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Paul takes big lead in GOP primary

Raleigh, N.C. – In the contest to be the Republican Senate nominee from Kentucky anti-establishment candidate Rand Paul holds a large lead over Secretary of State Trey Grayson in Public Policy Polling’s first look at the race.

Paul is up 44-25 on Grayson. 39% of likely primary voters have a favorable opinion of him to 13% unfavorable while 22% view Grayson positively to 15% unfavorable.

Paul is winning the votes of conservatives by a 47-20 margin, while Grayson holds a 36-34 lead with moderates. Paul is having a particularly good amount of success with folks who think that the Republican Party in Washington has become too liberal- his lead with them is 54-18. Paul’s support is universal across demographic lines, as he is up with men, women, voters in every region of the state, and every group of the GOP electorate broken down by age.

On the Democratic side Jack Conway holds a 37-33 lead over Dan Mongiardo, despite the fact that he is considerably less well known. 27% of primary voters have a favorable opinion of Conway to 15% unfavorable while the numbers break down 40% positive and 27% negative for Mongiardo. Conway is holding the slight lead due to the combined support of people who like him and dislike Mongiardo.

“It’s going to be harder and harder for the political establishment to ignore Rand Paul if he’s posting these kinds of numbers,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He has a real shot at winning the Republican nomination.”

PPP surveyed 557 likely Democratic primary voters and 478 likely Republican primary voters from December 18th to 21st. The margin of error on the Democratic results is +/- 4.2% and on the Republican results it’s +/-4.5%. 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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Kentucky Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Trey Grayson? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 15%
Not Sure..... 64%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rand Paul? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 13%
Not Sure..... 48%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republicans in Congress? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 56%
Unfavorable 31%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q4 Do you think that Congressional Republicans are too liberal, too conservative, or about right? If too liberal, press 1. If too conservative, press 2. If about right, press 3.

Too Liberal..... 31%
Too Conservative..... 11%
About Right..... 58%

Q5 Next year do you think you will vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or are you unsure or not planning to vote in a primary? If you think you will vote in the Democratic primary, press 1. If the Republican primary, press 2. If you're not sure or don't think you'll vote in a primary, press 3.

Democratic..... 0%
Republican..... 100%
Not Sure/No Primary Vote 0%

Q6 If the Republican candidates for US Senate were Trey Grayson and Rand Paul, who would you vote for? If Trey Grayson, press 1. If Rand Paul, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Grayson..... 25%
Paul 44%
Undecided..... 32%

Q7 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 88%
Obama..... 5%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 7%

Q8 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 2%
Moderate..... 27%
Conservative..... 71%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 48%
Man..... 52%





Q10 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 94%
African-American 2%
Other..... 4%

Q12

270..... 32%
 502..... 22%
 606..... 23%
 859..... 24%

Q11 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..... 9%
30 to 45..... 29%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Congressional Republicans Favorability		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Not Sure
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	22%	22%	22%	17%
Unfavorable	15%	11%	23%	10%
Not Sure	64%	67%	54%	73%

	Base	Congressional Republicans Favorability		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Not Sure
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	39%	32%	53%	32%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	14%	2%
Not Sure	48%	52%	33%	67%

	Base	Congressional Republicans Favorability		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Not Sure
Grayson/Paul				
Grayson	25%	25%	22%	32%
Paul	44%	40%	54%	33%
Undecided	32%	35%	23%	35%

	Base	Congressional Republicans Ideology		
		Too Liberal	Too Conservative	About Right
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	22%	25%	26%	19%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	26%	12%
Not Sure	64%	59%	48%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	Congressional Republicans Ideology		
		Too Liberal	Too Conservative	About Right
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	39%	56%	33%	31%
Unfavorable	13%	4%	30%	14%
Not Sure	48%	40%	37%	55%

	Base	Congressional Republicans Ideology		
		Too Liberal	Too Conservative	About Right
Grayson/Paul				
Grayson	25%	18%	28%	28%
Paul	44%	54%	44%	38%
Undecided	32%	27%	28%	35%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	22%	23%	13%	16%
Unfavorable	15%	13%	38%	22%
Not Sure	64%	64%	50%	63%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	39%	40%	24%	38%
Unfavorable	13%	12%	24%	9%
Not Sure	48%	48%	52%	53%





Crosstabs

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Grayson/Paul				
Grayson	25%	26%	16%	19%
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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Unfavorable	15%	30%	13%	15%
Not Sure	64%	50%	67%	63%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	39%	45%	26%	43%
Unfavorable	13%	18%	20%	10%
Not Sure	48%	36%	54%	47%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Grayson/Paul				
Grayson	25%	45%	36%	20%
Paul	44%	36%	34%	47%
Undecided	32%	18%	30%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson Favorability			
Favorable	22%	18%	25%
Unfavorable	15%	11%	18%
Not Sure	64%	70%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	39%	33%	44%
Unfavorable	13%	13%	13%
Not Sure	48%	54%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson/Paul			
Grayson	25%	28%	22%
Paul	44%	38%	49%
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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	22%	22%	13%	19%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	50%	19%
Not Sure	64%	64%	38%	62%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	39%	39%	13%	38%
Unfavorable	13%	12%	63%	5%
Not Sure	48%	48%	25%	57%

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Grayson/Paul				
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Unfavorable	15%	12%	22%	11%	14%
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Paul Favorability					
Favorable	39%	36%	41%	29%	50%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	10%	15%	11%
Not Sure	48%	49%	50%	56%	39%

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Kentucky Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jack Conway? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 15%
Not Sure..... 58%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Mongiardo? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....40% *Not Sure*.....33%
Unfavorable27%

Q3 Next year do you think you will vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or are you unsure or not planning to vote in a primary? If you think you will vote in the Democratic primary, press 1. If the Republican primary, press 2. If you're not sure or don't think you'll vote in a primary, press 3.

Democratic.....100%
Republican..... 0%
Not Sure/No Primary Vote 0%

Q4 If the Democratic candidates for US Senate were Jack Conway and Dan Mongiardo, who would you vote for? If Jack Conway, press 1. If Dan Mongiardo, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Conway..... 37%
Mongiardo..... 33%
Undecided..... 30%

Q5 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

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Obama 66%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 7%

Q6 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 24%
Moderate.....52%
Conservative.....24%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman54%
Man.....46%

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

White 86%
African-American 12%
Other..... 2%

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..... 10%
30 to 45.....21%
46 to 65.....45%
Older than 65.....23%

Q10

270.....33%
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859.....22%





Crosstabs

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Unfavorable	15%	20%	12%	28%
Not Sure	58%	68%	54%	56%

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Mongiardo Favorability				
Favorable	40%	24%	47%	37%
Unfavorable	27%	44%	20%	25%
Not Sure	33%	32%	32%	38%

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Conway/Mongiardo				
Conway	37%	35%	40%	21%
Mongiardo	33%	26%	34%	42%
Undecided	30%	39%	26%	38%

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Conway/Mongiardo				
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Mongiardo	33%	28%	39%	23%
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Favorable	27%	26%	35%	17%
Unfavorable	15%	16%	6%	33%
Not Sure	58%	58%	58%	50%

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Not Sure	33%	32%	39%	22%

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Undecided	30%	30%	29%	39%





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