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RON PAUL WINS STRAW POLL HELD BY COLLEGE REPUBLICANS AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The College Republicans at Central Michigan University conducted a straw poll on the campus of Central Michigan University today. The poll on the upcoming Michigan Republican presidential primary featured two questions: which candidate the participant plans on voting for and how likely he or she is to vote in the primary.

In all, 101 people voted in the poll. Ron Paul came in first with 49%, followed by Mitt Romney with 36%. Rick Santorum came in third with 11%, followed by Newt Gingrich with 4% and Fred Karger with 1%. Buddy Roemer did not receive any votes. Among the 53 people who identified as likely or very likely to vote in the primary, Paul received 47%, Romney received 34%, Santorum received 13%, Gingrich received 4%, and Karger received 2%.

When looking at the enthusiasm of the candidates' supporters, Santorum had the highest enthusiasm (other than Karger's one supporter), with 64% of his supporters identifying as somewhat or very likely to vote. 51% of Paul's supporters identified as such, while 50% of Romney and Gingrich supporters claimed they were somewhat or very likely to vote.

When considering how likely participants were to vote in Michigan's primary, 42% said they were very likely, 11% said somewhat likely, 14% said it was a 50-50 chance, 8% said they were somewhat unlikely, and 25% said they were very unlikely to vote.

"This poll was a great way for us to gauge the feelings of students here on campus. In a year where we have a hotly contested primary race, it's good to see students getting involved in the election process and being enthusiastic about it," said Nathan Inks, Chairman of the College Republicans.

Inks went on to say, "With Michigan's primary being early in the nomination process, our state plays a vital role in determining who will be the party's nominee, so this poll enabled us to see which way the younger voters are leaning in this election. Young voters are becoming more involved in the political process, and it's important for the GOP to see where they stand."

The College Republicans collected votes from various places across campus, and enthusiasm about the poll was high. Over a dozen College Republicans volunteered to conduct the poll.

According to Vice Chairman Ben Greene, "We learned today that CMU students are actively involved in the political process. Students showed an eagerness to make their voices heard and to influence the

outcome of the presidential election. We hope to see this level of eagerness and enthusiasm extend through the general election.”

The College Republicans plan to maintain a high profile on campus throughout this crucial election year. As they have done in years past, they will be conducting voter registration drives and volunteering for candidates, both at the national and local level leading up to the election.

Full results of the poll can be found on the following pages. This straw poll is not a scientific poll and is merely intended to gauge the general political leanings of the university community.

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TOTALS		TOTAL VOTES CAST: 101			
<u>Candidates</u>			<u>Likeliness</u>		
Newt Gingrich	4	3.96%	Very likely	42	42.00%
Fred Karger	1	0.99%	Somewhat likely	11	11.00%
Ron Paul	49	48.51%	50-50 chance	14	14.00%
Buddy Roemer	0	0.00%	Somewhat unlikely	8	8.00%
Mitt Romney	36	35.64%	Very unlikely	25	25.00%
Rick Santorum	11	10.89%			

CROSSTABS: GENERAL												
	<u>Candidates</u>											
<u>Likeliness</u>	Newt Gingrich		Fred Karger		Ron Paul		Buddy Roemer		Mitt Romney		Rick Santorum	
Very likely	1	0.99%	0	0.00%	19	18.81%	0	0.00%	16	15.84%	6	5.94%
Somewhat likely	1	0.99%	1	0.99%	6	5.94%	0	0.00%	2	1.98%	1	0.99%
50-50 chance	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	4.95%	0	0.00%	7	6.93%	2	1.98%
Somewhat unlikely	1	0.99%	0	0.00%	4	3.96%	0	0.00%	3	2.97%	0	0.00%
Very unlikely	1	0.99%	0	0.00%	14	13.86%	0	0.00%	8	7.92%	2	1.98%
ALL LIKELY VOTERS	2	1.98%	1	0.99%	25	24.75%	0	0.00%	18	17.82%	7	6.93%

CROSSTABS: CANDIDATE BASE

	<u>Candidates</u>												
	Newt Gingrich			Fred Karger			Ron Paul		Buddy Roemer		Mitt Romney		Rick Santorum
<u>Base</u>	4	3.96%	1	0.99%	49	48.51%	0	0.00%	36	35.64%	11	10.89%	
<u>Likeliness</u>													
Very likely	1	25.00%	0	0.00%	19	38.78%	0	#DIV/0!	16	44.44%	6	54.55%	
Somewhat likely	1	25.00%	1	100.00%	6	12.24%	0	#DIV/0!	2	5.56%	1	9.09%	
50-50 chance	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	10.20%	0	#DIV/0!	7	19.44%	2	18.18%	
Somewhat unlikely	1	25.00%	0	0.00%	4	8.16%	0	#DIV/0!	3	8.33%	0	0.00%	
Very unlikely	1	25.00%	0	0.00%	14	28.57%	0	#DIV/0!	8	22.22%	2	18.18%	
ALL LIKELY VOTERS	2	50.00%	1	100.00%	25	51.02%	0	#DIV/0!	18	50.00%	7	63.64%	

CROSSTABS: LIKELINESS BASE

		<u>Candidates</u>												
<u>Likelihood</u>	Base		Newt Gingrich		Fred Karger		Ron Paul		Buddy Roemer		Mitt Romney		Rick Santorum	
Very likely	42	42.00%	1	2.38%	0	0.00%	19	45.24%	0	0.00%	16	38.10%	6	14.29%
Somewhat likely	11	11.00%	1	9.09%	1	9.09%	6	54.55%	0	0.00%	2	18.18%	1	9.09%
50-50 chance	14	14.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	35.71%	0	0.00%	7	50.00%	2	14.29%
Somewhat unlikely	8	8.00%	1	12.50%	0	0.00%	4	50.00%	0	0.00%	3	37.50%	0	0.00%
Very unlikely	25	25.00%	1	4.00%	0	0.00%	14	56.00%	0	0.00%	8	32.00%	2	8.00%
ALL LIKELY VOTERS	53	53.00%	2	3.77%	1	1.89%	25	47.17%	0	0.00%	18	33.96%	7	13.21%