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High Approval for Obama, Markell

Raleigh, N.C. – Delaware voters are happy with the new leadership in both Washington and Dover, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Barack Obama has a 63% approval rating in the state, with 31% of voters disapproving. His reviews are pretty polarized along party lines with 89% of Democrats but only 25% of Republicans expressing support for the job he's doing. Independents are pretty much divided, with 49% giving him good marks compared to 43% who are not.

Governor Jack Markell's finding better support across party lines. Overall he has a 62% approval rating with 17% disapproving of his work so far. In addition to 76% support from Democrats he also has a net favorable standing with Republicans, 42/32. He's doing quite well with independents as well, 52/15.

“There is a lot of enthusiasm in Delaware for the leadership the new President and Governor have shown so far,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Markell in particular is showing impressive bipartisan support.”

Senator Tom Carper has strong numbers as well, with 57% approving and only 26% disapproving of his job performance. Appointed Senator Ted Kaufman is pretty much an open book with the state's voters, as 41% have no opinion about his work in Washington. Among those who do 35% give him good reviews and 24% say they disapprove of how he's doing.

Tomorrow PPP will release numbers looking at how Mike Castle would do against some potential Democratic opponents for his House seat. Numbers released yesterday showed he would lead Attorney General Beau Biden in a hypothetical 2010 Senate contest.

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

Approve63% *Not Sure*..... 6%
Disapprove.....31%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Governor Jack Markell's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 62%
Disapprove..... 17%
Not Sure.....22%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Tom Carper's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve57%
Disapprove..... 26%
Not Sure..... 17%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Ted Kaufman's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 24%
Not Sure.....41%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

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

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

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

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

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

Q8 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
Obama Approval			
Approve	63%	70%	55%
Disapprove	31%	24%	39%
Not Sure	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Markell Approval			
Approve	62%	64%	59%
Disapprove	17%	13%	21%
Not Sure	22%	24%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Carper Approval			
Approve	57%	62%	52%
Disapprove	26%	20%	33%
Not Sure	17%	18%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Kaufman Approval			
Approve	35%	37%	33%
Disapprove	24%	16%	33%
Not Sure	41%	47%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	63%	89%	25%	49%
Disapprove	31%	9%	64%	43%
Not Sure	6%	2%	11%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Markell Approval				
Approve	62%	76%	42%	52%
Disapprove	17%	9%	32%	15%
Not Sure	22%	15%	27%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Carper Approval				
Approve	57%	73%	34%	48%
Disapprove	26%	13%	50%	28%
Not Sure	17%	14%	16%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Kaufman Approval				
Approve	35%	51%	14%	22%
Disapprove	24%	10%	47%	26%
Not Sure	41%	38%	39%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	63%	53%	96%	60%
Disapprove	31%	39%	4%	32%
Not Sure	6%	8%	-	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Markell Approval				
Approve	62%	57%	75%	66%
Disapprove	17%	20%	8%	11%
Not Sure	22%	23%	17%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Carper Approval				
Approve	57%	51%	77%	55%
Disapprove	26%	32%	8%	26%
Not Sure	17%	17%	15%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Kaufman Approval				
Approve	35%	28%	62%	30%
Disapprove	24%	29%	6%	28%
Not Sure	41%	43%	33%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	63%	60%	60%	67%	61%
Disapprove	31%	32%	35%	27%	33%
Not Sure	6%	8%	5%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Markell Approval					
Approve	62%	57%	55%	67%	63%
Disapprove	17%	18%	23%	14%	14%
Not Sure	22%	24%	23%	19%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Carper Approval					
Approve	57%	50%	53%	63%	55%
Disapprove	26%	27%	29%	25%	26%
Not Sure	17%	23%	18%	12%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Kaufman Approval					
Approve	35%	41%	27%	41%	32%
Disapprove	24%	30%	30%	19%	23%
Not Sure	41%	28%	43%	40%	45%

