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Missouri down on Blunt, wants Tigers to stay in Big 12

Raleigh, N.C. – By and large, as in most states, Missourians are not in favor of same-sex marriage. 59% want it to stay illegal, and only 32% want it legalized. But the fight seems to be more over the word “marriage” than the legal rights associated with it. Because when civil unions are an option, 34% are fine with them, and still 28% prefer full marriage equality for gay couples, for 62% in favor of some legal recognition of these relationships. Only 37% want no recognition of them. Support for marriage rights hardly falls off between the two-way and three-way questions, unlike in some states. 52% or 54% of Democrats support it either way. Most of the support for civil unions comes from those who want marriage itself to still be illegal. In total, 74% of Democrats, 72% of independents, and even 42% of Republicans want gay couples to have the rights married heterosexual couples do.

A plurality of the state’s voters (35%) want the University of Missouri Tigers to remain in the Big 12 conference, but another 35% have no opinion, and 21% would not mind them transferring to the Upper-Midwestern-based Big 10. 4% would like to see the team in the ACC, 2% the SEC, and 1% each the Big East and Pac 12.

Missouri is Cardinals country. Half of voters root for St. Louis’ baseball team, with 21% favoring the state’s other MLB franchise, the Kansas City Royals. No other team gets more than a pittance of support, with the Chicago Cubs at 6%, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees at 3%, Atlanta Braves at 2%, and Chicago White Sox and Minnesota Twins at 1% each. 14% cheer for someone else or are not baseball fans.

The St. Louis-K.C. divide is much closer in football, with 30% partial to the St. Louis Rams and 26% to the Kansas City Chiefs. The Green Bay Packers earn 8% of the state’s fans, the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys each 6%, the Tennessee Titans 4%, the Indianapolis Colts 3%, and the Minnesota Vikings 2%. 16% have no team.

PPP surveyed 632 Missouri voters from September 9th to 12th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.9%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Missouri Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Roy Blunt's job performance?

Approve..... 33% *Not sure* 25%
Disapprove..... 42%

Q2 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 32%
Illegal 59%
Not sure 9%

Q3 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry 28%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry 34%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship 37%
Not sure 1%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party?

Favorable..... 40%
Unfavorable 46%
Not sure 14%

Q5 What conference would you most like the Missouri Tigers to be in: the ACC, Big 10, Big 12, Big East, PAC 12, or SEC?

ACC..... 4%
Big 10 21%
Big 12 35%
Big East 1%
Pac 12 1%
SEC 2%
No opinion..... 35%

Q6 Is your favorite Major League Baseball team the Atlanta Braves, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Kansas City Royals, Minnesota Twins, New York Yankees, or St. Louis Cardinals?

Braves 2%
Red Sox..... 3%
Cubs 6%
White Sox 1%
Royals..... 21%
Twins..... 1%
Yankees..... 3%
Cardinals..... 50%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan 14%





- Q7** Is your favorite NFL team the Chicago Bears, Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers, Indianapolis Colts, Kansas City Chiefs, Minnesota Vikings, St. Louis Rams, or Tennessee Titans?
- Bears* 6%
 - Cowboys*..... 6%
 - Packers*..... 8%
 - Colts* 3%
 - Chiefs* 26%
 - Vikings* 2%
 - Rams* 30%
 - Titans*..... 4%
 - Someone else/Not a football fan*..... 16%
- Q8** Who did you vote for President in 2008?
- John McCain*..... 48%
 - Barack Obama*..... 45%
 - Someone else/Don't remember* 7%
- Q9** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
- Very liberal*..... 10%
 - Somewhat liberal* 14%
 - Moderate*..... 27%
 - Somewhat conservative*..... 26%
 - Very conservative* 23%

- Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
- Woman* 49%
 - Man*..... 51%
- Q11** 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* 33%
 - Republican*..... 37%
 - Independent/Other*..... 30%
- Q12** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.
- White* 85%
 - African-American* 10%
 - Other*..... 5%
- Q13** 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*..... 10%
 - 30 to 45*..... 26%
 - 46 to 65*..... 42%
 - Older than 65*..... 22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
R. Blunt Approval				
Approve	33%	52%	13%	26%
Disapprove	42%	23%	63%	43%
Not sure	25%	26%	24%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Same-Sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	32%	9%	57%	29%
Illegal	59%	85%	31%	61%
Not sure	9%	7%	12%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	28%	6%	50%	31%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	39%	28%	36%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	37%	54%	20%	33%
Not sure	1%	1%	2%	-

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Tea Party Favorability				
Favorable	40%	75%	5%	23%
Unfavorable	46%	9%	83%	57%
Not sure	14%	16%	11%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Preference for Missouri Conference				
ACC	4%	4%	4%	8%
Big 10	21%	20%	22%	15%
Big 12	35%	41%	31%	27%
Big East	1%	1%	2%	-
Pac 12	1%	1%	1%	-
SEC	2%	3%	1%	4%
No opinion	35%	31%	39%	45%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Fave MLB Team				
Braves	2%	3%	1%	-
Red Sox	3%	3%	3%	7%
Cubs	6%	7%	6%	4%
White Sox	1%	0%	1%	1%
Royals	21%	25%	17%	12%
Twins	1%	1%	2%	-
Yankees	3%	2%	3%	7%
Cardinals	50%	47%	53%	48%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan	14%	13%	14%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Fave NFL Team				
Bears	6%	5%	6%	8%
Cowboys	6%	8%	2%	19%
Packers	8%	7%	9%	4%
Colts	3%	2%	4%	4%
Chiefs	26%	30%	23%	10%
Vikings	2%	2%	1%	2%
Rams	30%	25%	36%	26%
Titans	4%	3%	4%	6%
Someone else/Not a football fan	16%	17%	16%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
R. Blunt Approval						
Approve	33%	7%	14%	22%	42%	58%
Disapprove	42%	73%	57%	53%	30%	21%
Not sure	25%	20%	29%	26%	28%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-Sex Legal/Illegal						
Legal	32%	77%	65%	41%	11%	5%
Illegal	59%	23%	26%	41%	79%	93%
Not sure	9%	-	9%	18%	10%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	28%	67%	60%	37%	7%	4%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	19%	22%	42%	42%	27%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	37%	13%	18%	20%	48%	69%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Tea Party Favorability						
Favorable	40%	11%	10%	18%	54%	82%
Unfavorable	46%	85%	81%	66%	26%	7%
Not sure	14%	5%	10%	17%	20%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Preference for Missouri Conference						
ACC	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	6%
Big 10	21%	26%	28%	24%	17%	14%
Big 12	35%	21%	36%	36%	39%	37%
Big East	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%
Pac 12	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%
SEC	2%	-	1%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	35%	46%	30%	29%	37%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Fave MLB Team						
Braves	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Red Sox	3%	8%	5%	1%	1%	4%
Cubs	6%	3%	14%	6%	6%	3%
White Sox	1%	-	-	2%	1%	-
Royals	21%	23%	20%	20%	19%	24%
Twins	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%
Yankees	3%	3%	-	2%	3%	5%
Cardinals	50%	44%	43%	58%	53%	42%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan	14%	14%	18%	7%	15%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Fave NFL Team						
Bears	6%	5%	9%	6%	3%	6%
Cowboys	6%	3%	5%	3%	7%	10%
Packers	8%	6%	12%	11%	3%	7%
Colts	3%	3%	-	4%	2%	5%
Chiefs	26%	29%	21%	26%	26%	26%
Vikings	2%	-	-	2%	4%	0%
Rams	30%	30%	39%	29%	34%	22%
Titans	4%	2%	1%	6%	5%	1%
Someone else/Not a football fan	16%	21%	13%	12%	16%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
R. Blunt Approval			
Approve	33%	30%	35%
Disapprove	42%	42%	43%
Not sure	25%	28%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-Sex Legal/Illegal			
Legal	32%	34%	30%
Illegal	59%	59%	59%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	28%	31%	25%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	34%	33%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	37%	33%	42%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tea Party Favorability			
Favorable	40%	33%	46%
Unfavorable	46%	49%	43%
Not sure	14%	18%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Preference for Missouri Conference			
ACC	4%	4%	5%
Big 10	21%	19%	22%
Big 12	35%	33%	38%
Big East	1%	1%	2%
Pac 12	1%	0%	1%
SEC	2%	2%	3%
No opinion	35%	41%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fave MLB Team			
Braves	2%	2%	2%
Red Sox	3%	2%	4%
Cubs	6%	7%	5%
White Sox	1%	0%	1%
Royals	21%	23%	19%
Twins	1%	1%	2%
Yankees	3%	2%	3%
Cardinals	50%	51%	49%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan	14%	12%	15%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fave NFL Team			
Bears	6%	6%	6%
Cowboys	6%	6%	6%
Packers	8%	6%	9%
Colts	3%	2%	4%
Chiefs	26%	30%	21%
Vikings	2%	3%	1%
Rams	30%	27%	33%
Titans	4%	3%	4%
Someone else/Not a football fan	16%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
R. Blunt Approval				
Approve	33%	13%	54%	28%
Disapprove	42%	63%	21%	44%
Not sure	25%	24%	25%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sam e-Sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	32%	54%	6%	39%
Illegal	59%	36%	87%	50%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	28%	52%	5%	29%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	22%	37%	43%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	37%	24%	58%	28%
Not sure	1%	3%	1%	0%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tea Party Favorability				
Favorable	40%	7%	73%	36%
Unfavorable	46%	81%	9%	52%
Not sure	14%	12%	18%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Preference for Missouri Conference				
ACC	4%	5%	7%	1%
Big 10	21%	22%	20%	21%
Big 12	35%	34%	42%	29%
Big East	1%	0%	1%	3%
Pac 12	1%	1%	0%	1%
SEC	2%	1%	2%	4%
No opinion	35%	37%	29%	41%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fave MLB Team				
Braves	2%	2%	2%	1%
Red Sox	3%	2%	4%	3%
Cubs	6%	7%	6%	6%
White Sox	1%	0%	0%	1%
Royals	21%	20%	22%	19%
Twins	1%	1%	1%	2%
Yankees	3%	3%	3%	1%
Cardinals	50%	51%	51%	47%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan	14%	12%	10%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fave NFL Team				
Bears	6%	7%	3%	7%
Cowboys	6%	3%	10%	5%
Packers	8%	7%	7%	10%
Colts	3%	2%	5%	2%
Chiefs	26%	26%	28%	22%
Vikings	2%	2%	2%	2%
Rams	30%	34%	27%	30%
Titans	4%	3%	3%	5%
Someone else/Not a football fan	16%	17%	14%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
R. Blunt Approval				
Approve	33%	35%	21%	21%
Disapprove	42%	40%	49%	65%
Not sure	25%	25%	30%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Same-Sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	32%	31%	33%	45%
Illegal	59%	61%	55%	40%
Not sure	9%	9%	12%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	28%	27%	26%	40%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	32%	38%	45%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	37%	39%	35%	15%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Tea Party Favorability				
Favorable	40%	44%	8%	36%
Unfavorable	46%	41%	80%	57%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Preference for Missouri Conference				
ACC	4%	4%	6%	6%
Big 10	21%	21%	19%	21%
Big 12	35%	36%	37%	30%
Big East	1%	1%	-	11%
Pac 12	1%	1%	-	-
SEC	2%	2%	5%	-
No opinion	35%	36%	32%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Fave MLB Team				
Braves	2%	1%	7%	-
Red Sox	3%	2%	6%	6%
Cubs	6%	6%	5%	11%
White Sox	1%	1%	2%	-
Royals	21%	21%	18%	14%
Twins	1%	1%	4%	-
Yankees	3%	2%	4%	6%
Cardinals	50%	50%	50%	50%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan	14%	15%	5%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Fave NFL Team				
Bears	6%	5%	11%	9%
Cowboys	6%	5%	4%	26%
Packers	8%	8%	6%	8%
Colts	3%	3%	2%	-
Chiefs	26%	27%	23%	9%
Vikings	2%	2%	2%	-
Rams	30%	29%	42%	29%
Titans	4%	3%	8%	5%
Someone else/Not a football fan	16%	18%	3%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
R. Blunt Approval					
Approve	33%	41%	30%	32%	32%
Disapprove	42%	38%	37%	47%	41%
Not sure	25%	21%	33%	21%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-Sex Legal/Illegal					
Legal	32%	41%	32%	29%	31%
Illegal	59%	55%	62%	60%	56%
Not sure	9%	3%	6%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	28%	41%	27%	27%	24%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	14%	37%	36%	33%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	37%	41%	36%	35%	41%
Not sure	1%	3%	-	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tea Party Favorability					
Favorable	40%	31%	44%	41%	36%
Unfavorable	46%	45%	39%	48%	50%
Not sure	14%	24%	17%	10%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Preference for Missouri Conference					
ACC	4%	10%	6%	3%	3%
Big 10	21%	17%	24%	19%	21%
Big 12	35%	38%	36%	35%	35%
Big East	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Pac 12	1%	-	-	1%	1%
SEC	2%	-	4%	2%	2%
No opinion	35%	31%	30%	39%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fave MLB Team					
Braves	2%	-	4%	1%	2%
Red Sox	3%	7%	7%	1%	-
Cubs	6%	7%	8%	5%	5%
White Sox	1%	3%	-	1%	0%
Royals	21%	31%	17%	22%	19%
Twins	1%	-	2%	1%	2%
Yankees	3%	7%	2%	3%	1%
Cardinals	50%	38%	39%	54%	60%
Someone else/Not a baseball fan	14%	7%	20%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fave NFL Team					
Bears	6%	10%	6%	6%	3%
Cow boys	6%	14%	8%	5%	2%
Packers	8%	10%	10%	5%	9%
Colts	3%	3%	5%	3%	0%
Chiefs	26%	28%	21%	28%	26%
Vikings	2%	-	2%	2%	2%
Rams	30%	21%	21%	31%	43%
Titans	4%	-	6%	3%	3%
Someone else/Not a football fan	16%	14%	20%	18%	11%

