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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 p residency 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.

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"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?

	REGIST	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 Fish er and Jennifer Brunner, for whom would you vote?

	REGIST	MS	
	Tot Men		Wom
			·
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							
	Ju1 7	May 6	Mar 18	Feb				
	2009	2009	2009	2009				
•								
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				

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^{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?

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

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?

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

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DK/NA

Fisher		37	7 42 41		42
Portman	33	31	33	27	
SMONE ELSE(VOL)		2	1	1	1
WLDN'T V	OTE (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
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	·							
Fisher		36%	5%	73%	26%	32%	39%	26%
Ganley		30	65	4	29	38	24	43
SMONE ELSE(VO	OL)	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
DK/NA 0 26	36 2	31 9	28	22	42=2			

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
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Brunner	35%	6%	71%	23%	. 31%	38%	278
Ganley 0 30 38	31 25	67 41	4=2				
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

Cntrl NrthE NrthW SthE SthW WstCnt

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			WtBrnAgr	1
	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
	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?

	Jui /	мау о	Mar 18	reb 4	Dec It
	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	29%	14%	49%	24%	30%	28%	26%
Unfavorable	17	32	6	15	23	11	20
Hvn't hrd enough	53	53	45	59	45	60	53
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	1

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

	Jui /	May 6	Mar 18	reb 4	Dec 1
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008
•			•		
		•	-		
			•		
Favorable	29	37	32	33	23
Unfavorable	17	13	13	10	10
Hvn't hrd enough	53	48	54	55	66
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1

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

0 WtBrnAgn
Tot Rep Dem Ind Men Wom Evnglcl

Favorable	21%	35%	88	23%	27%	16%	24%
Unfavorable	6	1	9	6	5	6	3
Hvn't hrd enough	72	63	82	70	67	77	7.1
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
OA	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?

Jul 7	May 6
2009	2009

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
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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

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Approve	45%	60%	45%	48%	44%	56%
Disapprove	29	25	31	36	37	. 28
DK/NA	26	15	24	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)

								•	APPROV	E
									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
Disappro	ve		29		30	32	29	31	30	33
DK/NA 16	16	17	19	5	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
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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
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	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=2 0the way Sherrod Brown is handling his job as United States Senator?

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High Low

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

	. 2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009
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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?

0 WtBrnAgn						=2	
	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
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	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	4 4	28

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

Jul 7	May 6
2009	2009

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?

							WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
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			•				
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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
				1				
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	
	O	O	3	14	0	1	0	
		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?

	•	our /	May 0	Mar 10	reb (
		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
				4		
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	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 4	Dec 10	Aug 14	Jun 4
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008
		ı					
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?

							WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	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	
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Very satisfied	3%	3%	-	2%	. 38	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 0 1	- . '	1	1 =2				

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?

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						High	Low
	Jul 7	May 6	Mar 17	Feb 5	Dec 11	Mar 21	Mar 17
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2007	2009
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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

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Approve	46%	198.	81%	33%	37%	53%	31%
Disapprove	48	79	13	56	58	40	64
DK/NA	6	2	5	11	4	8	. 5

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?

Jul /	May 6	Mar 18	Feb 6
2009	2009	2009	2009
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Approve	46	57	53	58
Disapprove	48	36	36	21
DK/NA	6	7 .	11	21

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