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Barnes leads in Governor's Race

Raleigh, N.C. – Sonny Perdue's approval ratings have fallen in the tank, and Roy Barnes leads the top Republican candidates in his bid to replace the man who defeated him for reelection eight years ago.

Perdue's approval rating is now just 29%, with 52% of voters in the state disapproving of him. His support is significantly diminished among Republicans, with 44% of them approving of him and 36% disapproving. With Democrats and independents his approval has really collapsed- he gets good marks from just 15% and 28% respectively within those two groups.

Barnes has a 40/39 lead over John Oxendine, a 41-36 one over Karen Handel, and a 43-38 one over Nathan Deal. Those leads are a little misleading because more Republicans are undecided than Democrats in each of the three match ups. That may be a product of Barnes being better known than any of the Republican candidates, and it means the race will probably get tighter once the Republicans have a nominee.

The Republicans all easily lead Attorney General Thurbert Baker, the other top Democratic candidate in the race. Deal is up 40-29 on him, Oxendine has a 42-33 advantage, and Handel's lead is 40-33.

Even Barnes' name recognition seems to have faded a little. 69% of voters have an opinion about him, followed by 63% for Oxendine, 41% for Baker, 38% for Handel, and 29% for Deal.

“This race definitely qualifies as a toss up right now,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “There aren't a lot of states McCain won where Democrats can say that right now but Barnes is one of their stronger candidates.”

PPP surveyed 596 Georgia voters from February 26th to 28th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Georgia Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Sonny Perdue’s job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Approve 29%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not Sure..... 19%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Thurbert Baker? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 20%
Unfavorable 21%
Not Sure..... 59%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Roy Barnes? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 33%
Not Sure..... 31%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Nathan Deal? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 12%
Unfavorable 17%
Not Sure..... 71%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Karen Handel? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 18%
Unfavorable 20%
Not Sure..... 62%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Oxendine? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 29%
Not Sure..... 37%

Q7 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Roy Barnes and Republican Nathan Deal, who would you vote for? If Roy Barnes, press 1. If Nathan Deal, press 2. If you’re undecided, press 3.

Barnes 43%
Deal 38%
Undecided..... 19%

Q8 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Roy Barnes and Republican Karen Handel, who would you vote for? If Roy Barnes, press 1. If Karen Handel, press 2. If you’re undecided, press 3.

Barnes 41%
Handel 36%
Undecided..... 23%

Q9 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Roy Barnes and Republican John Oxendine, who would you vote for? If Roy Barnes, press 1. If John Oxendine, press 2. If you’re undecided, press 3.

Barnes 40%
Oxendine 39%
Undecided..... 21%





Q10 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Thurbert Baker and Republican Nathan Deal, who would you vote for? If Thurbert Baker, press 1. If Nathan Deal, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Baker 30%
Deal 40%
Undecided..... 30%

Q11 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Thurbert Baker and Republican Karen Handel, who would you vote for? If Thurbert Baker, press 1. If Karen Handel, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Baker 33%
Handel 40%
Undecided..... 27%

Q12 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Thurbert Baker and Republican John Oxendine, who would you vote for? If Thurbert Baker, press 1. If John Oxendine, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Baker 33%
Oxendine 42%
Undecided..... 25%

Q13 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 54%
Obama..... 43%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 3%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 14%
Moderate..... 42%
Conservative..... 44%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

Q16 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 39%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q17 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 72%
African-American 24%
Other..... 4%

Q18 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 6%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 46%
Older than 65..... 22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Perdue Approval				
Approve	30%	41%	16%	18%
Disapprove	52%	38%	70%	44%
Not Sure	18%	21%	14%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Baker Favorability				
Favorable	20%	11%	31%	-
Unfavorable	21%	24%	17%	30%
Not Sure	59%	65%	52%	70%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Barnes Favorability				
Favorable	36%	19%	58%	26%
Unfavorable	33%	48%	15%	30%
Not Sure	31%	33%	27%	44%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Deal Favorability				
Favorable	12%	15%	9%	6%
Unfavorable	17%	15%	19%	12%
Not Sure	71%	70%	72%	82%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Handel Favorability				
Favorable	18%	22%	13%	12%
Unfavorable	20%	15%	26%	6%
Not Sure	62%	63%	60%	82%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Oxendine Favorability				
Favorable	33%	41%	24%	26%
Unfavorable	30%	24%	37%	30%
Not Sure	37%	35%	39%	44%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Barnes/Deal				
Barnes	43%	13%	81%	38%
Deal	38%	65%	5%	27%
Undecided	19%	22%	14%	35%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Barnes/Handel				
Barnes	41%	12%	79%	26%
Handel	37%	64%	4%	21%
Undecided	22%	25%	17%	53%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Barnes/Oxendine				
Barnes	41%	13%	76%	27%
Oxendine	39%	65%	7%	44%
Undecided	20%	22%	17%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Baker/Deal				
Baker	29%	4%	62%	9%
Deal	41%	69%	6%	38%
Undecided	30%	28%	32%	53%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Baker/Handel				
Baker	33%	7%	66%	9%
Handel	41%	67%	8%	33%
Undecided	26%	25%	26%	59%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Baker/Oxendine				
Baker	34%	8%	67%	15%
Oxendine	42%	68%	10%	44%
Undecided	24%	24%	23%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Perdue Approval				
Approve	29%	10%	24%	41%
Disapprove	52%	76%	59%	37%
Not Sure	19%	14%	17%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Baker Favorability				
Favorable	20%	28%	22%	15%
Unfavorable	21%	20%	21%	21%
Not Sure	59%	53%	56%	65%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Barnes Favorability				
Favorable	36%	53%	44%	24%
Unfavorable	33%	15%	27%	44%
Not Sure	31%	32%	29%	32%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Deal Favorability				
Favorable	12%	5%	12%	15%
Unfavorable	17%	24%	15%	16%
Not Sure	71%	71%	73%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Handel Favorability				
Favorable	18%	7%	17%	22%
Unfavorable	20%	28%	21%	16%
Not Sure	62%	66%	61%	62%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Oxendine Favorability				
Favorable	33%	20%	33%	39%
Unfavorable	29%	39%	33%	23%
Not Sure	37%	41%	34%	39%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Barnes/Deal				
Barnes	43%	80%	58%	18%
Deal	38%	10%	24%	60%
Undecided	19%	10%	19%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Barnes/Handel				
Barnes	41%	80%	53%	18%
Handel	36%	10%	22%	58%
Undecided	23%	10%	25%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Barnes/Oxendine				
Barnes	40%	77%	50%	19%
Oxendine	39%	13%	29%	58%
Undecided	21%	10%	22%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Baker/Deal				
Baker	29%	66%	39%	9%
Deal	40%	11%	27%	62%
Undecided	30%	23%	34%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Baker/Handel				
Baker	33%	73%	42%	12%
Handel	40%	12%	27%	61%
Undecided	27%	15%	31%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Baker/Oxendine				
Baker	33%	72%	44%	11%
Oxendine	42%	16%	31%	61%
Undecided	25%	12%	26%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perdue Approval			
Approve	29%	24%	35%
Disapprove	52%	55%	49%
Not Sure	19%	21%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Baker Favorability			
Favorable	20%	20%	19%
Unfavorable	21%	14%	28%
Not Sure	59%	65%	53%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes Favorability			
Favorable	36%	38%	34%
Unfavorable	33%	24%	42%
Not Sure	31%	37%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Deal Favorability			
Favorable	12%	11%	14%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	23%
Not Sure	71%	78%	63%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Handel Favorability			
Favorable	18%	16%	20%
Unfavorable	20%	18%	23%
Not Sure	62%	66%	58%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Oxendine Favorability			
Favorable	33%	32%	35%
Unfavorable	29%	25%	34%
Not Sure	37%	43%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes/Deal			
Barnes	43%	47%	39%
Deal	38%	31%	44%
Undecided	19%	22%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes/Handel			
Barnes	41%	42%	40%
Handel	36%	34%	39%
Undecided	23%	24%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes/Oxendine			
Barnes	40%	43%	38%
Oxendine	39%	35%	43%
Undecided	21%	22%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Baker/Deal			
Baker	29%	31%	27%
Deal	40%	35%	45%
Undecided	30%	33%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Baker/Handel			
Baker	33%	35%	31%
Handel	40%	38%	42%
Undecided	27%	27%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Baker/Oxendine			
Baker	33%	34%	32%
Oxendine	42%	37%	47%
Undecided	25%	28%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perdue Approval				
Approve	29%	15%	44%	28%
Disapprove	52%	70%	36%	50%
Not Sure	19%	15%	20%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Baker Favorability				
Favorable	20%	31%	12%	14%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	26%	17%
Not Sure	59%	51%	62%	70%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes Favorability				
Favorable	36%	58%	17%	33%
Unfavorable	33%	18%	48%	33%
Not Sure	31%	24%	35%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Deal Favorability				
Favorable	12%	9%	17%	10%
Unfavorable	17%	19%	15%	17%
Not Sure	71%	72%	68%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Handel Favorability				
Favorable	18%	16%	20%	18%
Unfavorable	20%	25%	17%	16%
Not Sure	62%	59%	63%	66%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Oxendine Favorability				
Favorable	33%	27%	41%	32%
Unfavorable	29%	35%	23%	30%
Not Sure	37%	38%	36%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes/Deal				
Barnes	43%	81%	12%	32%
Deal	38%	7%	67%	39%
Undecided	19%	13%	20%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes/Handel				
Barnes	41%	77%	10%	34%
Handel	36%	7%	64%	39%
Undecided	23%	16%	26%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes/Oxendine				
Barnes	40%	77%	10%	28%
Oxendine	39%	8%	69%	42%
Undecided	21%	15%	21%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Baker/Deal				
Baker	29%	62%	2%	20%
Deal	40%	9%	73%	35%
Undecided	30%	28%	25%	45%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Baker/Handel				
Baker	33%	67%	4%	24%
Handel	40%	11%	71%	35%
Undecided	27%	22%	25%	41%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Baker/Oxendine				
Baker	33%	69%	7%	18%
Oxendine	42%	11%	75%	38%
Undecided	25%	20%	19%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Perdue Approval				
Approve	29%	33%	21%	21%
Disapprove	52%	48%	65%	52%
Not Sure	19%	20%	14%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Baker Favorability				
Favorable	20%	15%	35%	20%
Unfavorable	21%	23%	15%	20%
Not Sure	59%	63%	49%	61%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Barnes Favorability				
Favorable	36%	27%	63%	46%
Unfavorable	33%	40%	13%	27%
Not Sure	31%	33%	24%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Deal Favorability				
Favorable	12%	14%	9%	9%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	18%	9%
Not Sure	71%	69%	74%	82%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Handel Favorability				
Favorable	18%	19%	16%	14%
Unfavorable	20%	18%	28%	16%
Not Sure	62%	64%	56%	70%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Oxendine Favorability				
Favorable	33%	35%	29%	29%
Unfavorable	29%	29%	31%	29%
Not Sure	37%	36%	40%	43%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Barnes/Deal				
Barnes	43%	30%	83%	48%
Deal	38%	49%	5%	32%
Undecided	19%	21%	13%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Barnes/Handel				
Barnes	41%	27%	81%	48%
Handel	36%	47%	5%	32%
Undecided	23%	26%	14%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Barnes/Oxendine				
Barnes	40%	28%	75%	46%
Oxendine	39%	51%	6%	27%
Undecided	21%	21%	19%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Baker/Deal				
Baker	29%	17%	66%	39%
Deal	40%	52%	6%	34%
Undecided	30%	32%	28%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Baker/Handel				
Baker	33%	20%	69%	43%
Handel	40%	50%	10%	36%
Undecided	27%	29%	21%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Baker/Oxendine				
Baker	33%	21%	68%	46%
Oxendine	42%	53%	11%	29%
Undecided	25%	26%	21%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perdue Approval					
Approve	29%	22%	28%	28%	36%
Disapprove	52%	51%	49%	58%	43%
Not Sure	19%	27%	22%	14%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Baker Favorability					
Favorable	20%	15%	21%	19%	22%
Unfavorable	21%	24%	16%	21%	24%
Not Sure	59%	61%	62%	60%	54%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes Favorability					
Favorable	36%	18%	40%	40%	29%
Unfavorable	33%	32%	30%	34%	35%
Not Sure	31%	49%	30%	26%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Deal Favorability					
Favorable	12%	16%	11%	9%	19%
Unfavorable	17%	22%	14%	17%	17%
Not Sure	71%	62%	75%	73%	64%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Handel Favorability					
Favorable	18%	11%	19%	19%	15%
Unfavorable	20%	17%	20%	20%	22%
Not Sure	62%	71%	61%	61%	63%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Oxendine Favorability					
Favorable	33%	19%	30%	36%	36%
Unfavorable	29%	35%	32%	29%	27%
Not Sure	37%	47%	38%	35%	37%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes/Deal					
Barnes	43%	50%	44%	43%	42%
Deal	38%	29%	37%	37%	42%
Undecided	19%	21%	19%	20%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes/Handel					
Barnes	41%	43%	43%	41%	40%
Handel	36%	26%	33%	37%	41%
Undecided	23%	31%	24%	22%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes/Oxendine					
Barnes	40%	48%	36%	43%	37%
Oxendine	39%	25%	41%	38%	43%
Undecided	21%	27%	23%	19%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Baker/Deal					
Baker	29%	33%	28%	31%	27%
Deal	40%	24%	41%	38%	47%
Undecided	30%	43%	31%	31%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Baker/Handel					
Baker	33%	43%	30%	34%	32%
Handel	40%	24%	37%	42%	43%
Undecided	27%	34%	33%	24%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Baker/Oxendine					
Baker	33%	39%	29%	36%	32%
Oxendine	42%	20%	44%	42%	45%
Undecided	25%	41%	27%	22%	22%

