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Barber up 12 in AZ Special Election

Raleigh, N.C. – Democrats are headed for a victory in tomorrow's special election to replace Gabby Giffords in the House, but the relevance of the result in Arizona to much of anything else appears limited.

Democrat Ron Barber leads with 53% to 41% for Republican Jesse Kelly, with Green Party candidate Charlie Manolakis polling at 4%. Barber is well liked by voters in the district, sporting a 54/38 favorability rating. Kelly, meanwhile, has very high negatives with only 37% of voters rating him positively while 59% have a negative opinion.

We find that the likely electorate for tomorrow's election supported Barack Obama over John McCain 50-44. McCain actually won the district by a 48-42 margin in 2008. This, along with the special election in New York's 26th Congressional District last May, is one of only two races recently where we've found a likely electorate significantly more Democratic than the Presidential one in 2008, and it suggests Democrats are unusually motivated to come out and vote to keep Giffords' seat in their hands.

Despite the likely Democratic victory tomorrow Barack Obama's approval rating in this district is only 44%, with 50% of voters disapproving of him. And even though Barber leads by 12, likely voters only say they want Democrats to have control of Congress by a 48-44 margin. That's an unusually large gap between the horse race and who voters want to have control, and again speaks to the unusual circumstances surrounding this race.

Barber appears to have the race pretty much already locked up. 57% of voters say they've already cast their ballots, and with that group Barber enjoys a 21 point advantage at 58-37. People planning to vote tomorrow are much more evenly split with 46% for Barber and 45% for Kelly.

“Democrats are likely to win this race comfortably tomorrow,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But the unusual circumstances of the contest make its relevance to any other contest later this year pretty limited. It’s not often you have a special election to replace an incumbent who resigned with a 67% favorability rating.”

PPP surveyed 1,058 likely voters on June 9th and 10th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.0%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Arizona 8th Congressional District Survey Results

Q1 The candidates in the special election for Congress are Democrat Ron Barber, Republican Jesse Kelly, and Green Party candidate Charlie Manolakis. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Ron Barber 53%
Jesse Kelly..... 41%
Charlie Manolakis 4%
Undecided..... 3%

Q2 Have you already cast your ballot, or do you plan to vote on Election Day?

Already cast your ballot..... 57%
Plan to vote on Election Day..... 43%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Barber?

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 38%
Not sure 7%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jesse Kelly?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 59%
Not sure 5%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not sure 6%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Republicans are doing?

Approve 25%
Disapprove..... 66%
Not sure 9%

Q7 Do you have more faith in Barack Obama or Congressional Republicans to lead the country in the right direction?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Congressional Republicans 43%
Not sure..... 7%

Q8 Generally speaking, would you rather that Democrats or Republicans had control of the US House?

Democrats 48%
Republicans..... 44%
Not sure 8%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gabrielle Giffords?

Favorable..... 67%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 9%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 44%
Barack Obama..... 50%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal 19%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 21%
Very conservative 19%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%



Q13 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 42%
Republican 36%
Independent/Other 22%

Q14 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

Hispanic 13%
White 80%
Other 7%

Q15 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 24%
46 to 65 42%
Older than 65 34%



Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis			
Ron Barber	53%	58%	46%
Jesse Kelly	41%	37%	45%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	4%	3%
Undecided	3%	1%	5%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Barber Favorability			
Favorable	54%	59%	48%
Unfavorable	38%	36%	41%
Not sure	7%	5%	10%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Kelly Favorability			
Favorable	37%	34%	41%
Unfavorable	59%	63%	54%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	47%	40%
Disapprove	50%	45%	55%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	25%	23%	28%
Disapprove	66%	69%	61%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?			
Barack Obama	50%	55%	43%
Congressional Republicans	43%	39%	50%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?			
Democrats	48%	53%	42%
Republicans	44%	41%	49%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Already cast your ballot	Plan to vote on Election Day
Giffords Favorability			
Favorable	67%	70%	61%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	29%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis				
Ron Barber	53%	12%	92%	20%
Jesse Kelly	41%	80%	6%	43%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	4%	1%	21%
Undecided	3%	3%	1%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Barber Favorability				
Favorable	54%	17%	90%	26%
Unfavorable	38%	73%	6%	58%
Not sure	7%	10%	4%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kelly Favorability				
Favorable	37%	73%	5%	38%
Unfavorable	59%	22%	92%	45%
Not sure	5%	6%	2%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	8%	79%	15%
Disapprove	50%	89%	12%	75%
Not sure	6%	3%	9%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	25%	50%	4%	25%
Disapprove	66%	34%	94%	55%
Not sure	9%	15%	3%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?				
Barack Obama	50%	8%	89%	19%
Congressional Republicans	43%	83%	7%	70%
Not sure	7%	9%	5%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?				
Democrats	48%	8%	85%	23%
Republicans	44%	87%	7%	57%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	67%	37%	95%	41%
Unfavorable	24%	48%	3%	37%
Not sure	9%	15%	2%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis						
Ron Barber	53%	82%	91%	70%	23%	3%
Jesse Kelly	41%	6%	6%	22%	69%	93%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	9%	2%	4%	4%	1%
Undecided	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Barber Favorability						
Favorable	54%	86%	90%	70%	26%	6%
Unfavorable	38%	9%	7%	22%	62%	86%
Not sure	7%	4%	3%	7%	13%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kelly Favorability						
Favorable	37%	4%	5%	19%	62%	86%
Unfavorable	59%	91%	93%	76%	30%	11%
Not sure	5%	5%	2%	5%	8%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	44%	82%	80%	53%	16%	5%
Disapprove	50%	11%	15%	36%	79%	94%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%	11%	5%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Approval						
Approve	25%	10%	3%	12%	40%	60%
Disapprove	66%	87%	95%	80%	44%	24%
Not sure	9%	3%	2%	8%	15%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?						
Barack Obama	50%	86%	89%	62%	19%	3%
Congressional Republicans	43%	9%	10%	28%	70%	92%
Not sure	7%	5%	1%	10%	11%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?						
Democrats	48%	89%	90%	57%	17%	3%
Republicans	44%	5%	8%	27%	74%	96%
Not sure	8%	7%	2%	16%	9%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Giffords Favorability						
Favorable	67%	86%	96%	83%	47%	23%
Unfavorable	24%	10%	3%	10%	33%	67%
Not sure	9%	5%	1%	7%	20%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis			
Ron Barber	53%	58%	48%
Jesse Kelly	41%	36%	46%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	4%	4%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barber Favorability			
Favorable	54%	59%	49%
Unfavorable	38%	32%	45%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kelly Favorability			
Favorable	37%	32%	42%
Unfavorable	59%	63%	54%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	49%	39%
Disapprove	50%	46%	54%
Not sure	6%	5%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	25%	21%	29%
Disapprove	66%	68%	63%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?			
Barack Obama	50%	55%	43%
Congressional Republicans	43%	38%	49%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?			
Democrats	48%	54%	42%
Republicans	44%	39%	49%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giffords Favorability			
Favorable	67%	70%	62%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	29%
Not sure	9%	9%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis				
Ron Barber	53%	90%	11%	51%
Jesse Kelly	41%	8%	82%	34%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	1%	3%	10%
Undecided	3%	1%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barber Favorability				
Favorable	54%	89%	15%	54%
Unfavorable	38%	8%	73%	39%
Not sure	7%	3%	12%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kelly Favorability				
Favorable	37%	8%	74%	29%
Unfavorable	59%	89%	22%	64%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	78%	9%	39%
Disapprove	50%	15%	88%	50%
Not sure	6%	6%	3%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	25%	7%	51%	17%
Disapprove	66%	90%	32%	76%
Not sure	9%	3%	17%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?				
Barack Obama	50%	86%	9%	50%
Congressional Republicans	43%	10%	82%	41%
Not sure	7%	3%	10%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?				
Democrats	48%	86%	8%	44%
Republicans	44%	8%	87%	40%
Not sure	8%	6%	5%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	67%	94%	37%	65%
Unfavorable	24%	4%	49%	22%
Not sure	9%	2%	14%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis				
Ron Barber	53%	54%	53%	50%
Jesse Kelly	41%	35%	42%	33%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	9%	2%	12%
Undecided	3%	1%	3%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Barber Favorability				
Favorable	54%	56%	55%	48%
Unfavorable	38%	38%	38%	38%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	14%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Kelly Favorability				
Favorable	37%	36%	37%	33%
Unfavorable	59%	58%	59%	60%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	7%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	52%	42%	49%
Disapprove	50%	47%	50%	45%
Not sure	6%	1%	7%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	25%	24%	25%	25%
Disapprove	66%	63%	66%	68%
Not sure	9%	12%	9%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?				
Barack Obama	50%	50%	50%	49%
Congressional Republicans	43%	44%	43%	42%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?				
Democrats	48%	49%	49%	36%
Republicans	44%	41%	45%	44%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%	20%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	67%	67%	67%	59%
Unfavorable	24%	29%	24%	21%
Not sure	9%	4%	9%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barber/Kelly/Manolakis				
Ron Barber	53%	45%	56%	54%
Jesse Kelly	41%	40%	40%	43%
Charlie Manolakis	4%	10%	2%	1%
Undecided	3%	5%	3%	2%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barber Favorability				
Favorable	54%	50%	58%	53%
Unfavorable	38%	42%	35%	40%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kelly Favorability				
Favorable	37%	38%	36%	37%
Unfavorable	59%	58%	60%	58%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	43%	47%	42%
Disapprove	50%	52%	47%	51%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	25%	28%	24%	24%
Disapprove	66%	62%	68%	64%
Not sure	9%	9%	7%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
More Faith in Obama or Cong. GOP to Lead Country?				
Barack Obama	50%	45%	53%	48%
Congressional Republicans	43%	48%	41%	43%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rather Dems or GOP Controlled House?				
Democrats	48%	40%	52%	48%
Republicans	44%	46%	42%	46%
Not sure	8%	14%	6%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	67%	58%	70%	67%
Unfavorable	24%	32%	23%	22%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%	11%

