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Klobuchar Approval Rating Highest PPP Has Found in Last Year

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling finds Senator Amy Klobuchar’s approval rating at 62%. That’s the best PPP has found for any of the 18 Senators it’s taken approval ratings of across the country over the last year.

87% of Democrats approve of Klobuchar’s work. So do 30% of Republicans, an unusual level of crossover support for a Senator. But what allows Klobuchar’s overall numbers to be as strong as they are is a 59% approval rating from independents.

One key to Klobuchar’s popularity is that she doesn’t see some of the gaps in her popularity along demographic lines that Democrats often do. For instance she gets a 62% approval from both women and men, even though men tend to be less supportive of Democratic candidates. She actually gets higher approval ratings from senior citizens (71%), who tend to be more conservative leaning, than she gets from the overall electorate.

“Amy Klobuchar has been doing double duty for the last three months with only one Senator representing Minnesota and voters in the state seem to appreciate her for it,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

Tim Pawlenty finds weaker reviews with 46% of voters approving of his work and 40% disapproving. He gets similarly strong support from his party to Klobuchar but does not have as much bipartisan appeal with only 19% of Democrats giving him good marks. He is doing well with independents, 51% of whom think he’s doing a good job.

PPP will have some new numbers related to public opinion on sports in Minnesota tomorrow.

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.



Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tim Pawlenty's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 40%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 62%
Disapprove..... 25%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q4 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 40%
Republican..... 28%
Independent/Other..... 32%

Q5 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%

Q6 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.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 37%
Older than 65..... 27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Approval			
Approve	46%	46%	47%
Disapprove	40%	37%	44%
Not Sure	13%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	62%	62%	62%
Disapprove	25%	22%	28%
Not Sure	13%	15%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	46%	19%	81%	51%
Disapprove	40%	66%	9%	35%
Not Sure	13%	15%	10%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	62%	87%	30%	59%
Disapprove	25%	7%	49%	26%
Not Sure	13%	6%	21%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	46%	47%	27%	49%
Disapprove	40%	40%	59%	39%
Not Sure	13%	14%	14%	12%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	62%	61%	86%	73%
Disapprove	25%	26%	14%	20%
Not Sure	13%	13%	-	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pawlenty Approval					
Approve	46%	49%	51%	44%	43%
Disapprove	40%	41%	36%	41%	43%
Not Sure	13%	10%	13%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Klobuchar Approval					
Approve	62%	60%	47%	67%	71%
Disapprove	25%	28%	39%	20%	18%
Not Sure	13%	13%	14%	13%	11%

