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## **Castle continues to lead in Delaware race**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A new Public Policy Polling survey of the Delaware Senate race finds that little has changed in the relative standing of Mike Castle and Beau Biden over the course of 2009.

A March PPP survey found Castle leading Biden 44-36. Now his advantage is 45-39. Castle is benefiting from a 52-23 advantage with independents as well as the fact that he's winning 20% of the Democratic vote while holding Biden to just 10% of the Republican vote.

Castle is considerably more popular with the state's voters, as 55% have a favorable opinion of him to just 28% who see him unfavorably. 43% hold a positive opinion of Biden with 35% viewing him in a negative light.

There had been some speculation about whether Castle's vote against the health care bill in the House last month would hurt his prospects but 46% of voters say they're opposed to the plan with only 43% in support, an indication that Castle may have actually been on the right side of public opinion on that particular issue.

After winning more than 60% of the vote in the state last year Barack Obama has seen a relatively sizable drop in his approval rating with 53% of voters now saying they think he's doing a good job and 41% disagreeing.

"Mike Castle has more appeal to Democrats and independents than any other Republican Senate candidate in the country and that's allowing him to hold the early lead in this race," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 571 Delaware voters from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.1%. 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](http://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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## Delaware Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 53%  
*Disapprove*..... 41%  
*Not Sure*..... 6%

**Q2** Do you support or oppose the health care bill passed in the House of Representatives a few weeks ago? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Support* ..... 43%  
*Oppose* ..... 46%  
*Not Sure*..... 11%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Beau Biden? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable* ..... 43% *Not Sure*..... 21%  
*Unfavorable*..... 35%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Castle? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 55% *Not Sure*..... 18%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 28%

**Q5** If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Beau Biden and Republican Mike Castle, who would you vote for? If Beau Biden, press 1. If Mike Castle, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

*Biden* ..... 39%  
*Castle* ..... 45%  
*Undecided*..... 16%

**Q6** Do you think that Mike Castle is too liberal, too conservative, or about right? If too liberal, press 1. If too conservative, press 2. If about right, press 3.

*Too Liberal*..... 19% *About Right* ..... 55%  
*Too Conservative*.. 26%

**Q7** 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*..... 37%  
*Obama* ..... 55%  
*Someone Else/Don't Remember*..... 8%

**Q8** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 18%  
*Moderate*..... 51%  
*Conservative*..... 32%

**Q9** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 55%  
*Man*..... 45%

**Q10** 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* ..... 47%  
*Republican*..... 31%  
*Independent/Other*..... 21%

**Q11** If you are white, press one now. If black, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 77%  
*Black*..... 19%  
*Other*..... 4%





**Q12** 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.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	10%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	22%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	49%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	19%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	11%	85%	25%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	85%	8%	66%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	4%	7%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	43%	6%	71%	19%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	88%	14%	72%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	5%	16%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Biden Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	14%	65%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	65%	14%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	21%	21%	21%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Castle Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	63%	50%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	23%	31%	24%
<b>Not Sure</b>	18%	14%	19%	26%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Biden/Castle</b>				
<b>Biden</b>	39%	7%	64%	15%
<b>Castle</b>	45%	84%	18%	56%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	9%	18%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Castle Ideology</b>				
<b>Too Liberal</b>	19%	30%	10%	30%
<b>Too Conservative</b>	26%	5%	42%	12%
<b>About Right</b>	55%	65%	48%	58%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	90%	60%	21%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	6%	33%	74%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	4%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	43%	77%	47%	17%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	8%	42%	74%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	15%	11%	10%





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<b>Biden Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>43%</b>	66%	46%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	17%	31%	52%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>21%</b>	17%	22%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Castle Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>55%</b>	51%	54%	58%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>28%</b>	28%	31%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	21%	16%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Biden/Castle</b>				
<b>Biden</b>	<b>39%</b>	64%	43%	18%
<b>Castle</b>	<b>45%</b>	19%	41%	68%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>16%</b>	17%	17%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Castle Ideology</b>				
<b>Too Liberal</b>	<b>19%</b>	0%	14%	37%
<b>Too Conservative</b>	<b>26%</b>	56%	27%	7%
<b>About Right</b>	<b>55%</b>	43%	60%	55%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	53%	59%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	34%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Support</b>	43%	42%	43%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	43%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	15%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Biden Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	48%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	29%	43%
<b>Not Sure</b>	21%	23%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Castle Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	56%	53%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	25%	31%
<b>Not Sure</b>	18%	19%	16%





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<b>Biden/Castle</b>			
<b>Biden</b>	39%	41%	36%
<b>Castle</b>	45%	42%	50%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Castle Ideology</b>			
<b>Too Liberal</b>	19%	16%	22%
<b>Too Conservative</b>	26%	27%	24%
<b>About Right</b>	55%	57%	53%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	79%	18%	48%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	17%	74%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	5%	7%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	43%	62%	13%	43%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	23%	78%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	15%	9%	7%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Biden Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	65%	15%	38%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	18%	60%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	21%	18%	25%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Castle Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	48%	61%	60%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	32%	23%	24%
<b>Not Sure</b>	18%	20%	17%	16%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Biden/Castle</b>				
<b>Biden</b>	39%	65%	10%	23%
<b>Castle</b>	45%	20%	79%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	15%	11%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Castle Ideology</b>				
<b>Too Liberal</b>	19%	12%	30%	19%
<b>Too Conservative</b>	26%	42%	7%	18%
<b>About Right</b>	55%	47%	63%	64%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	53%	43%	93%	51%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	50%	5%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	7%	2%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	43%	35%	77%	35%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	55%	9%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	10%	14%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Biden Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	38%	63%	51%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	40%	14%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	21%	21%	23%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Castle Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	55%	58%	40%	53%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	26%	33%	27%
<b>Not Sure</b>	18%	15%	28%	20%





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		White	Black	Other
<b>Biden/Castle</b>				
<b>Biden</b>	39%	30%	74%	41%
<b>Castle</b>	45%	54%	12%	39%
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	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Castle Ideology</b>				
<b>Too Liberal</b>	19%	21%	12%	18%
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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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<b>Approve</b>	53%	54%	53%	54%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	41%	42%	38%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	5%	4%	8%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Health Care</b>					
<b>Support</b>	43%	42%	43%	45%	39%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	44%	43%	45%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	15%	15%	10%	8%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Biden Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	43%	44%	42%	43%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	36%	33%	35%	38%
<b>Not Sure</b>	21%	20%	25%	22%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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<b>Biden</b>	39%	39%	36%	39%	41%
<b>Castle</b>	45%	42%	47%	44%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	16%	19%	16%	17%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Castle Ideology</b>					
<b>Too Liberal</b>	19%	26%	26%	14%	19%
<b>Too Conservative</b>	26%	25%	24%	27%	24%
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