

## IOWA POLL

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 401 likely Republican caucus-goers  
 Margin of Error: ±4.9 percentage points

Study #2031  
 November 27-30, 2011

**Weighted by age and sex among all 2,222 contacts  
 based on registered Republicans and independents**

Are you currently registered to vote in the state of Iowa?

- 100** Yes
- No
- Not sure

First, how likely is it you will attend the Republican party caucuses scheduled for January of 2012—will you definitely attend, probably attend, or probably not attend?

- 51** Definitely attend Republican caucus
- 49** Probably attend Republican caucus
- Might or might not attend Republican caucus
- Probably not attend Republican caucus
- Not sure

If the Republican caucuses were today, and the following candidates were running, which one would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**

And who would your second choice be? **(Asked of those who selected a first-choice candidate.)**

And, who do you like the least?

	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Like Least</u>
<b>Sorted by first choice</b>			
Newt Gingrich	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>
Ron Paul	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
Mitt Romney	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Michele Bachmann	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
Herman Cain	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Rick Perry	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>
Rick Santorum	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Jon Huntsman	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
Other (VOL and specify:)	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Not sure	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>
No first choice	n/a	<b>11</b>	n/a

Is your mind made up to support [CANDIDATE NAMED AS FIRST CHOICE] or could you still be persuaded to support another candidate as your first choice? **(Asked only of those who selected a first-choice candidate.)**

- Among all  
 (n=401)**
- 28** Mind is made up
  - 60** Could be persuaded
  - 1** Not sure
  - 11** No first choice candidate

For each of the following, please indicate if this is or is not a reason your mind is not made up to support your first choice. Just answer yes or no. (Multiple responses accepted, so total may exceed 100%. Asked only of those who say they could still be persuaded to support another candidate; n=240.)

25	You are concerned there may be a new revelation about your first choice candidate that would make you not want to support him or her
16	There is something you already know about your candidate that makes you uneasy
92	You just always keep your mind open to change to another candidate closer to caucus night
3	None of these (VOL)
-	Not sure

Is there a candidate who used to be your first or second choice whom you no longer support? (If yes, ask:) Which candidate or candidates would that be? (Multiple responses accepted, so total may exceed 100%.) Sorted.

11	Herman Cain
8	Rick Perry
5	Michele Bachmann
2	Mitt Romney
1	Newt Gingrich
1	Ron Paul
1	Rick Santorum
-	Jon Huntsman
68	No, no one else was first or second choice
3	Not sure

Which of the candidates have you already seen in person within the last year? (Multiple responses accepted, so total may exceed 100%.)

Which of the others would you most like to see in person before the caucuses? (Multiple responses accepted, so total may exceed 100%.)

Have seen	Like to see	
20	14	Michele Bachmann
12	16	Herman Cain
10	26	Newt Gingrich
3	7	Jon Huntsman
15	14	Ron Paul
8	17	Rick Perry
12	15	Mitt Romney
12	11	Rick Santorum
64	30	None (VOL)
1	9	Not sure

Regardless of which candidate you support as your first choice, which one would you say is: **(Read each item and repeat question. Rotate.)**

	Michele Bachmann	Herman Cain	Newt Gingrich	Jon Huntsman	Ron Paul	Rick Perry	Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	None/Not Sure
The most presidential	4	3	25	2	9	10	34	4	9
The most negative	9	9	7	4	19	16	9	5	22
The least knowledgeable	22	27	1	9	4	10	3	5	19
The most likely to have a scandal in the White House if elected	3	35	14	1	2	8	5	1	31
The most principled	17	4	11	2	24	7	14	11	10
The best able to bring Republicans and Democrats together	5	6	27	3	9	5	23	3	19
The most fiscally responsible	8	7	15	1	32	9	13	3	12
The most socially conservative	27	5	10	1	17	5	8	13	14
The most knowledgeable about the world	2	2	58	5	12	3	6	2	10
The best able to bring about real change	8	7	27	2	18	7	14	4	13
The most electable in the general election	3	6	22	1	6	10	38	2	12
The most likeable	17	14	8	3	10	12	19	8	9
The most experienced	1	2	58	1	13	5	11	1	8
The most like Ronald Reagan	6	5	25	1	9	9	11	4	30
The best able to turn the economy around	4	9	22	2	17	11	20	3	12
The best debater	4	4	50	-	9	4	14	1	14

Have you attended caucuses in the past or will this be your first caucus?

- 78 Attended in the past
- 21 First caucus
- 1 Not sure

Regardless of any party affiliation, do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement? **(If yes, ask:)** Do you consider yourself a strong supporter, or just a supporter?

- 24 Yes, strong supporter
- 41 Yes, just a supporter
- 32 No, not a supporter
- 3 Not sure

In general, do you consider yourself very conservative, mostly conservative, moderate, or liberal?

- 30 Very conservative
- 45 Mostly conservative
- 22 Moderate
- 2 Liberal
- 1 None of these (VOL)
- Not sure

On social issues such as abortion and gay marriage, do you consider yourself very conservative, mostly conservative, moderate, or liberal?

- 46 Very conservative
- 18 Mostly conservative
- 21 Moderate
- 12 Liberal
- 1 None of these (VOL)
- 2 Not sure

### **About the poll**

The Iowa Poll, conducted Nov. 27-30 for The Des Moines Register by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on interviews with 2,222 registered Republican and independent voters in Iowa ages 18 or older, of which 401 said they would definitely or probably participate in the January 2012 Republican caucus. Interviewers contacted individuals randomly selected from the Iowa voter registration list by telephone, stratifying contact by age. The full sample of 2,222 respondents was adjusted for age and sex based on distribution among active Republican and no party registered voters. Questions asked of the 401 likely Republican caucusgoers have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Republishing the copyright Iowa Poll without credit to The Des Moines Register is prohibited.