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Shumlin in strong shape for second term as VT gov

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite still being better liked than the new incumbent he almost defeated last year, Brian Dubie would fall in a rematch with Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin by eight points if next fall's election were held today, up from two points. Shumlin leads any of his other, less known potential foes by 17 to 27 points.

Shumlin's 45-36 approval-disapproval margin puts him at about the median for the 42 sitting governors on which PPP has polled. Dubie's personal favorability numbers outdo that, with 48% seeing him positively and only 33% negatively. But in a head-to-head, Shumlin prevails 48-40. Dubie has the GOP locked up, 90-3, and gets 10% of Shumlin's partisans, but trails with the large independent bloc, 47-38. They make up the 40% plurality of voters in the state, with Democrats next at 37%.

The other Republicans are known entities to anywhere from only 12% to 53% of voters, and while all but Lauzon and Brock are seen favorably, their faceless status means Shumlin unsurprisingly trounces them at this early stage. He leads Phil Scott, 50-33; Tom Salmon, 50-31; Mark Snelling, 50-29; Randy Brock, 51-29; and Thom Lauzon, 52-25.

Despite more of them being undecided in these matchups, Shumlin maintains 48-51% of the independent vote, for leads of 19 to 30 points. More Republicans are also on the fence than Democrats, unlike in the Dubie sequel, meaning as these candidates increase their profile, the race will get closer. But Vermont's Democratic identification advantage and progressive-leaning independents give Shumlin a bit of a floor.

“Peter Shumlin's not as popular as any of his statewide peers,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But his numbers are solid enough that he would still get reelected right now, especially with a Presidential year electorate that's likely to be more friendly to Democrats than the one he was elected in last year.”

PPP surveyed 1,233 Vermont voters from July 28th to 31st. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.8%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Vermont Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Peter Shumlin's job performance?

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not sure 19%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Randy Brock?

Favorable..... 16%
Unfavorable 16%
Not sure 68%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Brian Dubie?

Favorable..... 48%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 19%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Thom Lauzon?

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 77%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Salmon?

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 23%
Not sure 47%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Phil Scott?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 12%
Not sure 55%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mark Snelling?

Favorable..... 19%
Unfavorable 16%
Not sure 65%

Q8 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Peter Shumlin and Republican Randy Brock, who would you vote for?

Peter Shumlin 51%
Randy Brock 29%
Undecided..... 20%

Q9 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Peter Shumlin and Republican Brian Dubie, who would you vote for?

Peter Shumlin 48%
Brian Dubie 40%
Undecided..... 12%

Q10 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Peter Shumlin and Republican Thom Lauzon, who would you vote for?

Peter Shumlin 52%
Thom Lauzon..... 25%
Undecided..... 23%

Q11 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Peter Shumlin and Republican Tom Salmon, who would you vote for?

Peter Shumlin 50%
Tom Salmon..... 31%
Undecided..... 18%





Q12 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Peter Shumlin and Republican Phil Scott, who would you vote for?

<i>Peter Shumlin</i>	50%
<i>Phil Scott</i>	33%
<i>Undecided</i>	17%

Q13 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Peter Shumlin and Republican Mark Snelling, who would you vote for?

<i>Peter Shumlin</i>	50%
<i>Mark Snelling</i>	29%
<i>Undecided</i>	21%

Q14 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

<i>John McCain</i>	32%
<i>Barack Obama</i>	60%
<i>Someone else/Don't remember</i>	8%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	15%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	25%
<i>Moderate</i>	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	20%
<i>Very conservative</i>	9%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q17 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	37%
<i>Republican</i>	24%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	40%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	94%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q19 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>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	42%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shum lin approval				
Approve	45%	13%	65%	22%
Disapprove	36%	71%	16%	50%
Not sure	19%	17%	19%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Brock Favorability				
Favorable	16%	31%	11%	3%
Unfavorable	16%	7%	21%	18%
Not sure	68%	63%	69%	79%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Dubie Favorability				
Favorable	48%	79%	31%	56%
Unfavorable	33%	9%	47%	23%
Not sure	19%	11%	22%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Lauzon Favorability				
Favorable	7%	12%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	15%	15%	17%	4%
Not sure	77%	73%	78%	88%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Salmon Favorability				
Favorable	30%	46%	22%	27%
Unfavorable	23%	11%	30%	18%
Not sure	47%	43%	48%	56%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Scott Favorability				
Favorable	33%	53%	25%	25%
Unfavorable	12%	6%	15%	10%
Not sure	55%	41%	60%	65%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Snelling Favorability				
Favorable	19%	30%	13%	21%
Unfavorable	16%	13%	17%	14%
Not sure	65%	57%	70%	65%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shumlin/Brock				
Peter Shumlin	51%	10%	75%	30%
Randy Brock	29%	71%	7%	34%
Undecided	20%	19%	17%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shumlin/Dubie				
Peter Shumlin	48%	7%	73%	25%
Brian Dubie	40%	85%	14%	57%
Undecided	12%	7%	13%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shumlin/Lauzon				
Peter Shumlin	52%	12%	76%	27%
Thom Lauzon	25%	63%	5%	31%
Undecided	23%	24%	20%	42%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shumlin/Salmon				
Peter Shumlin	50%	9%	75%	30%
Tom Salmon	31%	75%	7%	39%
Undecided	18%	16%	17%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shumlin/Scott				
Peter Shumlin	50%	10%	74%	26%
Phil Scott	33%	76%	8%	43%
Undecided	17%	14%	17%	30%





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		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Shumlin/Snelling				
Peter Shumlin	50%	9%	75%	28%
Mark Snelling	29%	69%	6%	37%
Undecided	21%	21%	19%	35%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin approval						
Approve	45%	81%	65%	41%	18%	4%
Disapprove	36%	5%	19%	34%	62%	84%
Not sure	19%	14%	16%	25%	20%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Brock Favorability						
Favorable	16%	8%	9%	13%	31%	29%
Unfavorable	16%	26%	16%	17%	9%	9%
Not sure	68%	66%	75%	70%	60%	62%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Dubie Favorability						
Favorable	48%	17%	32%	48%	75%	85%
Unfavorable	33%	62%	44%	31%	13%	8%
Not sure	19%	21%	24%	21%	12%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Lauzon Favorability						
Favorable	7%	4%	4%	6%	13%	12%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	18%	12%	16%	13%
Not sure	77%	79%	78%	82%	71%	75%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Salmon Favorability						
Favorable	30%	11%	19%	34%	48%	41%
Unfavorable	23%	38%	31%	19%	13%	12%
Not sure	47%	51%	50%	47%	39%	46%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Scott Favorability						
Favorable	33%	15%	26%	32%	53%	45%
Unfavorable	12%	16%	16%	8%	10%	12%
Not sure	55%	69%	58%	60%	38%	43%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Snelling Favorability						
Favorable	19%	12%	9%	19%	31%	31%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	22%	15%	11%	12%
Not sure	65%	73%	69%	67%	58%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin/Brock						
Peter Shumlin	51%	91%	72%	51%	16%	3%
Randy Brock	29%	2%	9%	21%	61%	86%
Undecided	20%	7%	19%	27%	22%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin/Dubie						
Peter Shumlin	48%	89%	73%	46%	12%	1%
Brian Dubie	40%	4%	16%	37%	79%	89%
Undecided	12%	7%	11%	18%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin/Lauzon						
Peter Shumlin	52%	93%	74%	50%	17%	3%
Thom Lauzon	25%	2%	6%	17%	54%	81%
Undecided	23%	5%	20%	33%	28%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin/Salmon						
Peter Shumlin	50%	91%	73%	51%	15%	2%
Tom Salmon	31%	2%	10%	25%	65%	81%
Undecided	18%	7%	17%	24%	20%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin/Scott						
Peter Shumlin	50%	92%	72%	49%	15%	4%
Phil Scott	33%	2%	9%	28%	67%	84%
Undecided	17%	6%	19%	23%	18%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shumlin/Snelling						
Peter Shumlin	50%	91%	72%	50%	15%	2%
Mark Snelling	29%	4%	9%	20%	60%	81%
Undecided	21%	5%	19%	30%	25%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin approval			
Approve	45%	47%	42%
Disapprove	36%	32%	41%
Not sure	19%	21%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Brock Favorability			
Favorable	16%	15%	18%
Unfavorable	16%	13%	19%
Not sure	68%	72%	63%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dubie Favorability			
Favorable	48%	46%	51%
Unfavorable	33%	34%	32%
Not sure	19%	20%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lauzon Favorability			
Favorable	7%	5%	10%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	17%
Not sure	77%	81%	74%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Salmon Favorability			
Favorable	30%	27%	33%
Unfavorable	23%	21%	25%
Not sure	47%	52%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scott Favorability			
Favorable	33%	31%	36%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	14%
Not sure	55%	59%	50%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Snelling Favorability			
Favorable	19%	17%	21%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	16%
Not sure	65%	68%	62%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin/Brock			
Peter Shumlin	51%	54%	47%
Randy Brock	29%	25%	34%
Undecided	20%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin/Dubie			
Peter Shumlin	48%	51%	45%
Brian Dubie	40%	36%	44%
Undecided	12%	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin/Lauzon			
Peter Shumlin	52%	55%	48%
Thom Lauzon	25%	21%	30%
Undecided	23%	24%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin/Salmon			
Peter Shumlin	50%	54%	47%
Tom Salmon	31%	26%	37%
Undecided	18%	20%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin/Scott			
Peter Shumlin	50%	53%	46%
Phil Scott	33%	28%	38%
Undecided	17%	18%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shumlin/Snelling			
Peter Shumlin	50%	53%	47%
Mark Snelling	29%	23%	34%
Undecided	21%	23%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin approval				
Approve	45%	71%	11%	41%
Disapprove	36%	14%	73%	34%
Not sure	19%	15%	16%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Brock Favorability				
Favorable	16%	8%	29%	17%
Unfavorable	16%	21%	8%	16%
Not sure	68%	71%	64%	67%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dubie Favorability				
Favorable	48%	25%	82%	50%
Unfavorable	33%	51%	8%	32%
Not sure	19%	25%	10%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lauzon Favorability				
Favorable	7%	5%	13%	6%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	11%	16%
Not sure	77%	78%	76%	78%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Salmon Favorability				
Favorable	30%	18%	46%	32%
Unfavorable	23%	29%	10%	25%
Not sure	47%	53%	44%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Scott Favorability				
Favorable	33%	22%	55%	31%
Unfavorable	12%	16%	6%	12%
Not sure	55%	62%	39%	57%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Snelling Favorability				
Favorable	19%	12%	38%	14%
Unfavorable	16%	20%	9%	15%
Not sure	65%	67%	53%	71%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin/Brock				
Peter Shumlin	51%	81%	6%	51%
Randy Brock	29%	6%	75%	24%
Undecided	20%	13%	19%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin/Dubie				
Peter Shumlin	48%	78%	3%	47%
Brian Dubie	40%	10%	90%	38%
Undecided	12%	12%	7%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin/Lauzon				
Peter Shumlin	52%	82%	8%	49%
Thom Lauzon	25%	4%	69%	19%
Undecided	23%	14%	23%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin/Salmon				
Peter Shumlin	50%	81%	6%	50%
Tom Salmon	31%	6%	78%	27%
Undecided	18%	13%	16%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin/Scott				
Peter Shumlin	50%	81%	7%	48%
Phil Scott	33%	6%	80%	29%
Undecided	17%	13%	14%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shumlin/Snelling				
Peter Shumlin	50%	81%	5%	48%
Mark Snelling	29%	5%	75%	22%
Undecided	21%	14%	20%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Shumlin approval			
Approve	45%	45%	44%
Disapprove	36%	36%	35%
Not sure	19%	19%	21%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Brock Favorability			
Favorable	16%	17%	12%
Unfavorable	16%	16%	20%
Not sure	68%	68%	68%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dubie Favorability			
Favorable	48%	48%	48%
Unfavorable	33%	33%	28%
Not sure	19%	18%	24%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lauzon Favorability			
Favorable	7%	8%	6%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	25%
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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Scott Favorability			
Favorable	33%	34%	24%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	15%
Not sure	55%	54%	60%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Snelling Favorability			
Favorable	19%	19%	21%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	20%
Not sure	65%	66%	59%

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Shumlin/Brock			
Peter Shumlin	51%	51%	54%
Randy Brock	29%	30%	28%
Undecided	20%	20%	18%





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Peter Shumlin	48%	48%	50%
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Peter Shumlin	52%	51%	57%
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Shumlin/Salmon			
Peter Shumlin	50%	50%	57%
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Undecided	18%	18%	18%

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Peter Shumlin	50%	50%	57%
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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shumlin approval					
Approve	45%	50%	41%	47%	44%
Disapprove	36%	28%	40%	35%	36%
Not sure	19%	22%	19%	18%	20%

	Base	Age			
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Brock Favorability					
Favorable	16%	14%	14%	18%	18%
Unfavorable	16%	22%	11%	17%	17%
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	Base	Age			
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Dubie Favorability					
Favorable	48%	39%	49%	48%	53%
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Crosstabs

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lauzon Favorability					
Favorable	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%
Unfavorable	15%	19%	11%	17%	15%
Not sure	77%	75%	81%	75%	78%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Salmon Favorability					
Favorable	30%	25%	24%	33%	37%
Unfavorable	23%	22%	19%	25%	25%
Not sure	47%	53%	58%	42%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scott Favorability					
Favorable	33%	22%	33%	35%	36%
Unfavorable	12%	17%	10%	13%	11%
Not sure	55%	61%	57%	52%	53%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Snelling Favorability					
Favorable	19%	11%	17%	20%	25%
Unfavorable	16%	14%	10%	18%	18%
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Undecided	23%	33%	23%	20%	24%

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Shumlin/Salmon					
Peter Shumlin	50%	56%	48%	52%	48%
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Undecided	18%	28%	19%	16%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
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Shumlin/Scott					
Peter Shumlin	50%	58%	49%	51%	45%
Phil Scott	33%	14%	35%	34%	36%
Undecided	17%	28%	17%	15%	18%

	Base	Age			
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Peter Shumlin	50%	56%	47%	52%	48%
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Undecided	21%	33%	22%	18%	21%

