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Voters think it's time for Emmer to give up

Raleigh, N.C. – More than two thirds of Minnesota voters think that Mark Dayton was the rightful winner of last month's Gubernatorial election and that it's time for Tom Emmer to concede.

68% think that Dayton was the true victor to only 21% who think it was Emmer and 11% who aren't sure. Predictably 95% of Democrats think Dayton won and 72% of independents do as well. What might be more surprising is the numbers with Republicans. Fewer than half- 46%- think Emmer won while 37% think Dayton was actually the winner. Even within his own party there isn't a particularly strong sentiment that Emmer really won.

The numbers on whether Emmer should concede are nearly identical. 68% think it's time for him to give up while 22% believe he should fight on and 10% aren't sure. What might be most noteworthy about these numbers is how they compare to an April 2009 poll PPP conducted on whether it was time for Norm Coleman to concede. 63% thought it was time for him to let it go while 37% thought he should fight on, for a 26 point margin in favor of concession. This time around there is a 46 point margin in favor of concession, and this is four months earlier in the process than when the Senate poll was conducted.

The protracted fight over who won the Governor's race isn't doing Emmer's image any favors. 49% of voters in the state have an unfavorable opinion of him to only 37% with a positive one. It's no surprise that Democrats are pretty universally negative toward Emmer, giving him a 4/86 favorability rating. But independents are overwhelmingly negative as well with only 30% saying they have a positive opinion of him.

"Tom Emmer is likely hurting his future political prospects by drawing out the race for Governor," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Voters in the state, including many who voted for him, think that Mark Dayton was the rightful winner of the election."

PPP will release numbers on the 2012 Senate race in Minnesota tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 949 Minnesota voters on December 4th and 5th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.2%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you think the rightful winner of the Governor's race was Mark Dayton or Tom Emmer?

Mark Dayton 68%
Tom Emmer 21%
Not sure 11%

Q2 Do you think Tom Emmer should concede the Governor's race or not?

Should concede 68%
Should not concede 22%
Not sure 10%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Emmer?

Favorable 37%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 14%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal 20%
Moderate 41%
Conservative 39%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man 49%

Q6 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 37%
Republican 34%
Independent/Other 29%

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 95%
Other 5%

Q8 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 26%
46 to 65 44%
Older than 65 18%



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rightful Gov Winner				
Mark Dayton	68%	97%	81%	40%
Tom Emmer	21%	2%	11%	41%
Not sure	11%	2%	7%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should Emmer Concede?				
Should concede	68%	91%	84%	41%
Should not concede	22%	6%	12%	41%
Not sure	10%	3%	5%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Emmer Favorability				
Favorable	37%	5%	21%	71%
Unfavorable	49%	89%	62%	14%
Not sure	14%	6%	16%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rightful Gov Winner			
Mark Dayton	68%	71%	66%
Tom Emmer	21%	19%	23%
Not sure	11%	10%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Emmer Concede?			
Should concede	68%	70%	66%
Should not concede	22%	18%	26%
Not sure	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Emmer Favorability			
Favorable	37%	33%	42%
Unfavorable	49%	53%	45%
Not sure	14%	15%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rightful Gov Winner				
Mark Dayton	68%	95%	37%	72%
Tom Emmer	21%	3%	46%	13%
Not sure	11%	2%	17%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Emmer Concede?				
Should concede	68%	92%	40%	72%
Should not concede	22%	5%	44%	17%
Not sure	10%	3%	16%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Emmer Favorability				
Favorable	37%	4%	79%	30%
Unfavorable	49%	86%	9%	49%
Not sure	14%	10%	12%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Rightful Gov Winner			
Mark Dayton	68%	68%	68%
Tom Emmer	21%	21%	21%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Should Emmer Concede?			
Should concede	68%	69%	66%
Should not concede	22%	22%	19%
Not sure	10%	9%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Emmer Favorability			
Favorable	37%	38%	30%
Unfavorable	49%	48%	60%
Not sure	14%	14%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rightful Gov Winner					
Mark Dayton	68%	71%	65%	72%	61%
Tom Emmer	21%	19%	20%	19%	27%
Not sure	11%	10%	14%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Emmer Concede?					
Should concede	68%	73%	64%	71%	67%
Should not concede	22%	17%	25%	22%	19%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%	7%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Emmer Favorability					
Favorable	37%	29%	49%	33%	36%
Unfavorable	49%	56%	39%	54%	47%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%	13%	16%

