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Voters Optimistic for New Administration

Raleigh, N.C. – Missouri voters overwhelmingly believe that newly elected Democrat Jay Nixon will make a better governor than Republican Matt Blunt.

PPP's newest survey finds that 50% of voters in Missouri think Nixon will make a better governor. Only 32% of those polled thought Blunt would end up being considered superior to the Democrat.

Nearly one-quarter of Republicans surveyed reported that they thought Nixon would do a better job, whereas only 11% of Democrats thought Nixon would not be an improvement.

“It's safe to say that Missouri voters will not remember Matt Blunt as one of their better governors,” said Dean Debnam, president of Public Policy Polling. “Jay Nixon was elected overwhelmingly in November, and Missourians appear to remain confident that he'll be an upgrade in the governor's mansion.”

PPP also found that retirement has done wonders for Senator Kit Bond's popularity. In August, only 44% of voters approved of the 4-term Republican's job performance. Since he announced his intentions not to seek reelection in 2010, his approval rating has increased to 57%.

Bond has strong ratings among independents; 59% approve and only 24% disapprove. Among Democrats, 37% approve of Bond, almost as many as the 43% who disapprove.

PPP will release numbers looking at the 2010 Senate race later in the week and examining faceoffs between Democrat Robin Carnahan and Republicans Jim Talent, Roy Blunt and Sarah Steelman.

PPP surveyed 867 Missouri voters on January 10th and 11th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.3%. 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.



Missouri Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Kit Bond's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 57%

Disapprove..... 27%

Not Sure..... 15%

Q2 Who do you think will end up making the better Governor: Matt Blunt or Jay Nixon? If Matt Blunt, press 1. If Jay Nixon, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Matt Blunt..... 32%

Jay Nixon..... 50%

Not Sure..... 19%

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

Women52% *Men*.....48%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 38%

Republican..... 35%

Other..... 27%

Q5 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If you are Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White84% *Hispanic*..... 2%

African American ...12% *Other*..... 2%

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 than 65, press 4.

18-29.....10% *46-65*.....36%

30-45.....25% *Older than 65*.....29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Bond Approval			
Approve	57%	58%	57%
Disapprove	27%	23%	31%
Not Sure	15%	19%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Blunt/Nixon			
Matt Blunt	32%	29%	35%
Jay Nixon	50%	50%	50%
Not Sure	19%	22%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bond Approval				
Approve	57%	37%	78%	59%
Disapprove	27%	43%	12%	24%
Not Sure	15%	20%	10%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Blunt/Nixon				
Matt Blunt	32%	11%	56%	29%
Jay Nixon	50%	75%	22%	50%
Not Sure	19%	14%	22%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Bond Approval					
Approve	57%	61%	39%	30%	41%
Disapprove	27%	26%	30%	40%	44%
Not Sure	15%	13%	30%	30%	15%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Blunt/Nixon					
Matt Blunt	32%	33%	22%	30%	39%
Jay Nixon	50%	50%	54%	40%	27%
Not Sure	19%	17%	24%	30%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Bond Approval					
Approve	57%	49%	56%	60%	58%
Disapprove	27%	27%	23%	31%	26%
Not Sure	15%	24%	21%	9%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Blunt/Nixon					
Matt Blunt	32%	29%	40%	27%	30%
Jay Nixon	50%	42%	47%	55%	50%
Not Sure	19%	29%	14%	18%	20%

