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Democrats lead Senate races in Virginia and Wisconsin

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's new Virginia and Wisconsin Senate polls find the Democratic candidates in position to hold onto both of these open seats in next month's election.

There's been a big shift over the last three weeks in Virginia. After months of polling showing a tied race, Tim Kaine has now broken open a 51-44 advantage over George Allen. Just three weeks ago the candidates were separated by only a point at 47-46.

The big shift over the last three weeks has been with independent voters, who've gone from being effectively tied to supporting Kaine by a 53/40 margin. Kaine's also cut Allen's lead with white voters almost in half from 16 points at 55-39 to 9 points at 52-43. Any Democrat who can hold a Republican to a single digit advantage with white voters in Virginia is going to win handily. Kaine's also leading with both women (53-41) and men (49-47).

The Wisconsin Senate race has been very steady over the last month. Tammy Baldwin leads Tommy Thompson by a 3 point margin, 49-46. PPP's done three polls there since Labor Day and Baldwin's held a 3-4 point lead in every one of them.

No one would have imagined six months ago that Baldwin would have a bigger lead in Wisconsin than Barack Obama. But Thompson has proven to be quite a weak candidate. Only 43% of voters have a favorable opinion of him to 50% with a negative one. Those numbers are quite a bit worse than Mitt Romney's 49/48 spread in the state.

Baldwin leads mostly thanks to a 52/40 advantage with independent voters. She's up big with women (50/43) while managing to run about even with men, trailing only 48-47. She's running even with white voters at 47% and leads with non-whites 65-30.

“Virginia and Wisconsin looked like great pick up opportunities for Republicans a few months ago,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But now the Democratic candidates are consistently polling ahead in these races.”

PPP surveyed 979 likely Wisconsin voters from October 4th to 6th. The margin of error for the overall survey is +/-3.1%. The Virginia survey interviewed 725 likely voters from October 4th to 7th with a margin of error of +/-3.6%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

Virginia Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of George Allen?
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|--------------------------|-----|
| <i>Favorable</i> | 44% |
| <i>Unfavorable</i> | 45% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 11% |
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Kaine?
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|--------------------------|-----|
| <i>Favorable</i> | 50% |
| <i>Unfavorable</i> | 41% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 9% |
- Q3** The candidates for Senate this fall are Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican George Allen. If the election was today, who would you vote for?
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|---------------------------|-----|
| <i>Tim Kaine</i> | 51% |
| <i>George Allen</i> | 44% |
| <i>Undecided</i> | 5% |
- Q4** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
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|------------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Very liberal</i> | 15% |
| <i>Somewhat liberal</i> | 19% |
| <i>Moderate</i> | 27% |
| <i>Somewhat conservative</i> | 27% |
| <i>Very conservative</i> | 13% |
- Q5** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
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|--------------------|-----|
| <i>Woman</i> | 53% |
| <i>Man</i> | 47% |
- Q6** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
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|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Democrat</i> | 38% |
| <i>Republican</i> | 32% |
| <i>Independent/Other</i> | 30% |
- Q7** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.
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|-------------------------------|-----|
| <i>White</i> | 75% |
| <i>African-American</i> | 18% |
| <i>Other</i> | 7% |
- Q8** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45 years old, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.
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|----------------------------|-----|
| <i>18 to 29</i> | 12% |
| <i>30 to 45</i> | 24% |
| <i>46 to 65</i> | 42% |
| <i>Older than 65</i> | 22% |



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Allen Favorability						
Favorable	44%	28%	20%	34%	61%	78%
Unfavorable	45%	57%	74%	54%	24%	15%
Not sure	11%	14%	7%	12%	15%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kaine Favorability						
Favorable	50%	74%	84%	62%	21%	8%
Unfavorable	41%	13%	12%	29%	68%	82%
Not sure	9%	12%	4%	9%	10%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kaine/Allen						
Tim Kaine	51%	76%	86%	62%	22%	10%
George Allen	44%	21%	10%	31%	71%	88%
Undecided	5%	4%	4%	7%	8%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Allen Favorability			
Favorable	44%	42%	45%
Unfavorable	45%	45%	45%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine Favorability			
Favorable	50%	50%	50%
Unfavorable	41%	39%	44%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine/Allen			
Tim Kaine	51%	53%	49%
George Allen	44%	41%	47%
Undecided	5%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Allen Favorability				
Favorable	44%	16%	77%	42%
Unfavorable	45%	72%	11%	48%
Not sure	11%	12%	12%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kaine Favorability				
Favorable	50%	80%	13%	52%
Unfavorable	41%	10%	77%	41%
Not sure	9%	9%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kaine/Allen				
Tim Kaine	51%	87%	7%	53%
George Allen	44%	8%	89%	40%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Allen Favorability				
Favorable	44%	52%	13%	31%
Unfavorable	45%	39%	72%	42%
Not sure	11%	9%	15%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kaine Favorability				
Favorable	50%	45%	70%	54%
Unfavorable	41%	48%	16%	33%
Not sure	9%	7%	14%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kaine/Allen				
Tim Kaine	51%	43%	84%	52%
George Allen	44%	52%	11%	41%
Undecided	5%	5%	6%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Allen Favorability					
Favorable	44%	66%	32%	41%	48%
Unfavorable	45%	32%	51%	48%	41%
Not sure	11%	2%	17%	11%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine Favorability					
Favorable	50%	70%	54%	46%	43%
Unfavorable	41%	27%	37%	43%	49%
Not sure	9%	2%	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine/Allen					
Tim Kaine	51%	64%	54%	50%	42%
George Allen	44%	34%	39%	44%	52%
Undecided	5%	2%	6%	5%	6%





Wisconsin Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tammy Baldwin?

Favorable..... 44%
Unfavorable 47%
Not sure 9%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tommy Thompson?

Favorable..... 43%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 7%

Q3 The candidates for US Senate this fall are Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Tommy Thompson. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Tammy Baldwin..... 49%
Tommy Thompson 46%
Undecided..... 6%

Q4 Would you rather that Democrats or Republicans had control of the US Senate?

Democrats 46%
Republicans 45%
Not sure 10%

Q5 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 16%

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

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

Q7 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 34%
Republican..... 33%
Independent/Other..... 33%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 91%
Other..... 9%

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45 years old, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 15%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 39%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Baldwin Favorability						
Favorable	44%	87%	67%	56%	17%	6%
Unfavorable	47%	10%	23%	31%	72%	90%
Not sure	9%	3%	10%	13%	10%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Thompson Favorability						
Favorable	43%	16%	15%	29%	70%	81%
Unfavorable	50%	75%	82%	63%	23%	14%
Not sure	7%	9%	4%	8%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Baldwin/Thompson						
Tammy Baldwin	49%	81%	80%	63%	21%	5%
Tommy Thompson	46%	16%	19%	28%	72%	89%
Undecided	6%	3%	1%	9%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Senate Control Preference						
Democrats	46%	70%	82%	60%	17%	5%
Republicans	45%	23%	10%	24%	72%	92%
Not sure	10%	7%	8%	15%	12%	3%





Crosstabs

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		Woman	Man
Baldwin Favorability			
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Unfavorable	47%	45%	48%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Thompson Favorability			
Favorable	43%	41%	46%
Unfavorable	50%	51%	48%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%

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		Woman	Man
Baldwin/Thompson			
Tammy Baldwin	49%	50%	47%
Tommy Thompson	46%	43%	48%
Undecided	6%	6%	5%

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Senate Control Preference			
Democrats	46%	47%	44%
Republicans	45%	43%	46%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Baldwin Favorability				
Favorable	44%	79%	9%	43%
Unfavorable	47%	13%	85%	44%
Not sure	9%	9%	6%	13%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Thompson Favorability				
Favorable	43%	10%	83%	39%
Unfavorable	50%	84%	11%	53%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	8%

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Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Baldwin Favorability			
Favorable	44%	42%	58%
Unfavorable	47%	49%	27%
Not sure	9%	9%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Thompson Favorability			
Favorable	43%	45%	25%
Unfavorable	50%	48%	68%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%

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		White	Other
Baldwin/Thompson			
Tammy Baldwin	49%	47%	65%
Tommy Thompson	46%	47%	30%
Undecided	6%	6%	5%

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		White	Other
Senate Control Preference			
Democrats	46%	43%	68%
Republicans	45%	47%	23%
Not sure	10%	10%	9%





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Favorable	44%	40%	43%	46%	45%
Unfavorable	47%	40%	48%	46%	51%
Not sure	9%	20%	9%	8%	4%

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Thompson Favorability					
Favorable	43%	29%	51%	43%	46%
Unfavorable	50%	60%	42%	52%	48%
Not sure	7%	11%	7%	5%	6%

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Baldwin/Thompson					
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Senate Control Preference					
Democrats	46%	55%	44%	46%	41%
Republicans	45%	38%	45%	46%	46%
Not sure	10%	8%	11%	8%	13%

