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Americans support unions over Walker; Sheen for President?

Raleigh, N.C. – The weeks-long national coverage of the battle over collective bargaining in Wisconsin has turned Americans as a whole somewhat narrowly toward the unions and against Governor Scott Walker. 34% see Walker favorably, but 39% unfavorably. By contrast, unions are seen positively by a 46-40 margin. And 45% side with the unions over 41% who back Walker. The two parties are unsurprisingly split, and independents break the tie in favor of the unions.

Charlie Sheen has certainly not been making a positive impression on Americans himself. Two-thirds of them have a negative opinion of Sheen, and that cuts across party lines. But while Sheen would go down in flames in humorous, hypothetical White House matchups with either President Obama or Sarah Palin, Americans are evidently at least a little more willing to cast a ballot for Sheen against Palin than against the president.

84% of Republicans would go with Palin, and the same proportion of Democrats would side with Obama. But while independents mirror the overall electorate in choosing Obama over Sheen by a 57-22 margin, they actually would prefer the actor to the ex-governor, 41-36. That is how low Palin's public image has fallen.

In yesterday's release, 86% of Democrats viewed Palin negatively, versus only 64% who see Sheen that way. Similarly, 86% of Republicans disapprove of Obama's job performance, while 73% see Sheen unfavorably. Naturally, then, Democrats would still prefer Sheen to Palin (44-24) and Republicans Sheen to Obama (37-28). Apparently Democrats are even more intense in their hatred of Palin than Republicans toward Obama. Thus, Palin "only" beats Sheen, 49-29, but the president does, 57-24.

"The fact that Republicans and Democrats would vote for Charlie Sheen over the opposing party's nominee shows how polarized things have become in America," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

44% of Americans think Fox News should continue to run Glenn Beck's show to 32% who think he should be fired. Actual viewers of the network are strongly supportive of Beck, while those who don't watch it think he should go.

PPP surveyed 642 American voters from March 10th to 13th. 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.



National Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker?
- Favorable*..... 34%
 - Unfavorable* 39%
 - Not sure* 28%
- Q2** Do you generally have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of labor unions?
- Favorable*..... 46%
 - Unfavorable* 40%
 - Not sure* 14%
- Q3** In the current conflict between Governor Walker and public employee unions in Wisconsin, do you side more with Governor Walker or the unions?
- Governor Walker*..... 41%
 - The unions*..... 45%
 - Not sure* 14%
- Q4** Do you think Fox News should continue to have Glenn Beck's show or should he be fired?
- Fox News should continue to have Beck's show* 44%
 - He should be fired*..... 32%
 - Not sure* 24%
- Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Sheen?
- Favorable*..... 10%
 - Unfavorable* 67%
 - Not sure* 23%
- Q6** If the candidates for President next year were Charlie Sheen and Barack Obama, who would you vote for?
- Charlie Sheen* 24%
 - Barack Obama*..... 57%
 - Not sure* 19%
- Q7** If the candidates for President next year were Charlie Sheen and Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?
- Charlie Sheen* 29%
 - Sarah Palin* 49%
 - Not sure* 21%
- Q8** Do you regularly watch Fox News or not?
- Regularly watch Fox News* 47%
 - Do not* 53%
- Q9** Who did you vote for President in 2008?
- John McCain*..... 45%
 - Barack Obama*..... 48%
 - Someone Else/Don't Remember*..... 7%
- Q10** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
- Very liberal*..... 8%
 - Somewhat liberal* 17%
 - Moderate*..... 33%
 - Somewhat conservative*..... 25%
 - Very conservative* 17%
- Q11** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
- Woman* 49%
 - Man*..... 51%
- Q12** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
- Democrat*..... 40%
 - Republican*..... 36%
 - Independent/Other*..... 24%





Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	10%
<i>White</i>	74%
<i>African-American</i>	12%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to
45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are
older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	46%
<i>Older than 65</i>	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Walker Favorability			
Favorable	34%	51%	18%
Unfavorable	39%	21%	54%
Not sure	28%	28%	28%

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Unions Favorability			
Favorable	46%	33%	57%
Unfavorable	40%	51%	30%
Not sure	14%	16%	14%

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Side w/ Walker or Unions?			
Governor Walker	41%	55%	27%
The unions	45%	29%	59%
Not sure	14%	15%	14%

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?			
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	65%	25%
He should be fired	32%	16%	47%
Not sure	24%	19%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Sheen Favorability			
Favorable	10%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	67%	66%	67%
Not sure	23%	24%	22%

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Sheen/Obama			
Charlie Sheen	24%	31%	17%
Barack Obama	57%	43%	70%
Not sure	19%	26%	13%

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Sheen/Palin			
Charlie Sheen	29%	19%	39%
Sarah Palin	49%	67%	33%
Not sure	21%	14%	27%

	Base	Regularly Watch Fox?	
		Regularly watch Fox News	Do not
Regularly Watch Fox?			
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	100%	-
Do not	53%	-	100%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Walker Favorability				
Favorable	34%	58%	11%	32%
Unfavorable	39%	13%	64%	30%
Not sure	28%	29%	25%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Unions Favorability				
Favorable	46%	21%	69%	40%
Unfavorable	40%	63%	17%	46%
Not sure	14%	15%	14%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Side w/ Walker or Unions?				
Governor Walker	41%	67%	18%	25%
The unions	45%	19%	68%	52%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?				
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	74%	17%	38%
He should be fired	32%	9%	53%	37%
Not sure	24%	17%	30%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sheen Favorability				
Favorable	10%	9%	11%	10%
Unfavorable	67%	71%	65%	53%
Not sure	23%	20%	24%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sheen/Obama				
Charlie Sheen	24%	42%	8%	23%
Barack Obama	57%	24%	90%	50%
Not sure	19%	35%	3%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sheen/Palin				
Charlie Sheen	29%	10%	48%	36%
Sarah Palin	49%	83%	19%	29%
Not sure	21%	8%	33%	35%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Regularly Watch Fox?				
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	68%	29%	45%
Do not	53%	32%	71%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Walker Favorability						
Favorable	34%	18%	9%	22%	50%	64%
Unfavorable	39%	62%	68%	47%	19%	10%
Not sure	28%	20%	23%	31%	31%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Unions Favorability						
Favorable	46%	66%	72%	54%	34%	9%
Unfavorable	40%	16%	17%	30%	52%	77%
Not sure	14%	18%	11%	16%	14%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Side w/ Walker or Unions?						
Governor Walker	41%	21%	12%	30%	56%	78%
The unions	45%	62%	76%	54%	30%	8%
Not sure	14%	17%	13%	16%	13%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?						
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	17%	21%	30%	62%	80%
He should be fired	32%	60%	56%	42%	13%	4%
Not sure	24%	23%	23%	28%	24%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Sheen Favorability						
Favorable	10%	15%	11%	12%	9%	6%
Unfavorable	67%	69%	65%	61%	71%	72%
Not sure	23%	15%	24%	27%	20%	23%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Sheen/Obama						
Charlie Sheen	24%	10%	11%	20%	32%	41%
Barack Obama	57%	84%	84%	72%	35%	20%
Not sure	19%	7%	4%	9%	33%	39%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Sheen/Palin						
Charlie Sheen	29%	60%	42%	39%	17%	5%
Sarah Palin	49%	12%	26%	38%	64%	87%
Not sure	21%	28%	32%	23%	19%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Regularly Watch Fox?						
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	31%	23%	45%	60%	67%
Do not	53%	69%	77%	55%	40%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Walker Favorability			
Favorable	34%	26%	40%
Unfavorable	39%	41%	36%
Not sure	28%	32%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Unions Favorability			
Favorable	46%	47%	44%
Unfavorable	40%	35%	44%
Not sure	14%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Side w/ Walker or Unions?			
Governor Walker	41%	34%	47%
The unions	45%	48%	42%
Not sure	14%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?			
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	35%	53%
He should be fired	32%	35%	30%
Not sure	24%	30%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sheen Favorability			
Favorable	10%	9%	11%
Unfavorable	67%	68%	65%
Not sure	23%	22%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sheen/Obama			
Charlie Sheen	24%	19%	29%
Barack Obama	57%	62%	52%
Not sure	19%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sheen/Palin			
Charlie Sheen	29%	30%	29%
Sarah Palin	49%	46%	53%
Not sure	21%	24%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Regularly Watch Fox?			
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	44%	51%
Do not	53%	56%	49%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Walker Favorability				
Favorable	34%	11%	55%	38%
Unfavorable	39%	61%	11%	42%
Not sure	28%	28%	34%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Unions Favorability				
Favorable	46%	68%	22%	45%
Unfavorable	40%	21%	62%	39%
Not sure	14%	12%	16%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Side w/ Walker or Unions?				
Governor Walker	41%	19%	65%	40%
The unions	45%	69%	17%	47%
Not sure	14%	12%	19%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?				
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	19%	71%	44%
He should be fired	32%	53%	7%	36%
Not sure	24%	28%	22%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sheen Favorability				
Favorable	10%	13%	5%	14%
Unfavorable	67%	64%	73%	62%
Not sure	23%	23%	22%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sheen/Obama				
Charlie Sheen	24%	14%	37%	22%
Barack Obama	57%	84%	28%	57%
Not sure	19%	2%	35%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sheen/Palin				
Charlie Sheen	29%	44%	8%	41%
Sarah Palin	49%	24%	84%	36%
Not sure	21%	32%	9%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Regularly Watch Fox?				
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	34%	67%	40%
Do not	53%	66%	33%	60%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Walker Favorability					
Favorable	34%	27%	37%	15%	36%
Unfavorable	39%	44%	36%	47%	44%
Not sure	28%	29%	27%	38%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Unions Favorability					
Favorable	46%	53%	42%	62%	48%
Unfavorable	40%	36%	43%	24%	48%
Not sure	14%	11%	15%	15%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Side w/ Walker or Unions?					
Governor Walker	41%	33%	45%	24%	28%
The unions	45%	49%	42%	60%	52%
Not sure	14%	18%	13%	16%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?					
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	36%	49%	22%	40%
He should be fired	32%	42%	29%	44%	32%
Not sure	24%	22%	22%	35%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Sheen Favorability					
Favorable	10%	16%	9%	11%	13%
Unfavorable	67%	64%	69%	52%	67%
Not sure	23%	20%	21%	37%	21%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Sheen/Obama					
Charlie Sheen	24%	33%	25%	9%	35%
Barack Obama	57%	58%	52%	85%	57%
Not sure	19%	9%	23%	6%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Sheen/Palin					
Charlie Sheen	29%	36%	26%	45%	30%
Sarah Palin	49%	33%	57%	23%	30%
Not sure	21%	31%	17%	32%	39%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Regularly Watch Fox?					
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	42%	48%	49%	48%
Do not	53%	58%	52%	51%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Walker Favorability					
Favorable	34%	29%	35%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	39%	34%	37%	42%	36%
Not sure	28%	37%	28%	27%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Unions Favorability					
Favorable	46%	44%	42%	48%	47%
Unfavorable	40%	41%	46%	37%	38%
Not sure	14%	16%	13%	15%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Side w/ Walker or Unions?					
Governor Walker	41%	40%	42%	37%	48%
The unions	45%	44%	40%	50%	41%
Not sure	14%	16%	17%	14%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Fox Keep Airing or Fire Beck?					
Fox News should continue to have Beck's show	44%	47%	45%	41%	47%
He should be fired	32%	35%	27%	35%	32%
Not sure	24%	18%	27%	24%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sheen Favorability					
Favorable	10%	21%	12%	10%	4%
Unfavorable	67%	46%	69%	68%	68%
Not sure	23%	33%	18%	22%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sheen/Obama					
Charlie Sheen	24%	39%	31%	20%	19%
Barack Obama	57%	53%	52%	60%	57%
Not sure	19%	8%	17%	20%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sheen/Palin					
Charlie Sheen	29%	40%	25%	33%	24%
Sarah Palin	49%	42%	58%	43%	54%
Not sure	21%	18%	17%	24%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Regularly Watch Fox?					
Regularly watch Fox News	47%	34%	49%	45%	57%
Do not	53%	66%	51%	55%	43%

