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Dole leads Cooper in hypothetical Senate race

Raleigh, N.C. – According to the latest Public Policy Polling (PPP) survey released today a hypothetical US Senate race between Senator Elizabeth Dole and Attorney General Roy Cooper could be close. As it stands now, Dole leads Cooper 46% to 36% among likely general election voters in North Carolina.

“Elizabeth Dole is consistently below 50%,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “She would start as a favorite against almost any Democrat, but the signs are there that a Democrat would have a chance.” The results are very similar to last month’s poll showing Dole leading Congressman Brad Miller 44% to 33% in a similar hypothetical race.

The poll also finds that Senator Dole has a 45% approval rating in North Carolina, while 41 % disapprove of her job performance.

Forty-one percent of North Carolina voters approve of President Bush, while 52% disapprove.

When asked if the election were today, would they vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for President, 47% of likely voters say they would choose the Democrat and 42% would choose the Republican.

PPP surveyed 606 likely general election voters on May 15. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 3.9\%$. 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. Results include crosstabs breaking down the results by gender, party affiliation, race, age and region, as well as questions comparing North Carolina’s opinion of top Democratic presidential contenders: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama.

For more discussion of the poll visit the Public Policy Polling blog at <http://publicpolicypolling.blogspot.com>.

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

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North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling his job as President? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Approve41% Don't know 7%
Disapprove.....52%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elizabeth Dole is handling his job as Senator? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Approve45% Don't know14%
Disapprove.....41%

Q3 In 2008 Elizabeth Dole will be running for a second term as U.S. Senator. No Democrat has announced they will run against her. If Attorney General Roy Cooper were to challenge her, who would you vote for? If you would vote for Elizabeth Dole, press 1. If for Roy Cooper, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Dole..... 46% Undecided..... 18%
Cooper 36%

Q4 If the election were held today would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for President? If for the Democratic candidate, press 1. If for the Republican candidate, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Democrat 47% Undecided..... 11%
Republican 42%

Q5 If John Edwards were the Democratic nominee for president in 2008, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Democratic ticket? If it would make you more likely, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it would not make a difference, press 3.

More likely..... 33% No difference..... 21%
Less likely 46%

Q6 If Barack Obama were the Democratic nominee for president in 2008, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Democratic ticket? If it would make you more likely, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it would not make a difference, press 3.

More likely..... 31% No difference..... 22%
Less likely 48%

Q7 If Hillary Clinton were the Democratic nominee for president in 2008, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Democratic ticket? If it would make you more likely, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it would not make a difference, press 3.

More likely..... 29% No difference..... 16%
Less likely 55%

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

Women53% Men.....47%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat44% Other.....17%
Republican.....39%

Q10 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White79% Other..... 6%
Black.....15%

Q11 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.

18-29..... 9% 46-60.....35%
30-45.....18% Older than 60.....38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Bush Approval			
Approve	41%	38%	46%
Disapprove	52%	56%	47%
Don't know	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Dole Approval			
Approve	45%	42%	50%
Disapprove	41%	42%	39%
Don't know	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Dole vs. Cooper			
Dole	46%	38%	54%
Cooper	36%	34%	38%
Undecided	18%	27%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Generic Ballot President			
Democrat	47%	52%	41%
Republican	42%	35%	50%
Undecided	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
If Edwards were the nominee			
More likely	33%	37%	28%
Less likely	46%	40%	53%
No difference	21%	23%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
If Obama were the nominee			
More likely	31%	33%	28%
Less likely	48%	41%	55%
No difference	22%	26%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
If Clinton were the nominee			
More likely	29%	33%	25%
Less likely	55%	49%	62%
No difference	16%	18%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bush Approval				
Approve	41%	12%	72%	48%
Disapprove	52%	85%	19%	42%
Don't know	7%	4%	9%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Dole Approval				
Approve	45%	22%	73%	42%
Disapprove	41%	59%	20%	42%
Don't know	14%	19%	7%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Dole vs. Cooper				
Dole	45%	21%	74%	44%
Cooper	36%	55%	14%	37%
Undecided	19%	24%	12%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Generic Ballot President				
Democrat	47%	82%	15%	30%
Republican	42%	9%	75%	49%
Undecided	11%	8%	10%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
If Edwards were the nominee				
More likely	33%	53%	12%	28%
Less likely	46%	20%	71%	56%
No difference	21%	27%	17%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
If Obama were the nominee				
More likely	31%	47%	13%	31%
Less likely	47%	29%	69%	45%
No difference	22%	24%	18%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
If Clinton were the nominee				
More likely	29%	50%	10%	20%
Less likely	55%	29%	81%	62%
No difference	16%	21%	9%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Bush Approval				
Approve	42%	46%	23%	25%
Disapprove	52%	47%	72%	66%
Don't know	7%	7%	5%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Dole Approval				
Approve	45%	50%	27%	23%
Disapprove	41%	38%	48%	55%
Don't know	14%	11%	25%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Dole vs. Cooper				
Dole	46%	50%	29%	27%
Cooper	36%	34%	42%	46%
Undecided	18%	16%	29%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Generic Ballot President				
Democrat	47%	42%	66%	59%
Republican	42%	46%	28%	19%
Undecided	11%	11%	5%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
If Edwards were the nominee				
More likely	33%	31%	40%	43%
Less likely	46%	50%	32%	37%
No difference	21%	20%	29%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
If Obama were the nominee				
More likely	31%	27%	51%	25%
Less likely	48%	53%	19%	49%
No difference	22%	20%	30%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
If Clinton were the nominee				
More likely	29%	25%	46%	41%
Less likely	55%	61%	34%	37%
No difference	16%	15%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Bush Approval					
Approve	41%	30%	51%	38%	43%
Disapprove	52%	66%	45%	54%	50%
Don't know	7%	3%	4%	8%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Dole Approval					
Approve	45%	27%	46%	47%	48%
Disapprove	41%	52%	35%	39%	43%
Don't know	14%	21%	19%	15%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Dole vs. Cooper					
Dole	46%	35%	49%	41%	50%
Cooper	36%	35%	31%	41%	34%
Undecided	18%	30%	20%	18%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Generic Ballot President					
Democrat	47%	52%	43%	49%	46%
Republican	42%	35%	47%	38%	44%
Undecided	11%	12%	9%	13%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
If Edwards were the nominee					
More likely	33%	34%	30%	38%	29%
Less likely	46%	35%	51%	40%	51%
No difference	21%	32%	18%	22%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
If Obama were the nominee					
More likely	31%	35%	32%	28%	31%
Less likely	48%	40%	46%	46%	52%
No difference	22%	25%	22%	26%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
If Clinton were the nominee					
More likely	29%	39%	28%	26%	31%
Less likely	55%	45%	62%	56%	53%
No difference	16%	16%	10%	18%	16%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Bush Approval							
Approve	41%	26%	45%	37%	42%	47%	44%
Disapprove	52%	61%	46%	58%	54%	45%	51%
Don't know	7%	13%	9%	5%	4%	8%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Dole Approval							
Approve	45%	40%	56%	40%	40%	46%	45%
Disapprove	41%	40%	31%	44%	48%	41%	42%
Don't know	14%	21%	13%	15%	11%	13%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Dole vs. Cooper							
Dole	46%	35%	57%	40%	42%	43%	47%
Cooper	36%	45%	35%	34%	36%	35%	35%
Undecided	18%	20%	8%	26%	22%	21%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Generic Ballot President							
Democrat	47%	55%	35%	55%	49%	46%	48%
Republican	42%	40%	52%	33%	38%	42%	43%
Undecided	11%	4%	13%	12%	13%	12%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
If Edwards were the nominee							
More likely	33%	46%	26%	29%	34%	35%	35%
Less likely	46%	49%	54%	46%	42%	44%	42%
No difference	21%	6%	20%	25%	24%	21%	23%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
If Obama were the nominee							
More likely	31%	49%	27%	26%	28%	31%	32%
Less likely	48%	39%	49%	54%	51%	50%	42%
No difference	22%	13%	24%	20%	21%	20%	26%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
If Clinton were the nominee							
More likely	29%	45%	14%	36%	32%	24%	32%
Less likely	55%	51%	71%	46%	52%	57%	50%
No difference	16%	4%	15%	17%	16%	20%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Generic Ballot President		
		Democrat	Republican	Undecided
If Edwards were the nominee				
More likely	33%	58%	6%	28%
Less likely	44%	18%	77%	37%
No difference	22%	24%	17%	35%

	Base	Generic Ballot President		
		Democrat	Republican	Undecided
If Obama were the nominee				
More likely	32%	52%	10%	23%
Less likely	45%	25%	69%	40%
No difference	24%	23%	20%	37%

	Base	Generic Ballot President		
		Democrat	Republican	Undecided
If Clinton were the nominee				
More likely	30%	55%	6%	15%
Less likely	54%	27%	86%	54%
No difference	16%	18%	9%	31%

