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McCaskill still fifty-fifty for re-election

Raleigh, N.C. – Freshman Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill's controversies over the last few months have had little to no impact on her standing with voters. When PPP polled the Senate race two months ago, McCaskill led her prospective Republican opponents by almost identical margins as she does now.

The senator leads Rep. Todd Akin, 46-45, the same margin as in March. She bests former State Treasurer Sarah Steelman and Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer both by a 45-42 margin. The latter was not tested previously, but Steelman lagged by the exact same margin then. Businessman John Brunner, also tested for the first time, trails 47-41. 2010 House candidate Ed Martin holds his ground at a 46-39 deficit (46-40 in March).

The needle on McCaskill's job performance has hardly moved. 46% approved in both surveys, and her disapproval level has risen from 45% to only 47%. McCaskill has declined with her own party from 85-8, the reverse of Republicans' feelings, to only 79-13, but she has treaded water by getting a 22-point boost with independents, from 36-51 to 50-43. She has likewise improved against her challengers with independents, leading them each by at least three points, and losing no more than 8% of Democrats.

The danger for McCaskill is that while she unites Democrats, a lot of Republicans are undecided because, at this early stage, as little as 27% and no more than 48% of voters are aware enough of any one of her opponents to express an opinion on them. If one of them can unite the GOP and capitalize on McCaskill's vulnerability, she could be in bigger trouble as the election approaches. But Steelman has had her own issues to contend with.

"This race continues to look like a toss up," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But for McCaskill that almost counts as good news, given how much bad publicity she's had since we last polled the state."

PPP surveyed 555 Missouri voters from April 28th to May 1st. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.9%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.

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Missouri Survey Results

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Claire McCaskill's job performance?	Q7	If the candidates for Senate next year were Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican	
	Approve46% Not sure7%		Todd Akin, who would you vote for?	
	Disapprove47%		Claire McCaskill	
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion		Todd Akin	.45%
	of Todd Akin?		Undecided	. 8%
	Favorable18%	Q8	If the candidates for Senate next year were	
	Unfavorable21%		Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican John Brunner, who would you vote for?	
	Not sure 61%		Claire McCaskill	.47%
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Brunner?		John Brunner	.41%
	Favorable 8%		Undecided	.12%
	Unfavorable19%	Q9	If the candidates for Senate next year were	
	Not sure		Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican Blaine Luetkemeyer, who would you vote for	
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Blaine Luetkemeyer?		Claire McCaskill	.45%
	Favorable14%		Blaine Luetkemeyer	
	Unfavorable22%		Undecided	
		Q10	If the candidates for Senate next year were	
Q5	Not sure		Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican Martin, who would you vote for?	Ed
QЭ	of Ed Martin?		Claire McCaskill	.46%
	Favorable11%		Ed Martin	
	Unfavorable20%		Undecided	
	Not sure70%	Q11	If the candidates for Senate next year were	
Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Steelman?		Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican Sarah Steelman, who would you vote for?	
	Favorable26%		Claire McCaskill	.45%
	Unfavorable22%		Sarah Steelman	.42%
	Not sure 52%		Undecided	
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Q12	Who did you vote for President in 2008?	
	John McCain	48%
	Barack Obama	42%
Q13	Someone else/Don't remember	
	Very liberal	9%
	Somewhat liberal	14%
	Moderate	32%
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	
Q14	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pre	
	Woman	54%
	Man	46%

Q15	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republi press 2. If you are an independent or identi with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	.37%
	Republican	.37%
	Independent/Other	.25%
Q16	If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.	
	White	.84%
	African-American	. 11%
	Other	. 5%
Q17	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	to
	18 to 29	.15%
	30 to 45	.24%
	46 to 65	.41%
	Older than 65	20%





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
McCaskill Approval					
Approve	46%	20%	78%	34%	
Disapprove	47%	75%	15%	42%	
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	24%	

		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Akin Favorability					
Favorable	18%	27%	11%	9%	
Unfavorable	21%	8%	37%	18%	
Not sure	61%	66%	53%	73%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Brunner Favorability		•				
Favorable	8%	9%	6%	8%		
Unfavorable	19%	11%	29%	15%		
Not sure	73%	80%	64%	77%		

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base		Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember	
Luetkemeyer Favorability					
Favorable	14%	21%	6%	11%	
Unfavorable	22%	10%	35%	21%	
Not sure	64%	69%	59%	68%	





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Martin Favorability					
Favorable	11%	16%	6%	5%	
Unfavorable	20%	8%	34%	17%	
Not sure	70%	77%	60%	78%	

		2008 Vote		
	Base		Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Steelman Favorability				
Favorable	26%	33%	19%	16%
Unfavorable	22%	14%	31%	24%
Not sure	52%	53%	50%	60%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
McCaskill/Akin					
Claire McCaskill	46%	17%	83%	34%	
Todd Akin	45%	74%	12%	48%	
Undecided	8%	10%	5%	18%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
McCaskill/Brunner		•					
Claire McCaskill	47%	16%	84%	36%			
John Brunner	41%	69%	10%	38%			
Undecided	12%	15%	6%	26%			





		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
McCaskill/Luetkem- eyer						
Claire McCaskill	45%	16%	82%	33%		
Blaine Luetkemeyer	42%	70%	11%	36%		
Undecided	13%	14%	7%	31%		

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
McCaskill/Martin						
Claire McCaskill	46%	15%	84%	36%		
Ed Martin	39%	66%	9%	36%		
Undecided	15%	19%	7%	28%		

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
McCaskill/Steelman		-					
Claire McCaskill	45%	15%	81%	33%			
Sarah Steelman	42%	69%	11%	38%			
Undecided	14%	16%	9%	29%			

		Ideology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative		
McCaskill Approval			_		='			
Approve	46%	83%	76%	69%	17%	8%		
Disapprove	47%	12%	16%	20%	76%	89%		
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	11%	8%	3%		





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Akin Favorability		-	-			
Favorable	18%	5%	6%	15%	25%	29%
Unfavorable	21%	41%	42%	27%	6%	7%
Not sure	61%	54%	52%	58%	69%	64%

		ldeolog	ldeology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative			
Brunner Favorability									
Favorable	8%	3%	4%	5%	10%	13%			
Unfavorable	19%	32%	28%	24%	9%	10%			
Not sure	73%	64%	67%	71%	80%	77%			

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Luetkemeyer Favorability		=	•	-	•	
Favorable	14%	2%	3%	8%	20%	29%
Unfavorable	22%	40%	35%	28%	12%	6%
Not sure	64%	58%	62%	64%	68%	65%

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Martin Favorability			-	-				
Favorable	11%	3%	2%	9%	14%	19%		
Unfavorable	20%	30%	35%	26%	10%	8%		
Not sure	70%	67%	64%	66%	77%	73%		





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Steelman Favorability						
Favorable	26%	10%	18%	23%	30%	38%
Unfavorable	22%	38%	29%	26%	14%	14%
Not sure	52%	52%	53%	52%	57%	48%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
McCaskill/Akin		•	-	<u>-</u>	='	
Claire McCaskill	46%	89%	79%	68%	18%	6%
Todd Akin	45%	8%	13%	23%	69%	90%
Undecided	8%	3%	7%	9%	13%	4%

		Ideolo	deology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative			
McCaskill/Brunner		_	<u>-</u>	_	-				
Claire McCaskill	47%	95%	78%	68%	17%	6%			
John Brunner	41%	4%	12%	20%	62%	85%			
Undecided	12%	1%	10%	13%	21%	9%			

		Ideolo	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal			Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative	
McCaskill/Luetkem- eyer		•	•		•		
Claire McCaskill	45%	93%	76%	66%	15%	7%	
Blaine Luetkemeyer	42%	4%	12%	19%	63%	88%	
Undecided	13%	3%	12%	14%	22%	5%	





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
McCaskill/Martin						
Claire McCaskill	46%	93%	77%	68%	17%	6%
Ed Martin	39%	2%	12%	19%	59%	81%
Undecided	15%	5%	12%	13%	24%	12%

		Ideolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
McCaskill/Steelman			-	-			
Claire McCaskill	45%	89%	75%	66%	14%	7%	
Sarah Steelman	42%	7%	14%	19%	62%	87%	
Undecided	14%	4%	12%	15%	24%	6%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McCaskill Approval		-	
Approve	46%	48%	44%
Disapprove	47%	43%	50%
Not sure	7%	9%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Akin Favorability		-	
Favorable	18%	12%	25%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	25%
Not sure	61%	70%	50%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Brunner Favorability		-	
Favorable	8%	7%	9%
Unfavorable	19%	12%	27%
Not sure	73%	81%	64%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Luetkemeyer Favorability				
Favorable	14%	14%	14%	
Unfavorable	22%	17%	27%	
Not sure	64%	69%	59%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Martin Favorability		-	
Favorable	11%	8%	13%
Unfavorable	20%	14%	27%
Not sure	70%	78%	60%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Steelman Favorability			
Favorable	26%	23%	29%
Unfavorable	22%	17%	28%
Not sure	52%	60%	43%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McCaskill/Akin		-	
Claire McCaskill	46%	49%	43%
Todd Akin	45%	41%	51%
Undecided	8%	10%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McCaskill/Brunner		-	
Claire McCaskill	47%	50%	43%
John Brunner	41%	36%	47%
Undecided	12%	14%	10%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
McCaskill/Luetkem- eyer				
Claire McCaskill	45%	49%	42%	
Blaine Luetkemeyer	42%	37%	47%	
Undecided	13%	15%	11%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McCaskill/Martin		-	
Claire McCaskill	46%	49%	43%
Ed Martin	39%	35%	43%
Undecided	15%	15%	14%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McCaskill/Steelman		-	
Claire McCaskill	45%	47%	42%
Sarah Steelman	42%	39%	44%
Undecided	14%	14%	14%

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
McCaskill Approval		='		•			
Approve	46%	79%	11%	50%			
Disapprove		13%	82%	43%			
Not sure		8%	7%	7%			

		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Akin Favorability		•	•	•			
Favorable	18%	11%	28%	14%			
Unfavorable	21%	33%	6%	27%			
Not sure	61%	56%	66%	60%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Brunner Favorability		='					
Favorable	8%	7%	12%	4%			
Unfavorable	19%	27%	9%	22%			
Not sure	73%	66%	79%	75%			





		Party					
	Base	Democrat Republican Independent/Othe					
Luetkemeyer Favorability			•				
Favorable	14%	4%	25%	12%			
Unfavorable	22%	34%	7%	25%			
Not sure	64%	62%	68%	63%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Martin Favorability		='				
Favorable	11%	6%	16%	9%		
Unfavorable	20%	29%	6%	26%		
Not sure	70%	65%	78%	65%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Steelman Favorability						
Favorable	26%	15%	38%	24%		
Unfavorable	22%	32%	13%	21%		
Not sure	52%	54%	49%	55%		

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
McCaskill/Akin		='					
Claire McCaskill	46%	88%	6%	46%			
Todd Akin	45%	8%	84%	43%			
Undecided	8%	4%	10%	11%			





		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
McCaskill/Brunner							
Claire McCaskill	47%	87%	6%	47%			
John Brunner	41%	8%	78%	35%			
Undecided	12%	5%	16%	18%			

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	Base	Democrat Republican Independent/Other					
McCaskill/Luetkem- eyer		,	•				
Claire McCaskill	45%	87%	6%	44%			
Blaine Luetkemeyer	42%	8%	79%	37%			
Undecided	13%	6%	16%	19%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
McCaskill/Martin		='		•		
Claire McCaskill	46%	87%	5%	47%		
Ed Martin	39%	6%	76%	33%		
Undecided	15%	7%	19%	20%		

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
McCaskill/Steelman		='					
Claire McCaskill	45%	85%	5%	43%			
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Undecided	14%	10%	15%	19%			





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
McCaskill Approval				
Approve	46%	42%	72%	53%
Disapprove	47%	51%	21%	36%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	11%

		Race				
	Base	White	African- American	Other		
Akin Favorability						
Favorable	18%	18%	20%	22%		
Unfavorable	21%	21%	19%	28%		
Not sure	61%	61%	61%	50%		

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Brunner Favorability					
Favorable	8%	7%	12%	4%	
Unfavorable	19%	17%	24%	37%	
Not sure	73%	75%	65%	59%	

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Luetkemeyer Favorability		-	•		
Favorable	14%	15%	9%	10%	
Unfavorable	22%	21%	23%	39%	
Not sure	64%	65%	68%	52%	





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Martin Favorability				
Favorable	11%	11%	10%	4%
Unfavorable	20%	18%	25%	37%
Not sure	70%	71%	65%	60%

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Steelman Favorability					
Favorable	26%	26%	22%	23%	
Unfavorable	22%	22%	17%	32%	
Not sure	52%	52%	61%	45%	

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
McCaskill/Akin					
Claire McCaskill	46%	42%	78%	58%	
Todd Akin	45%	49%	17%	42%	
Undecided	8%	9%	6%	-	

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
McCaskill/Brunner				
Claire McCaskill	47%	42%	78%	61%
John Brunner	41%	45%	17%	29%
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McCaskill/Luetkem- eyer				
Claire McCaskill	45%	41%	75%	61%
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McCaskill/Martin				
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Undecided	15%	16%	5%	14%

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McCaskill/Steelman						
Claire McCaskill	45%	40%	71%	56%		
Sarah Steelman	42%	45%	18%	34%		
Undecided	14%	15%	10%	11%		

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65	
McCaskill Approval						
Approve	46%	48%	37%	50%	46%	
Disapprove	47%	42%	57%	43%	45%	
Not sure	7%	10%	6%	6%	10%	





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Akin Favorability						
Favorable	18%	15%	27%	16%	14%	
Unfavorable	21%	27%	18%	23%	17%	
Not sure	61%	58%	55%	61%	70%	

		Age					
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65		
Brunner Favorability							
Favorable	8%	8%	10%	7%	6%		
Unfavorable	19%	31%	19%	17%	14%		
Not sure	73%	60%	70%	76%	80%		

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Luetkemeyer Favorability						
Favorable	14%	13%	18%	13%	12%	
Unfavorable	22%	29%	16%	25%	15%	
Not sure	64%	58%	66%	62%	73%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Martin Favorability						
Favorable	11%	8%	16%	8%	10%	
Unfavorable	20%	27%	16%	21%	16%	
Not sure	70%	65%	67%	71%	74%	





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Steelman Favorability						
Favorable	26%	25%	28%	26%	22%	
Unfavorable	22%	27%	19%	23%	20%	
Not sure	52%	48%	52%	51%	58%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
McCaskill/Akin						
Claire McCaskill	46%	56%	36%	49%	46%	
Todd Akin	45%	40%	55%	41%	46%	
Undecided	8%	4%	9%	10%	7%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
McCaskill/Brunner						
Claire McCaskill	47%	58%	36%	49%	46%	
John Brunner	41%	31%	52%	37%	42%	
Undecided	12%	10%	12%	13%	13%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
McCaskill/Luetkem- eyer						
Claire McCaskill	45%	56%	36%	47%	45%	
Blaine Luetkemeyer	42%	31%	54%	39%	40%	
Undecided	13%	13%	10%	13%	15%	





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
McCaskill/Martin						
Claire McCaskill	46%	54%	36%	49%	47%	
Ed Martin	39%	33%	49%	36%	38%	
Undecided	15%	13%	15%	15%	16%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29			Older than 65
McCaskill/Steelman					
Claire McCaskill	45%	50%	37%	47%	45%
Sarah Steelman	42%	33%	49%	42%	38%
Undecided	14%	17%	13%	12%	17%

