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Sanford unpopular, but limited support for impeachment

Raleigh, N.C. – A majority of South Carolina voters disapprove of Mark Sanford’s performance as Governor- and almost half of them want him to resign. But when it comes to the possibility of his impeachment voters in the state draw the line.

Sanford’s approval rating is now 36%, with 51% disapproving of him. Republicans give him good marks by a 50/34 spread, but independents split against him 50/37 and Democrats do so 73/18.

When it comes to the question of whether he should resign voters in the state are almost evenly divided. 45% believe he should while 47% think he should not. Even among people who approve of the job Sanford is doing 10% think it would be best if he resigned, but with those who disapprove of his performance 19% think he should still remain in office.

Support for Sanford’s impeachment is pretty limited. 58% of respondents expressed opposition to it with only 32% favoring it. Republicans (75/17) and independents (60/27) both show strong sentiment against impeachment while Democrats (53/35) are only narrowly in support of it.

“South Carolinians are pretty unhappy with Mark Sanford but they also want this whole saga to go away,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Impeachment proceedings would just drag the story out even further and keep the state in the national spotlight in a negative way so voters in the state are opposed to them.”

PPP will release numbers looking at next year’s race for Governor tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 570 South Carolina voters from December 3rd to 6th. 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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South Carolina Survey Results

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

Approve 36%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q2 Do you think that Governor Sanford should resign from office? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 45%
No..... 47%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q3 Do you think that Governor Sanford should be impeached from office? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 32%
No..... 58%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q4 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..... 51%
Obama..... 41%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 9%

Q5 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 11%
Moderate..... 43%
Conservative..... 46%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q7 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..... 34%
Republican..... 41%
Independent/Other..... 25%

Q8 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 69%
African-American 26%
Other..... 4%

Q9 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..... 26%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 21%





Q10 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

<i>War in Iraq</i>	5%
<i>Education</i>	8%
<i>Economy and Jobs</i>	54%
<i>Taxes</i>	4%
<i>Moral and family values</i>	13%
<i>Health care</i>	12%
<i>Immigration</i>	1%
<i>Other</i>	2%

Q11

803.....	37%
843.....	35%
864.....	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sanford Approval				
Approve	36%	52%	15%	33%
Disapprove	51%	33%	76%	45%
Not Sure	13%	15%	9%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sanford Resignation				
Yes	45%	33%	61%	41%
No	47%	60%	31%	43%
Not Sure	8%	7%	8%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sanford Impeachment				
Yes	32%	15%	52%	34%
No	58%	74%	37%	54%
Not Sure	11%	11%	10%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Sanford Approval				
Approve	36%	22%	28%	46%
Disapprove	51%	68%	61%	38%
Not Sure	13%	10%	11%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Sanford Resignation				
Yes	45%	53%	51%	38%
No	47%	37%	42%	54%
Not Sure	8%	10%	7%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Sanford Impeachment				
Yes	32%	42%	39%	22%
No	58%	45%	52%	66%
Not Sure	11%	13%	9%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sanford Approval			
Approve	36%	33%	39%
Disapprove	51%	53%	49%
Not Sure	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sanford Resignation			
Yes	45%	44%	46%
No	47%	47%	47%
Not Sure	8%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sanford Impeachment			
Yes	32%	32%	31%
No	58%	54%	62%
Not Sure	11%	14%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sanford Approval				
Approve	36%	18%	50%	37%
Disapprove	51%	73%	34%	50%
Not Sure	13%	9%	16%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sanford Resignation				
Yes	45%	61%	35%	40%
No	47%	28%	58%	53%
Not Sure	8%	11%	7%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sanford Impeachment				
Yes	32%	53%	17%	27%
No	58%	35%	75%	60%
Not Sure	11%	11%	9%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Sanford Approval				
Approve	36%	43%	17%	35%
Disapprove	51%	44%	70%	57%
Not Sure	13%	13%	13%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Sanford Resignation				
Yes	45%	40%	57%	46%
No	47%	53%	32%	43%
Not Sure	8%	7%	12%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Sanford Impeachment				
Yes	32%	23%	55%	27%
No	58%	67%	33%	57%
Not Sure	11%	10%	12%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sanford Approval					
Approve	36%	37%	35%	38%	32%
Disapprove	51%	53%	50%	52%	52%
Not Sure	13%	10%	15%	11%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sanford Resignation					
Yes	45%	40%	47%	42%	51%
No	47%	53%	47%	48%	42%
Not Sure	8%	8%	6%	10%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sanford Impeachment					
Yes	32%	37%	37%	29%	28%
No	58%	52%	59%	57%	59%
Not Sure	11%	11%	4%	14%	13%

	Base	Area Code		
		803	843	864
Sanford Approval				
Approve	36%	33%	39%	36%
Disapprove	51%	56%	48%	50%
Not Sure	13%	12%	13%	14%

	Base	Area Code		
		803	843	864
Sanford Resignation				
Yes	45%	45%	43%	47%
No	47%	48%	47%	45%
Not Sure	8%	7%	9%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code		
		803	843	864
Sanford Impeachment				
Yes	32%	31%	32%	33%
No	58%	59%	56%	57%
Not Sure	11%	10%	12%	10%

