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

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**Weighted by age and sex among all 1,831 contacts
based on proportions of registered
Republicans and independents**

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

26 Definitely attend Republican caucus
74 Probably attend Republican caucus **Continue**

- Probably not attend a caucus
- Don't know which caucus will attend **Terminate**
- Not sure

I'm going to ask about some people whose names have been mentioned as potential candidates for the Republican nomination for president. For each, please tell me if your feelings toward the person are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know the person, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.).

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Michele Bachmann , congresswoman from Minnesota	65	12	31	34	8	4	23
Tim Pawlenty , former governor of Minnesota	58	13	16	42	10	3	29
Sarah Palin , former governor of Alaska	58	37	17	41	20	17	5
Ron Paul , congressman from Texas	53	32	16	37	20	12	15
Mitt Romney , former governor of Massachusetts	52	38	19	33	25	13	10
Herman Cain , former CEO of Godfather's Pizza	47	17	15	32	12	5	36
Newt Gingrich , former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	46	43	13	33	26	17	11
Chris Christie , governor of New Jersey	45	14	17	28	9	5	41
Rudy Giuliani , former mayor of New York City	45	44	12	33	32	12	11
Rick Perry , governor of Texas	43	8	14	29	4	4	49
Paul Ryan , congressman from Wisconsin	38	13	13	25	8	5	49
Rick Santorum , former congressman from Pennsylvania	38	17	7	31	13	4	45
Jon Huntsman , former governor of Utah and former ambassador to China	22	19	6	16	13	6	59
John Bolton , former ambassador to the United Nations	21	17	5	16	11	6	62

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Roy Moore , former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court	14	12	3	11	8	4	74
Gary Johnson , former governor of New Mexico	10	14	2	8	9	5	76
Buddy Roemer , former governor of Louisiana	8	13	1	7	9	4	79
Fred Karger , a political consultant and gay rights activist from California	4	46	-	4	17	29	50

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?

	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>
Mitt Romney	23	10
Michele Bachmann	22	18
Herman Cain	10	10
Newt Gingrich	7	5
Ron Paul	7	12
Tim Pawlenty	6	12
Rick Santorum	4	4
Jon Huntsman	2	2
Other (VOL and specify:)	5	4
Not sure	14	9
No first choice		14

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?

- 14** Mind is made up
- 69** Could be persuaded
- 3** Not sure
- 14** No first choice candidate

Regardless of whom you support now, do you think there is at least one Republican candidate in the field who can defeat Barack Obama?

- 86** Yes
- 7** No
- 7** Not sure

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

I'm going to mention some things you might know or learn about some Republican candidates. For each, please tell me if a candidate taking this position is a deal-killer for you, something you'd have to consider, or is the position no real problem for you? **(Rotate list.)**

	<u>Deal-Killer</u>	<u>Consider</u>	<u>No real Problem</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Supports civil unions for gay and lesbian couples	58	13	27	2
Opposes continued subsidies for ethanol	14	36	40	10
Says climate change is a threat to be addressed through environmental policies	33	28	32	7
Favors raising the debt ceiling to keep the U.S. from defaulting on its obligations	49	27	17	7
Has supported an individual mandate for health insurance	44	25	18	13
Favors privatizing Medicare	29	31	35	5
Favors cuts in defense spending	40	36	21	3
Has messy family relationships with spouses or ex-spouses or children	36	33	26	5
Believes that in addition to cuts in spending, taxes must be raised to reduce the deficit	51	26	17	6
Favors a return to the gold standard	13	30	35	22

As you think about the most important qualities in the next president, is it more important for that person to be a fiscal conservative or a social conservative or is there something else that is more important?

- 62** Fiscal conservative
- 20** Social conservative
- 7** Something else is more important (specify:)
- 11** Not sure

About the poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted Jun. 19-22 for The Des Moines Register by Selzer & Co. Inc. of Des Moines, is based on interviews with 1,831 registered Republican and independent voters in Iowa ages 18 or older, of which 400 said they would definitely or probably participate in the February 2012 Republican caucus. Interviewers contacted individuals randomly selected from the Iowa voter registration list by telephone. The full sample of 1,831 respondents was adjusted for age and sex based on distribution among active Republican and no party registered voters. Questions asked of the 400 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.