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Castle up on Biden in hypothetical contest

Raleigh, N.C. – It doesn't seem likely Delaware Congressman Mike Castle will make a run for the Senate next year, but if he did he would start out as the favorite against Attorney General Beau Biden, a new survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Castle leads Biden in a possible match up 44-36.

Each of the candidates boasts pretty high approval ratings. 54% approve of Castle's work in Washington with 33% disapproving. Castle even has a 45/39 approval among Democrats, the first member of Congress ever in a PPP poll to get plurality support from voters in the opposite political party.

Biden's net approval rating is actually slightly better than Castle's, with 49% approving and 27% disapproving of his job as Attorney General. 24% have no opinion.

Castle is winning the head to head contest between the two because he has a 53-20 advantage among independents and pulls 22% of the Democratic vote.

"Mike Castle has served in statewide office now for almost 30 years and that higher level of familiarity with Delaware voters gives him an advantage over Beau Biden," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Biden's numbers would surely improve as he became more well known to voters in a statewide campaign but I'm sure the Democrats would nonetheless be quite happy for Congressman Castle to stay where he is."

PPP will release approval numbers for the state's Senators and Governor, as well as President Obama, tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 782 Delaware voters between March 5th and 8th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%. 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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Delaware Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Republican Congressman Mike Castle's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 54%
Disapprove..... 33%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Attorney General Beau Biden's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 27%
Not Sure..... 24%

Q3 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 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 36%
Castle 44%
Undecided..... 20%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women51% *Men*.....49%

Q5 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 51%
Republican..... 29%
Other..... 20%

Q6 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White75% *Other*..... 4%
African American ...21%

Q7 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 than 65, press 4.

18-29..... 8% *46-65*.....37%
30-45.....29% *Older than 65*.....26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Castle Approval			
Approve	54%	55%	52%
Disapprove	33%	30%	36%
Not Sure	13%	16%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Biden Approval			
Approve	49%	54%	44%
Disapprove	27%	22%	32%
Not Sure	24%	25%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Biden/Castle			
Biden	36%	40%	33%
Castle	44%	37%	50%
Undecided	20%	23%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Castle Approval				
Approve	54%	45%	69%	53%
Disapprove	33%	39%	24%	30%
Not Sure	13%	16%	6%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Biden Approval				
Approve	49%	68%	23%	36%
Disapprove	27%	14%	45%	35%
Not Sure	24%	18%	32%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Biden/Castle				
Biden	36%	54%	15%	20%
Castle	44%	22%	75%	53%
Undecided	20%	23%	10%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Castle Approval				
Approve	54%	58%	38%	49%
Disapprove	33%	30%	44%	25%
Not Sure	13%	12%	17%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Biden Approval				
Approve	49%	41%	77%	53%
Disapprove	27%	31%	12%	30%
Not Sure	24%	28%	12%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Biden/Castle				
Biden	36%	31%	52%	49%
Castle	44%	51%	19%	28%
Undecided	20%	18%	29%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Castle Approval					
Approve	54%	53%	57%	51%	54%
Disapprove	33%	34%	25%	39%	33%
Not Sure	13%	14%	17%	10%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Biden Approval					
Approve	49%	52%	45%	54%	45%
Disapprove	27%	37%	28%	25%	25%
Not Sure	24%	11%	27%	21%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Biden/Castle					
Biden	36%	42%	29%	42%	34%
Castle	44%	43%	46%	38%	48%
Undecided	20%	15%	25%	19%	18%

