	1

	Cntrl	NrthE	NrthW	SthE	SthW	WstCnt
Very satisfied	3%	3%	-	2%	3%	1%
Smwht satisfied	29	33	32	49	25	28
Smwht dissatisfied	39	35	39	27	39	36
Very dissatisfied	29	29	28	22	33	34
DK/NA	-	1	1 =2			
0	-	-	1			

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Ohio today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	VERY+SMWHT....						
				High		Low	
	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 17	Feb 5	Dec 11	Mar 21	Mar 17
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2007	2009
Very satisfied	2	4	2	2	3	5	2
Smwht satisfied	31	39	30	31	30	49	30
Smwht dissatisfied	36	32	39	37	35	28	39
Very dissatisfied	30	24	28	28	31	16	28
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1		
	1	1					

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

							WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl

Approve	46%	19%	81%	33%	37%	53%	31%
Disapprove	48	79	13	56	58	40	64
DK/NA	6	2	5	11	4	8	5

Cntrl NrthE NrthW SthE SthW WstCnt

Approve	43%	49%	51%	47%	37%	45%
Disapprove	52	43	47	43	59	51
DK/NA	5	8	2	10	4	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

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Approve	46	57	53	58
Disapprove	48	36	36	21
DK/NA	6	7	11	21

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