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Lynch Leads All Republicans for Re-election in N.H.

Raleigh, N.C. – Governor John Lynch fares better than his party’s candidates for Congressional races this fall, beating all potential GOP opponents in general election match-ups and posting a positive job approval rating.

Lynch tops Jack Kimball (47-35), John Stephen (47-36), and Karen Testerman (47-29). Lynch stands essentially the same with voters, no matter the opponent. All three Republicans are viewed unfavorably by either 8 or 9 points, but 68 or 85% of voters have no opinion on each of them.

Though only 44% of voters approve of Lynch’s job performance, to 42% disapproving, those break-even marks best those of former Governor, current Senator Jeanne Shaheen (42-48) and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter (41-50), and are better than the favorability numbers for Congressman Paul Hodes (32-39). Hodes is running for Senate; an earlier PPP release showed Hodes losing to the two leading Republicans in that race. PPP has shown Shea-Porter dead even in her bid to return to the House.

As independents go, so goes Lynch. Unlike the other Democrats, Lynch is viewed positively by voters who don’t identify with either major party, 44-43, mirroring his overall numbers. Similarly, in each of the three horseraces, Lynch gets 45% of the independent vote and beats the Republican by only one point less than he does among the general electorate.

“It looks like Lynch won’t have to start packing up the governor’s mansion anytime soon,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But being under 50% against three unknowns in this bad environment for Democrats means there is time for this to become a close race once the eventual Republican nominee is chosen.”

PPP surveyed 1,474 New Hampshire voters from April 17th to 18th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.6%. 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.



New Hampshire Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor John Lynch's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not sure..... 14%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jack Kimball?

Favorable..... 3%
Unfavorable 12%
Not sure 85%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Stephen?

Favorable..... 12%
Unfavorable 20%
Not sure 68%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Karen Testerman?

Favorable..... 3%
Unfavorable 12%
Not Sure..... 85%

Q5 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat John Lynch and Republican Jack Kimball, who would you vote for?

John Lynch 47%
Jack Kimball..... 35%
Undecided..... 18%

Q6 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat John Lynch and Republican John Stephen, who would you vote for?

John Lynch 47%
John Stephen..... 36%
Undecided..... 18%

Q7 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat John Lynch and Republican Karen Testerman, who would you vote for?

John Lynch 47%
Karen Testerman 29%
Undecided..... 23%

Q8 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..... 46%
Obama..... 50%
Someone else/Don't remember 4%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 47%
Conservative..... 35%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q11 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..... 33%
Republican..... 30%
Independent/Other 37%

Q12 If you are white, press one now. If other, press 2.

White 95%
Other..... 5%





Q13 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..... 20%
46 to 65..... 50%
Older than 65..... 20%

Q14

1st..... 44%
2nd..... 56%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Lynch Job Approval				
Approve	44%	20%	67%	36%
Disapprove	41%	64%	20%	44%
Not sure	14%	16%	13%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kimball Favorability				
Favorable	3%	5%	1%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	7%	18%	3%
Not sure	85%	88%	81%	95%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Stephen Favorability				
Favorable	12%	20%	5%	14%
Unfavorable	20%	10%	29%	15%
Not sure	68%	70%	66%	71%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Testerman Favorability				
Favorable	3%	4%	1%	5%
Unfavorable	12%	7%	17%	9%
Not Sure	85%	88%	82%	86%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Lynch/Kimball				
John Lynch	48%	15%	80%	34%
Jack Kimball	34%	62%	8%	51%
Undecided	18%	23%	13%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Lynch/Stephen				
John Lynch	47%	13%	79%	30%
John Stephen	35%	64%	7%	54%
Undecided	17%	22%	13%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Lynch/Testerman				
John Lynch	48%	15%	80%	27%
Karen Testerman	29%	52%	7%	44%
Undecided	23%	34%	13%	28%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lynch Job Approval				
Approve	44%	64%	57%	16%
Disapprove	42%	21%	31%	67%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kimball Favorability				
Favorable	3%	1%	2%	6%
Unfavorable	12%	19%	14%	7%
Not sure	85%	80%	84%	88%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Stephen Favorability				
Favorable	12%	4%	10%	20%
Unfavorable	20%	26%	24%	10%
Not sure	68%	70%	66%	70%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Testerman Favorability				
Favorable	3%	1%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	14%	15%	8%
Not Sure	85%	85%	83%	89%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lynch/Kimball				
John Lynch	47%	84%	59%	12%
Jack Kimball	35%	8%	23%	66%
Undecided	18%	8%	18%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lynch/Stephen				
John Lynch	47%	85%	58%	10%
John Stephen	36%	8%	24%	67%
Undecided	18%	7%	18%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Lynch/Testerman				
John Lynch	47%	85%	59%	12%
Karen Testerman	29%	8%	18%	56%
Undecided	23%	7%	23%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lynch Job Approval			
Approve	44%	48%	40%
Disapprove	42%	37%	48%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kimball Favorability			
Favorable	3%	2%	4%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	15%
Not sure	85%	87%	81%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stephen Favorability			
Favorable	12%	12%	12%
Unfavorable	20%	16%	24%
Not sure	68%	72%	64%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Testerman Favorability			
Favorable	3%	3%	2%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	14%
Not Sure	85%	86%	84%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lynch/Kimball			
John Lynch	47%	52%	42%
Jack Kimball	35%	30%	40%
Undecided	18%	17%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lynch/Stephen			
John Lynch	47%	52%	41%
John Stephen	36%	31%	41%
Undecided	18%	17%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lynch/Testerman			
John Lynch	47%	52%	42%
Karen Testerman	29%	26%	34%
Undecided	23%	22%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lynch Job Approval				
Approve	44%	66%	20%	44%
Disapprove	42%	22%	63%	43%
Not sure	14%	12%	18%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kimball Favorability				
Favorable	3%	1%	5%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	22%	6%	10%
Not sure	85%	77%	89%	87%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stephen Favorability				
Favorable	12%	6%	18%	13%
Unfavorable	20%	29%	9%	21%
Not sure	68%	65%	73%	67%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Testerman Favorability				
Favorable	3%	1%	5%	2%
Unfavorable	12%	18%	7%	12%
Not Sure	85%	81%	88%	86%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lynch/Kimball				
John Lynch	47%	81%	14%	45%
Jack Kimball	35%	10%	64%	34%
Undecided	18%	9%	23%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lynch/Stephen				
John Lynch	47%	80%	12%	45%
John Stephen	36%	8%	67%	35%
Undecided	18%	12%	21%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lynch/Testerman				
John Lynch	47%	81%	13%	45%
Karen Testerman	29%	8%	55%	28%
Undecided	23%	11%	33%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lynch Job Approval			
Approve	44%	43%	53%
Disapprove	42%	42%	37%
Not sure	14%	14%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Kimball Favorability			
Favorable	3%	3%	7%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	17%
Not sure	85%	85%	77%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Stephen Favorability			
Favorable	12%	12%	11%
Unfavorable	20%	19%	27%
Not sure	68%	68%	62%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Testerman Favorability			
Favorable	3%	2%	6%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	24%
Not Sure	85%	86%	70%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lynch/Kimball			
John Lynch	47%	46%	67%
Jack Kimball	35%	35%	27%
Undecided	18%	18%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lynch/Stephen			
John Lynch	47%	46%	65%
John Stephen	36%	36%	26%
Undecided	18%	18%	9%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lynch/Testerman			
John Lynch	47%	46%	68%
Karen Testerman	29%	30%	25%
Undecided	23%	24%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lynch Job Approval					
Approve	44%	32%	43%	47%	43%
Disapprove	42%	48%	42%	41%	41%
Not sure	14%	19%	16%	12%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kimball Favorability					
Favorable	3%	-	5%	3%	2%
Unfavorable	12%	19%	11%	12%	11%
Not sure	85%	81%	84%	85%	87%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stephen Favorability					
Favorable	12%	6%	13%	12%	13%
Unfavorable	20%	26%	17%	21%	16%
Not sure	68%	68%	70%	66%	71%

	Base	Age			
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Testerman Favorability					
Favorable	3%	-	5%	2%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	16%	10%	13%	10%
Not Sure	85%	84%	84%	85%	87%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lynch/Kimball					
John Lynch	47%	45%	40%	51%	46%
Jack Kimball	35%	39%	39%	32%	38%
Undecided	18%	16%	21%	17%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lynch/Stephen					
John Lynch	47%	48%	39%	49%	46%
John Stephen	36%	32%	42%	34%	36%
Undecided	18%	19%	19%	17%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lynch/Testerman					
John Lynch	47%	48%	39%	50%	48%
Karen Testerman	29%	35%	36%	27%	26%
Undecided	23%	16%	24%	23%	26%

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Lynch Job Approval			
Approve	44%	46%	43%
Disapprove	42%	42%	42%
Not sure	14%	12%	16%

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Kimball Favorability			
Favorable	3%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	13%	12%
Not sure	85%	84%	85%





Crosstabs

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Stephen Favorability			
Favorable	12%	15%	10%
Unfavorable	20%	19%	21%
Not sure	68%	66%	70%

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Testerman Favorability			
Favorable	3%	2%	3%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	13%
Not Sure	85%	86%	84%

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Lynch/Kimball			
John Lynch	47%	47%	47%
Jack Kimball	35%	35%	35%
Undecided	18%	17%	18%

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Lynch/Stephen			
John Lynch	47%	46%	47%
John Stephen	36%	38%	34%
Undecided	18%	16%	19%



Crosstabs

	Base	Congressional District	
		1st	2nd
Lynch/Testerman			
John Lynch	47%	47%	47%
Karen Testerman	29%	30%	29%
Undecided	23%	23%	24%