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Oil Drilling Support Nearly Unanimous in Louisiana

Raleigh, N.C. – While support for oil exploration off the coasts of various states sharply decreased in the aftermath of the BP oil spill, support in Louisiana remained very high, measuring at 77% support, to only 12% opposition, in PPP’s last poll of the state in June. While support has nearly returned to previous levels elsewhere, support in Louisiana has, if it were possible, also increased, to 81%, with only 9% not in favor. By a 32-21 margin, voters say the spill has actually made them more supportive of drilling off the state’s coastline than less supportive, with 48% saying it has made no difference on their opinion. In June, the “less supportive” group edged “more supportive,” 31-28.

The latest figures come among likely voters in this fall’s elections, a much more conservative and Republican set than the respondents to the previous poll—registered voters who have voted in at least one of the last three general elections. Naturally, the news for President Obama is also more depressing this time around.

Louisianans’ severe disapproval of Obama overall, 35-61, mirrors their disdain for his efforts in the cleanup, 32-61. George W. Bush’s handling of Hurricane Katrina, by contrast, is viewed barely negatively, 44-47; the response in June, 34-58, was more in line with Obama’s, 32-62. A full 54% now think Bush did a better job dealing with crisis than Obama, who gets the vote of only 33%. Considering the shift in the electorate, that is little if any change from the 50-35 divide in June. 24% of Democrats still prefer Bush’s response; the small set of independents go for him, 47-30, after favoring Obama, 41-37, two months ago.

“Louisiana used to be a marginal swing state with a Southern Democratic pedigree, but it was one of the few states where Obama did worse than John Kerry, and this cycle it is looking among the reddest states PPP has polled,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 403 likely Louisiana voters on August 21st and 22nd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.9%. 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.



Louisiana Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 61%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Bobby Jindal's job performance?

Approve 58%
Disapprove..... 34%
Not sure 8%

Q3 Do you support or oppose drilling for oil off the shore of Louisiana?

Support 82%
Oppose 9%
Not sure 9%

Q4 Has the oil spill in the Gulf made you more or less supportive of offshore drilling, or has it not made a difference to you?

More supportive 32%
Less supportive..... 21%
Hasn't made a difference either way..... 48%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Jindal has handled the aftermath of the oil spill?

Approve 70%
Disapprove..... 20%
Not sure 10%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of how George W. Bush handled the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 47%
Not sure 9%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of how Barack Obama has handled the aftermath of the oil spill?

Approve 32%
Disapprove..... 61%
Not sure 6%

Q8 Who do you think has done a better job in helping Louisiana to deal with crisis: George W. Bush or Barack Obama?

George W. Bush 54%
Barack Obama..... 33%
Not sure 13%

Q9 Who did you vote for president in 2008?

John McCain..... 57%
Barack Obama..... 37%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 14%
Moderate..... 36%
Conservative..... 50%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 56%
Man..... 44%

Q12 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 44%
Republican..... 45%
Independent/Other 11%





Q13 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	71%
<i>African-American</i>	25%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q14 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	22%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	35%	3%	87%	9%
Disapprove	61%	94%	8%	69%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Jindal Approval				
Approve	58%	83%	22%	53%
Disapprove	34%	12%	68%	30%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Oil Drilling Opinion				
Support	82%	95%	63%	85%
Oppose	9%	3%	20%	2%
Not sure	9%	2%	18%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Oil Spill Affect Drilling Opinion				
More supportive	32%	41%	19%	21%
Less supportive	21%	11%	35%	26%
Hasn't made a difference either way	48%	48%	46%	53%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Jindal Oil Spill Response				
Approve	70%	89%	39%	72%
Disapprove	20%	6%	43%	13%
Not sure	10%	4%	18%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bush Katrina Response				
Approve	44%	69%	11%	16%
Disapprove	47%	22%	82%	68%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Oil Spill Response				
Approve	32%	5%	78%	13%
Disapprove	61%	92%	13%	78%
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bush vs. Obama Crisis Response				
George W. Bush	54%	85%	11%	40%
Barack Obama	33%	3%	80%	18%
Not sure	13%	12%	9%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	35%	81%	47%	12%
Disapprove	61%	14%	48%	83%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jindal Approval				
Approve	58%	29%	49%	74%
Disapprove	34%	63%	42%	19%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Oil Drilling Opinion				
Support	82%	60%	82%	88%
Oppose	9%	25%	11%	4%
Not sure	9%	15%	7%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Oil Spill Affect Drilling Opinion				
More supportive	32%	20%	27%	38%
Less supportive	21%	39%	25%	12%
Hasn't made a difference either way	48%	41%	47%	50%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jindal Oil Spill Response				
Approve	70%	37%	61%	85%
Disapprove	20%	45%	29%	7%
Not sure	10%	19%	10%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bush Katrina Response				
Approve	44%	18%	29%	62%
Disapprove	47%	77%	62%	27%
Not sure	9%	5%	8%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Oil Spill Response				
Approve	32%	73%	40%	16%
Disapprove	61%	22%	52%	80%
Not sure	6%	5%	8%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bush vs. Obama Crisis Response				
George W. Bush	54%	21%	39%	75%
Barack Obama	33%	67%	43%	15%
Not sure	13%	12%	17%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	35%	36%	32%
Disapprove	61%	59%	62%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jindal Approval			
Approve	58%	57%	60%
Disapprove	34%	36%	31%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Oil Drilling Opinion			
Support	82%	77%	88%
Oppose	9%	11%	7%
Not sure	9%	12%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Oil Spill Affect Drilling Opinion			
More supportive	32%	29%	35%
Less supportive	21%	22%	20%
Hasn't made a difference either way	48%	49%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jindal Oil Spill Response			
Approve	70%	69%	71%
Disapprove	20%	20%	20%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bush Katrina Response			
Approve	44%	43%	45%
Disapprove	47%	49%	45%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Oil Spill Response			
Approve	32%	34%	31%
Disapprove	61%	61%	62%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bush vs. Obama Crisis Response			
George W. Bush	54%	54%	55%
Barack Obama	33%	32%	34%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	35%	69%	4%	26%
Disapprove	61%	24%	95%	65%
Not sure	5%	7%	1%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Jindal Approval				
Approve	58%	33%	81%	67%
Disapprove	34%	58%	13%	22%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Oil Drilling Opinion				
Support	82%	70%	93%	84%
Oppose	9%	14%	4%	10%
Not sure	9%	16%	3%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Oil Spill Affect Drilling Opinion				
More supportive	32%	26%	39%	23%
Less supportive	21%	30%	12%	19%
Hasn't made a difference either way	48%	43%	49%	59%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Jindal Oil Spill Response				
Approve	70%	47%	89%	76%
Disapprove	20%	36%	6%	15%
Not sure	10%	16%	5%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bush Katrina Response				
Approve	44%	16%	72%	41%
Disapprove	47%	75%	19%	49%
Not sure	9%	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Oil Spill Response				
Approve	32%	64%	5%	20%
Disapprove	61%	28%	91%	72%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bush vs. Obama Crisis Response				
George W. Bush	54%	24%	87%	42%
Barack Obama	33%	65%	2%	30%
Not sure	13%	11%	11%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	35%	18%	83%	32%
Disapprove	61%	77%	13%	61%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Jindal Approval				
Approve	58%	72%	19%	61%
Disapprove	34%	21%	70%	29%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Oil Drilling Opinion				
Support	82%	88%	66%	71%
Oppose	9%	7%	15%	14%
Not sure	9%	5%	19%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Oil Spill Affect Drilling Opinion				
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Less supportive	21%	17%	32%	25%
Hasn't made a difference either way	48%	49%	45%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Jindal Oil Spill Response				
Approve	70%	80%	38%	71%
Disapprove	20%	13%	43%	14%
Not sure	10%	7%	19%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bush Katrina Response				
Approve	44%	54%	15%	43%
Disapprove	47%	37%	77%	39%
Not sure	9%	9%	9%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
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Approve	32%	18%	74%	32%
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		White	African-American	Other
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George W. Bush	54%	69%	15%	46%
Barack Obama	33%	18%	74%	32%
Not sure	13%	13%	11%	21%





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Obama Approval					
Approve	35%	46%	27%	38%	30%
Disapprove	61%	46%	73%	57%	63%
Not sure	5%	9%	-	5%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Jindal Approval					
Approve	58%	40%	68%	52%	68%
Disapprove	34%	48%	26%	39%	26%
Not sure	8%	12%	6%	9%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Oil Drilling Opinion					
Support	82%	68%	87%	82%	83%
Oppose	9%	20%	8%	10%	4%
Not sure	9%	12%	5%	7%	13%

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Jindal Oil Spill Response					
Approve	70%	62%	76%	66%	73%
Disapprove	20%	29%	15%	24%	14%
Not sure	10%	9%	10%	9%	13%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bush Katrina Response					
Approve	44%	41%	46%	42%	47%
Disapprove	47%	48%	48%	50%	41%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%	8%	13%

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Obama Oil Spill Response					
Approve	32%	38%	28%	34%	31%
Disapprove	61%	54%	71%	58%	62%
Not sure	6%	7%	1%	8%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bush vs. Obama Crisis Response					
George W. Bush	54%	46%	60%	53%	55%
Barack Obama	33%	46%	25%	35%	29%
Not sure	13%	9%	15%	12%	15%

