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Obama leads by 10 in Minnesota

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's newest poll of the Presidential race in Minnesota actually finds Barack Obama expanding his lead to 10 points over Mitt Romney at 53-43. Our last poll there in mid-September had found Obama's advantage to be 7 points at 51-44. A majority of the interviews for this poll were conducted Saturday and Sunday.

There's an overwhelming sense in Minnesota as elsewhere that Romney won last week's debate. 64% think he was the victor to only 19% who say Obama. But unlike in other places it hasn't led to a big improvement in Romney's image. Just 42% of voters have a favorable opinion of him to 53% with a negative one. That's actually slightly worse than a month ago when he was at 43/51.

Obama has a solid 53/45 approval rating. Voters trust him more than Romney both on the economy (50/44) and on foreign policy (54/41). Obama has a 49/41 lead with independents, has the advantage with both women (56/41) and men (50/45), and has at least a small lead within all four age groups.

“Mitt Romney’s received a bounce nationally after his debate victory last week but not in Minnesota,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Barack Obama continues to lead by a healthy margin there.”

In the Senate race Amy Klobuchar has expanded her already wide lead from 19 points to 26 over the last month. She's at 57% to 31% for opponent Kurt Bills. Klobuchar probably would have been unbeatable for any opponent. She's one of the most popular Senators in the country with 59% of voters approving of her to 27% who disapprove. But Bills has proven to be particularly weak. Last month his name recognition in the state was 41%. Now it's actually dropped to 38%. He's not making himself any better known to the voters.

PPP surveyed 937 likely Minnesota voters from October 5th to 8th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.2% 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 53%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure 2%

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

Favorable..... 42%
Unfavorable 53%
Not sure 5%

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..... 53%
Mitt Romney..... 43%
Undecided..... 4%

Q4 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 44%
Not sure 6%

Q5 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of foreign policy?

Barack Obama..... 54%
Mitt Romney..... 41%
Not sure 5%

Q6 Who do you think won the debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney this week?

Barack Obama..... 19%
Mitt Romney..... 64%
Not sure..... 17%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Amy Klobuchar's job performance?

Approve 59%
Disapprove..... 27%
Not sure 13%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Kurt Bills?

Favorable..... 17%
Unfavorable 21%
Not sure 62%

Q9 The candidates for Senate are Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Kurt Bills. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 57%
Kurt Bills..... 31%
Undecided..... 12%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Big Bird?

Favorable..... 61%
Unfavorable 7%
Not sure 32%

Q11 Do you support or oppose federal funding for PBS?

Support 56%
Oppose 29%
Not sure 15%

Q12 Do you think the Bureau of Labor Statistics is manipulating the unemployment numbers to help Barack Obama, or not?

It is 30%
It is not 53%
Not sure 17%





Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	13%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	20%
<i>Moderate</i>	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	23%
<i>Very conservative</i>	14%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q15 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>	38%
<i>Republican</i>	29%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	32%

Q16 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	93%
<i>Other</i>	7%

Q17 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45 years old, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	15%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	37%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	53%	93%	92%	63%	15%	5%
Disapprove	45%	7%	7%	33%	82%	95%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	4%	3%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	42%	7%	6%	30%	77%	91%
Unfavorable	53%	92%	88%	63%	16%	7%
Not sure	5%	1%	6%	7%	7%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	53%	90%	93%	63%	14%	6%
Mitt Romney	43%	8%	5%	30%	80%	93%
Undecided	4%	2%	2%	8%	5%	0%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Econ.?						
Barack Obama	50%	91%	85%	60%	13%	5%
Mitt Romney	44%	8%	6%	33%	83%	93%
Not sure	6%	2%	9%	8%	5%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Foreign Policy?						
Barack Obama	54%	90%	90%	66%	15%	7%
Mitt Romney	41%	7%	5%	28%	77%	90%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	6%	8%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Who Won Debate?						
Barack Obama	19%	41%	32%	20%	4%	5%
Mitt Romney	64%	39%	39%	61%	86%	92%
Not sure	17%	20%	29%	18%	10%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar Approval						
Approve	59%	78%	83%	72%	42%	10%
Disapprove	27%	13%	3%	16%	41%	77%
Not sure	13%	9%	14%	12%	17%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bills Favorability						
Favorable	17%	8%	10%	10%	22%	42%
Unfavorable	21%	41%	27%	25%	9%	7%
Not sure	62%	51%	64%	65%	69%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Bills						
Amy Klobuchar	57%	86%	87%	71%	28%	10%
Kurt Bills	31%	3%	4%	17%	51%	87%
Undecided	12%	11%	9%	12%	21%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Big Bird Favorability						
Favorable	61%	65%	72%	68%	49%	47%
Unfavorable	7%	7%	4%	6%	4%	20%
Not sure	32%	29%	24%	27%	47%	34%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Fed. PBS Funding						
Support	56%	92%	85%	67%	24%	11%
Oppose	29%	1%	5%	17%	55%	74%
Not sure	15%	7%	10%	16%	21%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Is BLS Manipulating Data to Help Obama?						
It is	30%	11%	5%	19%	50%	76%
It is not	53%	85%	81%	65%	22%	10%
Not sure	17%	4%	14%	16%	28%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	53%	55%	51%
Disapprove	45%	42%	48%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	42%	40%	44%
Unfavorable	53%	53%	52%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	53%	56%	50%
Mitt Romney	43%	41%	45%
Undecided	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Econ.?			
Barack Obama	50%	51%	49%
Mitt Romney	44%	42%	47%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			
Barack Obama	54%	53%	54%
Mitt Romney	41%	39%	43%
Not sure	5%	7%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who Won Debate ?			
Barack Obama	19%	21%	17%
Mitt Romney	64%	61%	68%
Not sure	17%	18%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	59%	60%	59%
Disapprove	27%	26%	30%
Not sure	13%	15%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bills Favorability			
Favorable	17%	16%	18%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	25%
Not sure	62%	66%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar/Bills			
Amy Klobuchar	57%	59%	56%
Kurt Bills	31%	30%	31%
Undecided	12%	12%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Big Bird Favorability			
Favorable	61%	62%	60%
Unfavorable	7%	6%	8%
Not sure	32%	32%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Fed. PBS Funding			
Support	56%	57%	55%
Oppose	29%	25%	33%
Not sure	15%	18%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Is BLS Manipulating Data to Help Obama?			
It is	30%	31%	29%
It is not	53%	50%	56%
Not sure	17%	19%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	93%	5%	50%
Disapprove	45%	6%	94%	46%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	42%	6%	93%	38%
Unfavorable	53%	90%	4%	52%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	53%	94%	4%	49%
Mitt Romney	43%	5%	94%	41%
Undecided	4%	1%	2%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Econ.?				
Barack Obama	50%	89%	3%	46%
Mitt Romney	44%	6%	95%	44%
Not sure	6%	5%	2%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Foreign Policy?				
Barack Obama	54%	92%	4%	53%
Mitt Romney	41%	5%	92%	38%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Who Won Debate?				
Barack Obama	19%	39%	2%	12%
Mitt Romney	64%	36%	94%	70%
Not sure	17%	25%	5%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	59%	86%	22%	61%
Disapprove	27%	6%	58%	25%
Not sure	13%	8%	19%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bills Favorability				
Favorable	17%	9%	31%	13%
Unfavorable	21%	33%	8%	19%
Not sure	62%	58%	60%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Klobuchar/Bills				
Amy Klobuchar	57%	90%	13%	59%
Kurt Bills	31%	4%	74%	22%
Undecided	12%	6%	13%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Big Bird Favorability				
Favorable	61%	72%	48%	60%
Unfavorable	7%	5%	11%	7%
Not sure	32%	23%	41%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Fed. PBS Funding				
Support	56%	84%	20%	55%
Oppose	29%	6%	62%	27%
Not sure	15%	10%	18%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Is BLS Manipulating Data to Help Obama?				
It is	30%	9%	61%	29%
It is not	53%	81%	16%	53%
Not sure	17%	10%	24%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	53%	53%	58%
Disapprove	45%	45%	36%
Not sure	2%	2%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	42%	42%	37%
Unfavorable	53%	52%	61%
Not sure	5%	6%	2%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	53%	52%	61%
Mitt Romney	43%	44%	33%
Undecided	4%	4%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Trust More on Econ.?			
Barack Obama	50%	49%	60%
Mitt Romney	44%	45%	34%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			
Barack Obama	54%	53%	64%
Mitt Romney	41%	42%	34%
Not sure	5%	5%	2%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Who Won Debate ?			
Barack Obama	19%	19%	21%
Mitt Romney	64%	64%	62%
Not sure	17%	17%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	59%	59%	58%
Disapprove	27%	27%	35%
Not sure	13%	14%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Bills Favorability			
Favorable	17%	17%	19%
Unfavorable	21%	21%	26%
Not sure	62%	63%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Klobuchar/Bills			
Amy Klobuchar	57%	57%	60%
Kurt Bills	31%	31%	23%
Undecided	12%	12%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Big Bird Favorability			
Favorable	61%	62%	51%
Unfavorable	7%	7%	9%
Not sure	32%	31%	41%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Support/Oppose Fed. PBS Funding			
Support	56%	56%	56%
Oppose	29%	29%	30%
Not sure	15%	15%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Is BLS Manipulating Data to Help Obama?			
It is	30%	30%	30%
It is not	53%	53%	53%
Not sure	17%	17%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	53%	67%	49%	48%	57%
Disapprove	45%	31%	50%	49%	40%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	42%	29%	46%	46%	39%
Unfavorable	53%	64%	49%	49%	56%
Not sure	5%	7%	6%	5%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	53%	67%	48%	48%	59%
Mitt Romney	43%	31%	47%	47%	38%
Undecided	4%	2%	6%	5%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Econ.?					
Barack Obama	50%	60%	46%	45%	56%
Mitt Romney	44%	33%	51%	48%	37%
Not sure	6%	7%	3%	6%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Foreign Policy?					
Barack Obama	54%	60%	51%	50%	58%
Mitt Romney	41%	33%	44%	45%	37%
Not sure	5%	7%	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who Won Debate?					
Barack Obama	19%	33%	12%	19%	19%
Mitt Romney	64%	56%	66%	66%	64%
Not sure	17%	11%	23%	15%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Klobuchar Approval					
Approve	59%	44%	51%	64%	72%
Disapprove	27%	33%	38%	24%	16%
Not sure	13%	22%	11%	12%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bills Favorability					
Favorable	17%	13%	20%	15%	18%
Unfavorable	21%	22%	17%	22%	25%
Not sure	62%	64%	63%	63%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Klobuchar/Bills					
Amy Klobuchar	57%	51%	51%	58%	71%
Kurt Bills	31%	24%	37%	33%	22%
Undecided	12%	24%	12%	10%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Big Bird Favorability					
Favorable	61%	67%	66%	64%	46%
Unfavorable	7%	6%	4%	9%	9%
Not sure	32%	28%	30%	27%	45%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Fed. PBS Funding					
Support	56%	62%	55%	55%	56%
Oppose	29%	26%	31%	31%	25%
Not sure	15%	12%	14%	14%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Is BLS Manipulating Data to Help Obama?					
It is	30%	39%	30%	30%	24%
It is not	53%	39%	53%	55%	61%
Not sure	17%	21%	18%	15%	16%

