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Blunt moves ahead in Missouri

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama and his health care plan continue to be very unpopular in Missouri, and that’s helped Roy Blunt to move ahead of Robin Carnahan in his bid to be the state’s next Senator.

Obama’s approval rating in the state is 43% with 52% of voters disapproving of the job he’s doing. Feelings about him are highly polarized along party lines with 85% of Democrats giving him good marks and 90% of Republicans expressing the opinion that he’s doing a poor job. Independents are arrayed against him by a 59/37 spread.

Obama’s health care plan is even less popular with just 37% of voters supporting it to 54% who are opposed. By a 51/42 margin Missourians would like to see the bill repealed.

Against that backdrop it’s no surprise Blunt has taken the lead in the Senate race, getting 45% to Carnahan’s 41%. His lead comes largely because of a 47-35 advantage with independents. Carnahan is actually more popular than Blunt with 38% of voters holding a favorable opinion of her to only 25% who like Blunt. But voters ambivalent toward both candidates are leaning strongly toward Blunt in this Republican climate.

Carnahan does lead Chuck Purgason 42-38 in a hypothetical contest. 82% of voters in the state don’t know enough about Purgason to have formed an opinion of him.

“The Missouri Senate race has very little to do with Roy Blunt or Robin Carnahan and everything to do with Barack Obama right now,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “If his numbers don’t improve it will be very hard for Carnahan to win.”

PPP surveyed 495 Missouri voters on March 27th and 28th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.4%. 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.

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Missouri Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q2 Do you think that Republicans should work to repeal the health care bill that was passed this week? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 51%
No..... 42%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q3 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support..... 37%
Oppose..... 54%
No Opinion..... 9%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Roy Blunt? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 41%
Not Sure..... 34%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Robin Carnahan? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 43%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chuck Purgason? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 4%
Unfavorable 14%
Not Sure..... 82%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Democrat Robin Carnahan and Republican Roy Blunt, who would you vote for? If Robin Carnahan, press 1. If Roy Blunt, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Carnahan..... 41% *Undecided*..... 13%
Blunt 45%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate this year were Democrat Robin Carnahan and Republican Chuck Purgason, who would you vote for? If Robin Carnahan, press 1. If Chuck Purgason, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Carnahan..... 42%
Purgason 38%
Undecided..... 19%

Q9 Do you trust Washington politicians or Jefferson City politicians more to deal with Missouri's problems? If Washington politicians, press 1. If Jefferson City politicians, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Washington..... 13%
Jefferson City..... 55%
Not Sure..... 31%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Democrats in Congress? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 56%
Not Sure..... 8%





Q11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republicans in Congress? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 31%
Unfavorable 57%
Not Sure..... 12%

Q12 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 50%
Obama..... 42%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 8%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 44%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

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

Q16 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 85%
African-American 10%
Other..... 5%

Q17 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, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	5%	89%	46%
Disapprove	52%	91%	7%	43%
Not Sure	4%	3%	5%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Repeal				
Yes	51%	87%	9%	41%
No	42%	6%	85%	42%
Not Sure	8%	7%	7%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Health Care				
Support	37%	3%	80%	21%
Oppose	54%	92%	11%	46%
No Opinion	9%	5%	9%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	25%	43%	6%	13%
Unfavorable	41%	18%	63%	67%
Not Sure	34%	38%	31%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Carnahan Favorability				
Favorable	38%	8%	76%	32%
Unfavorable	43%	72%	10%	38%
Not Sure	18%	20%	14%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Purgason Favorability				
Favorable	4%	5%	3%	4%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	16%	18%
Not Sure	82%	83%	81%	78%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Carnahan/Blunt				
Carnahan	41%	5%	86%	42%
Blunt	45%	81%	6%	22%
Undecided	13%	14%	8%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Carnahan/Purgason				
Carnahan	42%	6%	88%	35%
Purgason	38%	70%	4%	21%
Undecided	19%	24%	8%	44%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Washington/Jefferson City				
Washington	13%	7%	22%	4%
Jefferson City	55%	74%	34%	49%
Not Sure	31%	18%	44%	47%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Congressional Democrats Favorability				
Favorable	36%	3%	76%	30%
Unfavorable	56%	94%	13%	41%
Not Sure	8%	3%	10%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Congressional Republicans Favorability				
Favorable	31%	57%	2%	16%
Unfavorable	57%	28%	91%	66%
Not Sure	12%	15%	8%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	86%	63%	12%
Disapprove	52%	9%	32%	85%
Not Sure	4%	6%	5%	3%





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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Repeal				
Yes	51%	10%	29%	84%
No	42%	84%	61%	10%
Not Sure	8%	6%	10%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care				
Support	37%	86%	52%	6%
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Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	25%	7%	15%	41%
Unfavorable	41%	62%	55%	21%
Not Sure	34%	31%	30%	39%

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Purgason Favorability				
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Not Sure	82%	74%	86%	81%

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Carnahan/Blunt				
Carnahan	41%	87%	61%	9%
Blunt	45%	12%	21%	79%
Undecided	13%	1%	19%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Carnahan/Purgason				
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Undecided	19%	3%	19%	24%

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Washington/Jefferson City				
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Not Sure	31%	28%	44%	21%





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Congressional Democrats Favorability				
Favorable	36%	76%	53%	6%
Unfavorable	56%	16%	34%	90%
Not Sure	8%	8%	13%	4%

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Republicans Favorability				
Favorable	31%	3%	18%	51%
Unfavorable	57%	93%	70%	34%
Not Sure	12%	4%	12%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	47%	40%
Disapprove	52%	49%	56%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Repeal			
Yes	51%	50%	51%
No	42%	41%	42%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%





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Obama Health Care			
Support	37%	40%	33%
Oppose	54%	51%	58%
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		Woman	Man
Blunt Favorability			
Favorable	25%	25%	26%
Unfavorable	41%	36%	46%
Not Sure	34%	40%	28%

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Carnahan Favorability			
Favorable	38%	41%	35%
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Purgason Favorability			
Favorable	4%	5%	3%
Unfavorable	14%	8%	20%
Not Sure	82%	86%	77%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carnahan/Blunt			
Carnahan	41%	45%	38%
Blunt	45%	40%	51%
Undecided	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carnahan/Purgason			
Carnahan	42%	46%	39%
Purgason	38%	32%	45%
Undecided	19%	22%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Washington/Jefferson City			
Washington	13%	12%	15%
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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	85%	6%	37%
Disapprove	52%	9%	90%	59%
Not Sure	4%	6%	3%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Repeal				
Yes	51%	14%	84%	56%
No	42%	78%	9%	37%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%	7%

	Base	Party		
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Obama Health Care				
Support	37%	76%	1%	30%
Oppose	54%	14%	93%	58%
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Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	25%	6%	43%	27%
Unfavorable	41%	62%	18%	41%
Not Sure	34%	32%	38%	31%

	Base	Party		
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Carnahan Favorability				
Favorable	38%	74%	8%	31%
Unfavorable	43%	10%	74%	48%
Not Sure	18%	17%	18%	20%

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Purgason Favorability				
Favorable	4%	3%	8%	1%
Unfavorable	14%	16%	13%	12%
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Favorable	36%	75%	1%	28%
Unfavorable	56%	16%	94%	59%
Not Sure	8%	9%	4%	13%

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Favorable	31%	2%	57%	34%
Unfavorable	57%	91%	29%	51%
Not Sure	12%	7%	14%	16%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	38%	85%	46%
Disapprove	52%	57%	10%	52%
Not Sure	4%	4%	5%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Repeal				
Yes	51%	54%	16%	54%
No	42%	38%	75%	46%
Not Sure	8%	8%	10%	-

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