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Obama, Klobuchar up by solid margins in Minnesota

Raleigh, N.C. – In the last three months, President Obama’s lead in Minnesota has been cut in half, but he is still a clear favorite to defeat Mitt Romney in the state. While Obama led by 15 points (54-39) in PPP’s early June survey, he now is ahead only seven (51-44) with likely voters in this fall’s election.

Obama’s lead with independents—about a third of voters—is down from 23 points to nine. He leads by 14 points with women and lags by only one point with men—a smaller gender gap than in most states, but still an improvement for Romney from June, when he was down 18 with women and 11 with men.

In the U.S. Senate contest, Republican Kurt Bills has gained a little ground after winning the nomination almost a month ago, but massively popular incumbent Democrat Amy Klobuchar still holds a huge advantage heading into November. Klobuchar leads Bills, 55-36. It was 55-29 in the previous survey.

Klobuchar’s standing has not slipped. She still has the same 55% of the vote as in June and an identical 57% approval rating (with 31% disapproving, rather than 29%). Bills has simply doubled his name identification from a paltry 20% before the primary to a still meager 41% now. Because of that, he has made up some ground with his own party, from 69% to 75% of their support, but Klobuchar is also up from 14% to 16% of the GOP, while she locks up Democrats 93-2. Her lead with independents is down from 35 to 20 points, however.

If he were to achieve parity with Klobuchar in voters’ recognition of his name, Bills could close the gap a bit, but Klobuchar still leads by 17 points with those who already have an opinion on both candidates, whether positive or negative. She leads by the same margin if the small group of undecideds fall as they do on the presidential race. But given Klobuchar’s superior cash reserves, the race is more likely to widen than close.

“Obama and Klobuchar are both safe bets in Minnesota,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 824 likely Minnesota voters from September 10th to 11th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Minnesota Survey Results

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

Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 2%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 43%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 6%

Q3 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Mitt Romney..... 44%
Undecided..... 5%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Amy Klobuchar's job performance?

Approve 57% *Not sure* 12%
Disapprove..... 31%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Kurt Bills?

Favorable..... 18%
Unfavorable 23%
Not sure 59%

Q6 The candidates for Senate are Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Kurt Bills. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 55%
Kurt Bills..... 36%
Undecided..... 10%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 21%
Moderate..... 28%
Somewhat conservative..... 25%
Very conservative 16%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 49%
Man..... 51%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 35%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 33%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2

White 92%
Other..... 8%

Q11 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.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 32%
46 to 65..... 36%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	50%	90%	90%	59%	13%	10%
Disapprove	48%	10%	8%	38%	84%	89%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	3%	3%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
M. Romney Favorability						
Favorable	43%	10%	12%	31%	73%	80%
Unfavorable	51%	90%	84%	62%	20%	12%
Not sure	6%	-	5%	7%	7%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	51%	89%	91%	60%	15%	10%
Mitt Romney	44%	10%	5%	32%	76%	89%
Undecided	5%	1%	4%	8%	9%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar Approval						
Approve	57%	85%	91%	68%	33%	14%
Disapprove	31%	6%	4%	23%	46%	72%
Not sure	12%	9%	5%	9%	21%	14%





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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bills Favorability						
Favorable	18%	8%	5%	17%	24%	33%
Unfavorable	23%	49%	35%	22%	14%	5%
Not sure	59%	43%	60%	61%	62%	62%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Bills						
Amy Klobuchar	55%	91%	92%	66%	26%	7%
Kurt Bills	36%	6%	4%	23%	60%	82%
Undecided	10%	3%	4%	11%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	50%	54%	46%
Disapprove	48%	45%	52%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
M. Romney Favorability			
Favorable	43%	40%	46%
Unfavorable	51%	53%	49%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	51%	54%	47%
Mitt Romney	44%	40%	48%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	57%	60%	55%
Disapprove	31%	25%	37%
Not sure	12%	15%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bills Favorability			
Favorable	18%	11%	24%
Unfavorable	23%	19%	27%
Not sure	59%	70%	49%

	Base	Gender	
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Klobuchar/Bills			
Amy Klobuchar	55%	57%	52%
Kurt Bills	36%	32%	40%
Undecided	10%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	50%	94%	7%	45%
Disapprove	48%	4%	92%	52%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	3%

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M. Romney Favorability				
Favorable	43%	6%	86%	40%
Unfavorable	51%	91%	8%	51%
Not sure	6%	4%	6%	9%

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Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	57%	89%	25%	55%
Disapprove	31%	6%	58%	31%
Not sure	12%	5%	17%	14%





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Bills Favorability				
Favorable	18%	6%	31%	17%
Unfavorable	23%	42%	8%	18%
Not sure	59%	52%	60%	65%

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Klobuchar/Bills				
Amy Klobuchar	55%	93%	16%	52%
Kurt Bills	36%	2%	75%	32%
Undecided	10%	5%	9%	16%

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		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	50%	49%	56%
Disapprove	48%	49%	44%
Not sure	2%	2%	-

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M. Romney Favorability			
Favorable	43%	44%	33%
Unfavorable	51%	50%	64%
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Not sure	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%

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M. Romney Favorability					
Favorable	43%	32%	42%	48%	42%
Unfavorable	51%	53%	54%	46%	54%
Not sure	6%	15%	4%	7%	4%

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Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	51%	59%	52%	46%	52%
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Bills Favorability					
Favorable	18%	15%	20%	18%	16%
Unfavorable	23%	21%	21%	24%	26%
Not sure	59%	65%	59%	58%	58%

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