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Walker would lose to Feingold or Barrett in recall

Raleigh, N.C. – Wisconsinites are closely divided on whether they would support recalling Gov. Scott Walker. Half support putting Walker before the voters before 2014, and 47% oppose it, up slightly from a 48-48 deadlock when PPP last polled the state near the beginning of the union controversy in February. But while the proposition of a recall sharply divides voters, there is no question that if he were to be recalled, voters would be squarely behind his Democratic challenger, whether it is Russ Feingold (52-42) or Walker's 2010 opponent Tom Barrett (50-43). That mirrors the 52-45 spread when PPP asked voters three months ago who they would vote for if they could do last fall's gubernatorial election over again.

The main difference between the Feingold and Barrett matchups is that the former senator is better known than the Milwaukee mayor, so Feingold attracts slightly more support across the board, while Barrett leaves more voters undecided. Regardless, Walker earns 10% of Democrats, 80% or 82% of the GOP, and 40% or 41% of independents. Not bad, except both the Democrats perform better with their own partisans and beat the incumbent with independents by either seven or 11 points. The resurgent Democratic enthusiasm which Walker engendered has not waned over the last few months, but has, if anything, strengthened—a good sign for the party heading into the 2012 cycle after an abysmal turnout last November.

Voters have soured even further on Walker's job performance. 43% approve, and 54% disapprove, down from 46-52 in the previous poll. Still more Republicans disapprove than Democrats approve, and independents have moved from 45-53 to 40-56.

“The enthusiasm for recalling Scott Walker is still there three months after the height of the protests in Wisconsin,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He'd be done if the vote was today, it's just a question of whether that desire to put him out can continue to be sustained in the coming months.”

PPP surveyed 1,636 Wisconsin voters from May 19th to 22nd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.4%. 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.



Wisconsin Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Scott Walker's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 54%
Not sure 3%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Russ Feingold?

Favorable 51% Not sure 11%
Unfavorable..... 38%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Barrett?

Favorable 41% Not sure 25%
Unfavorable..... 34%

Q4 Would you support or oppose recalling Scott Walker from office before his term is up?

Support 50% Not sure 3%
Oppose 47%

Q5 If there was a recall election between Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Russ Feingold, who would you vote for?

Scott Walker 42%
Russ Feingold..... 52%
Undecided..... 6%

Q6 If there was a recall election between Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Tom Barrett, who would you vote for?

Scott Walker 43%
Tom Barrett..... 50%
Undecided..... 8%

Q7 Would you rather that Democrats or Republicans had control of the State Senate?

Democrats 50%
Republicans 42%
Not sure 8%

Q8 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 42%
Barack Obama..... 51%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

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

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 20%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 17%

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

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q11 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 37%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 31%

Q12 If you are white, press 1. If something else, press 2.

White 93%
Other..... 7%

Q13 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..... 30%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Walker Approval				
Approve	43%	84%	12%	33%
Disapprove	54%	13%	87%	58%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	10%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Feingold Favorability				
Favorable	51%	16%	82%	40%
Unfavorable	38%	72%	11%	31%
Not sure	11%	12%	7%	29%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Barrett Favorability				
Favorable	41%	14%	64%	41%
Unfavorable	34%	59%	15%	24%
Not sure	25%	27%	21%	35%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Walker Recall				
Support	50%	11%	81%	51%
Oppose	47%	86%	15%	41%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Walker/Feingold				
Scott Walker	42%	79%	13%	31%
Russ Feingold	52%	16%	83%	51%
Undecided	6%	6%	5%	18%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Walker/Barrett				
Scott Walker	43%	81%	12%	31%
Tom Barrett	50%	13%	80%	50%
Undecided	8%	6%	8%	18%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled WI Sen.?				
Democrats	50%	11%	82%	42%
Republicans	42%	83%	10%	34%
Not sure	8%	6%	8%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Walker Approval						
Approve	43%	9%	9%	22%	76%	95%
Disapprove	54%	89%	89%	73%	21%	4%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%





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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Feingold Favorability						
Favorable	51%	84%	85%	68%	21%	6%
Unfavorable	38%	11%	10%	20%	63%	83%
Not sure	11%	5%	6%	12%	15%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Barrett Favorability						
Favorable	41%	73%	67%	53%	16%	8%
Unfavorable	34%	11%	14%	20%	54%	67%
Not sure	25%	17%	19%	27%	31%	25%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Walker Recall						
Support	50%	85%	86%	66%	19%	2%
Oppose	47%	11%	13%	28%	79%	97%
Not sure	3%	4%	1%	6%	3%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Walker/Feingold						
Scott Walker	42%	10%	12%	22%	70%	90%
Russ Feingold	52%	85%	86%	70%	21%	7%
Undecided	6%	5%	1%	8%	10%	3%





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Walker/Barrett						
Scott Walker	43%	11%	9%	25%	72%	90%
Tom Barrett	50%	86%	85%	63%	20%	7%
Undecided	8%	4%	6%	12%	9%	3%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled WI Sen.?						
Democrats	50%	91%	87%	62%	18%	6%
Republicans	42%	7%	7%	24%	75%	91%
Not sure	8%	2%	6%	14%	7%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Walker Approval			
Approve	43%	37%	50%
Disapprove	54%	59%	47%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%

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Feingold Favorability			
Favorable	51%	57%	45%
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Barrett Favorability			
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Not sure	25%	27%	22%

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		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Walker Recall			
Support	50%	56%	43%
Oppose	47%	39%	56%
Not sure	3%	5%	2%

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		Woman	Man
Walker/Feingold			
Scott Walker	42%	36%	48%
Russ Feingold	52%	57%	47%
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Walker/Barrett			
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		Woman	Man
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled WI Sen.?			
Democrats	50%	56%	43%
Republicans	42%	35%	50%
Not sure	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Walker Approval				
Approve	43%	9%	87%	40%
Disapprove	54%	89%	11%	56%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feingold Favorability				
Favorable	51%	83%	15%	50%
Unfavorable	38%	8%	74%	37%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	13%

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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled WI Sen.?				
Democrats	50%	92%	7%	42%
Republicans	42%	3%	91%	40%
Not sure	8%	5%	2%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Walker Approval			
Approve	43%	45%	27%
Disapprove	54%	53%	67%
Not sure	3%	3%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Feingold Favorability			
Favorable	51%	52%	43%
Unfavorable	38%	38%	39%
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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Barrett Favorability			
Favorable	41%	41%	45%
Unfavorable	34%	34%	28%
Not sure	25%	25%	26%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Support/Oppose Walker Recall			
Support	50%	49%	54%
Oppose	47%	47%	44%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%





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Rather Dems or GOP Controlled WI Sen.?			
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Republicans	42%	43%	34%
Not sure	8%	8%	4%

	Base	Age			
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Walker Approval					
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Not sure	11%	15%	16%	6%	9%

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Not sure	3%	5%	2%	2%	7%

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Walker/Feingold					
Scott Walker	42%	33%	44%	41%	44%
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	Base	Age			
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Rather Dems or GOP Controlled WI Sen.?					
Democrats	50%	62%	47%	51%	44%
Republicans	42%	31%	47%	40%	46%
Not sure	8%	7%	7%	8%	10%

