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Bill Nelson remains favored for re-election

Raleigh, N.C. – If Republicans hope to use the Sunshine State to help retake the senate in 2012, they could be out of luck. Despite only fair approval ratings with many voters still unfamiliar with him, Nelson leads all of his potential Republican opponents by double digits.

Only 38% of voters approve of Nelson compared to 31% who disapprove. This is a slight improvement over his 38-34 rating in March. Even though Nelson has been in office for over a decade, 31% of voters still do not have an opinion of him one way or another. While Nelson's overall rating is nothing to write home about, the party breakdown of his support is helpful for a general election. A solid 17% of Republicans approve of Nelson compared to 46% who disapprove, independents approve 43-29, and his base approves only 53-19. Democrats may not be in love with Nelson, but they'll back him in the general.

Nelson leads all three by roughly equivalent margins, topping Haridopolos 47-35 (50-34 in May), Hasner 47-35 (48-32), and Lemieux 46-35 (48-33). Nelson takes nearly twice as many Republicans as his opponents take Democrats, and leads independents by double digits against Hasner and Haridopolos and by three against Lemieux.

Just as Obama does, Nelson benefits from weak opposition. None of Nelson's opponents are known well at all with at least 66% unwilling to venture an opinion for each candidate. Among those who do know them, at least twice as many see them negatively as positively. State Senator Mike Haridopolos has a 7-22 favorability rating, Representative Adam Hasner rates 4-18, and former senator George Lemieux rates 9-25.

"Bill Nelson's approval ratings aren't setting the world on fire but he consistently shows double digits leads over his prospective Republican opponents," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 848 Florida voters from June 16th to 19th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Florida Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Bill Nelson's job performance?

Approve 38%
Disapprove..... 31%
Not sure 31%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Haridopolos?

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 72%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Adam Hasner?

Favorable..... 4%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 78%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of George LeMieux?

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 25%
Not sure 66%

Q5 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Mike Haridopolos, who would you vote for?

Bill Nelson..... 47%
Mike Haridopolos 35%
Undecided..... 18%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Adam Hasner, who would you vote for?

Bill Nelson..... 47%
Adam Hasner..... 35%
Undecided..... 19%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican George LeMieux, who would you vote for?

Bill Nelson..... 46%
George LeMieux 35%
Undecided..... 19%

Q8 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 45%
Barack Obama..... 48%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 20%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 42%
Republican..... 36%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 11%
White 69%
African-American 15%
Other..... 5%





Q13 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	33%
<i>Older than 65</i>	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Nelson Approval				
Approve	38%	19%	56%	32%
Disapprove	31%	46%	16%	36%
Not sure	31%	35%	27%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Haridopolos Favorability				
Favorable	7%	8%	5%	12%
Unfavorable	22%	14%	30%	12%
Not sure	72%	78%	65%	76%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hasner Favorability				
Favorable	4%	6%	2%	-
Unfavorable	18%	10%	27%	14%
Not sure	78%	84%	71%	86%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
LeMieux Favorability				
Favorable	9%	15%	5%	4%
Unfavorable	25%	12%	38%	14%
Not sure	66%	72%	57%	82%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Nelson/Haridopolos				
Bill Nelson	47%	14%	79%	47%
Mike Haridopolos	35%	67%	6%	28%
Undecided	18%	19%	16%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Nelson/Hasner				
Bill Nelson	47%	13%	80%	42%
Adam Hasner	35%	66%	6%	33%
Undecided	18%	21%	14%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Nelson/LeMieux				
Bill Nelson	46%	12%	79%	42%
George LeMieux	35%	66%	7%	35%
Undecided	18%	23%	14%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nelson Approval						
Approve	38%	56%	48%	51%	28%	12%
Disapprove	31%	22%	19%	22%	33%	59%
Not sure	31%	22%	33%	27%	40%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Haridopolos Favorability						
Favorable	7%	8%	6%	4%	8%	9%
Unfavorable	22%	31%	23%	30%	14%	13%
Not sure	72%	61%	70%	66%	78%	78%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hasner Favorability						
Favorable	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	6%
Unfavorable	18%	25%	28%	20%	13%	10%
Not sure	78%	72%	71%	77%	82%	84%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
LeMieux Favorability						
Favorable	9%	5%	7%	4%	12%	19%
Unfavorable	25%	47%	29%	29%	16%	14%
Not sure	66%	48%	64%	68%	72%	66%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nelson/Haridopolos						
Bill Nelson	47%	82%	69%	63%	27%	12%
Mike Haridopolos	35%	13%	11%	20%	50%	74%
Undecided	18%	6%	21%	17%	23%	15%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nelson/Hasner						
Bill Nelson	47%	84%	74%	63%	23%	8%
Adam Hasner	35%	11%	5%	19%	52%	77%
Undecided	18%	5%	21%	18%	25%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nelson/LeMieux						
Bill Nelson	46%	82%	72%	59%	24%	13%
George LeMieux	35%	11%	7%	21%	53%	73%
Undecided	18%	7%	21%	20%	23%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nelson Approval			
Approve	38%	36%	39%
Disapprove	31%	25%	38%
Not sure	31%	39%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Haridopolos Favorability			
Favorable	7%	4%	9%
Unfavorable	21%	19%	24%
Not sure	72%	76%	67%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hasner Favorability			
Favorable	4%	4%	3%
Unfavorable	18%	16%	20%
Not sure	78%	79%	77%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
LeMieux Favorability			
Favorable	9%	10%	9%
Unfavorable	24%	22%	27%
Not sure	66%	68%	64%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nelson/Haridopolos			
Bill Nelson	47%	51%	44%
Mike Haridopolos	35%	29%	41%
Undecided	18%	20%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nelson/Hasner			
Bill Nelson	47%	49%	44%
Adam Hasner	34%	30%	39%
Undecided	19%	21%	17%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nelson/LeMieux			
Bill Nelson	46%	50%	42%
George LeMieux	35%	28%	42%
Undecided	19%	22%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Nelson Approval				
Approve	38%	53%	17%	43%
Disapprove	31%	19%	46%	29%
Not sure	31%	28%	37%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Haridopolos Favorability				
Favorable	7%	5%	8%	8%
Unfavorable	22%	28%	15%	21%
Not sure	72%	67%	77%	71%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hasner Favorability				
Favorable	4%	2%	6%	1%
Unfavorable	18%	25%	10%	20%
Not sure	78%	73%	84%	79%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
LeMieux Favorability				
Favorable	9%	5%	16%	7%
Unfavorable	25%	34%	15%	23%
Not sure	66%	61%	69%	70%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Nelson/Haridopolos				
Bill Nelson	47%	78%	14%	43%
Mike Haridopolos	35%	8%	70%	28%
Undecided	18%	14%	16%	29%

	Base	Party		
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Nelson/Hasner				
Bill Nelson	47%	79%	13%	43%
Adam Hasner	35%	7%	70%	28%
Undecided	19%	14%	18%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Nelson/LeMieux				
Bill Nelson	46%	79%	14%	37%
George LeMieux	35%	7%	68%	34%
Undecided	19%	14%	18%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Nelson Approval					
Approve	38%	49%	36%	44%	18%
Disapprove	31%	30%	31%	24%	54%
Not sure	31%	20%	33%	32%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Haridopolos Favorability					
Favorable	7%	12%	7%	-	4%
Unfavorable	22%	24%	19%	34%	14%
Not sure	72%	63%	74%	66%	82%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Hasner Favorability					
Favorable	4%	3%	4%	-	3%
Unfavorable	18%	22%	14%	32%	25%
Not sure	78%	76%	81%	68%	72%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
LeMieux Favorability					
Favorable	9%	10%	11%	1%	10%
Unfavorable	25%	29%	21%	35%	32%
Not sure	66%	61%	68%	65%	59%





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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Nelson/Haridopolos					
Bill Nelson	47%	58%	38%	81%	49%
Mike Haridopolos	35%	30%	42%	4%	33%
Undecided	18%	12%	19%	15%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Nelson/Hasner					
Bill Nelson	47%	61%	36%	83%	56%
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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Nelson/LeMieux					
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George LeMieux	35%	27%	43%	5%	27%
Undecided	19%	16%	21%	11%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Nelson Approval					
Approve	38%	38%	35%	39%	40%
Disapprove	31%	24%	31%	30%	35%
Not sure	31%	38%	35%	31%	25%





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Not sure	66%	71%	64%	64%	68%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Nelson/Haridopolos					
Bill Nelson	47%	53%	45%	51%	42%
Mike Haridopolos	35%	24%	33%	32%	45%
Undecided	18%	24%	21%	17%	13%





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	Base	Age			
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Nelson/Hasner					
Bill Nelson	47%	50%	48%	50%	41%
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