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Republicans hold advantage to keep Kyl seat

Raleigh, N.C. – Three months ago, Richard Carmona was clearly the most electable of the two Democrats vying to flip Jon Kyl’s Arizona Senate seat, but now there is very little difference between he and Don Bivens, and they both continue to trail either Republican tested against them. They each lag likely Republican nominee Jeff Flake by 11-point (46-35) margins, and Carmona does nary better against longshot challenger Wil Cardon, lagging 37-33, versus Bivens’ 38-32. In November, Carmona trailed Cardon by only two points (35-33) and Flake by four (40-36), while Bivens lagged by respective eight- (35-27) and ten-point margins (42-32).

Carmona’s personal image has slipped in the meantime, from 17% favorable and 11% unfavorable shortly after his announcement to 13-14 now. The good news for him is that he still has time to define himself as voters become more aware of him. The 73% that have no opinion of him is eclipsed only by Bivens’ 81% and Cardon’s 82%. All of these figures are far less known than Flake, of whom only 31% cannot express an opinion, down from 41% in the previous poll. Those who are familiar with Flake see him somewhat positively (36-30), the same margin as before (33-27).

Because of their candidates’ low profiles, more Democrats are undecided in all of these matchups than are Republicans, so the race will tighten up once Democrats have a nominee. Bivens and Carmona are also getting more crossover support than the Republican candidates are; they do no worse than a tie with independents, and they are pulling more Republican votes (8-11%) than vice versa (8-9%). They have to win considerable support from outside their party, since Republicans outnumber Democrats in this electorate by 15 points.

“Democrats could keep control of the Senate if they take this seat, but it’ll be an uphill climb, even with Obama’s coattails,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 743 Arizona voters between February 17th and 19th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.6%. 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.



Arizona Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Don Bivens?

Favorable..... 5%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 81%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Wil Cardon?

Favorable..... 5%
Unfavorable 13%
Not sure 82%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Richard Carmona?

Favorable..... 13%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 73%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jeff Flake?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 30%
Not sure 34%

Q5 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Don Bivens and Republican Wil Cardon, who would you vote for?

Don Bivens 32%
Wil Cardon..... 38%
Undecided..... 31%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Don Bivens and Republican Jeff Flake, who would you vote for?

Don Bivens 35%
Jeff Flake 46%
Undecided..... 19%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Richard Carmona and Republican Wil Cardon, who would you vote for?

Richard Carmona..... 33%
Wil Cardon..... 37%
Undecided..... 30%

Q8 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Richard Carmona and Republican Jeff Flake, who would you vote for?

Richard Carmona..... 35%
Jeff Flake 46%
Undecided..... 19%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 50%
Barack Obama..... 43%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 9%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 22%
Very conservative 23%

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

Woman 48%
Man..... 52%

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 31%
Republican..... 46%
Independent/Other..... 23%





Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If other, press 3.

<i>Hispanic</i>	15%
<i>White</i>	76%
<i>Other</i>	9%

Q14 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	29%
<i>46 to 65</i>	39%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bivens Favorability				
Favorable	5%	6%	4%	2%
Unfavorable	14%	8%	19%	18%
Not sure	81%	86%	76%	80%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cardon Favorability				
Favorable	5%	6%	4%	3%
Unfavorable	13%	8%	17%	17%
Not sure	82%	85%	79%	80%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Carmona Favorability				
Favorable	13%	9%	19%	10%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	14%	24%
Not sure	73%	80%	67%	66%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Flake Favorability				
Favorable	36%	54%	15%	30%
Unfavorable	30%	14%	49%	28%
Not sure	34%	32%	36%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bivens/Cardon				
Don Bivens	32%	6%	65%	12%
Wil Cardon	38%	64%	5%	47%
Undecided	31%	30%	30%	41%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bivens/Flake				
Don Bivens	35%	7%	70%	18%
Jeff Flake	46%	78%	8%	51%
Undecided	19%	15%	22%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Carmona/Cardon				
Richard Carmona	33%	8%	65%	13%
Wil Cardon	37%	64%	5%	40%
Undecided	30%	28%	29%	47%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Carmona/Flake				
Richard Carmona	35%	8%	70%	13%
Jeff Flake	46%	76%	9%	53%
Undecided	19%	15%	22%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bivens Favorability						
Favorable	5%	5%	3%	5%	6%	5%
Unfavorable	14%	23%	26%	11%	12%	7%
Not sure	81%	72%	70%	83%	82%	88%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cardon Favorability						
Favorable	5%	7%	6%	4%	6%	4%
Unfavorable	13%	23%	20%	10%	9%	11%
Not sure	82%	70%	74%	86%	85%	85%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Carmona Favorability						
Favorable	13%	14%	21%	17%	8%	6%
Unfavorable	14%	17%	12%	12%	10%	19%
Not sure	73%	68%	67%	71%	82%	75%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Flake Favorability						
Favorable	36%	15%	19%	21%	52%	58%
Unfavorable	30%	53%	44%	38%	14%	15%
Not sure	34%	32%	37%	40%	33%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bivens/Cardon						
Don Bivens	32%	60%	62%	47%	5%	5%
Wil Cardon	38%	14%	8%	17%	57%	76%
Undecided	31%	26%	31%	36%	39%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bivens/Flake						
Don Bivens	35%	68%	61%	51%	6%	11%
Jeff Flake	46%	17%	17%	26%	75%	78%
Undecided	19%	16%	22%	24%	20%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Carmona/Cardon						
Richard Carmona	33%	64%	56%	49%	8%	7%
Wil Cardon	37%	15%	9%	17%	59%	72%
Undecided	30%	21%	35%	34%	34%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Carmona/Flake						
Richard Carmona	35%	67%	57%	55%	6%	9%
Jeff Flake	46%	15%	13%	26%	74%	80%
Undecided	19%	19%	30%	20%	20%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bivens Favorability			
Favorable	5%	5%	5%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	15%
Not sure	81%	83%	79%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cardon Favorability			
Favorable	5%	5%	5%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	15%
Not sure	82%	85%	80%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carmona Favorability			
Favorable	13%	13%	13%
Unfavorable	14%	13%	15%
Not sure	73%	75%	72%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Flake Favorability			
Favorable	36%	32%	39%
Unfavorable	30%	31%	29%
Not sure	34%	37%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bivens/Cardon			
Don Bivens	32%	30%	33%
Wil Cardon	38%	34%	41%
Undecided	31%	35%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bivens/Flake			
Don Bivens	35%	36%	33%
Jeff Flake	46%	41%	51%
Undecided	19%	22%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carmona/Cardon			
Richard Carmona	33%	32%	33%
Wil Cardon	37%	33%	41%
Undecided	30%	34%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carmona/Flake			
Richard Carmona	35%	35%	35%
Jeff Flake	46%	43%	48%
Undecided	19%	21%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bivens Favorability				
Favorable	5%	5%	6%	2%
Unfavorable	14%	18%	11%	14%
Not sure	81%	77%	83%	84%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cardon Favorability				
Favorable	5%	4%	5%	5%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	10%	14%
Not sure	82%	80%	85%	80%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Carmona Favorability				
Favorable	13%	21%	9%	10%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	15%	13%
Not sure	73%	67%	76%	77%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Flake Favorability				
Favorable	36%	16%	53%	29%
Unfavorable	30%	44%	18%	34%
Not sure	34%	40%	29%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bivens/Cardon				
Don Bivens	32%	61%	9%	35%
Wil Cardon	38%	8%	62%	29%
Undecided	31%	31%	28%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bivens/Flake				
Don Bivens	35%	68%	8%	42%
Jeff Flake	46%	8%	75%	40%
Undecided	19%	24%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Carmona/Cardon				
Richard Carmona	33%	63%	11%	34%
Wil Cardon	37%	9%	62%	28%
Undecided	30%	28%	27%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Carmona/Flake				
Richard Carmona	35%	69%	10%	38%
Jeff Flake	46%	8%	76%	38%
Undecided	19%	23%	14%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bivens Favorability				
Favorable	5%	2%	6%	1%
Unfavorable	14%	16%	13%	20%
Not sure	81%	81%	81%	78%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Cardon Favorability				
Favorable	5%	5%	5%	2%
Unfavorable	13%	18%	11%	15%
Not sure	82%	77%	83%	83%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Carmona Favorability				
Favorable	13%	23%	11%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	21%	12%	16%
Not sure	73%	56%	77%	72%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Flake Favorability				
Favorable	36%	24%	38%	41%
Unfavorable	30%	34%	30%	24%
Not sure	34%	42%	33%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bivens/Cardon				
Don Bivens	32%	41%	29%	38%
Wil Cardon	38%	26%	41%	30%
Undecided	31%	34%	30%	32%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bivens/Flake				
Don Bivens	35%	45%	32%	41%
Jeff Flake	46%	33%	50%	36%
Undecided	19%	22%	18%	23%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Carmona/Cardon				
Richard Carmona	33%	50%	29%	39%
Wil Cardon	37%	23%	42%	25%
Undecided	30%	27%	30%	36%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Carmona/Flake				
Richard Carmona	35%	52%	31%	37%
Jeff Flake	46%	28%	50%	39%
Undecided	19%	20%	19%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bivens Favorability					
Favorable	5%	-	5%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	18%	12%	14%
Not sure	81%	89%	77%	83%	78%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cardon Favorability					
Favorable	5%	-	5%	6%	7%
Unfavorable	13%	11%	17%	10%	14%
Not sure	82%	89%	78%	85%	79%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Carmona Favorability					
Favorable	13%	14%	10%	15%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	16%	12%	16%
Not sure	73%	75%	74%	73%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Flake Favorability					
Favorable	36%	29%	31%	40%	38%
Unfavorable	30%	39%	27%	30%	28%
Not sure	34%	32%	42%	30%	33%





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Bivens/Cardon					
Don Bivens	32%	25%	32%	33%	31%
Wil Cardon	38%	25%	40%	37%	43%
Undecided	31%	50%	28%	29%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bivens/Flake					
Don Bivens	35%	39%	32%	36%	33%
Jeff Flake	46%	36%	44%	48%	53%
Undecided	19%	25%	24%	16%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Carmona/Cardon					
Richard Carmona	33%	43%	31%	33%	30%
Wil Cardon	37%	21%	36%	40%	43%
Undecided	30%	36%	33%	27%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Carmona/Flake					
Richard Carmona	35%	43%	32%	36%	32%
Jeff Flake	46%	36%	42%	47%	54%
Undecided	19%	21%	26%	16%	14%

