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Minnesotans Want Pawlenty to Certify Election, Coleman to Concede

Raleigh, N.C. – A strong majority of Minnesota voters think that Norm Coleman should concede the race for US Senate, that Tim Pawlenty should certify Al Franken as the winner, and that Franken should be seated immediately, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

63% of voters in the state think that Coleman should just concede the race himself. That includes almost all of Franken and Dean Barkley's supporters, as well as a third of respondents who voted for Coleman last fall.

59% express support both for Pawlenty certifying Franken as the winner and for Franken being seated immediately.

While Democrats and Republicans predictably have different views about the various issues related to resolving the election, it's notable that independent voters fall on Franken's side with 61% thinking Coleman should concede and 54% saying Franken should be certified and seated.

“With the ruling of the three judge panel it appears that most Minnesota voters are now ready for this election be over,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Folks seem to think that Franken is the rightful winner and that he should be allowed to take his seat instead of the process being dragged out further.”

The poll also finds Barack Obama with strong approval from voters in the state, with 60% expressing support for the job he's done so far compared to just 30 who dissent.

PPP surveyed 805 Minnesota voters on April 14th and 15th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Minnesota Survey Results

- Q1** Have you heard or read about the decision of the three judge panel that has declared Al Franken the winner of the election for U.S. Senate? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.
 Yes..... 88% No 12%
- Q2** Do you think Norm Coleman should appeal the decision and continue to fight in court or should Coleman concede the race? If you think Coleman should appeal, press 1. If you think he should concede, press 2.
 Appeal..... 37%
 Concede 63%
- Q3** Minnesota now has only one senator representing the state in the U.S. Senate. Should Franken be seated immediately or should the seat remain vacant? If you think Franken should be seated immediately, press 1. If you think the seat should remain vacant, press 2.
 Seat Franken Immediately..... 59% Leave Seat Vacant 41%
- Q4** Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing as President of the United States? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.
 Approve60% Not Sure.....10%
 Disapprove.....30%
- Q5** Some people say that Republicans are funding the Coleman legal suit to keep the Minnesota seat vacant and slow down the Obama agenda. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? If you agree, press 1. If you disagree, press 2.
 Agree48% Disagree52%
- Q6** In order for Al Franken to be seated as a U.S. Senator, Republican Governor Tim Pawlenty must sign a form certifying Al Franken as the winner. Do you think Governor Pawlenty should sign the form certifying Al Franken? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.
 Yes 59%
 No 41%
- Q7** In the US Senate election last fall, who did you vote for? If you voted for Norm Coleman, press 1. If you voted for Al Franken, press 2. If you voted for Dean Barkley, press 3. If you didn't vote or don't remember, press 4.
 Coleman 41%
 Franken..... 41%
 Barkley..... 13%
 Didn't Vote/Don't Remember 5%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.
 Woman 53%
 Man..... 47%
- Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
 Democrat 39%
 Republican..... 28%
 Independent/Other 32%
- Q10** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.
 White 92%
 African-American 3%
 Other..... 5%





Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	37%
<i>Older than 65</i>	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
Knowledge of Court Decision					
Yes	88%	83%	92%	88%	83%
No	12%	17%	8%	12%	17%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
Coleman's Next Move					
Appeal	37%	69%	9%	19%	45%
Concede	63%	31%	91%	81%	55%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
Seating Franken					
Seat Franken Immediately	59%	24%	92%	67%	57%
Leave Seat Vacant	41%	76%	8%	33%	43%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
Obama Approval					
Approve	60%	32%	88%	65%	56%
Disapprove	30%	57%	6%	22%	30%
Not Sure	10%	12%	6%	13%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
GOP trying to slow down Obama?					
Agree	48%	21%	74%	49%	45%
Disagree	52%	79%	26%	51%	55%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
Pawlenty Certification					
Yes	59%	23%	92%	73%	48%
No	41%	77%	8%	27%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Knowledge of Court Decision			
Yes	88%	87%	88%
No	12%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coleman's Next Move			
Appeal	37%	35%	38%
Concede	63%	65%	62%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Seating Franken			
Seat Franken Immediately	59%	60%	58%
Leave Seat Vacant	41%	40%	42%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	60%	63%	57%
Disapprove	30%	27%	33%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP trying to slow down Obama?			
Agree	48%	47%	48%
Disagree	52%	53%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Certification			
Yes	59%	61%	57%
No	41%	39%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Knowledge of Court Decision				
Yes	88%	91%	79%	90%
No	12%	9%	21%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Coleman's Next Move				
Appeal	37%	7%	75%	39%
Concede	63%	93%	25%	61%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Seating Franken				
Seat Franken Immediately	59%	93%	18%	54%
Leave Seat Vacant	41%	7%	82%	46%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	60%	92%	23%	56%
Disapprove	30%	3%	64%	32%
Not Sure	10%	5%	13%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
GOP trying to slow down Obama?				
Agree	48%	72%	18%	44%
Disagree	52%	28%	82%	56%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Certification				
Yes	59%	93%	18%	54%
No	41%	7%	82%	46%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Knowledge of Court Decision				
Yes	88%	87%	82%	95%
No	12%	13%	18%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Coleman's Next Move				
Appeal	37%	37%	23%	38%
Concede	63%	63%	77%	62%





Crosstabs

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Seating Franken				
Seat Franken Immediately	59%	58%	77%	62%
Leave Seat Vacant	41%	42%	23%	38%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	60%	60%	87%	61%
Disapprove	30%	31%	9%	30%
Not Sure	10%	10%	4%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
GOP trying to slow down Obama?				
Agree	48%	47%	63%	43%
Disagree	52%	53%	37%	57%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Pawlenty Certification				
Yes	59%	58%	82%	61%
No	41%	42%	18%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Knowledge of Court Decision					
Yes	88%	81%	82%	91%	91%
No	12%	19%	18%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Coleman's Next Move					
Appeal	37%	42%	38%	35%	35%
Concede	63%	58%	62%	65%	65%

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Seat Franken Immediately	59%	57%	55%	60%	62%
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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Disapprove	30%	34%	35%	29%	26%
Not Sure	10%	5%	14%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP trying to slow down Obama?					
Agree	48%	46%	39%	50%	53%
Disagree	52%	54%	61%	50%	47%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paw lenty Certification					
Yes	59%	56%	55%	61%	60%
No	41%	44%	45%	39%	40%

