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No Serious Contenders for Senator Barbara Mikulski

Maryland voters approve of the Senator Barbara Mikulski's work in Washington and will most likely reelect her this coming fall. 54% of Marylanders give the Senator high marks, 39% disapprove. Maryland voters choose Mikulski over either one of her potential challengers 2:1.

Both Republican candidates lack name recognition. 82% of voters say they are unsure of their opinion of James Rutledge and only 10% of voters have formed an opinion of Eric Wargotz. Only 6% of Republicans have a favorable opinion of Rutledge and a mere 1% of Maryland Republicans have a favorable opinion of Wargotz.

Mikulski enjoys a 76% approval rating from fellow Maryland Democrats. 41% of Independents approve and 32% disapprove of the Senator. Furthermore, Mikulski has a more favorable rating amongst Republicans than either of her Republican challengers. 14% of Republicans approve of their senior Senator.

"It is clear that Mikulski is not vulnerable," said Dean Debnam of Public Policy Polling. "It is also evident that Republicans have not put forward a winning candidate and with numbers like these it would be unwise for Republicans to waste their resources on this race."

PPP surveyed 569 Maryland voters from July 10th-12th. 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.



Maryland Survey Results

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

Approve 56%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not Sure..... 5%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support 53%
Oppose 39%
No Opinion..... 7%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Barbara Mikulski's job performance?

Approve 54% *Not Sure*..... 14%
Disapprove..... 32%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of James Rutledge?

Favorable..... 5%
Unfavorable 13%
Not sure 82%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Eric Wargotz?

Favorable..... 1%
Unfavorable 9%
Not sure 89%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Barbara Mikulski and Republican James Rutledge, who would you vote for?

Barbara Mikulski 58%
James Rutledge..... 30%
Undecided..... 12%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Barbara Mikulski and Republican Eric Wargotz, who would you vote for?

Barbara Mikulski 59%
Eric Wargotz 27%
Undecided..... 14%

Q8 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 36%
Barack Obama..... 59%
Someone else/Don't remember 5%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 24%
Moderate..... 45%
Conservative..... 32%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 56%
Man..... 44%

Q11 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 60%
Republican..... 28%
Independent/Other..... 12%

Q12 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 69%
African-American 25%
Other..... 6%





Q13 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>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	56%	7%	88%	27%
Disapprove	39%	89%	8%	55%
Not Sure	5%	4%	4%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Health Care				
Support	53%	6%	85%	22%
Oppose	39%	89%	7%	57%
No Opinion	7%	4%	8%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Mikulski Approval				
Approve	54%	16%	80%	24%
Disapprove	32%	72%	7%	44%
Not Sure	14%	12%	13%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Rutledge Favorability				
Favorable	5%	8%	3%	6%
Unfavorable	13%	11%	13%	18%
Not sure	82%	81%	84%	76%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Wargotz Favorability				
Favorable	1%	2%	1%	-
Unfavorable	9%	10%	8%	19%
Not sure	89%	89%	91%	81%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Mikulski/Rutledge				
Barbara Mikulski	58%	14%	86%	37%
James Rutledge	30%	71%	5%	33%
Undecided	12%	15%	9%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Mikulski/Wargotz				
Barbara Mikulski	59%	14%	88%	32%
Eric Wargotz	27%	66%	4%	30%
Undecided	14%	20%	8%	38%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	56%	86%	66%	19%
Disapprove	39%	8%	30%	76%
Not Sure	5%	6%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	53%	86%	61%	18%
Oppose	39%	7%	29%	78%
No Opinion	7%	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mikulski Approval				
Approve	54%	78%	65%	22%
Disapprove	32%	6%	23%	65%
Not Sure	14%	17%	12%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rutledge Favorability				
Favorable	5%	2%	5%	7%
Unfavorable	13%	11%	14%	12%
Not sure	82%	87%	80%	82%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Wargotz Favorability				
Favorable	1%	1%	2%	1%
Unfavorable	9%	6%	12%	8%
Not sure	89%	93%	86%	91%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mikulski/Rutledge				
Barbara Mikulski	58%	89%	65%	23%
James Rutledge	30%	2%	21%	65%
Undecided	12%	8%	15%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mikulski/Wargotz				
Barbara Mikulski	59%	91%	68%	21%
Eric Wargotz	27%	3%	18%	58%
Undecided	14%	6%	14%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	56%	62%	48%
Disapprove	39%	33%	47%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	53%	58%	48%
Oppose	39%	33%	47%
No Opinion	7%	9%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mikulski Approval			
Approve	54%	60%	48%
Disapprove	32%	25%	41%
Not Sure	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rutledge Favorability			
Favorable	5%	4%	7%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	16%
Not sure	82%	86%	78%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Wargotz Favorability			
Favorable	1%	1%	2%
Unfavorable	9%	5%	14%
Not sure	89%	94%	84%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mikulski/Rutledge			
Barbara Mikulski	58%	64%	50%
James Rutledge	30%	23%	39%
Undecided	12%	13%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mikulski/Wargotz			
Barbara Mikulski	59%	65%	51%
Eric Wargotz	27%	20%	36%
Undecided	14%	15%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	56%	79%	12%	38%
Disapprove	39%	17%	84%	48%
Not Sure	5%	3%	5%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	53%	76%	11%	40%
Oppose	39%	16%	85%	52%
No Opinion	7%	8%	4%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Mikulski Approval				
Approve	54%	76%	14%	41%
Disapprove	32%	13%	74%	32%
Not Sure	14%	11%	12%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rutledge Favorability				
Favorable	5%	5%	6%	3%
Unfavorable	13%	13%	11%	14%
Not sure	82%	82%	83%	83%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Wargotz Favorability				
Favorable	1%	2%	1%	1%
Unfavorable	9%	9%	7%	13%
Not sure	89%	89%	92%	85%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Mikulski/Rutledge				
Barbara Mikulski	58%	81%	14%	41%
James Rutledge	30%	10%	74%	29%
Undecided	12%	9%	12%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Mikulski/Wargotz				
Barbara Mikulski	59%	83%	13%	41%
Eric Wargotz	27%	9%	68%	27%
Undecided	14%	8%	19%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	56%	43%	93%	52%
Disapprove	39%	52%	4%	36%
Not Sure	5%	5%	3%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Health Care				
Support	53%	41%	87%	54%
Oppose	39%	52%	4%	38%
No Opinion	7%	7%	9%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Mikulski Approval				
Approve	54%	46%	80%	47%
Disapprove	32%	41%	7%	32%
Not Sure	14%	13%	13%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Rutledge Favorability				
Favorable	5%	5%	4%	5%
Unfavorable	13%	14%	10%	10%
Not sure	82%	81%	86%	86%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Wargotz Favorability				
Favorable	1%	2%	-	5%
Unfavorable	9%	11%	4%	13%
Not sure	89%	88%	96%	83%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Mikulski/Rutledge				
Barbara Mikulski	58%	47%	86%	62%
James Rutledge	30%	40%	6%	22%
Undecided	12%	13%	9%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Mikulski/Wargotz				
Barbara Mikulski	59%	47%	90%	60%
Eric Wargotz	27%	36%	3%	24%
Undecided	14%	16%	7%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	56%	66%	53%	54%	58%
Disapprove	39%	23%	40%	42%	39%
Not Sure	5%	10%	7%	4%	3%





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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	53%	58%	53%	55%	50%
Oppose	39%	35%	41%	40%	39%
No Opinion	7%	7%	6%	6%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mikulski Approval					
Approve	54%	44%	52%	55%	60%
Disapprove	32%	37%	28%	36%	28%
Not Sure	14%	19%	20%	9%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rutledge Favorability					
Favorable	5%	2%	5%	5%	6%
Unfavorable	13%	13%	12%	13%	14%
Not sure	82%	85%	84%	82%	81%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Wargotz Favorability					
Favorable	1%	-	3%	2%	-
Unfavorable	9%	17%	8%	8%	11%
Not sure	89%	83%	89%	91%	89%





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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mikulski/Rutledge					
Barbara Mikulski	58%	57%	55%	58%	60%
James Rutledge	30%	20%	33%	32%	28%
Undecided	12%	23%	13%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Barbara Mikulski	59%	55%	58%	59%	60%
Eric Wargotz	27%	15%	29%	30%	26%
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