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Coburn Retirement Could Make Oklahoma Competitive

Raleigh, N.C. – Tom Coburn should easily win reelection if he wants it, but an open seat could be a tossup if Democrats are successful in their recruitment efforts, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Coburn has a 59% approval rating, the second highest for any of 24 Senators across the country PPP has polled on in the last year. He leads Governor Brad Henry 52-40 in a hypothetical contest and has a 53-36 advantage over Congressman Dan Boren.

Despite his deficit against Coburn, Henry is still pretty popular. 52% of voters like the job he's doing. In potential open seat contests against Congressman Tom Cole and former Congressman J.C. Watts he trails just 44-43 and 45-44 respectively.

Boren is also relatively competitive against that duo, trailing Watts 46-41 and Cole 42-40.

“There's no doubt Oklahoma is a very conservative state,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But Brad Henry and Dan Boren are attractive enough candidates that they might be able to overcome the general aversion voters in the state have shown toward their party at the federal level in recent elections.”

46% of voters in the state have a favorable opinion of Watts. For Cole and Boren the numbers are 43 and 39% respectively.

PPP will have new numbers looking at how some of the potential candidates for Governor next year stack up with each other.

PPP surveyed 715 Oklahoma voters from May 13th to 17th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.7%. 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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Oklahoma Survey Results

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

Approve..... 59% *Not Sure*..... 11%
Disapprove..... 29%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Brad Henry's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 52%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Congressman Dan Boren? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 39% *Not Sure*..... 26%
Unfavorable..... 35%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman J.C. Watts? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 46% *Not Sure*..... 19%
Unfavorable 35%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Congressman Tom Cole? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 43% *Not Sure*..... 30%
Unfavorable 28%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Tom Coburn and Democrat Brad Henry, who would you vote for? If Tom Coburn, press 1. If Brad Henry, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Coburn..... 52%
Henry..... 40%
Undecided..... 8%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dan Boren and Republican Tom Coburn, who would you vote for? If Dan Boren, press 1. If Tom Coburn, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Boren..... 36%
Coburn..... 53%
Undecided..... 11%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dan Boren and Republican J.C. Watts, who would you vote for? If Dan Boren, press 1. If J.C. Watts, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Boren..... 41%
Watts 46%
Undecided..... 13%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Brad Henry and Republican J.C. Watts, who would you vote for? If Brad Henry, press 1. If J.C. Watts, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Henry..... 44%
Watts 45%
Undecided..... 11%





Q10 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dan Boren and Republican Tom Cole, who would you vote for? If Dan Boren, press 1. If Tom Cole, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Boren 40%
Cole 42%
Undecided..... 18%

Q11 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Tom Cole and Democrat Brad Henry, who would you vote for? If Tom Cole, press 1. If Brad Henry, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Cole 44%
Henry 43%
Undecided..... 13%

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

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q13 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 44%
Republican..... 46%
Independent/Other..... 11%

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

White 82%
African American 7%
Other..... 11%

Q15 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..... 12%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coburn Approval			
Approve	59%	58%	61%
Disapprove	29%	29%	30%
Not Sure	11%	14%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Henry Approval			
Approve	52%	54%	51%
Disapprove	36%	34%	39%
Not Sure	11%	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boren Favorability			
Favorable	39%	38%	41%
Unfavorable	35%	30%	39%
Not Sure	26%	32%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Watts Favorability			
Favorable	46%	47%	45%
Unfavorable	35%	32%	39%
Not Sure	19%	21%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cole Favorability			
Favorable	43%	39%	46%
Unfavorable	28%	22%	33%
Not Sure	30%	38%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coburn/Henry			
Coburn	52%	50%	54%
Henry	40%	41%	38%
Undecided	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boren/Coburn			
Boren	36%	36%	36%
Coburn	53%	51%	54%
Undecided	11%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boren/Watts			
Boren	41%	41%	41%
Watts	46%	44%	49%
Undecided	13%	15%	11%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Henry/Watts			
Henry	44%	47%	41%
Watts	45%	41%	48%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boren/Cole			
Boren	40%	41%	39%
Cole	42%	39%	44%
Undecided	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cole/Henry			
Cole	44%	40%	48%
Henry	43%	46%	40%
Undecided	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Coburn Approval				
Approve	59%	39%	78%	61%
Disapprove	29%	47%	15%	19%
Not Sure	11%	14%	7%	20%





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Henry Approval				
Approve	52%	68%	39%	48%
Disapprove	36%	21%	51%	38%
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Favorable	46%	31%	62%	37%
Unfavorable	35%	49%	24%	30%
Not Sure	19%	20%	14%	33%

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Cole Favorability				
Favorable	43%	24%	60%	42%
Unfavorable	28%	42%	15%	25%
Not Sure	30%	34%	25%	33%





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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Coburn/Henry				
Coburn	52%	24%	78%	56%
Henry	40%	63%	18%	38%
Undecided	8%	13%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boren/Coburn				
Boren	36%	57%	17%	33%
Coburn	53%	27%	76%	55%
Undecided	11%	16%	7%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boren/Watts				
Boren	41%	64%	19%	44%
Watts	46%	21%	71%	38%
Undecided	13%	15%	10%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Henry/Watts				
Henry	44%	71%	21%	34%
Watts	45%	15%	71%	52%
Undecided	11%	14%	8%	14%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boren/Cole				
Boren	40%	65%	19%	26%
Cole	42%	16%	65%	48%
Undecided	18%	19%	15%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cole/Henry				
Cole	44%	19%	67%	48%
Henry	43%	68%	22%	30%
Undecided	13%	14%	10%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Coburn Approval				
Approve	59%	64%	23%	45%
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		White	African American	Other
Coburn/Henry				
Coburn	52%	57%	8%	46%
Henry	40%	36%	77%	46%
Undecided	8%	8%	15%	8%





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Boren	36%	35%	38%	42%
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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Coburn Approval					
Approve	59%	51%	52%	62%	67%
Disapprove	29%	37%	29%	28%	28%
Not Sure	11%	12%	19%	10%	5%

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Henry Approval					
Approve	52%	49%	48%	54%	58%
Disapprove	36%	41%	38%	37%	28%
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