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Tied Generic Ballot in IL, Blago Most Hated Pol Ever

Raleigh, N.C. – With four Democratic-held seats and one GOP seat in play in Illinois, Republicans have pulled to a tie with Democrats in the generic congressional ballot among likely voters, with 44% preferring each party. Democrats led in August, 46-40. Republicans have become more unified—now at 94-1 versus 88-6 in August—and Democrats less so—now at 83-8 versus 90-3—but Democrats’ saving grace is that, as in the gubernatorial race, undecided independents have moved toward the Democratic candidates. Republicans still lead among unaffiliateds, at 41-32, but that is down from a 40-25 edge last time.

Former Governor Rod Blagojevich is almost unanimously reviled, with an 8-83 mark, now taking his place as the most hated person PPP has ever polled in his home state from Levi Johnston and, previously, John Edwards.

Poised to resign as White House Chief of Staff today and announce a bid for mayor of Chicago, former Illinois congressman Rahm Emanuel is far less liked than his current boss, with a 29-50 favorability rating to Obama’s 44-49 job approval grade.

Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., who had considered a mayoral bid until a personal scandal cropped up, is almost as disliked as Blago, at 10-73.

When asked which race they are most excited to turn out and vote for, Prairie Staters narrowly choose the gubernatorial contest, 29-26, over the Senate race. But that is simply on the backs of Republicans, who seem much more enthused about Bill Brady than Mark Kirk, choosing the race to beat Pat Quinn by a 38-26 margin. Democrats, at 27-26, and independents, at 26-22, narrowly favor the Senate race. Independents are most likely to be excited about the congressional races, 12% of them choosing those contests, versus 8% of Republicans and 6% of Democrats. 11% of Democrats are most amped-up about local races, with only 5% of independents and 4% of Republicans saying the same. This fits the general picture of this election—Republicans nationalizing the midterms, and Democrats trying to keep it local.

PPP surveyed 470 likely Illinois voters from September 23rd to 26th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.5%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Illinois Survey Results

Q1 If the election for Congress was today, would you vote for a Democrat or a Republican?

Democrat 44%
Republican..... 44%
Undecided..... 13%

Q2 Between the Senate race, the Governor's race, the US House of Representatives race, the legislative races, or some local race which one are you most excited about voting for this year?

Senate race 26%
Governor's race 29%
U.S. House race 8%
Legislative races 2%
Some local race 7%
Not sure 28%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rahm Emanuel?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 22%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rod Blagojevich?

Favorable..... 8%
Unfavorable 83%
Not sure 9%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jesse Jackson, Jr.?

Favorable..... 10%
Unfavorable 73%
Not sure 17%

Q6 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 39%
Barack Obama..... 54%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 23%
Moderate..... 40%
Conservative..... 37%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

Q9 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..... 42%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q10 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 6%
White 78%
African-American 12%
Other..... 4%

Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 22%





Q12

Chicago..... 17%
Rest of State..... 83%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Cong Ballot				
Democrat	44%	2%	76%	28%
Republican	44%	89%	11%	46%
Undecided	13%	9%	13%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Race Most Excited to Vote For				
Senate race	26%	24%	30%	13%
Governor's race	29%	37%	24%	25%
U.S. House race	8%	12%	6%	8%
Legislative races	2%	1%	1%	3%
Some local race	7%	5%	9%	5%
Not sure	28%	21%	30%	46%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Emanuel Favorability				
Favorable	29%	4%	48%	16%
Unfavorable	50%	82%	26%	52%
Not sure	22%	14%	25%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Blago Favorability				
Favorable	8%	6%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	83%	91%	79%	75%
Not sure	9%	3%	13%	15%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Jackson Jr. Favorability				
Favorable	10%	2%	17%	5%
Unfavorable	73%	90%	61%	77%
Not sure	17%	9%	22%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Cong Ballot				
Democrat	44%	87%	49%	10%
Republican	44%	5%	35%	78%
Undecided	13%	8%	15%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Race Most Excited to Vote For				
Senate race	26%	30%	29%	21%
Governor's race	29%	25%	27%	34%
U.S. House race	8%	4%	8%	12%
Legislative races	2%	1%	3%	1%
Some local race	7%	9%	9%	5%
Not sure	28%	30%	26%	28%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Emanuel Favorability				
Favorable	29%	55%	35%	5%
Unfavorable	50%	23%	41%	75%
Not sure	22%	22%	23%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Blago Favorability				
Favorable	8%	12%	7%	6%
Unfavorable	83%	82%	81%	86%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jackson Jr. Favorability				
Favorable	10%	25%	7%	4%
Unfavorable	73%	53%	75%	83%
Not sure	17%	21%	18%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong Ballot			
Democrat	44%	47%	40%
Republican	44%	42%	46%
Undecided	13%	11%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Race Most Excited to Vote For			
Senate race	26%	23%	30%
Governor's race	29%	29%	30%
U.S. House race	8%	7%	10%
Legislative races	2%	1%	2%
Some local race	7%	8%	7%
Not sure	28%	32%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Emanuel Favorability			
Favorable	29%	30%	27%
Unfavorable	50%	43%	58%
Not sure	22%	27%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blago Favorability			
Favorable	8%	6%	9%
Unfavorable	83%	83%	83%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jackson Jr. Favorability			
Favorable	10%	10%	10%
Unfavorable	73%	68%	79%
Not sure	17%	21%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong Ballot				
Democrat	44%	83%	1%	32%
Republican	44%	8%	94%	41%
Undecided	13%	9%	5%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Race Most Excited to Vote For				
Senate race	26%	27%	26%	26%
Governor's race	29%	26%	38%	22%
U.S. House race	8%	6%	8%	12%
Legislative races	2%	1%	1%	2%
Some local race	7%	11%	5%	4%
Not sure	28%	30%	21%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Emanuel Favorability				
Favorable	29%	52%	5%	21%
Unfavorable	50%	21%	77%	62%
Not sure	22%	27%	18%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blago Favorability				
Favorable	8%	10%	5%	7%
Unfavorable	83%	78%	91%	83%
Not sure	9%	13%	4%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Jackson Jr. Favorability				
Favorable	10%	17%	2%	10%
Unfavorable	73%	62%	90%	71%
Not sure	17%	22%	8%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong Ballot					
Democrat	44%	47%	37%	83%	54%
Republican	44%	47%	48%	13%	46%
Undecided	13%	7%	15%	4%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Race Most Excited to Vote For					
Senate race	26%	40%	24%	26%	54%
Governor's race	29%	13%	32%	22%	15%
U.S. House race	8%	20%	8%	4%	-
Legislative races	2%	-	2%	-	-
Some local race	7%	13%	6%	17%	-
Not sure	28%	13%	28%	30%	31%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Emanuel Favorability					
Favorable	29%	33%	27%	39%	23%
Unfavorable	50%	60%	53%	30%	38%
Not sure	22%	7%	20%	30%	38%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Blago Favorability					
Favorable	8%	13%	7%	13%	-
Unfavorable	83%	80%	87%	65%	62%
Not sure	9%	7%	6%	22%	38%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Jackson Jr. Favorability					
Favorable	10%	20%	8%	22%	8%
Unfavorable	73%	73%	77%	48%	69%
Not sure	17%	7%	15%	30%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong Ballot					
Democrat	44%	52%	45%	42%	42%
Republican	44%	33%	42%	45%	48%
Undecided	13%	14%	13%	13%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Race Most Excited to Vote For					
Senate race	26%	36%	22%	28%	25%
Governor's race	29%	19%	37%	28%	25%
U.S. House race	8%	12%	3%	11%	7%
Legislative races	2%	-	1%	1%	3%
Some local race	7%	12%	11%	4%	7%
Not sure	28%	20%	25%	27%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Emanuel Favorability					
Favorable	29%	34%	30%	28%	26%
Unfavorable	50%	53%	54%	46%	51%
Not sure	22%	14%	17%	25%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blago Favorability					
Favorable	8%	12%	4%	8%	10%
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Not sure	9%	12%	6%	11%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Jackson Jr. Favorability					
Favorable	10%	12%	11%	8%	12%
Unfavorable	73%	71%	75%	72%	74%
Not sure	17%	17%	14%	20%	13%

	Base	Chicago	
		Chicago	Rest of State
Generic Cong Ballot			
Democrat	44%	75%	37%
Republican	44%	16%	50%
Undecided	13%	9%	13%

	Base	Chicago	
		Chicago	Rest of State
Race Most Excited to Vote For			
Senate race	26%	30%	26%
Governor's race	29%	24%	30%
U.S. House race	8%	6%	9%
Legislative races	2%	1%	2%
Some local race	7%	16%	6%
Not sure	28%	24%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Chicago	
		Chicago	Rest of State
Emanuel Favorability			
Favorable	29%	50%	24%
Unfavorable	50%	30%	54%
Not sure	22%	20%	22%

	Base	Chicago	
		Chicago	Rest of State
Blago Favorability			
Favorable	8%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	83%	79%	84%
Not sure	9%	12%	9%

	Base	Chicago	
		Chicago	Rest of State
Jackson Jr. Favorability			
Favorable	10%	15%	9%
Unfavorable	73%	66%	75%
Not sure	17%	19%	16%

