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Miller leads but Alaska Senate looks competitive

Raleigh, N.C. – Joe Miller’s surprising victory in Tuesday’s Republican Senate primary has given Democrats at least a glimmer of hope in Alaska, although that would fade if the defeated Lisa Murkowski ends up running in the general election as the Libertarian candidate.

Miller leads Democratic nominee Scott McAdams 47-39. McAdams benefits from a more united party, getting 81% of the Democratic vote to Miller’s 73% of the Republicans. The candidates split even with independents at 42%, a good number for Democrats in a year where their candidates are largely getting blown out with that group of voters.

In a three way race with Murkowski running as a Libertarian Miller would still lead but with only 38% to 34% for Murkowski and 22% for McAdams. The folks who go for Murkowski favor McAdams 47-23 in a two way contest so somewhat counterintuitively she would actually hurt Democratic chances even though she’d de facto make it a race with 2 Republicans and a Democrat.

Murkowski’s 50/43 approval spread still makes her one of the more popular Senators in the country in PPP’s polling but her 52% support from Democrats is actually better than her 47% with Republicans, speaking to the trouble she had in Tuesday’s primary. Miller is unpopular with 36% of voters seeing him favorably and 52% negatively. McAdams is still largely anonymous with 53% of voters offering no opinion about him.

“There’s still a lot of uncertainty about what the final candidate field in Alaska will look like,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But it’s clear this race will be more competitive than anyone ever would have imagined a week ago.”

PPP surveyed 1,306 likely voters on August 27th and 28th. The margin of error is +/- 2.7%. 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.

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



Alaska Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Begich's job performance?

Approve 42%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not sure 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Lisa Murkowski's job performance?

Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 43%
Not sure 7%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Miller?

Favorable 36% *Not sure* 12%
Unfavorable..... 52%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Scott McAdams?

Favorable 23% *Not sure* 53%
Unfavorable..... 24%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Republican Joe Miller and Democrat Scott McAdams, who would you vote for?

Joe Miller 47%
Scott McAdams..... 39%
Undecided..... 14%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Republican Lisa Murkowski and Democrat Scott McAdams, who would you vote for?

Lisa Murkowski 60%
Scott McAdams..... 28%
Undecided..... 12%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Republican Joe Miller, Democrat Scott McAdams, and Libertarian Lisa Murkowski who would you vote for?

Joe Miller 38%
Scott McAdams..... 22%
Lisa Murkowski 34%
Undecided..... 6%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 55%
Barack Obama..... 39%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q10 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 14%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 42%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q12 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..... 20%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 42%





Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 82%
Other..... 18%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	9%	92%	51%
Disapprove	53%	88%	5%	39%
Not sure	4%	4%	2%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Begich Approval				
Approve	42%	11%	84%	45%
Disapprove	50%	79%	11%	43%
Not sure	8%	9%	5%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Murkowski Approval				
Approve	50%	45%	58%	40%
Disapprove	43%	47%	37%	47%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	36%	60%	5%	30%
Unfavorable	52%	27%	88%	47%
Not sure	12%	13%	8%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
McAdams Favorability				
Favorable	23%	8%	44%	22%
Unfavorable	24%	33%	14%	20%
Not sure	53%	60%	42%	58%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Miller/McAdams				
Joe Miller	47%	75%	8%	43%
Scott McAdams	39%	10%	80%	37%
Undecided	14%	15%	11%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Murkowski/McAdams				
Lisa Murkowski	60%	76%	40%	41%
Scott McAdams	28%	10%	52%	30%
Undecided	12%	14%	8%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Miller/McAdams/Murkowski				
Joe Miller	38%	61%	5%	34%
Scott McAdams	22%	3%	50%	15%
Lisa Murkowski	34%	30%	38%	36%
Undecided	6%	5%	7%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	90%	63%	9%
Disapprove	53%	10%	33%	88%
Not sure	4%	1%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Begich Approval				
Approve	42%	86%	60%	8%
Disapprove	50%	12%	32%	82%
Not sure	8%	2%	7%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Murkowski Approval				
Approve	50%	44%	65%	36%
Disapprove	43%	51%	29%	56%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	36%	12%	15%	66%
Unfavorable	52%	84%	72%	20%
Not sure	12%	4%	12%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McAdams Favorability				
Favorable	23%	49%	30%	6%
Unfavorable	24%	12%	21%	32%
Not sure	53%	38%	49%	62%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Miller/McAdams				
Joe Miller	47%	13%	25%	82%
Scott McAdams	39%	82%	57%	6%
Undecided	14%	6%	18%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Murkowski/McAdams				
Lisa Murkowski	60%	26%	59%	72%
Scott McAdams	28%	66%	33%	10%
Undecided	12%	9%	8%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Miller/McAdams/Murkowski				
Joe Miller	38%	13%	16%	69%
Scott McAdams	22%	61%	29%	3%
Lisa Murkowski	34%	21%	48%	23%
Undecided	6%	4%	7%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	50%	37%
Disapprove	53%	47%	60%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Begich Approval			
Approve	42%	46%	37%
Disapprove	50%	44%	57%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murkowski Approval			
Approve	50%	52%	47%
Disapprove	43%	40%	47%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Miller Favorability			
Favorable	36%	33%	40%
Unfavorable	52%	55%	48%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McAdams Favorability			
Favorable	23%	24%	21%
Unfavorable	24%	19%	31%
Not sure	53%	57%	48%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Miller/McAdams			
Joe Miller	47%	42%	53%
Scott McAdams	39%	44%	34%
Undecided	14%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murkowski/McAdams			
Lisa Murkowski	60%	57%	63%
Scott McAdams	28%	31%	25%
Undecided	12%	12%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Miller/McAdams/Murkowski			
Joe Miller	38%	34%	42%
Scott McAdams	22%	25%	19%
Lisa Murkowski	34%	33%	35%
Undecided	6%	8%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	93%	14%	47%
Disapprove	53%	5%	83%	48%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Begich Approval				
Approve	42%	85%	13%	47%
Disapprove	50%	10%	80%	44%
Not sure	8%	5%	8%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murkowski Approval				
Approve	50%	52%	47%	51%
Disapprove	43%	41%	47%	41%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	36%	8%	57%	32%
Unfavorable	52%	84%	32%	54%
Not sure	12%	8%	11%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McAdams Favorability				
Favorable	23%	47%	8%	24%
Unfavorable	24%	11%	35%	22%
Not sure	53%	42%	57%	55%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Miller/McAdams				
Joe Miller	47%	9%	73%	42%
Scott McAdams	39%	81%	13%	42%
Undecided	14%	10%	14%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murkowski/McAdams				
Lisa Murkowski	60%	29%	76%	60%
Scott McAdams	28%	61%	13%	25%
Undecided	12%	10%	11%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Miller/McAdams/Murkowski				
Joe Miller	38%	7%	59%	33%
Scott McAdams	22%	57%	5%	21%
Lisa Murkowski	34%	28%	32%	38%
Undecided	6%	8%	4%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	43%	48%
Disapprove	53%	54%	45%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Begich Approval			
Approve	42%	42%	43%
Disapprove	50%	51%	49%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murkowski Approval			
Approve	50%	52%	41%
Disapprove	43%	41%	52%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Miller Favorability			
Favorable	36%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	52%	51%	53%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
McAdams Favorability			
Favorable	23%	22%	27%
Unfavorable	24%	24%	28%
Not sure	53%	55%	45%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Miller/McAdams			
Joe Miller	47%	48%	44%
Scott McAdams	39%	40%	36%
Undecided	14%	13%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murkowski/McAdams			
Lisa Murkowski	60%	62%	52%
Scott McAdams	28%	26%	35%
Undecided	12%	12%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Miller/McAdams/Murkowski			
Joe Miller	38%	38%	37%
Scott McAdams	22%	22%	23%
Lisa Murkowski	34%	34%	31%
Undecided	6%	6%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	44%	64%	44%	43%	36%
Disapprove	53%	30%	53%	53%	61%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Begich Approval					
Approve	42%	49%	43%	42%	37%
Disapprove	50%	42%	49%	51%	55%
Not sure	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murkowski Approval					
Approve	50%	45%	52%	48%	53%
Disapprove	43%	48%	39%	46%	42%
Not sure	7%	7%	10%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Miller Favorability					
Favorable	36%	38%	32%	38%	38%
Unfavorable	52%	57%	53%	52%	47%
Not sure	12%	5%	14%	10%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McAdams Favorability					
Favorable	23%	45%	20%	22%	19%
Unfavorable	24%	23%	26%	24%	25%
Not sure	53%	32%	54%	54%	56%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Miller/McAdams					
Joe Miller	47%	45%	47%	47%	48%
Scott McAdams	39%	48%	38%	41%	32%
Undecided	14%	7%	15%	12%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murkowski/McAdams					
Lisa Murkowski	60%	43%	61%	60%	66%
Scott McAdams	28%	43%	28%	27%	23%
Undecided	12%	14%	11%	13%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Miller/McAdams/Murkowski					
Joe Miller	38%	39%	35%	38%	39%
Scott McAdams	22%	29%	23%	23%	17%
Lisa Murkowski	34%	29%	35%	32%	38%
Undecided	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%

