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Giannoulis Still Narrowly Leads Kirk Among Likely Voters

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite moving to a likely-voter model that shows an Illinois electorate less favorable to him than to Mark Kirk and much less favorable to favorite son President Obama, Democrat Alexi Giannoulis now leads Kirk for Obama's Senate seat, 37% to 35%, similar to the 31-30 margin in PPP's last poll of the race in June. Giannoulis has treaded water, despite Kirk gaining favor among independents, partially because Green Party candidate LeAlan Jones' support has dwindled from 14% to 9% overall, and from 15% to 8% among Democrats.

The likely electorate has much stronger opinions, particularly when it comes to Giannoulis, whose 23-31 personal favorability margin in June, identical to Kirk's then, is now 26-42, while Kirk's sits at 26-34. Partisans are more for their nominee and against the opponent, while independents are more down on both, particularly Giannoulis.

Giannoulis also loses the ethics battle. 28% of likely voters believe Kirk to be an ethical person, with 25% thinking him unethical, but while slightly more, 30%, think Giannoulis ethical, significantly more, 35% think he is unethical. Republicans and independents are far more negative on Giannoulis than Democrats are on Kirk.

In an electorate that reports voting for President Obama over John McCain by only 9 points, versus the 25-point actual result, President Obama's approval rating is only 49-46, to 53-41 last time, in a 19-point Obama electorate. Appointed replacement Roland Burris has the second worst job approval rating of 52 senators PPP has polled on in 2010, posting a 20-55 mark, essentially identical to June's 19-54.

"Illinoisans who plan to vote in November don't view Alexi Giannoulis or Roland Burris or even Barack Obama very positively, but they're still barely willing to give Giannoulis the nod to keep the Obama-Burris seat because he's a Democrat in a Democratic state," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 576 likely Illinois voters from August 14th to 15th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.1%. 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.



Illinois Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance?
Approve..... 49% *Not sure* 5%
Disapprove..... 46%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?
Support..... 46%
Oppose..... 45%
No opinion..... 9%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Roland Burris' job performance?
Approve 20%
Disapprove..... 55%
Not sure 25%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Dick Durbin's job performance?
Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not sure 13%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Alexi Giannoulias?
Favorable 26% *Not sure* 32%
Unfavorable..... 42%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mark Kirk?
Favorable..... 26% *Not sure* 40%
Unfavorable 34%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of LeAlan Jones?
Favorable..... 4% *Not sure* 84%
Unfavorable 12%

Q8 The candidates for Senate are Democrat Alexi Giannoulias, Republican Mark Kirk, and Green Party candidate LeAlan Jones. If the election was today, who would you vote for?
Alexi Giannoulias 37%
Mark Kirk..... 35%
LeAlan Jones..... 9%
Undecided..... 19%

Q9 Do you think that Mark Kirk is an ethical or unethical person?
Ethical..... 28%
Unethical..... 25%
Not sure..... 46%

Q10 Do you think that Alexi Giannoulias is an ethical or unethical person?
Ethical..... 30%
Unethical..... 35%
Not sure..... 35%

Q11 Who did you vote for President in 2008?
John McCain..... 42%
Barack Obama..... 51%
Someone else/Don't remember 8%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
Liberal..... 22%
Moderate..... 39%
Conservative..... 38%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
Woman 53%
Man..... 47%





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 41%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q15 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 6%
White 76%
African American 14%
Other..... 4%

Q16 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..... 9%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	7%	87%	19%
Disapprove	46%	89%	7%	71%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Health Care				
Support	46%	5%	83%	17%
Oppose	45%	88%	8%	62%
No opinion	9%	7%	10%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Burris Approval				
Approve	20%	5%	33%	14%
Disapprove	55%	80%	34%	60%
Not sure	25%	15%	33%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Durbin Approval				
Approve	50%	19%	79%	22%
Disapprove	38%	71%	8%	54%
Not sure	13%	10%	13%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Giannoulias Favorability				
Favorable	26%	5%	46%	8%
Unfavorable	42%	64%	21%	59%
Not sure	32%	31%	33%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kirk Favorability				
Favorable	26%	46%	9%	23%
Unfavorable	34%	15%	51%	26%
Not sure	40%	38%	40%	51%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Jones Favorability				
Favorable	4%	2%	6%	-
Unfavorable	12%	13%	9%	30%
Not sure	84%	85%	85%	70%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Giannoulias/Kirk/Jones				
Alexi Giannoulias	37%	6%	66%	12%
Mark Kirk	35%	67%	8%	48%
LeAlan Jones	9%	8%	8%	14%
Undecided	19%	19%	17%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kirk Ethics				
Ethical	28%	48%	11%	36%
Unethical	25%	12%	37%	16%
Not sure	46%	39%	52%	48%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Giannoulas Ethics				
Ethical	30%	6%	51%	21%
Unethical	35%	60%	13%	51%
Not sure	35%	35%	36%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	92%	60%	12%
Disapprove	46%	6%	33%	83%
Not sure	5%	2%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	46%	94%	53%	10%
Oppose	45%	3%	32%	84%
No opinion	9%	3%	15%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Burris Approval				
Approve	20%	53%	17%	5%
Disapprove	55%	24%	53%	75%
Not sure	25%	23%	31%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Durbin Approval				
Approve	50%	87%	62%	15%
Disapprove	38%	3%	23%	72%
Not sure	13%	10%	14%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Giannoulis Favorability				
Favorable	26%	59%	29%	4%
Unfavorable	42%	12%	38%	63%
Not sure	32%	30%	32%	33%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kirk Favorability				
Favorable	26%	11%	23%	37%
Unfavorable	34%	61%	32%	21%
Not sure	40%	28%	45%	41%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jones Favorability				
Favorable	4%	9%	2%	2%
Unfavorable	12%	9%	14%	12%
Not sure	84%	82%	84%	86%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Giannoulas/Kirk/Jones				
Alexi Giannoulas	37%	78%	42%	9%
Mark Kirk	35%	1%	25%	66%
LeAlan Jones	9%	8%	11%	8%
Undecided	19%	13%	23%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kirk Ethics				
Ethical	28%	12%	25%	41%
Unethical	25%	45%	24%	15%
Not sure	46%	42%	51%	44%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Giannoulas Ethics				
Ethical	30%	54%	39%	7%
Unethical	35%	12%	26%	58%
Not sure	35%	34%	35%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	53%	44%
Disapprove	46%	42%	50%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	46%	49%	42%
Oppose	45%	42%	49%
No opinion	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Burris Approval			
Approve	20%	21%	19%
Disapprove	55%	52%	58%
Not sure	25%	27%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Durbin Approval			
Approve	50%	54%	45%
Disapprove	38%	31%	45%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giannoulis Favorability			
Favorable	26%	28%	24%
Unfavorable	42%	34%	50%
Not sure	32%	38%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kirk Favorability			
Favorable	26%	23%	29%
Unfavorable	34%	28%	41%
Not sure	40%	49%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jones Favorability			
Favorable	4%	3%	5%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	14%
Not sure	84%	87%	81%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giannoulis/Kirk/Jones			
Alexi Giannoulis	37%	40%	35%
Mark Kirk	35%	30%	41%
LeAlan Jones	9%	8%	10%
Undecided	19%	22%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kirk Ethics			
Ethical	28%	24%	33%
Unethical	25%	22%	29%
Not sure	46%	54%	38%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giannoulis Ethics			
Ethical	30%	33%	27%
Unethical	35%	28%	44%
Not sure	35%	40%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	87%	10%	36%
Disapprove	46%	9%	87%	54%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	46%	82%	8%	34%
Oppose	45%	7%	87%	54%
No opinion	9%	11%	5%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Burris Approval				
Approve	20%	37%	5%	12%
Disapprove	55%	28%	80%	67%
Not sure	25%	34%	15%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Durbin Approval				
Approve	50%	78%	15%	48%
Disapprove	38%	10%	70%	42%
Not sure	13%	12%	15%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giannoulias Favorability				
Favorable	26%	51%	4%	14%
Unfavorable	42%	16%	64%	55%
Not sure	32%	33%	32%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kirk Favorability				
Favorable	26%	10%	49%	23%
Unfavorable	34%	50%	13%	37%
Not sure	40%	41%	39%	40%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Jones Favorability				
Favorable	4%	4%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	11%	16%
Not sure	84%	85%	86%	81%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giannoulis/Kirk/Jones				
Alexi Giannoulis	37%	72%	6%	20%
Mark Kirk	35%	5%	74%	36%
LeAlan Jones	9%	8%	7%	12%
Undecided	19%	15%	12%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kirk Ethics				
Ethical	28%	14%	51%	23%
Unethical	25%	36%	11%	25%
Not sure	46%	50%	37%	51%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giannoulis Ethics				
Ethical	30%	56%	8%	16%
Unethical	35%	11%	59%	45%
Not sure	35%	33%	34%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	63%	40%	88%	52%
Disapprove	46%	31%	55%	9%	30%
Not sure	5%	6%	5%	3%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Health Care					
Support	46%	69%	36%	84%	59%
Oppose	45%	19%	54%	13%	26%
No opinion	9%	13%	10%	3%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Burris Approval					
Approve	20%	31%	15%	41%	30%
Disapprove	55%	31%	63%	28%	41%
Not sure	25%	38%	22%	31%	30%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Durbin Approval					
Approve	50%	63%	44%	75%	56%
Disapprove	38%	19%	45%	9%	22%
Not sure	13%	19%	11%	16%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Giannoulias Favorability					
Favorable	26%	44%	21%	50%	15%
Unfavorable	42%	25%	47%	22%	41%
Not sure	32%	31%	32%	28%	44%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kirk Favorability					
Favorable	26%	19%	30%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	34%	38%	33%	34%	48%
Not sure	40%	44%	36%	56%	44%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Jones Favorability					
Favorable	4%	19%	2%	3%	4%
Unfavorable	12%	6%	13%	13%	7%
Not sure	84%	75%	85%	84%	89%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Giannoulias/Kirk/Jones					
Alexi Giannoulias	37%	44%	31%	69%	41%
Mark Kirk	35%	25%	42%	9%	22%
LeAlan Jones	9%	13%	10%	-	15%
Undecided	19%	19%	18%	22%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kirk Ethics					
Ethical	28%	19%	33%	16%	7%
Unethical	25%	25%	25%	25%	37%
Not sure	46%	56%	43%	59%	56%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Giannoulias Ethics					
Ethical	30%	38%	24%	59%	26%
Unethical	35%	25%	41%	13%	22%
Not sure	35%	38%	35%	28%	52%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	45%	51%	51%	43%
Disapprove	46%	43%	43%	45%	53%
Not sure	5%	12%	6%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	46%	45%	50%	47%	36%
Oppose	45%	41%	43%	43%	54%
No opinion	9%	13%	7%	10%	9%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Burris Approval					
Approve	20%	25%	17%	24%	14%
Disapprove	55%	53%	55%	54%	58%
Not sure	25%	22%	27%	22%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Durbin Approval					
Approve	50%	58%	50%	52%	42%
Disapprove	38%	29%	36%	36%	47%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%	12%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Giannoulis Favorability					
Favorable	26%	32%	26%	30%	16%
Unfavorable	42%	41%	42%	40%	46%
Not sure	32%	27%	32%	30%	37%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kirk Favorability					
Favorable	26%	20%	21%	27%	30%
Unfavorable	34%	35%	40%	31%	34%
Not sure	40%	45%	38%	42%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Jones Favorability					
Favorable	4%	6%	2%	3%	6%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	12%	13%	12%
Not sure	84%	83%	85%	85%	83%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Giannoulas/Kirk/Jones					
Alexi Giannoulas	37%	51%	39%	39%	26%
Mark Kirk	35%	37%	36%	33%	37%
LeAlan Jones	9%	7%	7%	10%	9%
Undecided	19%	5%	17%	18%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kirk Ethics					
Ethical	28%	20%	27%	29%	32%
Unethical	25%	20%	25%	27%	24%
Not sure	46%	59%	48%	44%	44%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Giannoulas Ethics					
Ethical	30%	39%	31%	33%	19%
Unethical	35%	37%	34%	32%	42%
Not sure	35%	25%	35%	35%	38%

