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New Poll Shows McHenry's Popularity Sliding

Raleigh, N.C. – A new survey by Public Policy Polling shows Democratic challenger Daniel Johnson within striking distance of incumbent Patrick McHenry in North Carolina's 10th District.

When respondents were given a description of Johnson, McHenry led him by a margin of only 39-32%. It is highly unusual for an incumbent to poll below 40%, particularly for a Republican congressman in a district as historically GOP leaning as the North Carolina 10th.

The poll also showed McHenry's approval rating plummeting from a Public Policy Polling survey performed on behalf of the North Carolina Democratic Party in August. His approval is down to 43% in this week's poll after registering at 53% in the August poll.

Additionally, while 55% of respondents to the August poll said they would vote to reelect McHenry only 45% of those surveyed this week said they would.

"It's clear that voters in the 10th Congressional District are having their doubts about Patrick McHenry," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

"Daniel Johnson could be an extremely strong challenger next fall if he can effectively capitalize on the ambivalence that many folks in his district are having about Patrick McHenry," said Debnam.

PPP surveyed 779 likely 10th District general election voters on December 11th. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 3.5\%$. 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, and age.

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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NC CD 10 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling his job as President? If you approve, press 1 on your keypad now. If you disapprove, press 2. If you are not sure, press 3.

Approve43% *Not sure* 7%
Disapprove.....49%

Q2 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S. have stayed out? If you think it did the right thing, press 1. If you think it should have stayed out, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Right thing.....48% *Not sure* 6%
Stayed out.....46%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Patrick McHenry is handling his job as Congressman? If you approve, press 1 on your keypad now. If you disapprove, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Approve44% *Undecided*.....24%
Disapprove.....32%

Q4 In 2008 Patrick McHenry will be running for a third term as Congressman. If the race were today would you vote to reelect Patrick McHenry or would you choose someone else? If you would vote to reelect Patrick McHenry, press 1. If you would vote for someone else, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Reelect McHenry ...45% *Don't know*19%
Someone else.....36%

Q5 What issue is most important when deciding who to vote for for Congress? Education, the economy and jobs, health care, immigration, moral and family values, the War in Iraq, or taxes? If education, press 1. If the economy and jobs, press 2. If health care, press 3. If immigration, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If the War in Iraq, press 6. If taxes, press 7. If a different issue or you are not sure, press 8.

Education 5% *Moral and family values*..... 13%
Economy and jobs.35% *War in Iraq* 5%
Health care..... 17% *Taxes* 2%
Immigration 17% *Other*..... 6%

Q6 Daniel Johnson, a conservative Democrat and 31-year-old prosecutor from Hickory, who was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal after losing both of his legs while saving the life of a fellow sailor, is challenging Patrick McHenry. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for Patrick McHenry, press 1. If for Daniel Johnson, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

McHenry..... 39% *Don't know* 29%
Johnson 32%

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

Women53% *Men*.....47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat37% *Other*.....12%
Republican.....51%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If Hispanic, press 3. If other, press

White92% *Other*..... 4%
Black..... 4%



Q10 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18-29.....	9%	46-65.....	42%
30-45.....	16%	Older Than 65.....	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President Bush's Approval			
Approve	43%	41%	46%
Disapprove	49%	51%	48%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Iraq			
Right thing	48%	45%	52%
Stayed out	46%	48%	42%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

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		Women	Men
McHenry Approval			
Approve	44%	44%	43%
Disapprove	32%	27%	38%
Undecided	24%	29%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
McHenry Reelect			
Reelect McHenry	45%	44%	45%
Someone else	36%	33%	40%
Don't know	19%	23%	15%

Issue	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Education	5%	6%	4%
Economy and jobs	35%	35%	35%
Health care	17%	21%	12%
Immigration	17%	14%	20%
Moral and family values	13%	13%	14%
War in Iraq	5%	3%	8%
Taxes	2%	2%	3%
Other	6%	8%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
McHenry v Johnson			
McHenry	39%	36%	41%
Johnson	32%	29%	35%
Don't know	29%	34%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President Bush's Approval				
Approve	43%	12%	71%	24%
Disapprove	49%	83%	20%	67%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Iraq				
Right thing	48%	16%	76%	33%
Stayed out	46%	79%	19%	57%
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	10%





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		Democrat	Republican	Other
McHenry Approval				
Approve	44%	21%	63%	30%
Disapprove	32%	49%	19%	39%
Undecided	24%	29%	18%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McHenry Reelect				
Reelect McHenry	45%	22%	65%	31%
Someone else	36%	57%	19%	43%
Don't know	19%	22%	16%	26%

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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Education	5%	7%	4%	5%
Economy and jobs	35%	46%	29%	29%
Health care	17%	23%	11%	18%
Immigration	17%	9%	23%	17%
Moral and family values	13%	5%	21%	6%
War in Iraq	5%	5%	5%	8%
Taxes	2%	1%	2%	6%
Other	6%	5%	5%	12%

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		Democrat	Republican	Other
McHenry v Johnson				
McHenry	39%	17%	58%	23%
Johnson	32%	54%	14%	37%
Don't know	29%	29%	28%	40%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
President Bush's Approval				
Approve	43%	45%	12%	36%
Disapprove	49%	48%	73%	44%
Not sure	7%	7%	15%	21%

Iraq	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Right thing	48%	50%	18%	41%
Stayed out	46%	45%	61%	50%
Not sure	6%	5%	20%	10%

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