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Governor's Race Wide Open

Raleigh, N.C. – A new Public Policy Polling survey confirms what followers of Georgia politics already knew: the race for Governor in 2010 is wide open.

PPP tested possible general election match ups between former Governor Roy Barnes and Congressman Jim Marshall, both Democrats, and Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine, both Republicans.

In the scenarios with Barnes as the Democratic nominee, each of the Republican possibilities led by a single point. With Marshall as the standard bearer, Oxendine leads by six points and Cagle leads by five points. In other words there's almost no difference between the general election viability of the two Republican candidates at this early stage.

“There's likely to be a whole heck of a lot of folks running for Governor of Georgia in a couple years, but we were just curious to see if there were any clear favorites among some of the more well known candidates supposedly considering the race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The results we got would seem to be a pretty strong indication that this is anyone's game.”

Whether Barnes' close showing against Oxendine and Cagle is a good sign or not for his prospects is up for debate. Certainly any time a Democrat polls closely in this Republican state that's a good sign. On the other hand polls at this point are largely a function of name recognition and with Barnes likely to be by far the best known of these possible candidates, it's perhaps a little surprising that he wasn't leading his potential opponents.

PPP surveyed 871 likely voters on November 22nd and 23rd. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.3%. 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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Georgia Survey Results

Q1 If the candidates for Governor in 2010 were Democrat Roy Barnes and Republican Casey Cagle, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Roy Barnes, press 1. If for the Republican, Casey Cagle, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Barnes 43%
Cagle 44%
Undecided..... 13%

Q2 If the candidates for Governor in 2010 were Democrat Roy Barnes and Republican John Oxendine, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Roy Barnes, press 1. If for the Republican, John Oxendine, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Barnes..... 42% *Undecided*..... 15%
Oxendine..... 43%

Q3 If the candidates for Governor in 2010 were Republican Casey Cagle and Democrat Jim Marshall, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Republican, Casey Cagle, press 1. If for the Democrat, Jim Marshall, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Cagle 44% *Undecided*.....17%
Marshall39%

Q4 If the candidates for Governor in 2010 were Democrat Jim Marshall and Republican John Oxendine, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Jim Marshall, press 1. If for the Republican, John Oxendine, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Marshall38% *Undecided*.....18%
Oxendine44%

Q5 Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town? If urban, press 1. If suburban, press 2. If rural, press 3. If a small town, press 4.

Urban..... 14%
Suburban 47%
Rural..... 16%
Small Town..... 23%

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

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

Q7 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..... 42%
Republican..... 43%
Independent/Other..... 15%

Q8 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 68%
African-American 29%
Other..... 3%

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, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 41%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Barnes/Cagle					
Barnes	43%	60%	43%	32%	42%
Cagle	44%	26%	43%	54%	49%
Undecided	13%	13%	14%	14%	9%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Barnes/Oxendine					
Barnes	42%	63%	40%	29%	41%
Oxendine	43%	24%	44%	55%	46%
Undecided	15%	13%	16%	16%	13%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Cagle/Marshall					
Cagle	44%	26%	45%	52%	49%
Marshall	39%	52%	38%	29%	38%
Undecided	17%	22%	17%	19%	13%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Marshall/Oxendine					
Marshall	38%	52%	36%	30%	38%
Oxendine	44%	25%	47%	49%	47%
Undecided	18%	23%	17%	21%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes/Cagle			
Barnes	43%	46%	40%
Cagle	44%	40%	49%
Undecided	13%	14%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes/Oxendine			
Barnes	42%	46%	37%
Oxendine	43%	38%	51%
Undecided	15%	17%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cagle/Marshall			
Cagle	44%	38%	52%
Marshall	39%	42%	35%
Undecided	17%	20%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Marshall/Oxendine			
Marshall	38%	39%	36%
Oxendine	44%	38%	51%
Undecided	18%	23%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes/Cagle				
Barnes	43%	83%	8%	34%
Cagle	44%	7%	82%	35%
Undecided	13%	10%	9%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes/Oxendine				
Barnes	42%	80%	9%	27%
Oxendine	43%	7%	79%	43%
Undecided	15%	12%	12%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cagle/Marshall				
Cagle	44%	6%	83%	40%
Marshall	39%	78%	5%	25%
Undecided	17%	17%	11%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Marshall/Oxendine				
Marshall	38%	76%	7%	21%
Oxendine	44%	7%	82%	40%
Undecided	18%	17%	12%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Barnes/Cagle				
Barnes	43%	29%	78%	40%
Cagle	44%	58%	10%	43%
Undecided	13%	13%	12%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Barnes/Oxendine				
Barnes	42%	28%	76%	37%
Oxendine	43%	57%	11%	46%
Undecided	15%	15%	13%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cagle/Marshall				
Cagle	44%	59%	8%	48%
Marshall	39%	24%	75%	17%
Undecided	17%	17%	16%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Marshall/Oxendine				
Marshall	38%	24%	72%	25%
Oxendine	44%	59%	10%	40%
Undecided	18%	17%	18%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes/Cagle					
Barnes	43%	48%	46%	46%	32%
Cagle	44%	38%	40%	41%	57%
Undecided	13%	14%	14%	13%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes/Oxendine					
Barnes	42%	50%	41%	45%	32%
Oxendine	43%	32%	42%	42%	54%
Undecided	15%	18%	17%	13%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cagle/Marshall					
Cagle	44%	32%	40%	43%	59%
Marshall	39%	52%	43%	37%	28%
Undecided	17%	16%	17%	20%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Marshall/Oxendine					
Marshall	38%	54%	38%	37%	28%
Oxendine	44%	28%	43%	43%	57%
Undecided	18%	18%	19%	19%	15%

