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# Toss Up on Mississippi 'Personhood' Amendment

**Raleigh, N.C.** – It looks like the race to watch in Mississippi on Tuesday night will be the state's proposed 'Personhood Amendment,' which would make the state's laws regarding abortion and birth control the strictest of any state in the country. Right now it looks like it could go either way, with 45% of voters supporting the amendment and 44% opposed.

Men (48-42), whites (54-37), and Republicans (65-28) support the proposal. But women (42-46), African Americans (26-59), Democrats (23-61), and independents (35-51) oppose it. The good news for those opposed to the amendment is that 11% of voters are undecided and their demographics are 58% women, 54% Democratic, and 42% black-those still on the fence disproportionately belong to voter groups that oppose the amendment. That suggests when those folks make up their minds the proposal could be narrowly defeated.

"The groups trying to defeat the proposed Personhood amendment in Mississippi have had momentum on their side over the last few weeks," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "There is a very real chance now that the proposal will be defeated."

There should be less suspense in the Gubernatorial race. Republican Phil Bryant leads his Democratic opponent Johnny DuPree by 14 points, 54-40. The race is incredibly polarized along racial lines with Bryant up 74-20 with whites, while DuPree has an 80-11 advantage with African Americans. It's an unusual contest for this highly negative political climate in that voters have a positive opinion of both candidates: Bryant's favorability is 54/25 and DuPree's is 46/27. We don't see that very often.

The decisive factor in this race may be Haley Barbour. His 60/29 approval rating represents the best numbers we've found for any Governor in the country this year.

PPP surveyed 796 likely voters from November 4<sup>th</sup> to 6th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.5%. 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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# **Mississippi Survey Results**

Q1	The candidates for Governor are Republican Phil Bryant and Democrat Johnny DuPree. If the election was today, who would you vote for?	Q6	The candidates for State Treasurer are Republican Lynn Fitch, Democrat Connie Moran, and Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara. If the election was today, who would you vote for?	
	Phil Bryant54	1%	•	<b>/</b> 10/
	Johnny DuPree40	0%	Republican Lynn Fitch54	
	Undecided6	6%	Democrat Connie Moran35	
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinio of Phil Bryant?	on	Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara 4  Undecided6	
	Favorable5	4% <b>Q7</b>	Initiative 26 would define the term "person" to	
	Unfavorable2	5%	include every human being from the moment	
	Not sure2		fertilization, cloning, or the equivalent thereof. the election was today, would you vote yes or	
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinio of Johnny DuPree?		no on Initiative 26?  Yes45	
	Favorable40	6%	No	
	Unfavorable2			
	Not sure2		Undecided11 Initiative 27 would amend the Mississippi	1 /0
Q4	Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Haley Barbour's job performance?	, o <b>Q</b> 0	constitution to require a person to submit government-issued photo identification in order	er
	Approve60% Not sure1	1%	to vote. If the election was today, would you vote yes or no on Initiative 27?	
	Disapprove29%		Yes64	4%
Q5	The candidates for Attorney General are		No29	9%
	Democrat Jim Hood and Republican Steve Simpson. If the election was today, who would	4	Undecided7	
	you vote for?	Q9	Initiative 28 would prohibit the government fro	
	Democrat Jim Hood52	2%	taking private property by eminent domain and	
	Republican Steve Simpson3		transferring it to other person. If the election was today, would you vote yes or no on	
	Undecided		Initiative 28?	
			Yes51	1%
			No39	
				0%





for Democratic or Republican candidates for the Legislature on Tuesday?	r
Democrats	38%
Republicans	49%
Not sure	13%
If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pres	ss 2.
Woman	54%
Man	46%
If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.	an,
White	66%
African-American	30%
Other	3%
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.	
18 to 29	16%
30 to 45	22%
46 to 65	37%
Older than 65	
	the Legislature on Tuesday?  Democrats  Republicans  Not sure  If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press  Woman  Man.  If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.  White  African-American  Other.  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.  18 to 29.  30 to 45.

**Q10** Generally speaking, are you planning to vote

Q14	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican,
	press 2. If you are an independent or identify
	with another party, press 3.

	Democrat	39%
	Republican	47%
Q15	Independent/OtherWho did you vote for President in 2008?	
	John McCain	54%
	Barack Obama	40%
	Someone else/Don't remember	
Q16	Would you describe yourself as very liber somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	
	Very liberal	12%
	Somewhat liberal	10%
	Moderate	
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	32%



		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Bryant/DuPree		-	
Phil Bryant	54%	52%	56%
Johnny DuPree	40%	41%	38%
Undecided	6%	7%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Bryant Favorability		-	
Favorable	54%	52%	56%
Unfavorable	25%	23%	27%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
DuPree Favorability		-	
Favorable	46%	46%	45%
Unfavorable	27%	21%	33%
Not sure	27%	33%	22%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Barbour Approval		-	
Approve	60%	53%	67%
Disapprove	29%	31%	26%
Not sure	11%	16%	6%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Hood/Simpson			
Democrat Jim Hood	52%	57%	47%
Republican Steve Simpson	39%	31%	48%
Undecided	9%	12%	5%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Fitch/Moran/O'Hara			
Republican Lynn Fitch	54%	48%	61%
Democrat Connie Moran	35%	39%	31%
Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara	4%	4%	4%
Undecided	6%	9%	3%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Initiative 26		-	
Yes	45%	42%	48%
No	44%	46%	42%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Initiative 27		-	
Yes	64%	62%	67%
No	29%	28%	29%
Undecided	7%	10%	4%





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Initiative 28		-		
Yes	51%	46%	57%	
No	39%	39%	38%	
Undecided	10%	15%	5%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot		-	
Democrats	38%	41%	33%
Republicans	49%	47%	52%
Not sure	13%	12%	14%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Bryant/DuPree				
Phil Bryant	54%	74%	11%	38%
Johnny DuPree	40%	20%	80%	52%
Undecided	6%	5%	9%	10%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Bryant Favorability				
Favorable	54%	69%	22%	33%
Unfavorable	25%	16%	42%	34%
Not sure	21%	15%	35%	33%





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
DuPree Favorability				
Favorable	46%	33%	73%	70%
Unfavorable	27%	34%	12%	14%
Not sure	27%	33%	15%	17%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Barbour Approval				
Approve	60%	74%	24%	52%
Disapprove	29%	17%	59%	26%
Not sure	11%	8%	18%	23%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Hood/Simpson		=	•	
Democrat Jim Hood	52%	37%	86%	54%
Republican Steve Simpson	39%	54%	6%	25%
Undecided	9%	9%	8%	21%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Fitch/Moran/O'Hara				
Republican Lynn Fitch	54%	74%	16%	22%
Democrat Connie Moran	35%	18%	71%	49%
Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara	4%	4%	4%	10%
Undecided	6%	4%	9%	19%





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Initiative 26				
Yes	45%	54%	26%	35%
No	44%	37%	59%	51%
Undecided	11%	9%	15%	14%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Initiative 27				
Yes	64%	80%	32%	45%
No	29%	16%	54%	44%
Undecided	7%	4%	14%	11%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Initiative 28				
Yes	51%	63%	25%	30%
No	39%	28%	59%	70%
Undecided	10%	8%	15%	-

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democrats	38%	18%	79%	46%
Republicans	49%	68%	10%	33%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%	21%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bryant/DuPree					
Phil Bryant	54%	44%	46%	53%	70%
Johnny DuPree	40%	48%	51%	41%	23%
Undecided	6%	8%	3%	7%	7%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Bryant Favorability					
Favorable	54%	56%	43%	51%	65%
Unfavorable	25%	24%	37%	25%	15%
Not sure	21%	20%	20%	24%	20%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
DuPree Favorability					
Favorable	46%	52%	50%	49%	34%
Unfavorable	27%	29%	26%	23%	31%
Not sure	27%	19%	24%	27%	35%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Barbour Approval					
Approve	60%	55%	54%	56%	73%
Disapprove	29%	33%	39%	30%	18%
Not sure	11%	12%	7%	14%	10%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Hood/Simpson		•			
Democrat Jim Hood	52%	53%	56%	53%	48%
Republican Steve Simpson	39%	33%	39%	38%	42%
Undecided	9%	14%	5%	9%	9%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fitch/Moran/O'Hara		_			
Republican Lynn Fitch	54%	49%	53%	49%	66%
Democrat Connie Moran	35%	42%	39%	39%	24%
Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%
Undecided	6%	5%	4%	8%	6%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Initiative 26					
Yes	45%	44%	41%	41%	53%
No	44%	40%	48%	49%	37%
Undecided	11%	16%	11%	10%	10%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Initiative 27					
Yes	64%	52%	68%	63%	70%
		30%			
Undecided	7%	19%	3%	4%	9%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Initiative 28					
Yes	51%	50%	51%	50%	52%
No	39%	37%	42%	39%	37%
Undecided	10%	13%	7%	10%	11%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
Democrats	38%	52%	41%	37%	28%
Republicans	49%	36%	50%	48%	58%
Not sure	13%	12%	9%	16%	14%

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Bryant/DuPree	,						
Phil Bryant	54%	13%	87%	54%			
Johnny DuPree	40%	80%	9%	32%			
Undecided	6%	7%	4%	13%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Bryant Favorability		='					
Favorable	54%	21%	79%	54%			
Unfavorable	25%	46%	7%	28%			
Not sure	21%	33%	14%	18%			





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
DuPree Favorability						
Favorable	46%	75%	23%	45%		
Unfavorable	27%	10%	41%	23%		
Not sure	27%	15%	36%	31%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Barbour Approval						
Approve	60%	23%	86%	62%		
Disapprove	29%	59%	7%	26%		
Not sure	11%	18%	6%	12%		

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Hood/Simpson		='		-			
Democrat Jim Hood	52%	88%	26%	43%			
Republican Steve Simpson		5%	66%	41%			
Undecided	9%	8%	9%	16%			

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Fitch/Moran/O'Hara		='			
Republican Lynn Fitch	54%	15%	88%	51%	
Democrat Connie Moran	35%	74%	6%	28%	
Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara	4%	4%	2%	10%	
Undecided	6%	7%	4%	10%	





		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Initiative 26							
Yes	45%	23%	65%	35%			
No	44%	61%	28%	51%			
Undecided	11%	16%	7%	14%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Initiative 27						
Yes	64%	32%	89%	70%		
No	29%	56%	8%	25%		
Undecided	7%	12%	4%	5%		

		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Initiative 28							
Yes	51%	31%	65%	57%			
No	39%	55%	28%	32%			
Undecided	10%	14%	7%	11%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Generic Leg. Ballot		-					
Democrats	38%	84%	6%	22%			
Republicans	49%	7%	86%	38%			
Not sure	13%	9%	8%	40%			





		2008 Vo	te	
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Bryant/DuPree				
Phil Bryant	54%	87%	9%	63%
Johnny DuPree	40%	9%	84%	20%
Undecided	6%	5%	7%	18%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote		
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Bryant Favorability		·			
Favorable	54%	78%	20%	50%	
Unfavorable	25%	8%	49%	23%	
Not sure	21%	14%	31%	27%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
DuPree Favorability		•				
Favorable	46%	23%	79%	34%		
Unfavorable	27%	40%	9%	23%		
Not sure	27%	37%	12%	44%		

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Barbour Approval		•				
Approve	60%	83%	22%	69%		
Disapprove	29%	9%	62%	14%		
Not sure	11%	8%	16%	16%		





		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Hood/Simpson		-		•		
Democrat Jim Hood	52%	27%	88%	42%		
Republican Steve Simpson	39%	65%	4%	29%		
Undecided	9%	8%	8%	29%		

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Fitch/Moran/O'Hara		-				
Republican Lynn Fitch	54%	85%	12%	55%		
Democrat Connie Moran	35%	8%	76%	19%		
Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara	4%	3%	4%	11%		
Undecided	6%	4%	8%	15%		

		2008 Vo	te	
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Initiative 26		•		
Yes	45%	61%	22%	44%
No	44%	30%	64%	46%
Undecided	11%	9%	14%	11%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote					
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember				
Initiative 27		•						
Yes	64%	90%	30%	51%				
No	29%	7%	59%	33%				
Undecided	7%	3%	11%	16%				





		2008 Vo	te	
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember
Initiative 28				
Yes	51%	66%	31%	37%
No	39%	28%	54%	47%
Undecided	10%	6%	15%	16%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember			
Generic Leg. Ballot		·					
Democrats	38%	8%	82%	15%			
Republicans	49%	81%	7%	36%			
Not sure	13%	11%	11%	49%			

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	
Bryant/DuPree		_	-	_	<u>-</u>	='
Phil Bryant	54%	25%	21%	32%	65%	80%
Johnny DuPree	40%	65%	73%	61%	28%	16%
Undecided	6%	10%	6%	7%	7%	4%

		Ideolog	leology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Bryant Favorability			-	-				
Favorable	54%	22%	29%	33%	65%	77%		
Unfavorable	25%	55%	43%	40%	17%	5%		
Not sure	21%	23%	28%	27%	18%	18%		





		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
DuPree Favorability		-	<u>-</u>	=			
Favorable	46%	71%	75%	63%	34%	25%	
Unfavorable	27%	17%	8%	9%	37%	41%	
Not sure	27%	12%	17%	28%	29%	34%	

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Barbour Approval				-				
Approve	60%	31%	35%	32%	73%	85%		
Disapprove	29%	61%	47%	49%	21%	5%		
Not sure	11%	8%	18%	18%	6%	9%		

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hood/Simpson		=	=	=	-	•
Democrat Jim Hood	52%	85%	75%	70%	45%	26%
Republican Steve Simpson	39%	11%	17%	22%	45%	62%
Undecided	9%	4%	8%	8%	9%	12%

		Ideolo	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Fitch/Moran/O'Hara		_	-	-	='	-		
Republican Lynn Fitch	54%	24%	24%	29%	71%	79%		
Democrat Connie Moran	35%	69%	65%	54%	19%	13%		
Reform Party candidate Shawn O'Hara	4%	4%	3%	8%	5%	1%		
Undecided	6%	2%	8%	9%	4%	7%		





		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	
Initiative 26			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
Yes	45%	26%	26%	20%	47%	72%	
No	44%	59%	57%	67%	41%	21%	
Undecided	11%	15%	16%	12%	11%	7%	

		Ideolog	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Initiative 27				-			
Yes	64%	29%	41%	43%	79%	88%	
No	29%	57%	49%	51%	15%	7%	
Undecided	7%	14%	10%	6%	6%	5%	

		ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	. ,	
Initiative 28		_	<u>-</u>	_	-		
Yes	51%	43%	31%	39%	58%	63%	
No	39%	47%	55%	49%	35%	28%	
Undecided	10%	11%	14%	12%	8%	9%	

		ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Generic Leg. Ballot		-	=	-	-		
Democrats	38%	78%	72%	56%	22%	12%	
Republicans	49%	15%	18%	21%	67%	76%	
Not sure	13%	6%	10%	23%	10%	12%	

