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McCrorry, Smith leading the pack for Governor

Raleigh, N.C. – In the GOP race for Governor, Pat McCrorry has opened up a four point lead over Fred Smith, 25-21. Bill Graham and Bob Orr are lagging back at 11% and 7% respectively.

“The Republican race has been closely bunched for months, but McCrorry and Smith seem to be separating themselves from the field now,” said Debnam. “It makes sense they would be the leading contenders since McCrorry seems like the most electable candidate, while Smith has established himself as the most visible and well funded conservative alternative.”

Mitt Romney has tied John McCain in North Carolina, according to Public Policy Polling’s newest survey. But that’s beside the point since he reportedly will drop out of the race this afternoon.

Romney and McCain were both at 30%, with Mike Huckabee just behind at 23%.

“Most North Carolina Republican voters identify themselves as conservatives, and Mitt Romney had made the case that he was the last viable conservative standing,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “That message appeared to be resonating with a good number of primary voters in the state. It’s likely that in a two man race between Huckabee and McCain, Huckabee would be leading the poll”

Huckabee had led PPP’s polls in December and January.

PPP also surveyed the GOP races for Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer. Robert Pittenger and Greg Dority are knotted at 20% in the former race, while Bill Daughtridge leads fellow legislator Dale Folwell 21-14 in the latter race.

PPP surveyed 845 likely Republican primary voters on February 6th. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 3.4\%$. 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. These include issue priorities, and crosstabs breaking down the results by gender, race, age and region.

For more discussion of the poll visit the Public Policy Polling blog at publicpolicypolling.blogspot.com. If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republicans still running for President are Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If John McCain, press 2. If Ron Paul, press 3. If Mitt Romney, press 4. If you're undecided, press 5.

Huckabee.....23% Romney30%
McCain.....30% Undecided.....10%
Paul 6%

Q2 The Republican candidates for Governor are Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Bob Orr, Elbie Powers, and Fred Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Bill Graham, press 1. If Pat McCrory, press 2. If Bob Orr, press 3. If Elbie Powers, press 4. If Fred Smith, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6.

Graham..... 11% Powers..... 2%
McCrory 25% Smith.....21%
Orr..... 7% Undecided..... 35%

Q3 In the Lieutenant Governor's race the candidates are Robert Pittenger and Greg Dority. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Robert Pittenger, press 1. If Greg Dority, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Pittenger 20%
Dority 20%
Undecided..... 60%

Q4 In the State Treasurer's race the candidates are Bill Daughtridg and Dale Folwell. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Bill Daughtridg, press 1. If Dale Folwell, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Daughtridg..... 21% Undecided..... 65%
Folwell..... 14%

Q5 The UNC-Duke basketball game is tonight. Who are you rooting for? If Duke, press 1. If UNC, press 2. If you don't care, press 3.

Duke24%
UNC.....40%
Don't care 36%

Q6 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

War in Iraq 16% Moral or Family values..... 18%
Education..... 3% Health care..... 4%
Economy and jobs. 29% Immigration 20%
Taxes 10% Other..... 1%

Q7 Are you registered as a Republican, or are you registered as unaffiliated? If you are a registered Republican, press 1. If you are registered unaffiliated, press 2.

Republican..... 85%
Unaffiliated..... 15%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women50% Men.....50%

Q9 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White94% Other..... 4%
Black..... 2%





Q10 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

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|------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 18-29..... | 6% | 46-60..... | 45% |
| 30-45..... | 15% | Older than 60..... | 33% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Duke/UNC | | |
|------------------|------|----------|-----|------------|
| | | Duke | UNC | Don't care |
| President | | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 21% | 23% | 25% |
| McCain | 30% | 31% | 33% | 27% |
| Paul | 6% | 5% | 5% | 8% |
| Romney | 30% | 34% | 29% | 27% |
| Undecided | 10% | 9% | 10% | 12% |

| | Base | Duke/UNC | | |
|------------------|------|----------|-----|------------|
| | | Duke | UNC | Don't care |
| Governor | | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 11% | 11% | 11% |
| McCrory | 25% | 24% | 29% | 20% |
| Orr | 7% | 13% | 7% | 5% |
| Powers | 2% | 2% | 1% | 3% |
| Smith | 21% | 22% | 19% | 21% |
| Undecided | 35% | 28% | 33% | 41% |

| | Base | Duke/UNC | | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|-----|------------|
| | | Duke | UNC | Don't care |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 22% | 22% | 16% |
| Dority | 20% | 23% | 20% | 18% |
| Undecided | 60% | 55% | 57% | 67% |

| | Base | Duke/UNC | | |
|--------------------|------|----------|-----|------------|
| | | Duke | UNC | Don't care |
| Treasurer | | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 23% | 25% | 17% |
| Folwell | 14% | 16% | 16% | 10% |
| Undecided | 65% | 61% | 59% | 73% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | |
|------------------|------|------------|--------------|
| | | Republican | Unaffiliated |
| President | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 23% | 22% |
| McCain | 30% | 29% | 37% |
| Paul | 6% | 6% | 10% |
| Romney | 30% | 31% | 24% |
| Undecided | 10% | 11% | 7% |

| | Base | Party | |
|-----------------|------|------------|--------------|
| | | Republican | Unaffiliated |
| Governor | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 11% | 10% |
| McCroy | 25% | 24% | 27% |
| Orr | 7% | 8% | 7% |
| Powers | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| Smith | 21% | 22% | 12% |
| Undecided | 35% | 34% | 40% |

| | Base | Party | |
|----------------------------|------|------------|--------------|
| | | Republican | Unaffiliated |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 20% | 16% |
| Dority | 20% | 19% | 24% |
| Undecided | 60% | 60% | 59% |

| | Base | Party | |
|------------------|------|------------|--------------|
| | | Republican | Unaffiliated |
| Treasurer | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 21% | 21% |
| Folwell | 14% | 14% | 13% |
| Undecided | 65% | 65% | 66% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Women | Men |
| President | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 27% | 20% |
| McCain | 30% | 30% | 31% |
| Paul | 6% | 4% | 8% |
| Romney | 30% | 26% | 33% |
| Undecided | 10% | 13% | 8% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Women | Men |
| Governor | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 10% | 12% |
| McCrory | 25% | 25% | 24% |
| Orr | 7% | 6% | 9% |
| Powers | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Smith | 21% | 19% | 23% |
| Undecided | 35% | 38% | 31% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|----------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Women | Men |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 17% | 22% |
| Dority | 20% | 16% | 25% |
| Undecided | 60% | 67% | 53% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Women | Men |
| Treasurer | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 18% | 25% |
| Folwell | 14% | 10% | 18% |
| Undecided | 65% | 72% | 57% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Race | | |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Black | Other |
| President | | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 24% | 6% | 15% |
| McCain | 30% | 30% | 28% | 29% |
| Paul | 6% | 5% | 25% | 22% |
| Romney | 30% | 30% | 41% | 21% |
| Undecided | 10% | 10% | - | 14% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Black | Other |
| Governor | | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 11% | 22% | 10% |
| McCroy | 25% | 24% | 30% | 32% |
| Orr | 7% | 8% | 6% | 7% |
| Powers | 2% | 2% | 14% | 7% |
| Smith | 21% | 21% | 8% | 14% |
| Undecided | 35% | 35% | 20% | 30% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Black | Other |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 19% | 22% | 39% |
| Dority | 20% | 20% | 25% | 14% |
| Undecided | 60% | 61% | 52% | 47% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Black | Other |
| Treasurer | | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 22% | 28% | 14% |
| Folwell | 14% | 13% | 28% | 23% |
| Undecided | 65% | 65% | 44% | 62% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Age | | | |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | | 18-29 | 30-45 | 46-60 | Older than 60 |
| President | | | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 23% | 31% | 24% | 20% |
| McCain | 30% | 25% | 35% | 26% | 35% |
| Paul | 6% | 15% | 4% | 7% | 5% |
| Romney | 30% | 22% | 20% | 33% | 31% |
| Undecided | 10% | 15% | 10% | 11% | 9% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | | 18-29 | 30-45 | 46-60 | Older than 60 |
| Governor | | | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 20% | 7% | 14% | 8% |
| McCroy | 25% | 20% | 30% | 23% | 25% |
| Orr | 7% | 8% | 6% | 6% | 9% |
| Powers | 2% | 17% | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Smith | 21% | 4% | 23% | 20% | 24% |
| Undecided | 35% | 31% | 33% | 37% | 33% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | | 18-29 | 30-45 | 46-60 | Older than 60 |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 29% | 23% | 17% | 21% |
| Dority | 20% | 25% | 13% | 24% | 17% |
| Undecided | 60% | 46% | 64% | 59% | 63% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | | 18-29 | 30-45 | 46-60 | Older than 60 |
| Treasurer | | | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 24% | 15% | 20% | 25% |
| Folwell | 14% | 28% | 14% | 13% | 12% |
| Undecided | 65% | 48% | 71% | 66% | 63% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Area Code | | | | | |
|------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 252 | 336 | 704 | 828 | 910 | 919 |
| President | | | | | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 20% | 26% | 24% | 30% | 21% | 16% |
| McCain | 30% | 42% | 35% | 25% | 26% | 32% | 25% |
| Paul | 6% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 11% |
| Romney | 30% | 25% | 21% | 34% | 31% | 32% | 37% |
| Undecided | 10% | 9% | 12% | 11% | 9% | 9% | 11% |

| | Base | Area Code | | | | | |
|------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 252 | 336 | 704 | 828 | 910 | 919 |
| Governor | | | | | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 7% | 13% | 9% | 10% | 12% | 13% |
| McCroy | 25% | 10% | 17% | 64% | 23% | 10% | 10% |
| Orr | 7% | 7% | 11% | 2% | 10% | 6% | 6% |
| Powers | 2% | - | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 7% |
| Smith | 21% | 27% | 20% | 8% | 21% | 27% | 28% |
| Undecided | 35% | 50% | 38% | 15% | 35% | 43% | 36% |

| | Base | Area Code | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 252 | 336 | 704 | 828 | 910 | 919 |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 10% | 13% | 51% | 6% | 14% | 14% |
| Dority | 20% | 25% | 23% | 11% | 26% | 20% | 18% |
| Undecided | 60% | 65% | 63% | 38% | 68% | 66% | 68% |

| | Base | Area Code | | | | | |
|--------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 252 | 336 | 704 | 828 | 910 | 919 |
| Treasurer | | | | | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 40% | 23% | 13% | 18% | 22% | 20% |
| Folwell | 14% | 4% | 19% | 15% | 11% | 11% | 15% |
| Undecided | 65% | 56% | 58% | 72% | 70% | 67% | 65% |





Republican Primary Crosstabs

| | Base | Issues | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | | War in Iraq | Education | Economy and jobs | Taxes | Moral or Family values | Health care | Immigration | Other |
| President | | | | | | | | | |
| Huckabee | 23% | 19% | 25% | 17% | 19% | 46% | 18% | 19% | - |
| McCain | 30% | 32% | 50% | 43% | 20% | 23% | 46% | 17% | - |
| Paul | 6% | 5% | 8% | 6% | 9% | 3% | - | 10% | 37% |
| Romney | 30% | 35% | 13% | 22% | 39% | 18% | 29% | 44% | 37% |
| Undecided | 10% | 8% | 3% | 13% | 12% | 11% | 7% | 9% | 26% |

| | Base | Issues | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | | War in Iraq | Education | Economy and jobs | Taxes | Moral or Family values | Health care | Immigration | Other |
| Governor | | | | | | | | | |
| Graham | 11% | 14% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 8% | 20% | 13% | - |
| McCrory | 25% | 18% | 34% | 28% | 24% | 21% | 27% | 26% | - |
| Orr | 7% | 8% | 12% | 9% | 9% | 5% | 8% | 5% | - |
| Powers | 2% | 1% | 5% | 0% | 6% | 3% | - | 2% | - |
| Smith | 21% | 24% | 9% | 16% | 28% | 20% | 17% | 25% | - |
| Undecided | 35% | 34% | 31% | 37% | 24% | 43% | 28% | 28% | 100% |

| | Base | Issues | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | | War in Iraq | Education | Economy and jobs | Taxes | Moral or Family values | Health care | Immigration | Other |
| Lieutenant Governor | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittenger | 20% | 19% | 25% | 19% | 27% | 15% | 12% | 24% | 19% |
| Dority | 20% | 19% | 29% | 20% | 19% | 16% | 29% | 23% | - |
| Undecided | 60% | 62% | 47% | 62% | 55% | 69% | 59% | 52% | 81% |

| | Base | Issues | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | | War in Iraq | Education | Economy and jobs | Taxes | Moral or Family values | Health care | Immigration | Other |
| Treasurer | | | | | | | | | |
| Daughtridge | 21% | 27% | 26% | 22% | 17% | 18% | 30% | 20% | - |
| Folwell | 14% | 13% | 29% | 12% | 20% | 13% | 11% | 14% | - |
| Undecided | 65% | 60% | 45% | 67% | 64% | 69% | 59% | 66% | 100% |

