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Missouri Senate Race Tightening

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s newest survey of the Missouri Senate race, conducted on behalf of the Robin Carnahan campaign, finds that the race is moving in her direction and remains very competitive with two weeks to go until the election.

Roy Blunt leads Carnahan 46-41, with Constitution Party candidate Jerry Beck and Libertarian Jonathan Dine each pulling 3% and 7% of voters still undecided. PPP’s last Missouri survey, in early August, found Blunt leading by a 45-38 margin.

The tightening in the race is a reflection of something PPP is seeing in contests all over the country: Democratic interest in the election is picking up as the big day comes closer. In August only 33% of Missourians saying they were likely to vote in November were Democrats to 38% who were Republicans. Now that breakdown is 36% Democrats and 35% Republicans.

The other factor causing the race to tighten is that Blunt is seeing his support from Democratic voters decline while Carnahan’s crossover support from Republicans is moving slightly up. In the August survey Blunt was winning 11% of Democrats. That’s been reduced now to 8%. Meanwhile Carnahan is now getting 6% of Republicans, up from 4% on the previous poll. Blunt’s overall lead persists thanks to a 46-31 advantage with independents.

“These numbers show that some folks have been too quick to write off Missouri Senate as a competitive race,” said Tom Jensen, Director of Public Policy Polling. “Roy Blunt’s lead is within the margin of error and the numbers are trending in Robin Carnahan’s direction. If Democratic interest continues to tick up as election day moves closer there could be a surprising result on November 2nd.”

PPP surveyed 646 likely voters on October 17th and 18th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.9%. 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 Tom Jensen at 919-744-6312

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Missouri Survey Results

Q1 The candidates for US Senate are Republican Roy Blunt, Democrat Robin Carnahan, Constitution Party candidate Jerry Beck, and Libertarian Jonathan Dine. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Roy Blunt.....46% Jonathan Dine..... 3%
Robin Carnahan.....41% Undecided..... 7%
Jerry Beck..... 3%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Roy Blunt?

Favorable..... 42%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 13%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Robin Carnahan?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 53%
Not sure 8%

Q4 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 53%
Barack Obama..... 45%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 2%

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

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or another party, press 3.

Democrat 36%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 29%

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 83%
African-American 12%
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 older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 6%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 26%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Carnahan/Blunt/et al				
Roy Blunt	47%	84%	6%	16%
Robin Carnahan	42%	5%	85%	41%
Jerry Beck	2%	2%	1%	12%
Jonathan Dine	3%	3%	2%	8%
Undecided	7%	7%	6%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	43%	70%	11%	25%
Unfavorable	44%	14%	79%	63%
Not sure	13%	16%	10%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Carnahan Favorability				
Favorable	40%	6%	81%	47%
Unfavorable	52%	86%	13%	36%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carnahan/Blunt/et al			
Roy Blunt	46%	45%	48%
Robin Carnahan	41%	44%	38%
Jerry Beck	3%	1%	5%
Jonathan Dine	3%	2%	4%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blunt Favorability			
Favorable	42%	39%	45%
Unfavorable	45%	45%	45%
Not sure	13%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carnahan Favorability			
Favorable	39%	41%	37%
Unfavorable	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Carnahan/Blunt/et al				
Roy Blunt	46%	8%	85%	46%
Robin Carnahan	41%	83%	6%	31%
Jerry Beck	3%	2%	2%	5%
Jonathan Dine	3%	0%	1%	8%
Undecided	7%	7%	6%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	42%	12%	72%	41%
Unfavorable	45%	76%	15%	43%
Not sure	13%	12%	12%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Carnahan Favorability				
Favorable	39%	79%	8%	29%
Unfavorable	53%	14%	85%	60%
Not sure	8%	7%	7%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Carnahan/Blunt/et al				
Roy Blunt	46%	52%	12%	31%
Robin Carnahan	41%	35%	75%	58%
Jerry Beck	3%	3%	-	3%
Jonathan Dine	3%	3%	4%	3%
Undecided	7%	7%	9%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	42%	45%	19%	37%
Unfavorable	45%	42%	62%	58%
Not sure	13%	13%	19%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Carnahan Favorability				
Favorable	39%	34%	67%	51%
Unfavorable	53%	58%	20%	43%
Not sure	8%	8%	13%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Carnahan/Blunt/et al					
Roy Blunt	46%	46%	43%	45%	51%
Robin Carnahan	41%	38%	38%	44%	38%
Jerry Beck	3%	-	4%	3%	2%
Jonathan Dine	3%	8%	1%	4%	1%
Undecided	7%	8%	14%	3%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blunt Favorability					
Favorable	42%	54%	40%	38%	47%
Unfavorable	45%	31%	42%	51%	40%
Not sure	13%	15%	18%	10%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Carnahan Favorability					
Favorable	39%	38%	34%	43%	38%
Unfavorable	53%	54%	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	8%	8%	13%	6%	8%

