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Open Field for Ohio Senate Seat

Raleigh, N.C. – A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that most of the frequently discussed possibilities for the Senate seat being vacated by George Voinovich are not very well known to the state's voters.

49% of respondents have no opinion one way or the other about likely GOP hopeful Rob Portman. Among those who do, voters are relatively split, with 28% holding a favorable view of Portman and 23% seeing him negatively.

Among Democrats the most well liked and well known candidate is Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher. 40% have a positive view of him, while 32% see him unfavorably. For Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner it's a 34/36 spread and it's 26/27 for Congressman Tim Ryan.

In head to head matches with each of the Democrats Portman leads, with a two point edge over Fisher, a six point advantage over Ryan and an eight point margin relative to Brunner.

The biggest reason for Portman's early advantage is that Republican voters seem to be pretty much lined up behind him, while Democrats aren't sure about their early loyalties. Portman gets 74-80% of the Republican vote against each Democrat, while Brunner, Fisher, and Ryan get just 59-68% of the Democratic vote against him.

"What's clear for the 2010 Ohio Senate race is that nothing is clear," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "None of these candidates are very well known statewide, and that means it's going to be a close race with no run away favorite."

PPP surveyed 578 Ohio voters on January 17th and 18th. The survey's 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.

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Ohio Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman and Office of Management and Budget Director Rob Portman? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....28% *Not Sure*.....49%
Unfavorable23%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....34%
Unfavorable36%
Not Sure.....31%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....40%
Unfavorable32%
Not Sure.....28%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Congressman Tim Ryan? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....26%
Unfavorable27%
Not Sure.....46%

Q5 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Jennifer Brunner and Republican Rob Portman, who would you vote for? If Jennifer Brunner, press 1. If Rob Portman, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Jennifer Brunner34%
Rob Portman.....42%
Undecided.....24%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Lee Fisher and Republican Rob Portman, who would you vote for? If Lee Fisher, press 1. If Rob Portman, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Lee Fisher.....39%
Rob Portman.....41%
Undecided.....20%

Q7 If the candidates for the US Senate in 2010 were Republican Rob Portman and Democrat Tim Ryan, who would you vote for? If Rob Portman, press 1. If Tim Ryan, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Rob Portman.....40%
Tim Ryan34%
Undecided.....26%

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

Women54% *Men*.....46%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat.....45%
Republican.....35%
Other.....20%

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

White84% *Other*.....3%
African American ...13%

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 than 65, press 4.

18-29.....8% *46-65*.....38%
30-45.....27% *Older than 65*.....28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Portman Favorability			
Favorable	28%	23%	34%
Unfavorable	23%	22%	24%
Not Sure	49%	55%	42%

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		Women	Men
Brunner Favorability			
Favorable	34%	40%	27%
Unfavorable	36%	27%	46%
Not Sure	31%	33%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Fisher Favorability			
Favorable	40%	46%	33%
Unfavorable	32%	23%	43%
Not Sure	28%	30%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Ryan Favorability			
Favorable	26%	29%	24%
Unfavorable	27%	19%	37%
Not Sure	46%	52%	40%





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		Women	Men
Brunner/Portman			
Jennifer Brunner	34%	39%	28%
Rob Portman	42%	33%	53%
Undecided	24%	27%	19%

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Fisher/Portman			
Lee Fisher	39%	45%	33%
Rob Portman	41%	32%	51%
Undecided	20%	23%	17%

	Base	Gender	
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Portman/Ryan			
Rob Portman	40%	32%	49%
Tim Ryan	34%	40%	27%
Undecided	26%	28%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Portman Favorability				
Favorable	28%	13%	47%	26%
Unfavorable	23%	35%	10%	21%
Not Sure	49%	51%	43%	53%





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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Brunner Favorability				
Favorable	34%	59%	9%	20%
Unfavorable	36%	12%	64%	39%
Not Sure	31%	29%	27%	41%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Fisher Favorability				
Favorable	40%	65%	13%	32%
Unfavorable	32%	12%	59%	30%
Not Sure	28%	23%	28%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Ryan Favorability				
Favorable	26%	45%	8%	18%
Unfavorable	27%	9%	51%	25%
Not Sure	46%	46%	41%	57%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Brunner/Portman				
Jennifer Brunner	34%	59%	5%	29%
Rob Portman	42%	15%	80%	36%
Undecided	24%	26%	15%	35%





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Fisher/Portman				
Lee Fisher	39%	68%	7%	31%
Rob Portman	41%	12%	80%	36%
Undecided	20%	19%	14%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Portman/Ryan				
Rob Portman	40%	14%	74%	36%
Tim Ryan	34%	60%	9%	21%
Undecided	26%	26%	17%	43%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Portman Favorability				
Favorable	28%	29%	24%	28%
Unfavorable	23%	22%	33%	23%
Not Sure	49%	50%	43%	50%

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Ryan Favorability				
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