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McCaskill leads by 6

Raleigh, N.C.-- PPP's newest poll of the Missouri Senate race finds Claire McCaskill expanding her lead to 6 points. She's at 46% to 40% for Todd Akin and 9% for Libertarian Jonathan Dine. On our last poll of the race, in late August, McCaskill had led by only a single point.

Todd Akin's image is not seeing any recovery even with six weeks having passed since his controversial comments. 33% of voters see him favorably to 55% with an unfavorable opinion. Those numbers are essentially unchanged from our last poll when he was at 33/56.

One interesting development over the last month in this race is that Claire McCaskill's own popularity has actually improved. 44% of voters approve of her and 49% disapprove, up from a 40/55 spread in late August. The reason for that change is that Democrats are really rallying around her. She now has an 89/8 approval rating within her own party, up from a 73/23 standing last time.

Despite McCaskill's lead there's still reason to think this will be a competitive race. By a 50/42 margin voters would rather Republicans had control of the US Senate next year than the Democrats. Right now Akin's only winning 78% of the vote among people who wanted a GOP controlled Senate, compared to the 95% McCaskill's getting with folks who want a Democratic controlled Senate.

Missouri doesn't look like it will be terribly competitive in the Presidential race this year. Mitt Romney leads Barack Obama 51-45 in the state. That's an improvement for Obama from deficits of 10 and 12 points in our last two polls but still doesn't suggest it will see the kind of close margin it did in 2008.

“Claire McCaskill is increasingly looking like the favorite in the Missouri Senate race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But it’s not over yet by any means given the conservative turn of the state over the last four years.”

PPP surveyed 700 likely Missouri voters from October 1st to 3rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.7%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization.





Missouri Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 49%
Unfavorable 46%
Not sure 5%

Q3 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 45%
Mitt Romney..... 51%
Undecided..... 4%

Q4 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

Barack Obama..... 42%
Mitt Romney..... 53%
Not sure 5%

Q5 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of foreign policy?

Barack Obama..... 45%
Mitt Romney..... 49%
Not sure 6%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Claire McCaskill's job performance?

Approve 44% *Not sure* 7%
Disapprove..... 49%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Todd Akin?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 55%
Not sure 12%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jonathan Dine?

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 10%
Not sure 83%

Q9 The candidates for Senate this fall are Democrat Claire McCaskill, Republican Todd Akin, and Libertarian Jonathan Dine. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Claire McCaskill 46%
Todd Akin 40%
Jonathan Dine..... 9%
Undecided..... 5%

Q10 (Asked only to Dine supporters:) If you had to choose between Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican Todd Akin, who would you vote for?

Claire McCaskill 19%
Todd Akin 33%
Not sure 48%

Q11 Would you rather that Democrats or Republicans had control of the US Senate?

Democrats 42%
Republicans 50%
Not sure 8%





Q12 Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?

Very excited 61%
Somewhat excited 24%
Not at all excited 16%

Q13 Do you consider Claire McCaskill to be 'ladylike,' or not?

She is..... 46%
She is not..... 27%
Not sure 27%

Q14 Do you think women can become pregnant from being raped, or not?

They can..... 93%
They cannot..... 4%
Not sure 4%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal 14%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 27%
Very conservative 20%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 47%
Man..... 53%

Q17 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 32%
Republican..... 33%
Independent/Other..... 35%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 83%
African-American 12%
Other..... 6%

Q19 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..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	43%	93%	84%	56%	15%	7%
Disapprove	53%	7%	15%	37%	80%	92%
Not sure	4%	-	2%	7%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	49%	12%	14%	33%	70%	92%
Unfavorable	46%	88%	86%	60%	20%	7%
Not sure	5%	-	-	7%	10%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	45%	94%	86%	61%	16%	5%
Mitt Romney	51%	5%	14%	32%	79%	91%
Undecided	4%	1%	0%	7%	4%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Economy?						
Barack Obama	42%	94%	81%	56%	14%	5%
Mitt Romney	53%	6%	16%	36%	82%	91%
Not sure	5%	1%	3%	8%	4%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Foreign Policy?						
Barack Obama	45%	94%	86%	60%	18%	5%
Mitt Romney	49%	6%	13%	31%	75%	91%
Not sure	6%	1%	1%	9%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McCaskill Approval						
Approve	44%	89%	84%	58%	17%	5%
Disapprove	49%	8%	10%	33%	74%	90%
Not sure	7%	3%	5%	8%	9%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Akin Favorability						
Favorable	33%	13%	8%	17%	44%	72%
Unfavorable	55%	74%	87%	74%	37%	16%
Not sure	12%	13%	5%	9%	19%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dine Favorability						
Favorable	7%	16%	6%	8%	7%	3%
Unfavorable	10%	25%	10%	7%	8%	8%
Not sure	83%	59%	84%	85%	85%	90%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McCaskey/Akin/Dine						
Claire McCaskey	46%	94%	87%	59%	20%	5%
Todd Akin	40%	5%	10%	25%	58%	78%
Jonathan Dine	9%	-	1%	11%	13%	12%
Undecided	5%	1%	2%	5%	9%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	
McCaskey/Akin (Dine)						
Claire McCaskey	19%	-	34%	15%	7%	
Todd Akin	33%	100%	16%	53%	22%	
Not sure	48%	-	51%	31%	72%	

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Senate Control Preference						
Democrats	42%	88%	82%	58%	11%	5%
Republicans	50%	6%	12%	31%	78%	92%
Not sure	8%	7%	5%	12%	11%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Voter Enthusiasm						
Very excited	61%	88%	60%	52%	54%	67%
Somewhat excited	24%	11%	26%	29%	26%	20%
Not at all excited	16%	1%	13%	20%	20%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Is McCaskill Ladylike?						
She is	46%	85%	73%	56%	31%	11%
She is not	27%	6%	12%	21%	30%	54%
Not sure	27%	9%	15%	23%	39%	35%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Can Women Get Pregnant from Rape?						
They can	93%	92%	95%	94%	92%	91%
They cannot	4%	7%	5%	4%	2%	4%
Not sure	4%	2%	1%	3%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	46%	40%
Disapprove	53%	53%	54%
Not sure	4%	1%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	49%	49%	50%
Unfavorable	46%	46%	45%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	45%	47%	43%
Mitt Romney	51%	50%	52%
Undecided	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Economy?			
Barack Obama	42%	46%	39%
Mitt Romney	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Foreign Policy?			
Barack Obama	45%	47%	43%
Mitt Romney	49%	49%	50%
Not sure	6%	4%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCaskill Approval			
Approve	44%	45%	43%
Disapprove	49%	47%	51%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Akin Favorability			
Favorable	33%	32%	34%
Unfavorable	55%	55%	54%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dine Favorability			
Favorable	7%	7%	7%
Unfavorable	10%	9%	10%
Not sure	83%	84%	82%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCaskill/Akin/Dine			
Claire McCaskill	46%	47%	44%
Todd Akin	40%	40%	40%
Jonathan Dine	9%	8%	10%
Undecided	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCaskill/Akin (Dine)			
Claire McCaskill	19%	22%	17%
Todd Akin	33%	35%	31%
Not sure	48%	42%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Control Preference			
Democrats	42%	47%	38%
Republicans	50%	46%	53%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	61%	63%	58%
Somewhat excited	24%	23%	25%
Not at all excited	16%	14%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Is McCaskill Ladylike?			
She is	46%	44%	48%
She is not	27%	27%	27%
Not sure	27%	29%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Can Women Get Pregnant from Rape?			
They can	93%	95%	91%
They cannot	4%	3%	5%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	90%	5%	38%
Disapprove	53%	8%	93%	55%
Not sure	4%	2%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	49%	9%	90%	48%
Unfavorable	46%	88%	6%	45%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	90%	6%	41%
Mitt Romney	51%	7%	93%	50%
Undecided	4%	2%	1%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	42%	90%	3%	37%
Mitt Romney	53%	8%	93%	56%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	7%





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Trust More on Foreign Policy?				
Barack Obama	45%	91%	6%	41%
Mitt Romney	49%	6%	91%	49%
Not sure	6%	3%	3%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCaskill Approval				
Approve	44%	89%	7%	38%
Disapprove	49%	8%	89%	49%
Not sure	7%	3%	4%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Akin Favorability				
Favorable	33%	7%	65%	28%
Unfavorable	55%	84%	23%	59%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dine Favorability				
Favorable	7%	8%	7%	6%
Unfavorable	10%	14%	9%	7%
Not sure	83%	78%	84%	87%





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Todd Akin	40%	5%	75%	38%
Jonathan Dine	9%	1%	10%	15%
Undecided	5%	3%	5%	8%

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McCaskill/Akin (Dine)				
Claire McCaskill	19%	14%	5%	29%
Todd Akin	33%	36%	46%	25%
Not sure	48%	50%	50%	46%

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Republicans	50%	4%	90%	51%
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Very excited	61%	73%	62%	47%
Somewhat excited	24%	20%	25%	26%
Not at all excited	16%	7%	12%	26%





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She is	46%	79%	18%	43%
She is not	27%	5%	49%	26%
Not sure	27%	16%	33%	30%

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Not sure	4%	2%	2%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
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Approve	43%	39%	81%	22%
Disapprove	53%	58%	16%	65%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
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Favorable	49%	53%	22%	62%
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Not sure	48%	39%	100%	86%





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They can	93%	92%	96%	91%
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Not sure	4%	3%	3%	9%





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Obama Approval					
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Favorable	7%	11%	6%	7%	5%
Unfavorable	10%	19%	5%	9%	12%
Not sure	83%	70%	89%	83%	83%





Crosstabs

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Todd Akin	40%	19%	47%	40%	44%
Jonathan Dine	9%	26%	10%	7%	4%
Undecided	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%

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Claire McCaskill	19%	14%	33%	16%	8%
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Democrats	42%	54%	28%	48%	40%
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Not sure	8%	-	15%	6%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	61%	67%	58%	60%	61%
Somewhat excited	24%	21%	22%	24%	27%
Not at all excited	16%	13%	20%	15%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
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Is McCaskill Ladylike?					
She is	46%	59%	43%	45%	45%
She is not	27%	18%	29%	27%	31%
Not sure	27%	23%	29%	28%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Can Women Get Pregnant from Rape?					
They can	93%	95%	87%	96%	91%
They cannot	4%	5%	7%	2%	3%
Not sure	4%	-	5%	2%	6%

