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Obama up 8 in Minnesota, amendments trail for passage

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's final Minnesota poll of the 2012 election cycle finds Barack Obama leading comfortably, 53-45. We've conducted four surveys of the state since Labor Day and found Obama leading by a margin in the 7-10 point range on each of them.

Obama doesn't have great approval numbers in the state, with 49% of voters giving him good marks to 45% who disapprove. But voters aren't big on Romney either with 43% rating him favorably to 49% who have a negative view of him. Obama's winning thanks in particular to large margins with women (58/39) and voters under 30 (71/27).

The more interesting findings on our final Minnesota poll deal with the state's high profile amendments to ban gay marriage and require voter identification. We find both narrowly trailing. 45% of voters say they'll vote for the gay marriage ban, compared to 52% who are opposed to it. And 46% say they'll support the voter ID amendment to 51% who are opposed.

The marriage amendment is trailing because of a massive generational divide. Seniors support it by a 57/40 margin but every other age group opposes it, including a 36/62 margin against it among voters under 30. Republicans support it (79%) and Democrats oppose it (76%) in almost equal numbers, but independents tip the balance by opposing it 41/55.

The reason the voter ID amendment now appears to be in serious trouble is that Democrats (82%) are just as opposed to it as Republicans (82%) are supportive of it. We've found Republicans strongly supportive of the concept all year, but Democrats have moved sharply against it from 36% support in June to now just 14%.

"The Presidential race in Minnesota is not competitive," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But the state will get a lot of national attention on election night if it turns down the proposed gay marriage ban and voter identification law."

PPP surveyed 1,164 likely voters on November 2nd and 3rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.9%. 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 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..... 45%
Undecided..... 2%

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..... 45%
No..... 52%
Not sure..... 3%
Won't vote on the amendment..... 0%

Q3 Should the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters?

Yes..... 46%
No..... 51%
Not sure..... 3%
Won't vote on the amendment..... 0%

Q4 The candidates for Senate are Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Kurt Bills. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 62%
Kurt Bills..... 32%
Undecided..... 6%

Q5 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 49%
Illegal..... 41%
Not sure..... 10%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve..... 49%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure..... 6%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 43%
Unfavorable..... 49%
Not sure..... 8%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Amy Klobuchar's job performance?

Approve..... 60%
Disapprove..... 26%
Not sure..... 13%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Kurt Bills?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable..... 23%
Not sure..... 50%

Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Mark Dayton's job performance?

Approve..... 51%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not sure..... 13%

Q11 Generally speaking, if there was an election for Governor today, would you vote for Democrat Mark Dayton or his Republican opponent?

Mark Dayton 51%
Republican opponent..... 38%
Not sure..... 11%





Q12 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Al Franken's job performance?

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not sure 14%

Q13 Generally speaking, if there was an election for the Senate today, would you vote for Democrat Al Franken or his Republican opponent?

Al Franken 48%
Republican opponent..... 42%
Not sure 10%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal 11%
Somewhat liberal 21%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 16%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q16 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 40%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 27%

Q17 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 90%
Other..... 10%

Q18 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.

18 to 29..... 14%
30 to 45..... 32%
46 to 65..... 36%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	53%	93%	91%	65%	17%	8%
Mitt Romney	45%	7%	7%	34%	81%	90%
Undecided	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Marriage Amendment						
Yes	45%	16%	14%	34%	70%	91%
No	52%	82%	85%	61%	27%	7%
Not sure	3%	0%	1%	5%	3%	2%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	2%	-	0%	-	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Voter ID Amendment						
Yes	46%	14%	10%	38%	74%	86%
No	51%	80%	88%	59%	22%	11%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	2%	-	0%	-	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Bills						
Amy Klobuchar	62%	92%	95%	78%	34%	10%
Kurt Bills	32%	5%	3%	17%	55%	85%
Undecided	6%	4%	2%	5%	11%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal						
Legal	49%	81%	84%	55%	26%	7%
Illegal	41%	16%	10%	30%	61%	88%
Not sure	10%	3%	6%	15%	13%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	85%	85%	59%	13%	8%
Disapprove	45%	6%	8%	33%	81%	90%
Not sure	6%	9%	8%	8%	6%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	43%	7%	8%	33%	75%	87%
Unfavorable	49%	90%	86%	57%	13%	9%
Not sure	8%	3%	6%	9%	12%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar Approval						
Approve	60%	88%	89%	73%	37%	17%
Disapprove	26%	4%	5%	16%	36%	72%
Not sure	13%	8%	6%	12%	27%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bills Favorability						
Favorable	27%	6%	11%	16%	39%	68%
Unfavorable	23%	51%	34%	27%	6%	6%
Not sure	50%	42%	55%	57%	55%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dayton Approval						
Approve	51%	82%	85%	64%	19%	11%
Disapprove	36%	8%	6%	22%	62%	80%
Not sure	13%	10%	9%	14%	19%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dayton or GOP Opponent?						
Mark Dayton	51%	94%	89%	62%	16%	7%
Republican opponent	38%	5%	6%	19%	70%	88%
Not sure	11%	1%	6%	19%	14%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Franken Approval						
Approve	47%	80%	84%	58%	15%	5%
Disapprove	39%	7%	6%	24%	66%	88%
Not sure	14%	13%	11%	17%	18%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Franken or GOP Opponent?						
Al Franken	48%	93%	89%	57%	12%	3%
Republican opponent	42%	7%	4%	25%	75%	92%
Not sure	10%	1%	7%	18%	13%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	53%	58%	48%
Mitt Romney	45%	39%	51%
Undecided	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Marriage Amendment			
Yes	45%	41%	50%
No	52%	55%	49%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	0%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voter ID Amendment			
Yes	46%	40%	52%
No	51%	56%	46%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	1%	0%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar/Bills			
Amy Klobuchar	62%	67%	57%
Kurt Bills	32%	27%	38%
Undecided	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	49%	54%	45%
Illegal	41%	37%	45%
Not sure	10%	9%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	54%	43%
Disapprove	45%	39%	51%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	43%	39%	48%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	45%
Not sure	8%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	60%	64%	56%
Disapprove	26%	22%	31%
Not sure	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bills Favorability			
Favorable	27%	22%	33%
Unfavorable	23%	26%	20%
Not sure	50%	52%	47%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dayton Approval			
Approve	51%	55%	47%
Disapprove	36%	32%	40%
Not sure	13%	12%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dayton or GOP Opponent?			
Mark Dayton	51%	57%	45%
Republican opponent	38%	33%	43%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Franken Approval			
Approve	47%	52%	41%
Disapprove	39%	31%	47%
Not sure	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Franken or GOP Opponent?			
All Franken	48%	53%	43%
Republican opponent	42%	36%	47%
Not sure	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	53%	93%	8%	48%
Mitt Romney	45%	6%	92%	47%
Undecided	2%	1%	0%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Marriage Amendment				
Yes	45%	21%	79%	41%
No	52%	76%	19%	55%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	4%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	1%	-	0%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Voter ID				
Amendment				
Yes	46%	14%	82%	49%
No	51%	82%	16%	49%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	2%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	1%	0%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Klobuchar/Bills				
Amy Klobuchar	62%	93%	21%	64%
Kurt Bills	32%	4%	74%	27%
Undecided	6%	3%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-sex Marriage				
Legal/Illegal				
Legal	49%	74%	19%	48%
Illegal	41%	18%	75%	35%
Not sure	10%	8%	7%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	88%	6%	39%
Disapprove	45%	7%	92%	47%
Not sure	6%	5%	3%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	43%	6%	89%	45%
Unfavorable	49%	88%	6%	41%
Not sure	8%	5%	5%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	60%	86%	27%	62%
Disapprove	26%	5%	55%	24%
Not sure	13%	9%	19%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bills Favorability				
Favorable	27%	8%	53%	25%
Unfavorable	23%	41%	5%	17%
Not sure	50%	50%	41%	58%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dayton Approval				
Approve	51%	81%	13%	52%
Disapprove	36%	8%	74%	33%
Not sure	13%	11%	13%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dayton or GOP Opponent?				
Mark Dayton	51%	91%	7%	43%
Republican opponent	38%	4%	86%	31%
Not sure	11%	5%	7%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Franken Approval				
Approve	47%	82%	8%	42%
Disapprove	39%	5%	80%	40%
Not sure	14%	13%	12%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Franken or GOP Opponent?				
Al Franken	48%	91%	4%	35%
Republican opponent	42%	4%	91%	38%
Not sure	10%	4%	5%	26%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	53%	52%	62%
Mitt Romney	45%	46%	33%
Undecided	2%	1%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Marriage Amendment			
Yes	45%	45%	48%
No	52%	52%	45%
Not sure	3%	2%	6%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	0%	1%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Voter ID Amendment			
Yes	46%	46%	41%
No	51%	51%	55%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	0%	1%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Klobuchar/Bills			
Amy Klobuchar	62%	62%	61%
Kurt Bills	32%	33%	25%
Undecided	6%	5%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	49%	50%	43%
Illegal	41%	40%	44%
Not sure	10%	9%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	48%	54%
Disapprove	45%	46%	33%
Not sure	6%	6%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	43%	45%	33%
Unfavorable	49%	48%	57%
Not sure	8%	7%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	60%	60%	65%
Disapprove	26%	27%	19%
Not sure	13%	13%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Bills Favorability			
Favorable	27%	28%	23%
Unfavorable	23%	22%	30%
Not sure	50%	50%	47%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dayton Approval			
Approve	51%	51%	55%
Disapprove	36%	36%	33%
Not sure	13%	13%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dayton or GOP Opponent?			
Mark Dayton	51%	50%	59%
Republican opponent	38%	39%	26%
Not sure	11%	10%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Franken Approval			
Approve	47%	46%	56%
Disapprove	39%	39%	36%
Not sure	14%	15%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Franken or GOP Opponent?			
Al Franken	48%	47%	59%
Republican opponent	42%	43%	30%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	53%	71%	48%	51%	53%
Mitt Romney	45%	27%	50%	47%	45%
Undecided	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Marriage Amendment					
Yes	45%	36%	42%	46%	57%
No	52%	62%	53%	53%	40%
Not sure	3%	1%	5%	1%	3%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	1%	-	0%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter ID Amendment					
Yes	46%	40%	51%	44%	44%
No	51%	53%	47%	54%	53%
Not sure	3%	6%	2%	2%	2%
Won't vote on the amendment	0%	1%	-	0%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Klobuchar/Bills					
Amy Klobuchar	62%	64%	58%	64%	63%
Kurt Bills	32%	27%	37%	31%	31%
Undecided	6%	8%	6%	5%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					
Legal	49%	68%	52%	49%	34%
Illegal	41%	31%	38%	42%	50%
Not sure	10%	1%	10%	10%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	58%	46%	47%	50%
Disapprove	45%	34%	46%	47%	46%
Not sure	6%	8%	8%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	43%	35%	46%	44%	44%
Unfavorable	49%	58%	45%	50%	47%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Klobuchar Approval					
Approve	60%	57%	57%	63%	65%
Disapprove	26%	29%	28%	26%	22%
Not sure	13%	14%	16%	11%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bills Favorability					
Favorable	27%	33%	28%	25%	27%
Unfavorable	23%	17%	23%	24%	25%
Not sure	50%	50%	49%	50%	49%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dayton Approval					
Approve	51%	48%	46%	54%	56%
Disapprove	36%	31%	41%	36%	31%
Not sure	13%	20%	13%	10%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dayton or GOP Opponent?					
Mark Dayton	51%	63%	46%	50%	55%
Republican opponent	38%	30%	43%	38%	35%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Franken Approval					
Approve	47%	49%	43%	48%	50%
Disapprove	39%	31%	43%	39%	38%
Not sure	14%	20%	14%	13%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Franken or GOP Opponent?					
All Franken	48%	59%	42%	47%	53%
Republican opponent	42%	39%	45%	41%	39%
Not sure	10%	2%	13%	12%	8%

