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Stabenow Vulnerable But Engler Not Popular

Raleigh, N.C. – Senator Debbie Stabenow is not up for re-election until 2012, but in this anti-incumbent political environment, and with her job approval rating slightly negative, a bare plurality of voters say they plan to vote for her unnamed Republican opponent next election. Stabenow can be reassured, however, that a name which is frequently speculated as that potential challenger, former Governor John Engler, is not very well liked either.

40% of Michigan voters approve of the job Stabenow is doing in Washington, to 43% who disapprove. Unusually, Democrats are a little more intensely in favor of her than Republicans are against her, with 77% of Democrats approving of her job performance and 73% of Republicans disapproving. 12% of Democrats disapprove, though, to only 9% of Republicans who approve. Independents mirror the overall numbers, at 37-43.

When asked if they would vote to re-elect Stabenow in two years, 43% say they would, to 48% who say they would cast a vote for a generic Republican. Independents go for the Republican 42-37, while 8% of Democrats do the same, to 3% of Republicans who pledge for Stabenow.

Engler is not the universally popular figure who could easily take advantage of Stabenow's vulnerability. His personal favorability margin is 37-49, and he is only in the black with his own base. Republicans express a positive opinion, 60-21, but Democrats are down on him, 11-77, and independents, 38-50.

“Stabenow's numbers are artificially low because Republicans are much more fired up than Democrats for the midterm election and that will probably change by the time 2012 comes around,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Still she seems likely to face tougher opposition in her second bid for reelection than she did in her first one.”

PPP surveyed 890 Michigan voters from May 25th to 27th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.3%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support 41%
Oppose 51%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Carl Levin's job performance?

Approve 44% *Not Sure*.....14%
Disapprove..... 41%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Debbie Stabenow's job performance?

Approve 40%
Disapprove..... 43%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q5 Generally speaking, would you vote to re-elect Debbie Stabenow in 2012, or would you vote for her Republican opponent?

Stabenow..... 43%
Republican opponent..... 48%
Not sure 10%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Engler?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 14%

Q7 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 46%
Barack Obama..... 48%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 6%

Q8 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 40%

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

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q10 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 35%
Republican..... 37%
Independent/Other 28%

Q11 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 83%
African-American 14%
Other..... 3%

Q12 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..... 8%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	5%	88%	27%
Disapprove	50%	92%	8%	58%
Not Sure	4%	3%	4%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Health Care				
Support	41%	2%	81%	31%
Oppose	51%	90%	11%	67%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%	2%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Levin Approval				
Approve	44%	14%	74%	45%
Disapprove	41%	67%	17%	32%
Not Sure	14%	19%	9%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	40%	10%	71%	32%
Disapprove	43%	73%	14%	45%
Not Sure	16%	16%	15%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Stabenow Re-elect				
Stabenow	43%	5%	80%	33%
Republican opponent	48%	88%	10%	39%
Not sure	10%	7%	10%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Engler Favorability				
Favorable	37%	65%	10%	38%
Unfavorable	49%	20%	78%	44%
Not sure	14%	15%	13%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	85%	61%	12%
Disapprove	50%	11%	33%	85%
Not Sure	4%	4%	6%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	41%	73%	57%	10%
Oppose	51%	17%	34%	85%
Not Sure	8%	10%	9%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Levin Approval				
Approve	44%	72%	62%	13%
Disapprove	41%	19%	27%	66%
Not Sure	14%	9%	11%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	40%	70%	56%	11%
Disapprove	43%	15%	30%	71%
Not Sure	16%	15%	15%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Stabenow Re-elect				
Stabenow	43%	79%	60%	8%
Republican opponent	48%	16%	29%	82%
Not sure	10%	5%	12%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Engler Favorability				
Favorable	37%	14%	26%	59%
Unfavorable	49%	72%	63%	24%
Not sure	14%	14%	11%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	49%	42%
Disapprove	50%	46%	54%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	41%	43%	38%
Oppose	51%	48%	55%
Not Sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Levin Approval			
Approve	44%	43%	45%
Disapprove	41%	35%	48%
Not Sure	14%	21%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stabenow Approval			
Approve	40%	42%	38%
Disapprove	43%	38%	50%
Not Sure	16%	20%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stabenow Re-elect			
Stabenow	43%	42%	43%
Republican opponent	48%	47%	49%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Engler Favorability			
Favorable	37%	31%	44%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	44%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	91%	5%	43%
Disapprove	50%	6%	91%	50%
Not Sure	4%	2%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	41%	82%	4%	39%
Oppose	51%	11%	89%	51%
Not Sure	8%	7%	6%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Levin Approval				
Approve	44%	81%	15%	37%
Disapprove	41%	13%	65%	45%
Not Sure	14%	6%	20%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	40%	77%	9%	37%
Disapprove	43%	12%	73%	43%
Not Sure	16%	10%	18%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stabenow Re-elect				
Stabenow	43%	89%	3%	37%
Republican opponent	48%	8%	90%	42%
Not sure	10%	3%	7%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Engler Favorability				
Favorable	37%	11%	60%	38%
Unfavorable	49%	77%	21%	50%
Not sure	14%	11%	19%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	39%	88%	29%
Disapprove	50%	56%	13%	60%
Not Sure	4%	5%	-	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Health Care				
Support	41%	35%	81%	24%
Oppose	51%	57%	13%	64%
Not Sure	8%	8%	6%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Levin Approval				
Approve	44%	40%	69%	38%
Disapprove	41%	44%	25%	49%
Not Sure	14%	16%	6%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	40%	37%	63%	33%
Disapprove	43%	48%	13%	60%
Not Sure	16%	15%	25%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stabenow Re-elect				
Stabenow	43%	37%	75%	36%
Republican opponent	48%	54%	13%	51%
Not sure	10%	9%	13%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Engler Favorability				
Favorable	37%	42%	6%	39%
Unfavorable	49%	43%	88%	36%
Not sure	14%	15%	6%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	46%	51%	38%	53%
Disapprove	50%	48%	44%	58%	43%
Not Sure	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	41%	34%	43%	37%	48%
Oppose	51%	49%	49%	57%	45%
Not Sure	8%	17%	8%	6%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Levin Approval					
Approve	44%	24%	45%	45%	50%
Disapprove	41%	55%	39%	40%	42%
Not Sure	14%	21%	16%	16%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stabenow Approval					
Approve	40%	26%	38%	41%	48%
Disapprove	43%	43%	48%	43%	40%
Not Sure	16%	31%	13%	17%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stabenow Re-elect					
Stabenow	43%	36%	43%	38%	52%
Republican opponent	48%	37%	48%	53%	43%
Not sure	10%	27%	9%	9%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Engler Favorability					
Favorable	37%	26%	44%	36%	35%
Unfavorable	49%	40%	44%	50%	56%
Not sure	14%	35%	12%	15%	9%

