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President Kucinich?

Raleigh, N.C. – Dennis Kucinich may be a Congressman without a district soon, but there is one race he would surely win: president. That is, in a Bizarro world in which Barack Obama were not renominated and the strangely more realistic scenario in which Sarah Palin or Donald Trump were crowned by the GOP.

Voters think so little of Palin and Trump that they would even prefer one of the most outspoken liberals in the country in the White House. More than a fifth are undecided either because they know so little about Kucinich or they cannot make up their minds in such an unlikely situation. But Kucinich would top Palin, 43-36, and Trump, 40-36.

Palin and Trump get only a hair more support against Kucinich than against the president. Though they lose the independent vote by narrower margins against Kucinich, Palin earns 33% of unaffiliateds against Obama and 32% against Kucinich. For Trump, it is 35% versus Obama and 38% against Kucinich. Palin and Trump are almost universally known. Most of the undecideds, therefore, are on the fence because they know so little about Kucinich. Whether they would still prefer Kucinich if he were an actual candidate is the question.

Continuing the trend in which Palin typically does worse both in the primary matchups with Republican women and far worse against President Obama with all women than the other Republicans do, female voters prefer the current Ohio congressman over the ex-Alaska governor by 20 points, 49-29.

“As the Trump boomlet comes to an end there’s probably no better way to show how much his image crashed with the American public over the last month than the fact that he would lose a head to head with Dennis Kucinich,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “His poll numbers with the general electorate started out poor and moved from there to humiliating.”

PPP surveyed 814 American voters from May 5th to 8th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



National Survey Results

Q1 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Dennis Kucinich and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?

Dennis Kucinich 43%
Sarah Palin 36%
Undecided..... 21%

Q2 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Dennis Kucinich and Republican Donald Trump, who would you vote for?

Dennis Kucinich 40%
Donald Trump 36%
Undecided..... 24%

Q3 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 10%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 9%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 33%
Somewhat conservative..... 22%
Very conservative 18%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q6 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..... 40%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 27%

Q7 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 8%
White 75%
African-American 12%
Other..... 5%

Q8 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..... 12%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Kucinich/Palin				
Dennis Kucinich	43%	11%	72%	33%
Sarah Palin	36%	72%	7%	37%
Undecided	21%	18%	22%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Kucinich/Trump				
Dennis Kucinich	40%	12%	67%	26%
Donald Trump	36%	64%	12%	43%
Undecided	24%	24%	21%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kucinich/Palin						
Dennis Kucinich	43%	72%	60%	55%	23%	12%
Sarah Palin	36%	14%	12%	17%	61%	78%
Undecided	21%	13%	27%	28%	16%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kucinich/Trump						
Dennis Kucinich	40%	67%	65%	50%	19%	11%
Donald Trump	36%	21%	13%	22%	58%	66%
Undecided	24%	13%	21%	28%	23%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kucinich/Palin			
Dennis Kucinich	43%	49%	36%
Sarah Palin	36%	29%	45%
Undecided	21%	22%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kucinich/Trump			
Dennis Kucinich	40%	44%	36%
Donald Trump	36%	30%	43%
Undecided	24%	26%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kucinich/Palin				
Dennis Kucinich	43%	66%	16%	42%
Sarah Palin	36%	12%	69%	32%
Undecided	21%	22%	15%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kucinich/Trump				
Dennis Kucinich	40%	62%	15%	40%
Donald Trump	36%	14%	61%	38%
Undecided	24%	23%	24%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Kucinich/Palin					
Dennis Kucinich	43%	59%	37%	64%	56%
Sarah Palin	36%	32%	43%	6%	25%
Undecided	21%	9%	21%	30%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Kucinich/Trump					
Dennis Kucinich	40%	52%	36%	57%	51%
Donald Trump	36%	36%	41%	12%	18%
Undecided	24%	12%	23%	30%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kucinich/Palin					
Dennis Kucinich	43%	58%	40%	42%	40%
Sarah Palin	36%	23%	38%	38%	39%
Undecided	21%	19%	22%	20%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kucinich/Trump					
Dennis Kucinich	40%	48%	35%	42%	40%
Donald Trump	36%	42%	41%	35%	28%
Undecided	24%	10%	24%	23%	32%

