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## **Dems Favored in Senate race**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Ohio voters aren't all that enamored with any of their choices for the US Senate but Democrats start with the advantage, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

A plurality of voters has no opinion about Jennifer Brunner, Lee Fisher, or Rob Portman. Fisher and Brunner's numbers are basically equal. 32% view Fisher favorably while 31% have an unfavorable opinion of him. For Brunner the reviews are completely split, 32% positive and 32% negative. Portman has the worst numbers with 34% of the electorate viewing him unfavorably and just 22% expressing a positive opinion.

Fisher and Brunner also lead Portman by nearly identical margins, 41-32 for the Lieutenant Governor and 40-32 for the Secretary of State. All three candidates are doing about equally well within their own parties but since Ohio has more Democrats than Republicans and Brunner and Fisher both lead with independents, it allows them to start out with an overall solid lead.

"It's unusual to have an open Senate seat where none of the candidates start out particularly popular with the public," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "The practical implication of it is that all three of them have a lot of space to define themselves to the voters over the course of the campaign, which leaves it pretty wide open."

Independents are particularly agnostic about the candidates, with more than half having no opinion about Fisher or Portman and more than 40% undecided in the head to head contests.

PPP surveyed 619 Ohio voters from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 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](http://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 Democratic Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 32% *Not Sure*..... 36%  
*Unfavorable*..... 32%

**Q2** 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*.....32% *Not Sure*.....36%  
*Unfavorable* .....31%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman Rob Portman? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*.....22% *Not Sure*.....44%  
*Unfavorable* .....34%

**Q4** If the candidates for US Senate next year 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.

*Brunner*.....40% *Undecided*.....29%  
*Portman* .....32%

**Q5** If the candidates for US Senate next year 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.

*Fisher*.....41% *Undecided*.....27%  
*Portman* .....32%

**Q6** 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*.....48%  
*Conservative*..... 34%

**Q7** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 55%  
*Man*.....45%

**Q8** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 50%  
*Republican*..... 35%  
*Other*..... 15%

**Q9** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 83%  
*African-American* ..... 13%  
*Other*..... 4%

**Q10** 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*..... 15%  
*30 to 45*..... 25%  
*46 to 65*..... 40%  
*Older than 65*..... 20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Brunner Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	68%	34%	11%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	5%	26%	54%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	28%	41%	35%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Fisher Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	65%	34%	13%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	4%	26%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	32%	40%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Portman Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	14%	14%	38%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	51%	40%	15%
<b>Not Sure</b>	44%	35%	46%	47%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Brunner/Portman</b>				
<b>Brunner</b>	40%	82%	45%	11%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	4%	22%	59%
<b>Undecided</b>	29%	15%	33%	30%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Fisher/Portman</b>				
<b>Fisher</b>	41%	83%	44%	15%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	7%	23%	57%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	10%	33%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Brunner Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	31%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	24%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	45%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Fisher Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	30%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	27%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	43%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Portman Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	18%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	29%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	44%	53%	33%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Brunner/Portman</b>			
<b>Brunner</b>	40%	42%	37%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	24%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	29%	33%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Fisher/Portman</b>			
<b>Fisher</b>	41%	45%	36%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	24%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	32%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Brunner Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	51%	9%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	13%	58%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	36%	33%	44%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Fisher Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	51%	13%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	12%	58%	32%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	38%	29%	51%





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		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Portman Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	11%	43%	11%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	49%	14%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	44%	40%	43%	59%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Brunner/Portman</b>				
<b>Brunner</b>	40%	65%	6%	35%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	7%	69%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	29%	28%	25%	40%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Fisher/Portman</b>				
<b>Fisher</b>	41%	68%	9%	27%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	8%	68%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	23%	24%	47%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Brunner Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	29%	48%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	34%	19%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	38%	32%	22%





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		White	African-American	Other
<b>Fisher Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	31%	44%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	32%	20%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	37%	36%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Portman Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	23%	16%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	31%	49%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	44%	46%	35%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Brunner/Portman</b>				
<b>Brunner</b>	40%	37%	62%	38%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	35%	10%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	29%	28%	28%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Fisher/Portman</b>				
<b>Fisher</b>	41%	37%	68%	45%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	35%	13%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	28%	18%	29%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Brunner Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	28%	33%	34%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	36%	33%	33%	25%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	36%	35%	33%	46%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Fisher Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	22%	30%	34%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	31%	38%	31%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	36%	47%	31%	34%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Portman Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	25%	22%	23%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	33%	31%	37%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	44%	42%	46%	40%	52%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Brunner/Portman</b>					
<b>Brunner</b>	40%	44%	40%	39%	37%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	31%	30%	33%	32%
<b>Undecided</b>	29%	25%	29%	28%	31%







Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Fisher/Portman</b>					
<b>Fisher</b>	41%	42%	39%	40%	46%
<b>Portman</b>	32%	31%	34%	33%	30%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	28%	27%	28%	25%

