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Hutchison, Perry both best Schieffer

Raleigh, N.C. – It’s not clear at this point who will win the Republican nomination for Governor of Texas next year, but regardless of who it is they’ll start out with a strong advantage if the opponent is Democrat Tom Schieffer.

Hutchison leads the former ambassador 54-30 while Perry holds a 45-35 advantage.

Hutchison is by far the most popular of the trio, with 58% of the electorate holding a favorable opinion of her compared to just 31% who view her unfavorably. Perry and Schieffer each have more voters who view them negatively than positively, with 48% having an unfavorable opinion of Perry compared to 41% for whom it’s a favorable one, and 31% not having a good opinion of Schieffer compared to 25% who do.

“What these results indicate is that Democrats who want to have any chance at retaking the Governor’s office should be rooting for Rick Perry in the primary,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Hutchison takes 20% of the Democratic vote and has a 23 point lead among independents against Schieffer, and that makes her close to unbeatable.”

The survey also looked at Barack Obama’s approval rating in the state and found that 45% of Texas voters approve of his job performance with 46% disapproving.

His reviews are extremely polarized along party lines with 90% of Democrats but only 8% of Republicans approving of what he’s done so far. His numbers are slightly negative among independent voters as well.

PPP polled 1,409 likely voters from February 18th to 20th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.6%. 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 approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 46%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q2 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..... 41%
Unfavorable 48%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q3 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..... 58% *Not Sure*..... 11%
Unfavorable..... 31%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of possible Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Tom Schieffer, who has served as a state legislator and ambassador to Australia and Japan under President Bush? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 31%
Not Sure..... 43%

Q5 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Rick Perry and Democrat Tom Schieffer, who would you vote for? If Rick Perry, press 1. If Tom Schieffer, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Rick Perry 45% *Undecided*..... 19%
Tom Schieffer..... 35%

Q6 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison and Democrat Tom Schieffer, who would you vote for? If Kay Bailey Hutchison, press 1. If Tom Schieffer, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Kay Bailey Hutchison..... 54% *Tom Schieffer* 30%
Undecided..... 16%

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

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q8 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..... 38%
Republican..... 44%
Independent/Other..... 18%

Q9 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 63%
African-American 12%
Hispanic..... 22%
Other..... 3%

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..... 10%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	49%	42%
Disapprove	46%	41%	52%
Not Sure	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Favorability			
Favorable	41%	45%	36%
Unfavorable	48%	44%	52%
Not Sure	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hutchison Favorability			
Favorable	58%	61%	55%
Unfavorable	31%	27%	35%
Not Sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schieffer Favorability			
Favorable	25%	24%	27%
Unfavorable	31%	28%	35%
Not Sure	43%	49%	38%





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		Woman	Man
Perry/Shieffer			
Rick Perry	45%	45%	46%
Tom Schieffer	35%	35%	35%
Undecided	19%	20%	19%

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		Woman	Man
Hutchison/Shieffer			
Kay Bailey Hutchison	54%	53%	56%
Tom Schieffer	30%	30%	30%
Undecided	16%	17%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	90%	8%	42%
Disapprove	46%	3%	83%	46%
Not Sure	9%	7%	9%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Favorability				
Favorable	41%	18%	64%	33%
Unfavorable	48%	72%	23%	57%
Not Sure	11%	10%	13%	10%





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Hutchison Favorability				
Favorable	58%	37%	78%	54%
Unfavorable	31%	50%	13%	35%
Not Sure	11%	13%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
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Schieffer Favorability				
Favorable	25%	33%	20%	22%
Unfavorable	31%	26%	36%	30%
Not Sure	43%	41%	44%	48%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry/Schieffer				
Rick Perry	45%	13%	78%	33%
Tom Schieffer	35%	67%	8%	35%
Undecided	19%	20%	14%	32%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hutchison/Schieffer				
Kay Bailey Hutchison	54%	20%	86%	48%
Tom Schieffer	30%	61%	5%	25%
Undecided	16%	19%	9%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	33%	85%	59%	42%
Disapprove	46%	57%	8%	35%	46%
Not Sure	9%	10%	6%	6%	13%

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		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	41%	44%	21%	43%	29%
Unfavorable	48%	44%	60%	49%	58%
Not Sure	11%	11%	19%	8%	13%

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Hutchison Favorability					
Favorable	58%	64%	38%	53%	48%
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Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	51%	45%	46%	41%
Disapprove	46%	34%	50%	45%	48%
Not Sure	9%	15%	4%	9%	10%

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