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Kirk could be competitive in Illinois Senate Race

Raleigh, N.C. – Roland Burris is so unpopular that even as Democratic as Illinois is, he trails Republican Congressman Mark Kirk 53-19 in a hypothetical 2010 contest, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Even among Democrats Burris leads only 34-27, and among independents he trails 62-8.

Of course Burris is not likely to be the Democratic nominee next year. But even with him out of the picture Kirk looks competitive in some early match ups. He is tied 35-35 with Alexi Giannoulias and leads Jan Schakowsky 37-33.

Those numbers aren't quite as encouraging for Republicans as they may seem to be though. In each case only 19% of GOP voters are undecided, while more than 30% of Democratic ones are.

“Right now there's a lot of uncertainty among Democrats about their choices for the Senate next year with an unpopular incumbent and candidates seemingly entering or bowing out of the race on a daily basis,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Once they're actually settled on a nominee next year that's likely to change.”

Lisa Madigan, who has not shown interest in a Senate run, easily dispatches Kirk by a margin of 49-33.

Madigan and Pat Quinn would also start out with strong advantages in the Governor's race. Madigan leads Bill Brady 46-27 and Quinn has a 39-32 edge. 61% of voters say they have no opinion about Brady one way or the other.

PPP surveyed 991 Illinois voters between April 24th and 26th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.1%. 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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Illinois Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Roland Burris' job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve..... 17% *Not Sure*..... 21%
Disapprove..... 62%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 23%
Not Sure..... 50%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 39% *Not Sure*..... 40%
Unfavorable..... 21%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Congressman Mark Kirk? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 33% *Not Sure*..... 43%
Unfavorable 24%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Attorney General Lisa Madigan? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 64% *Not Sure*..... 15%
Unfavorable 21%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Roland Burris and Republican Mark Kirk, who would you vote for? If Roland Burris, press 1. If Mark Kirk, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Burris 19%
Kirk 53%
Undecided..... 28%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Jan Schakowsky and Republican Mark Kirk, who would you vote for? If Jan Schakowsky, press 1. If Mark Kirk, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Schakowsky..... 33%
Kirk 37%
Undecided..... 30%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Alexi Giannoulias and Republican Mark Kirk, who would you vote for? If Alexi Giannoulias, press 1. If Mark Kirk, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Giannoulias..... 35%
Kirk 35%
Undecided..... 29%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Mark Kirk and Democrat Lisa Madigan, who would you vote for? If Mark Kirk, press 1. If Lisa Madigan, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Kirk 33%
Madigan..... 49%
Undecided..... 18%





Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Pat Quinn's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 25%
Not Sure..... 27%

Q11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican State Senator Bill Brady? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 23%
Unfavorable 17%
Not Sure..... 61%

Q12 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Bill Brady and Democrat Pat Quinn, who would you vote for? If Bill Brady, press 1. If Pat Quinn, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Brady 32%
Quinn 39%
Undecided..... 29%

Q13 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Bill Brady and Democrat Lisa Madigan, who would you vote for? If Bill Brady, press 1. If Lisa Madigan, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Brady 27%
Madigan..... 46%
Undecided..... 26%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 47%
Conservative..... 35%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q16 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..... 45%
Republican..... 30%
Independent/Other..... 25%

Q17 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 8%
White 75%
African American 14%
Other..... 3%

Q18 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..... 10%
30 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Burris Approval				
Approve	16%	32%	16%	10%
Disapprove	62%	44%	64%	70%
Not Sure	21%	24%	21%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Schakowsky Favorability				
Favorable	27%	46%	32%	10%
Unfavorable	23%	4%	17%	41%
Not Sure	50%	49%	51%	49%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Giannoulias Favorability				
Favorable	39%	53%	44%	24%
Unfavorable	21%	11%	14%	36%
Not Sure	40%	36%	42%	40%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kirk Favorability				
Favorable	33%	18%	27%	49%
Unfavorable	24%	42%	25%	13%
Not Sure	43%	40%	47%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Madigan Favorability				
Favorable	64%	79%	68%	50%
Unfavorable	21%	9%	18%	32%
Not Sure	15%	12%	15%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Burris/Kirk				
Burris	19%	35%	18%	11%
Kirk	53%	26%	49%	73%
Undecided	28%	39%	33%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Schakowsky/Kirk				
Schakowsky	33%	58%	36%	15%
Kirk	37%	8%	29%	62%
Undecided	30%	34%	34%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Giannoulis/Kirk				
Giannoulis	35%	60%	39%	18%
Kirk	35%	10%	27%	60%
Undecided	29%	30%	34%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kirk/Madigan				
Kirk	32%	16%	26%	49%
Madigan	49%	71%	54%	32%
Undecided	18%	12%	20%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Quinn Approval				
Approve	49%	59%	54%	36%
Disapprove	25%	15%	20%	36%
Not Sure	27%	26%	26%	28%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Brady Favorability				
Favorable	23%	14%	18%	33%
Unfavorable	17%	24%	17%	12%
Not Sure	61%	63%	65%	54%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Brady/Quinn				
Brady	32%	15%	25%	49%
Quinn	39%	60%	44%	22%
Undecided	29%	25%	31%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Brady/Madigan				
Brady	27%	12%	19%	46%
Madigan	47%	71%	53%	25%
Undecided	26%	17%	28%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Burriss Approval			
Approve	17%	16%	17%
Disapprove	62%	56%	69%
Not Sure	21%	27%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schakowsky Favorability			
Favorable	27%	25%	29%
Unfavorable	23%	18%	29%
Not Sure	50%	57%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giannoulis Favorability			
Favorable	39%	39%	38%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	25%
Not Sure	40%	43%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kirk Favorability			
Favorable	33%	27%	40%
Unfavorable	24%	23%	25%
Not Sure	43%	49%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Madigan Favorability			
Favorable	64%	66%	61%
Unfavorable	21%	17%	26%
Not Sure	15%	17%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Burris/Kirk			
Burris	19%	19%	19%
Kirk	53%	47%	60%
Undecided	28%	34%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schakowsky/Kirk			
Schakowsky	33%	34%	32%
Kirk	37%	29%	46%
Undecided	30%	38%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Giannoulas/Kirk			
Giannoulas	35%	35%	35%
Kirk	35%	28%	43%
Undecided	29%	36%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kirk/Madigan			
Kirk	33%	26%	41%
Madigan	49%	54%	43%
Undecided	18%	20%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Quinn Approval			
Approve	49%	51%	46%
Disapprove	25%	19%	32%
Not Sure	27%	30%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brady Favorability			
Favorable	23%	21%	24%
Unfavorable	17%	13%	20%
Not Sure	61%	65%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brady/Quinn			
Brady	32%	26%	38%
Quinn	39%	40%	39%
Undecided	29%	34%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brady/Madigan			
Brady	27%	20%	36%
Madigan	46%	50%	43%
Undecided	26%	30%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Burris Approval				
Approve	17%	29%	5%	8%
Disapprove	62%	44%	81%	70%
Not Sure	21%	26%	14%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Schakowsky Favorability				
Favorable	27%	42%	11%	19%
Unfavorable	23%	9%	43%	25%
Not Sure	50%	48%	46%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giannoulias Favorability				
Favorable	39%	54%	22%	31%
Unfavorable	21%	9%	38%	22%
Not Sure	40%	37%	40%	47%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kirk Favorability				
Favorable	33%	18%	57%	31%
Unfavorable	24%	37%	12%	18%
Not Sure	43%	45%	32%	51%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Madigan Favorability				
Favorable	64%	73%	52%	61%
Unfavorable	21%	13%	33%	21%
Not Sure	15%	14%	15%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Burris/Kirk				
Burris	19%	34%	5%	8%
Kirk	53%	27%	85%	62%
Undecided	28%	39%	10%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Schakowsky/Kirk				
Schakowsky	33%	58%	5%	22%
Kirk	37%	9%	76%	39%
Undecided	30%	33%	19%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Giannoulis/Kirk				
Giannoulis	35%	60%	8%	25%
Kirk	35%	9%	73%	36%
Undecided	29%	31%	19%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kirk/Madigan				
Kirk	33%	15%	59%	32%
Madigan	49%	69%	24%	44%
Undecided	18%	16%	16%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Quinn Approval				
Approve	49%	54%	43%	45%
Disapprove	25%	16%	35%	28%
Not Sure	27%	30%	21%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brady Favorability				
Favorable	23%	12%	39%	21%
Unfavorable	17%	25%	8%	12%
Not Sure	61%	62%	53%	67%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brady/Quinn				
Brady	32%	17%	58%	27%
Quinn	39%	58%	17%	34%
Undecided	29%	26%	26%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brady/Madigan				
Brady	27%	10%	54%	25%
Madigan	46%	67%	20%	43%
Undecided	26%	23%	26%	32%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Burris Approval					
Approve	17%	26%	10%	46%	22%
Disapprove	62%	51%	70%	29%	51%
Not Sure	21%	23%	20%	25%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Schakowsky Favorability					
Favorable	27%	32%	24%	41%	20%
Unfavorable	23%	17%	25%	18%	24%
Not Sure	50%	51%	51%	41%	56%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Giannoulias Favorability					
Favorable	39%	45%	35%	56%	35%
Unfavorable	21%	15%	23%	15%	16%
Not Sure	40%	40%	42%	30%	49%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kirk Favorability					
Favorable	33%	30%	36%	20%	29%
Unfavorable	24%	28%	20%	43%	31%
Not Sure	43%	43%	44%	38%	40%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Madigan Favorability					
Favorable	64%	64%	66%	51%	65%
Unfavorable	21%	17%	22%	21%	20%
Not Sure	15%	19%	12%	28%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Burris/Kirk					
Burris	19%	21%	12%	48%	33%
Kirk	53%	38%	63%	15%	35%
Undecided	28%	40%	25%	38%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Schakowsky/Kirk					
Schakowsky	33%	34%	29%	54%	35%
Kirk	37%	30%	43%	11%	31%
Undecided	30%	36%	29%	34%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Giannoulas/Kirk					
Giannoulas	35%	38%	32%	53%	40%
Kirk	35%	32%	41%	10%	27%
Undecided	29%	30%	28%	37%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kirk/Madigan					
Kirk	33%	34%	36%	18%	25%
Madigan	49%	49%	48%	57%	49%
Undecided	18%	17%	17%	25%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Quinn Approval					
Approve	49%	43%	53%	31%	42%
Disapprove	25%	26%	25%	26%	18%
Not Sure	27%	32%	23%	43%	40%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Brady Favorability					
Favorable	23%	15%	26%	11%	16%
Unfavorable	17%	19%	13%	31%	25%
Not Sure	61%	66%	61%	57%	58%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Brady/Quinn					
Brady	32%	30%	34%	23%	20%
Quinn	39%	34%	41%	34%	40%
Undecided	29%	36%	25%	43%	40%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Brady/Madigan					
Brady	27%	26%	30%	15%	22%
Madigan	46%	43%	46%	51%	49%
Undecided	26%	32%	24%	34%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Burris Approval					
Approve	17%	20%	20%	14%	15%
Disapprove	62%	43%	63%	66%	63%
Not Sure	21%	37%	17%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Schakowsky Favorability					
Favorable	27%	33%	29%	25%	26%
Unfavorable	23%	16%	23%	26%	22%
Not Sure	50%	52%	48%	49%	52%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Giannoulis Favorability					
Favorable	39%	38%	39%	40%	36%
Unfavorable	21%	22%	23%	20%	20%
Not Sure	40%	40%	38%	40%	43%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kirk Favorability					
Favorable	33%	23%	33%	36%	33%
Unfavorable	24%	33%	27%	22%	22%
Not Sure	43%	45%	41%	42%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Madigan Favorability					
Favorable	64%	52%	61%	67%	65%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	25%	21%	18%
Not Sure	15%	30%	14%	12%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Burris/Kirk					
Burris	19%	27%	21%	17%	14%
Kirk	53%	31%	53%	57%	56%
Undecided	28%	42%	25%	26%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Schakowsky/Kirk					
Schakowsky	33%	38%	40%	30%	27%
Kirk	37%	23%	36%	42%	35%
Undecided	30%	39%	24%	28%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Giannoulis/Kirk					
Giannoulis	35%	39%	40%	34%	31%
Kirk	35%	23%	39%	37%	34%
Undecided	29%	38%	22%	29%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kirk/Madigan					
Kirk	33%	27%	37%	32%	30%
Madigan	49%	58%	48%	48%	49%
Undecided	18%	15%	15%	19%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Quinn Approval					
Approve	49%	39%	42%	52%	55%
Disapprove	25%	25%	28%	26%	17%
Not Sure	27%	36%	30%	22%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brady Favorability					
Favorable	23%	20%	19%	24%	26%
Unfavorable	17%	24%	19%	17%	9%
Not Sure	61%	56%	62%	59%	64%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brady/Quinn					
Brady	32%	29%	34%	32%	29%
Quinn	39%	40%	39%	37%	44%
Undecided	29%	31%	28%	30%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Brady/Madigan					
Brady	27%	24%	31%	25%	28%
Madigan	46%	47%	46%	48%	45%
Undecided	26%	29%	23%	27%	27%

