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McCain has no worries for reelection

Raleigh, N.C. – John McCain’s approval rating with Arizona voters is a less than inspiring 48%, with 42% of voters disapproving. But he has nothing to worry about as far as getting reelected next year goes.

He leads former Governor Janet Napolitano, a pie in the sky candidate for Democrats anyway, by a margin of 53-40. That’s improved from a 50-43 advantage he had over her when PPP looked at such a contest last August.

47% of Arizona voters say they have an unfavorable opinion of Napolitano to 44% with a positive one. That’s quite a difference from a strong 54/37 approval rating she sported a year ago. She’s seen particularly large declines in her popularity among Republicans and independents, perhaps an indication that voters are unhappy with her for leaving office early.

McCain leads by an even more dominating 57-30 margin over also unlikely candidate Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. And against Tucson City Councilman Rodney Glassman, who seems like a more plausible possibility, the spread is 55-25.

McCain actually has a relatively weak 65% approval rating with Republicans and a negative 49/41 spread with independents. But his 32% approval with Democrats is an unusual level of crossover support and leads to his overall strong numbers.

“John McCain’s not overwhelmingly popular,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But he wins a fair number of Democratic votes and most Republicans will vote for him over a Democrat even if they’re not thrilled about it.”

PPP surveyed 617 Arizona voters from September 18th to 21st. The survey’s margin of error is +/-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.

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

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Arizona Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Republican Senator Jon Kyl's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 40%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Republican Senator John McCain's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 48%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Homeland Security Secretary and former Governor Janet Napolitano? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 44%
Unfavorable 47%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 19%
Unfavorable 21%
Not Sure..... 60%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tucson City Councilman Rodney Glassman? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 6%
Unfavorable 12%
Not Sure..... 82%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican John McCain and Democrat Janet Napolitano, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Janet Napolitano, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain..... 53%
Napolitano..... 40%
Undecided..... 7%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican John McCain and Democrat Gabrielle Giffords, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Gabrielle Giffords, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain..... 57%
Giffords 30%
Undecided..... 13%





Q8 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican John McCain and Democrat Rodney Glassman, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Rodney Glassman, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain..... 55%
Glassman..... 25%
Undecided..... 20%

Q9 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 52%
Obama..... 40%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 9%

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

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 40%
Conservative..... 42%

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

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 37%
Republican..... 42%
Independent/Other..... 22%

Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 20%
White 72%
African American 2%
Other..... 6%

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

18 to 29..... 16%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Kyl Approval				
Approve	43%	74%	7%	16%
Disapprove	40%	9%	75%	59%
Not Sure	18%	16%	18%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
McCain Approval				
Approve	48%	67%	27%	34%
Disapprove	42%	25%	61%	55%
Not Sure	10%	9%	12%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Napolitano Favorability				
Favorable	43%	15%	81%	41%
Unfavorable	47%	75%	12%	45%
Not Sure	9%	10%	7%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	19%	7%	37%	12%
Unfavorable	21%	27%	10%	33%
Not Sure	60%	66%	53%	56%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Glassman Favorability				
Favorable	6%	6%	7%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	10%	29%
Not Sure	82%	84%	83%	68%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
McCain/Napolitano				
McCain	53%	86%	11%	47%
Napolitano	40%	8%	83%	32%
Undecided	7%	6%	6%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
McCain/Giffords				
McCain	57%	88%	16%	60%
Giffords	30%	4%	67%	16%
Undecided	13%	8%	18%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
McCain/Glassman				
McCain	55%	86%	16%	44%
Glassman	25%	4%	52%	23%
Undecided	20%	9%	31%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kyl Approval				
Approve	43%	10%	30%	68%
Disapprove	40%	81%	49%	14%
Not Sure	18%	9%	21%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McCain Approval				
Approve	48%	26%	51%	54%
Disapprove	42%	64%	39%	35%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Napolitano Favorability				
Favorable	44%	84%	58%	13%
Unfavorable	47%	14%	31%	77%
Not Sure	9%	2%	11%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	19%	39%	24%	7%
Unfavorable	21%	12%	17%	29%
Not Sure	60%	49%	59%	65%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Glassman Favorability				
Favorable	6%	14%	6%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	11%	13%
Not Sure	82%	75%	84%	84%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McCain/Napolitano				
McCain	53%	11%	40%	82%
Napolitano	40%	81%	54%	9%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McCain/Giffords				
McCain	57%	17%	50%	80%
Giffords	30%	66%	38%	6%
Undecided	13%	16%	12%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McCain/Glassman				
McCain	55%	18%	48%	76%
Glassman	25%	58%	26%	10%
Undecided	20%	24%	26%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kyl Approval			
Approve	43%	38%	47%
Disapprove	40%	38%	42%
Not Sure	18%	24%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain Approval			
Approve	48%	50%	46%
Disapprove	42%	37%	47%
Not Sure	10%	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Napolitano Favorability			
Favorable	44%	46%	41%
Unfavorable	47%	45%	50%
Not Sure	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giffords Favorability			
Favorable	19%	19%	19%
Unfavorable	21%	17%	25%
Not Sure	60%	64%	56%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Glassman Favorability			
Favorable	6%	5%	7%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	13%
Not Sure	82%	84%	80%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Napolitano			
McCain	53%	51%	54%
Napolitano	40%	42%	37%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Giffords			
McCain	57%	54%	60%
Giffords	30%	32%	28%
Undecided	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Glassman			
McCain	55%	52%	57%
Glassman	25%	25%	24%
Undecided	20%	23%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kyl Approval				
Approve	43%	15%	72%	32%
Disapprove	40%	63%	13%	53%
Not Sure	18%	22%	15%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCain Approval				
Approve	48%	32%	65%	41%
Disapprove	42%	56%	25%	49%
Not Sure	10%	12%	9%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Napolitano Favorability				
Favorable	44%	72%	16%	48%
Unfavorable	47%	19%	74%	44%
Not Sure	9%	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giffords Favorability				
Favorable	19%	32%	6%	24%
Unfavorable	21%	15%	25%	24%
Not Sure	60%	53%	69%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Glassman Favorability				
Favorable	6%	8%	4%	6%
Unfavorable	12%	13%	10%	14%
Not Sure	82%	79%	86%	80%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCain/Napolitano				
McCain	53%	21%	85%	43%
Napolitano	40%	71%	8%	48%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCain/Giffords				
McCain	57%	28%	86%	51%
Giffords	30%	57%	4%	32%
Undecided	13%	15%	10%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCain/Glassman				
McCain	55%	23%	85%	50%
Glassman	25%	50%	3%	25%
Undecided	20%	27%	12%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kyl Approval					
Approve	43%	37%	46%	7%	32%
Disapprove	40%	42%	38%	67%	44%
Not Sure	18%	21%	16%	26%	24%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
McCain Approval					
Approve	48%	55%	47%	-	51%
Disapprove	42%	38%	42%	85%	35%
Not Sure	10%	7%	11%	15%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Napolitano Favorability					
Favorable	44%	53%	40%	74%	48%
Unfavorable	47%	42%	50%	26%	40%
Not Sure	9%	5%	10%	-	13%

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		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Giffords Favorability					
Favorable	19%	27%	17%	47%	13%
Unfavorable	21%	23%	21%	7%	14%
Not Sure	60%	50%	62%	45%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Glassman Favorability					
Favorable	6%	9%	5%	29%	-
Unfavorable	12%	19%	10%	15%	9%
Not Sure	82%	71%	85%	56%	91%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
McCain/Napolitano					
McCain	53%	44%	57%	7%	48%
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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
McCain/Giffords					
McCain	57%	52%	60%	7%	52%
Giffords	30%	35%	27%	81%	29%
Undecided	13%	13%	13%	11%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
McCain/Glassman					
McCain	55%	49%	58%	-	51%
Glassman	25%	32%	22%	70%	23%
Undecided	20%	18%	20%	30%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kyl Approval					
Approve	43%	33%	35%	47%	52%
Disapprove	40%	57%	41%	34%	35%
Not Sure	18%	10%	23%	19%	13%

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McCain Approval					
Approve	48%	43%	50%	48%	48%
Disapprove	42%	50%	35%	43%	41%
Not Sure	10%	7%	15%	9%	10%

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Favorable	44%	50%	48%	41%	37%
Unfavorable	47%	43%	41%	51%	50%
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	7%	13%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Unfavorable	21%	27%	16%	22%	20%
Not Sure	60%	50%	63%	59%	66%





Crosstabs

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Glassman Favorability					
Favorable	6%	17%	5%	4%	2%
Unfavorable	12%	17%	15%	9%	8%
Not Sure	82%	67%	80%	86%	90%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Undecided	13%	10%	13%	13%	17%

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Glassman	25%	43%	21%	20%	23%
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