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McCaskill leads by 4, Romney and Nixon up comfortably

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's final Missouri poll finds Claire McCaskill holding on to a narrow lead over Todd Akin, 48-44. Libertarian Jonathan Dine is polling at 6%. Since our last poll two weeks ago McCaskill's gained 2 points, while Akin's seen a 4 point increase in his support.

Akin's image isn't getting any better. He now has a 29% favorability rating with 56% of voters rating him unfavorably, the worst numbers we've found for him to date. Nevertheless Republicans are starting to unify around him a little bit more as the election approaches- he's gone from getting 74% of his party vote on our last poll to now 79%. He's also pulled even with independents at 46%, although he's still running 19 points behind Mitt Romney on that front.

“The big x factor in the Missouri Senate race is Jonathan Dine,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He’s pulling a lot of support from people who would otherwise vote Republican. If they stick with him, then McCaskill will win. But if they decide their desire for a GOP controlled Senate outweighs their disgust with Akin, then Akin will have a chance to pull the upset.”

The Senate race is definitely where the excitement is for Missouri on Tuesday night. After being the closest state in the Presidential contest in 2008 it looks like it will be a blowout this year, with Mitt Romney leading Barack Obama 53/45. Obama is very unpopular in the state with only 41% of voters approving of him to 53% who disapprove. Romney has a 52/40 favorability rating. Key to Romney's advantage is a 57/38 lead among independents.

The race for Governor doesn't look like it will be terribly competitive either. Democratic incumbent Jay Nixon leads Republican challenger Dave Spence 53-45. The race has tightened in the closing stretch but Nixon is still taking 14% of Republicans while losing only 4% of Democrats, and he has a 53/42 lead with independents. Nixon continues to be among the more popular Governors in the country with a 51/31 approval spread.

PPP surveyed 835 likely voters on November 2nd and 3rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Missouri Survey Results

Q1 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..... 53%
Undecided..... 2%

Q2 The candidates for Senate are Democrat Claire McCaskill, Republican Todd Akin, and Libertarian Jonathan Dine. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Claire McCaskill..... 48%
Todd Akin..... 44%
Jonathan Dine..... 6%
Undecided..... 2%

Q3 The candidates for Governor are Democrat Jay Nixon and Republican Dave Spence. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Jay Nixon..... 53%
Dave Spence..... 45%
Undecided..... 2%

Q4 The candidates for Lieutenant Governor this fall are Democrat Susan Montee and Republican Peter Kinder. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Susan Montee..... 43%
Peter Kinder..... 44%
Undecided..... 13%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve..... 41%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure..... 6%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 52%
Unfavorable..... 40%
Not sure..... 8%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Claire McCaskill's job performance?

Approve..... 42% *Not sure*..... 8%
Disapprove..... 50%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Todd Akin?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable..... 56%
Not sure..... 16%

Q9 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Jay Nixon's job performance?

Approve..... 51% *Not sure*..... 18%
Disapprove..... 31%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dave Spence?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable..... 28%
Not sure..... 34%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal..... 13%
Moderate..... 28%
Somewhat conservative..... 27%
Very conservative..... 20%





Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 55%

Man..... 45%

Q13 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..... 36%

Independent/Other..... 32%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 81%

African-American 11%

Other..... 8%

Q15 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..... 18%

30 to 45..... 24%

46 to 65..... 42%

Older than 65..... 16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	45%	90%	91%	57%	18%	11%
Mitt Romney	53%	8%	9%	38%	81%	89%
Undecided	2%	2%	-	5%	1%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McCaskill/Akin/Dine						
Claire McCaskill	48%	86%	92%	63%	22%	10%
Todd Akin	44%	5%	7%	30%	67%	80%
Jonathan Dine	6%	7%	-	6%	9%	7%
Undecided	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nixon/Spence						
Jay Nixon	53%	90%	94%	67%	29%	18%
Dave Spence	45%	10%	6%	28%	70%	79%
Undecided	2%	-	-	5%	1%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Montee/Kinder						
Susan Montee	43%	89%	76%	54%	22%	12%
Peter Kinder	44%	7%	11%	27%	64%	80%
Undecided	13%	4%	14%	19%	14%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	41%	90%	79%	50%	17%	13%
Disapprove	53%	9%	9%	39%	79%	87%
Not sure	6%	1%	13%	11%	4%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	52%	12%	10%	36%	77%	86%
Unfavorable	40%	80%	88%	49%	17%	9%
Not sure	8%	7%	2%	15%	6%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McCaskill Approval						
Approve	42%	86%	84%	54%	19%	10%
Disapprove	50%	14%	9%	34%	76%	82%
Not sure	8%	-	7%	13%	5%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Akin Favorability						
Favorable	29%	13%	5%	17%	34%	62%
Unfavorable	56%	82%	90%	68%	40%	25%
Not sure	16%	6%	5%	16%	26%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nixon Approval						
Approve	51%	78%	76%	56%	42%	25%
Disapprove	31%	12%	13%	19%	42%	54%
Not sure	18%	10%	10%	26%	16%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Spence Favorability						
Favorable	38%	9%	10%	23%	54%	70%
Unfavorable	28%	56%	57%	32%	15%	8%
Not sure	34%	35%	33%	45%	30%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	45%	52%	37%
Mitt Romney	53%	47%	60%
Undecided	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCaskill/Akin/Dine			
Claire McCaskill	48%	55%	38%
Todd Akin	44%	38%	52%
Jonathan Dine	6%	6%	6%
Undecided	2%	1%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nixon/Spence			
Jay Nixon	53%	59%	46%
Dave Spence	45%	40%	50%
Undecided	2%	1%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Montee/Kinder			
Susan Montee	43%	48%	37%
Peter Kinder	44%	38%	50%
Undecided	13%	13%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	41%	49%	32%
Disapprove	53%	47%	61%
Not sure	6%	4%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	52%	47%	57%
Unfavorable	40%	47%	33%
Not sure	8%	6%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCaskill Approval			
Approve	42%	48%	35%
Disapprove	50%	43%	58%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Akin Favorability			
Favorable	29%	27%	31%
Unfavorable	56%	58%	53%
Not sure	16%	15%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nixon Approval			
Approve	51%	50%	51%
Disapprove	31%	30%	31%
Not sure	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spence Favorability			
Favorable	38%	36%	41%
Unfavorable	28%	32%	23%
Not sure	34%	32%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	94%	7%	38%
Mitt Romney	53%	6%	93%	57%
Undecided	2%	0%	-	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCaskill/Akin/Dine				
Claire McCaskill	48%	91%	9%	46%
Todd Akin	44%	5%	79%	46%
Jonathan Dine	6%	3%	9%	7%
Undecided	2%	0%	4%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Nixon/Spence				
Jay Nixon	53%	96%	14%	53%
Dave Spence	45%	4%	85%	42%
Undecided	2%	0%	1%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Montee/Kinder				
Susan Montee	43%	83%	9%	41%
Peter Kinder	44%	10%	79%	38%
Undecided	13%	7%	12%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	87%	7%	33%
Disapprove	53%	7%	92%	55%
Not sure	6%	5%	1%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	52%	11%	90%	50%
Unfavorable	40%	83%	7%	34%
Not sure	8%	6%	3%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McCaskill Approval				
Approve	42%	87%	11%	33%
Disapprove	50%	8%	83%	54%
Not sure	8%	5%	6%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Akin Favorability				
Favorable	29%	5%	55%	23%
Unfavorable	56%	87%	29%	55%
Not sure	16%	8%	16%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Nixon Approval				
Approve	51%	80%	27%	49%
Disapprove	31%	11%	54%	25%
Not sure	18%	9%	20%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spence Favorability				
Favorable	38%	10%	69%	32%
Unfavorable	28%	55%	8%	24%
Not sure	34%	35%	23%	44%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	45%	39%	83%	53%
Mitt Romney	53%	60%	9%	42%
Undecided	2%	1%	8%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
McCaskill/Akin/Dine				
Claire McCaskill	48%	42%	90%	48%
Todd Akin	45%	51%	6%	32%
Jonathan Dine	6%	6%	2%	19%
Undecided	1%	1%	2%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Nixon/Spence				
Jay Nixon	53%	48%	88%	52%
Dave Spence	45%	50%	9%	46%
Undecided	2%	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Montee/Kinder				
Susan Montee	43%	38%	75%	58%
Peter Kinder	44%	49%	16%	30%
Undecided	13%	13%	9%	12%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	34%	86%	55%
Disapprove	53%	59%	13%	41%
Not sure	6%	7%	1%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	52%	57%	8%	53%
Unfavorable	40%	34%	86%	42%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
McCaskill Approval				
Approve	43%	37%	77%	51%
Disapprove	50%	56%	16%	39%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Akin Favorability				
Favorable	29%	31%	12%	28%
Unfavorable	56%	53%	76%	58%
Not sure	15%	16%	12%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Nixon Approval				
Approve	51%	48%	74%	54%
Disapprove	31%	34%	14%	23%
Not sure	18%	18%	12%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Spence Favorability				
Favorable	38%	43%	5%	37%
Unfavorable	28%	24%	61%	25%
Not sure	33%	33%	34%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	45%	50%	40%	47%	43%
Mitt Romney	53%	48%	58%	52%	55%
Undecided	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCaskill/Akin/Dine					
Claire McCaskill	48%	50%	45%	49%	44%
Todd Akin	44%	39%	43%	46%	49%
Jonathan Dine	6%	9%	9%	4%	5%
Undecided	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Nixon/Spence					
Jay Nixon	53%	54%	45%	56%	54%
Dave Spence	45%	39%	53%	43%	43%
Undecided	2%	7%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Montee/Kinder					
Susan Montee	43%	49%	39%	43%	45%
Peter Kinder	44%	30%	46%	48%	45%
Undecided	13%	21%	16%	9%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	45%	38%	41%	41%
Disapprove	53%	50%	55%	52%	55%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	52%	48%	56%	50%	54%
Unfavorable	40%	43%	39%	41%	38%
Not sure	8%	9%	5%	9%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCaskill Approval					
Approve	42%	44%	41%	41%	44%
Disapprove	50%	44%	57%	49%	50%
Not sure	8%	12%	2%	10%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Akin Favorability					
Favorable	29%	26%	28%	28%	36%
Unfavorable	56%	56%	58%	56%	52%
Not sure	16%	19%	14%	16%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Nixon Approval					
Approve	51%	42%	47%	56%	52%
Disapprove	31%	30%	35%	29%	32%
Not sure	18%	28%	18%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spence Favorability					
Favorable	38%	35%	48%	36%	32%
Unfavorable	28%	26%	20%	30%	37%
Not sure	34%	40%	31%	33%	31%

