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Hutchison holds big lead on Perry

Raleigh, N.C. – Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison would defeat Rick Perry in a landslide if the 2010 Republican primary for Governor in Texas were held today, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds. Hutchison leads Perry 56-31.

Hutchison is viewed favorably by 76% of GOP primary voters, with only 15% having a negative opinion of her. Perry gets good marks from 60% and gets an unfavorable impression from 27%.

That 27% of likely Republican voters who have a dim view of Perry is obviously part of his problem. Those voters support Hutchison 85-8. But they're not necessarily the biggest thing that could keep him from nomination for another term. That's because 47% of those surveyed have a positive opinion of both Hutchison and Perry, but within that group the Senator leads 49-33. When you have higher negatives than your opponent *and* lose out among your mutual admirers, that's a recipe for defeat.

Hutchison leads Perry within every demographic group by race, gender, and age.

“Rick Perry is in grave danger of losing in the primary,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It's partly because he's worn out his welcome with a certain segment of the Republican electorate, but the even bigger reason is that Kay Bailey Hutchison is just a lot more popular than him. It would be hard for anyone to beat her in an election.”

Tomorrow PPP will release a poll looking at how some possible Hutchison replacements stack up.

PPP polled of 797 likely Republican primary voters from February 18th to 20th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%. 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.



Texas Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Governor Rick Perry? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 60%
Unfavorable 27%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 76% *Not Sure*..... 8%
Unfavorable..... 15%

Q3 If the Republican candidates for Governor were Kay Bailey Hutchison and Rick Perry, who would you vote for? If Kay Bailey Hutchison, press 1. If Rick Perry, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Kay Bailey Hutchison..... 56%
Rick Perry 31%
Undecided..... 13%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 49%
Man..... 51%

Q5 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..... 6%
Republican..... 84%
Independent/Other..... 11%

Q6 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If you are Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White 78%
African-American 3%
Hispanic..... 15%
Other..... 4%

Q7 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..... 8%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	60%	66%	55%
Unfavorable	27%	20%	33%
Not Sure	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hutchison Favorability			
Favorable	76%	79%	74%
Unfavorable	15%	13%	18%
Not Sure	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hutchison/Perry			
Kay Bailey Hutchison	56%	57%	55%
Rick Perry	31%	29%	33%
Undecided	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	60%	4%	65%	56%
Unfavorable	27%	66%	23%	35%
Not Sure	13%	30%	12%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hutchison Favorability				
Favorable	76%	67%	78%	65%
Unfavorable	15%	23%	13%	29%
Not Sure	8%	10%	9%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hutchison/Perry				
Kay Bailey Hutchison	56%	86%	53%	58%
Rick Perry	31%	14%	34%	25%
Undecided	13%	-	13%	17%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	60%	61%	33%	69%	42%
Unfavorable	27%	26%	50%	19%	42%
Not Sure	13%	13%	17%	13%	15%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Hutchison Favorability					
Favorable	76%	79%	33%	75%	58%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	33%	13%	27%
Not Sure	8%	6%	33%	13%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Hutchison/Perry					
Kay Bailey Hutchison	56%	56%	67%	50%	58%
Rick Perry	31%	29%	33%	44%	23%
Undecided	13%	14%	-	6%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	60%	42%	65%	57%	68%
Unfavorable	27%	51%	20%	29%	20%
Not Sure	13%	7%	14%	14%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hutchison Favorability					
Favorable	76%	55%	83%	74%	80%
Unfavorable	15%	29%	8%	17%	14%
Not Sure	8%	15%	9%	8%	5%

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Hutchison/Perry					
Kay Bailey Hutchison	56%	50%	59%	56%	53%
Rick Perry	31%	33%	27%	34%	33%
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