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Blunt under 50 in primary

Raleigh, N.C. – Little known State Senator Chuck Purgason has chopped seven points off of Republican Senate frontrunner Roy Blunt’s lead in the primary since a November PPP survey of the state and is now holding the long time Congressman under 50%.

Blunt leads with 48% to 18% for Purgason and 34% of voters undecided. 47% of primary voters have a favorable opinion of Blunt to 19% who view him unfavorably. 84% of the likely electorate has no opinion of Purgason with 7% holding a positive opinion of him and 9% a negative one.

Purgason seems to be benefiting from anti-establishment sentiment among some GOP voters. 31% have an unfavorable opinion of the Republicans in Congress and within that segment of the party Blunt leads Purgason only 32-27.

“Roy Blunt certainly continues to be the overwhelming Republican favorite,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But his numbers with the primary electorate at this point are underwhelming for someone who’s been a major figure in Missouri politics for decades.”

Taking a look ahead to the 2012 contest for President in the state Republican primary voters say their early favorite is Mike Huckabee. He gets 32% support to 28% for Sarah Palin and only 22% for Mitt Romney.

Numbers released on the general election for Senate yesterday found Blunt with a small lead over Robin Carnahan and Purgason at a small deficit.

PPP will release numbers looking at Claire McCaskill’s standing tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 400 Republican primary voters from March 27th to 29th. The margin of error is +/-4.9. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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



Missouri Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Roy Blunt? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 47%
Unfavorable 19%
Not Sure..... 34%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chuck Purgason? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 9%
Not Sure..... 84%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republicans in Congress? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 57%
Unfavorable 31%
Not Sure..... 12%

Q4 If the candidates for the Republican Senate nomination were Roy Blunt and Chuck Purgason, who would you vote for? If Roy Blunt, press 1. If Chuck Purgason, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Blunt 48%
Purgason 18%
Undecided..... 34%

Q5 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Sarah Palin, press 2. If Mitt Romney, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee..... 32%
Palin..... 28%
Romney 22%
Undecided..... 18%

Q6 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 2%
Moderate..... 22%
Conservative..... 76%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 44%
Man..... 56%

Q8 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..... 8%
30 to 45..... 30%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	47%	33%	31%	52%
Unfavorable	19%	67%	29%	15%
Not Sure	34%	-	40%	33%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Purgason Favorability				
Favorable	7%	8%	7%	6%
Unfavorable	9%	15%	9%	9%
Not Sure	84%	77%	83%	84%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Republicans Favorability				
Favorable	57%	12%	50%	60%
Unfavorable	31%	88%	39%	27%
Not Sure	12%	-	11%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican Senate				
Blunt	48%	12%	45%	50%
Purgason	18%	75%	27%	14%
Undecided	34%	12%	28%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican President				
Huckabee	32%	8%	31%	33%
Palin	28%	30%	30%	27%
Romney	22%	12%	20%	23%
Undecided	18%	49%	19%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blunt Favorability			
Favorable	47%	43%	51%
Unfavorable	19%	14%	23%
Not Sure	34%	43%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Purgason Favorability			
Favorable	7%	9%	4%
Unfavorable	9%	5%	13%
Not Sure	84%	86%	82%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Republicans Favorability			
Favorable	57%	62%	53%
Unfavorable	31%	23%	38%
Not Sure	12%	15%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican Senate			
Blunt	48%	46%	50%
Purgason	18%	19%	17%
Undecided	34%	35%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican President			
Huckabee	32%	34%	30%
Palin	28%	24%	31%
Romney	22%	23%	22%
Undecided	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blunt Favorability					
Favorable	47%	31%	42%	53%	48%
Unfavorable	19%	31%	18%	18%	18%
Not Sure	34%	38%	40%	28%	33%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Purgason Favorability					
Favorable	7%	19%	4%	7%	4%
Unfavorable	9%	13%	14%	7%	5%
Not Sure	84%	69%	82%	85%	91%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Republicans Favorability					
Favorable	57%	56%	50%	61%	57%
Unfavorable	31%	25%	43%	25%	28%
Not Sure	12%	19%	7%	13%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Republican Senate					
Blunt	48%	50%	40%	49%	59%
Purgason	18%	25%	16%	20%	14%
Undecided	34%	25%	44%	31%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Republican President					
Huckabee	32%	50%	31%	30%	33%
Palin	28%	19%	34%	25%	28%
Romney	22%	19%	20%	25%	21%
Undecided	18%	13%	15%	19%	19%

