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Dayton Sees Strong Approval in Minnesota

Raleigh, N.C. – Minnesota DFL Governor Mark Dayton holds a +19 job approval rating, with 53% of voters approving of his job performance as Governor and 34% disapproving. His support is fueled by near-unanimous approval among Democrats (85-5) and strong approval among Independents (51-33).

Voters aren't as approving of the Legislature, disapproving of the job the DFL members are doing by a 31-49 margin, but holding an even worse opinion of Republican members at 23-62. Perhaps as a result, voters say they would support a DFL candidate over a Republican candidate for state legislature by a 48-39 margin.

“Mark Dayton continues to have good approval ratings,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “And he might have an easier time working with the legislature next year because voters are strongly inclined to reverse their ground from 2010 and vote Democratic this time around.”

Voters narrowly support a state Constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, 48%-44%. But a strong majority consensus also emerges in favor of legal recognition of gay couples when the question includes whether civil unions should be allowed. 37% of voters say gay couples should be “allowed to legally marry” and 34% say “gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry” for a total of 71% in favor of some legal recognition of gay couples.

Finally, voters aren't willing to spend any public money to cover part of the cost of a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings, opposing that idea 33-59. But when given a choice whether to pay for part of the cost or see the Vikings move out of Minnesota, 39% of voters said they would rather see the Vikings leave and 46% said they would pay part of the cost of a new stadium.

PPP surveyed 1,236 Minnesota voters on January 21st and 22nd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.8%. 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.





Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Mark Dayton's job performance?

Approve..... 53% Not sure 13%
Disapprove..... 34%

Q2 Should the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?

Yes..... 48%
No..... 44%
Not sure 8%

Q3 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

<i>Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry.....</i>	<i>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</i>	<i>27%</i>
<i>Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry.....</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>2%</i>
		<i>34%</i>

Q4 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 43% Not sure 10%
Illegal 47%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the DFL members of the legislature are doing?

Approve 31%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not sure 20%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican members of the legislature are doing?

Approve 23%
Disapprove..... 62%
Not sure 16%

Q7 If there was an election for the legislature today, do you think you would vote for the DFL or Republican candidate from your district?

DFL..... 48% Not sure 14%
Republican..... 39%

Q8 Do you think public money should cover part of the cost for a new stadium for the Vikings, or not?

Public money should cover part of the cost ... 33%
It should not 59%
Not sure 8%

Q9 If the choice was between the Vikings moving out of Minnesota and public money covering part of the cost for a new stadium, which would you prefer?

Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota 39%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium 46%
Not sure 15%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 42%
Barack Obama..... 51%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%





Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	11%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	22%
<i>Moderate</i>	29%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	22%
<i>Very conservative</i>	16%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	51%
<i>Man</i>	49%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	36%
<i>Republican</i>	33%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	32%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	92%
<i>Other</i>	8%

Q15 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>	32%
<i>46 to 65</i>	36%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Dayton Approval				
Approve	53%	20%	81%	44%
Disapprove	34%	66%	8%	36%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Marriage Amendment				
Yes	48%	75%	25%	54%
No	44%	17%	68%	30%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	37%	9%	61%	27%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	44%	26%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	27%	45%	11%	41%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	2%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Same-sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	43%	15%	68%	35%
Illegal	47%	75%	22%	56%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Leg. DFL Favorability				
Approve	31%	5%	55%	15%
Disapprove	49%	81%	20%	62%
Not sure	20%	14%	25%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Leg. GOP Favorability				
Approve	23%	47%	3%	14%
Disapprove	62%	35%	84%	62%
Not sure	16%	18%	13%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Leg. Ballot				
DFL	48%	7%	84%	28%
Republican	39%	82%	4%	28%
Not sure	14%	11%	12%	43%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Should Public \$ Cover Part of New Viking Stadium Cost?				
Public money should cover part of the cost	33%	29%	37%	23%
It should not	59%	63%	55%	70%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Prefer Vikings Leaving MN or Public \$ Covering Stadium Cost?				
Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota	39%	42%	34%	51%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium	46%	43%	51%	35%
Not sure	15%	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dayton Approval						
Approve	53%	86%	81%	64%	28%	8%
Disapprove	34%	8%	8%	18%	59%	80%
Not sure	13%	6%	11%	18%	12%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Marriage Amendment						
Yes	48%	15%	23%	41%	68%	88%
No	44%	82%	68%	51%	20%	8%
Not sure	8%	3%	9%	8%	12%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	37%	84%	65%	36%	11%	5%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	13%	23%	41%	49%	32%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	27%	3%	10%	21%	38%	61%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	2%	2%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Legal/Illegal						
Legal	43%	90%	69%	44%	19%	9%
Illegal	47%	6%	20%	42%	68%	87%
Not sure	10%	3%	11%	14%	13%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Leg. DFL Favorability						
Approve	31%	68%	55%	35%	6%	4%
Disapprove	49%	19%	19%	38%	78%	85%
Not sure	20%	13%	26%	27%	16%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Leg. GOP Favorability						
Approve	23%	8%	6%	10%	39%	53%
Disapprove	62%	86%	82%	73%	39%	29%
Not sure	16%	5%	12%	17%	21%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Leg. Ballot						
DFL	48%	91%	82%	60%	10%	5%
Republican	39%	2%	9%	19%	76%	85%
Not sure	14%	7%	9%	21%	14%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Public \$ Cover Part of New Viking Stadium Cost?						
Public money should cover part of the cost	33%	33%	40%	36%	35%	16%
It should not	59%	56%	51%	56%	59%	77%
Not sure	8%	11%	9%	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Prefer Vikings Leaving MN or Public \$ Covering Stadium Cost?						
Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota	39%	44%	26%	35%	36%	61%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium	46%	46%	56%	48%	48%	30%
Not sure	15%	10%	18%	17%	16%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dayton Approval			
Approve	53%	56%	49%
Disapprove	34%	28%	41%
Not sure	13%	16%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Marriage Amendment			
Yes	48%	41%	56%
No	44%	49%	39%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	37%	43%	30%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	31%	37%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	27%	23%	32%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-sex Legal/Illegal			
Legal	43%	48%	38%
Illegal	47%	40%	54%
Not sure	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Leg. DFL Favorability			
Approve	31%	35%	27%
Disapprove	49%	39%	59%
Not sure	20%	26%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Leg. GOP Favorability			
Approve	23%	17%	29%
Disapprove	62%	63%	60%
Not sure	16%	20%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot			
DFL	48%	53%	42%
Republican	39%	32%	45%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Public \$ Cover Part of New Viking Stadium Cost?			
Public money should cover part of the cost	33%	26%	41%
It should not	59%	63%	55%
Not sure	8%	11%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Prefer Vikings Leaving MN or Public \$ Covering Stadium Cost?			
Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota	39%	37%	41%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium	46%	45%	48%
Not sure	15%	19%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dayton Approval				
Approve	53%	85%	19%	51%
Disapprove	34%	5%	68%	33%
Not sure	13%	10%	13%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Marriage Amendment				
Yes	48%	23%	74%	50%
No	44%	70%	19%	40%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	37%	64%	9%	34%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	22%	42%	40%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	27%	12%	47%	25%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	43%	70%	15%	41%
Illegal	47%	20%	75%	47%
Not sure	10%	10%	9%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Leg. DFL Favorability				
Approve	31%	65%	4%	22%
Disapprove	49%	12%	83%	54%
Not sure	20%	23%	13%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Leg. GOP Favorability				
Approve	23%	4%	50%	16%
Disapprove	62%	88%	33%	62%
Not sure	16%	9%	17%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
DFL	48%	96%	4%	39%
Republican	39%	1%	88%	30%
Not sure	14%	3%	8%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Public \$ Cover Part of New Viking Stadium Cost?				
Public money should cover part of the cost	33%	37%	30%	32%
It should not	59%	55%	63%	59%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Prefer Vikings Leaving MN or Public \$ Covering Stadium Cost?				
Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota	39%	33%	39%	44%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium	46%	52%	46%	41%
Not sure	15%	15%	15%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dayton Approval			
Approve	53%	53%	51%
Disapprove	34%	35%	31%
Not sure	13%	13%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Marriage Amendment			
Yes	48%	48%	51%
No	44%	44%	40%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	37%	37%	32%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	33%	44%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	27%	28%	24%
Not sure	2%	2%	-

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Same-sex Legal/Illegal			
Legal	43%	43%	41%
Illegal	47%	46%	53%
Not sure	10%	11%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Leg. DFL Favorability			
Approve	31%	31%	31%
Disapprove	49%	49%	49%
Not sure	20%	20%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Leg. GOP Favorability			
Approve	23%	23%	14%
Disapprove	62%	61%	68%
Not sure	16%	16%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot			
DFL	48%	47%	53%
Republican	39%	39%	30%
Not sure	14%	13%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Should Public \$ Cover Part of New Viking Stadium Cost?			
Public money should cover part of the cost	33%	33%	35%
It should not	59%	59%	60%
Not sure	8%	8%	4%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Prefer Vikings Leaving MN or Public \$ Covering Stadium Cost?			
Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota	39%	39%	34%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium	46%	46%	54%
Not sure	15%	15%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dayton Approval					
Approve	53%	58%	49%	52%	56%
Disapprove	34%	24%	40%	34%	30%
Not sure	13%	18%	11%	13%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Marriage Amendment					
Yes	48%	43%	42%	49%	58%
No	44%	54%	48%	43%	32%
Not sure	8%	3%	9%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	37%	54%	42%	33%	24%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	23%	31%	38%	41%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	27%	23%	26%	27%	32%
Not sure	2%	-	1%	3%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-sex Legal/Illegal					
Legal	43%	55%	48%	40%	32%
Illegal	47%	33%	44%	49%	56%
Not sure	10%	12%	7%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Leg. DFL Favorability					
Approve	31%	32%	31%	31%	31%
Disapprove	49%	36%	56%	48%	45%
Not sure	20%	31%	12%	21%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Leg. GOP Favorability					
Approve	23%	19%	27%	20%	22%
Disapprove	62%	59%	62%	64%	58%
Not sure	16%	22%	11%	15%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
DFL	48%	57%	44%	47%	49%
Republican	39%	28%	44%	38%	39%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%	16%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Public \$ Cover Part of New Viking Stadium Cost?					
Public money should cover part of the cost	33%	36%	35%	34%	26%
It should not	59%	61%	59%	58%	60%
Not sure	8%	3%	6%	8%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Prefer Vikings Leaving MN or Public \$ Covering Stadium Cost?					
Would prefer the Vikings moving out of Minnesota	39%	49%	40%	38%	31%
Would prefer having the public pay for part of the cost of a new stadium	46%	38%	49%	48%	44%
Not sure	15%	13%	10%	15%	25%

