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Carney holds Castle under 50%

Raleigh, N.C. – The final part of Public Policy Polling’s Delaware survey finds that while Mike Castle leads two potential Democratic opponents by double digits in hypothetical contests, he is slightly below 50% against former Lieutenant Governor John Carney.

Castle leads Carney 49-32 and New Castle County Executive Chris Coons 56-21 in the match ups.

Compared to Castle, Carney and Coons are relatively unknown with Delaware voters. While only 13% of voters are unsure what their opinion of Castle is, 35% are ambivalent toward Carney and 45% have no opinion either way about Coons.

37% of respondents reported having a favorable opinion of Carney with 28% giving him a negative review. For Coons the numbers are 30% favorable and 25% unfavorable.

“There’s not much doubt John Carney would give Mike Castle the most serious challenge he’s had in years,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Holding Castle under 50% even when more than a third of voters in the state don’t have an opinion about him one way or the other is not a bad place to start against an incumbent as entrenched as Castle.”

Carney and Coons each have a lot of room to improve their standing with some key Democratic demographics. For instance each is viewed favorably by less than 50% of women, blacks, and young voters, all groups that tend to be quite supportive of Democratic candidates.

PPP releases earlier this week showed Castle leading Beau Biden in a possible Senate contest and high approval ratings for Barack Obama and Jack Markell.

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 have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Democratic Lieutenant Governor John Carney? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 28%
Not Sure..... 35%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic New Castle County Executive Chris Coons? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 25%
Not Sure..... 45%

Q4 If the candidates for US House in 2010 were Democrat John Carney and Republican Mike Castle, who would you vote for? If John Carney, press 1. If Mike Castle, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Carney 32%
Castle 49%
Undecided..... 19%

Q5 If the candidates for US House in 2010 were Republican Mike Castle and Democrat Chris Coons, who would you vote for? If Mike Castle, press 1. If Chris Coons, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Castle 56%
Coons 21%
Undecided..... 23%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women 51% *Men*..... 49%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

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

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 75% *Other*..... 4%
African American ... 21%

Q9 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
Carney Favorability			
Favorable	37%	37%	37%
Unfavorable	28%	25%	30%
Not Sure	35%	37%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Coons Favorability			
Favorable	30%	31%	29%
Unfavorable	25%	20%	30%
Not Sure	45%	49%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Carney/Castle			
Carney	32%	34%	31%
Castle	49%	46%	51%
Undecided	19%	20%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Castle/Coons			
Castle	56%	53%	59%
Coons	21%	21%	21%
Undecided	23%	26%	19%

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

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Carney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	45%	25%	34%
Unfavorable	28%	22%	41%	24%
Not Sure	35%	33%	34%	42%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Coons Favorability				
Favorable	30%	39%	18%	27%
Unfavorable	25%	20%	33%	25%
Not Sure	45%	41%	49%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Carney/Castle				
Carney	32%	48%	12%	21%
Castle	49%	34%	77%	45%
Undecided	19%	19%	10%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Castle/Coons				
Castle	56%	42%	81%	56%
Coons	21%	31%	8%	14%
Undecided	23%	26%	11%	30%

	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
Carney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	35%	46%	40%
Unfavorable	28%	30%	19%	23%
Not Sure	35%	35%	35%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Coons Favorability				
Favorable	30%	28%	40%	25%
Unfavorable	25%	27%	17%	25%
Not Sure	45%	45%	42%	51%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Carney/Castle				
Carney	32%	28%	48%	34%
Castle	49%	55%	27%	38%
Undecided	19%	17%	25%	28%

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		White	African American	Other
Castle/Coons				
Castle	56%	65%	27%	51%
Coons	21%	18%	33%	26%
Undecided	23%	18%	40%	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%





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Not Sure	35%	32%	34%	33%	41%

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Coons Favorability					
Favorable	30%	29%	28%	35%	27%
Unfavorable	25%	27%	31%	24%	18%
Not Sure	45%	44%	41%	41%	55%

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Carney/Castle					
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Castle	49%	56%	51%	44%	50%
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Castle/Coons					
Castle	56%	61%	58%	52%	58%
Coons	21%	22%	17%	24%	21%
Undecided	23%	17%	25%	23%	21%

