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Health Care and the Midterms

Raleigh, N.C. – A new national survey from Public Policy Polling finds little difference in Democrats' political fate for this fall based on whether health care passes or not.

Republicans lead on the generic ballot 43-40. They're more unified, with 86% of their voters committed to supporting the party compared to 80% of Democrats. They also have a double digit advantage with independents, 40-27.

When respondents were asked how they would vote for Congress if the Democrats did not pass their health care plan the GOP level of support remained at 43%, with Democrats dropping to 38%. That's because only 76% of Democrats say they'll vote for their party without health care. These numbers suggest the GOP will get the same level of support whether the bill passes or not.

Finally respondents were asked how they would vote if Democrats *did* pass their health care plan. In that instance the GOP leads 45-41, with more undecideds making up their minds.

Barack Obama's net approval rating is at -1, identical to a PPP survey two weeks ago. 48% of voters like the job he's doing to 49% who disapprove.

"At this point it looks like the political damage for Democrats on health care has been done whether they end up passing the bill or not," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Republican support for this fall is identical with or without it."

PPP will release numbers tomorrow looking at voter perceptions of the economy since President Obama took office.

PPP surveyed 584 registered voters from January 29th to 31st. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%. 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.



National Survey Results

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

Approve..... 48% *Not Sure*..... 4%
Disapprove..... 49%

Q2 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..... 36%
Oppose..... 51%
No Opinion..... 13%

Q3 Generally speaking this fall will you vote Democratic or Republican for Congress? If Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3. If you won't vote, press 4.

Democratic..... 40%
Republican..... 43%
Undecided..... 17%

Q4 If the Democrats don't pass their health care bill will you vote Democratic or Republican for Congress this fall? If Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3. If you won't vote, press 4.

Democratic..... 38%
Republican..... 43%
Undecided..... 19%

Q5 If the Democrats pass their health care bill will you vote Democratic or Republican for Congress this fall? If Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3. If you won't vote, press 4.

Democratic..... 41%
Republican..... 45%
Undecided..... 14%

Q6 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..... 45%
Obama..... 52%
Someone else/don't remember..... 3%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 40%
Conservative..... 41%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q9 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..... 38%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 28%





Q10 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 10%
White 74%
African American 12%
Other..... 4%

Q11 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..... 23%
46 to 65..... 49%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	6%	85%	50%
Disapprove	48%	90%	13%	25%
Not Sure	3%	4%	2%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Health Care				
Support	36%	4%	64%	34%
Oppose	51%	91%	15%	50%
No Opinion	13%	4%	20%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Generic Ballot				
Democratic	41%	5%	72%	43%
Republican	43%	82%	10%	40%
Undecided	16%	13%	19%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Generic Ballot No Health Care				
Democratic	39%	4%	67%	54%
Republican	43%	81%	11%	26%
Undecided	18%	14%	22%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Generic Ballot Health Care Passes				
Democratic	42%	5%	73%	41%
Republican	45%	83%	12%	40%
Undecided	13%	12%	14%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	82%	62%	18%
Disapprove	49%	17%	34%	77%
Not Sure	4%	1%	4%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	36%	71%	45%	11%
Oppose	51%	18%	37%	80%
No Opinion	13%	11%	18%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Ballot				
Democratic	40%	83%	46%	13%
Republican	43%	12%	31%	70%
Undecided	17%	6%	23%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Ballot No Health Care				
Democratic	38%	77%	46%	12%
Republican	43%	14%	28%	71%
Undecided	19%	9%	26%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Ballot Health Care Passes				
Democratic	41%	86%	50%	12%
Republican	45%	9%	32%	75%
Undecided	14%	5%	18%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	49%	46%
Disapprove	49%	46%	51%
Not Sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	36%	35%	37%
Oppose	51%	49%	54%
No Opinion	13%	16%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Ballot			
Democratic	40%	41%	37%
Republican	43%	40%	48%
Undecided	17%	19%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Ballot No Health Care			
Democratic	38%	42%	34%
Republican	43%	38%	48%
Undecided	19%	20%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Ballot Health Care Passes			
Democratic	41%	43%	39%
Republican	45%	42%	49%
Undecided	14%	15%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	83%	8%	48%
Disapprove	49%	13%	88%	48%
Not Sure	4%	3%	4%	4%





Crosstabs

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	36%	66%	4%	35%
Oppose	51%	15%	89%	53%
No Opinion	13%	20%	6%	12%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Ballot				
Democratic	40%	80%	5%	27%
Republican	43%	8%	86%	40%
Undecided	17%	13%	9%	33%

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Generic Ballot Health Care Passes				
Democratic	41%	79%	4%	34%
Republican	45%	11%	87%	42%
Undecided	14%	10%	9%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	69%	39%	83%	54%
Disapprove	49%	27%	57%	17%	41%
Not Sure	4%	4%	4%	-	5%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	60%	44%	47%	45%
Disapprove	49%	33%	50%	51%	49%
Not Sure	4%	7%	6%	2%	5%

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