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Obama, Cantwell up big in Washington

Raleigh, N.C. – There has been very little movement in either the presidential or Senate races in Washington since PPP last polled the state in February.

President Obama's approval rating has not budged an inch. 51% approved and 45% disapproved in both of the most recent surveys. The inconsequential two-point shift from a 15-point lead (53-38) to a 13-point lead (54-41) has occurred entirely because Romney has consolidated his Republican base. He led with GOP voters by only a 78-12 margin four months ago, but he has now locked up almost as much of his party as Obama has his. Obama has 95% of Democrats, and Romney 93% of Republicans.

The flip side keeping it a double-digit lead for the president is that he has only boosted his favor with independents, who are more than a third of voters in the state, equal to Democrats' share of the electorate. Obama leads Romney by 16 points with them now, up from only seven in February.

"It's looking a lot more like 2008 than 2000 or 2004 in Washington," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "It's unlikely that the state will be competitive this fall."

Similarly, Maria Cantwell is looking very strong for re-election to the Senate. Even though her likely opponent Michael Baumgartner has upped his name recognition a few points in the last few months, he is still an unknown; 72% of voters are unfamiliar with him. As such, Cantwell has maintained her lead—it was 51-36 in February, and 51-35 now.

Cantwell has 91% of Democrats to Baumgartner's 81% of the GOP, and the incumbent leads by 13 with independents. Baumgartner has more room to grow, with slightly more of his party undecided than Cantwell's and about nine points of potential voters just from undecided independents. But Cantwell is already over 50%.

PPP surveyed 1,073 Washington voters from June 14th to 17th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.0%. 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.



Washington Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 51%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 9%

Q3 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 54%
Mitt Romney..... 41%
Undecided..... 5%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Maria Cantwell's job performance?

Approve 46% *Not sure* 15%
Disapprove..... 39%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michael Baumgartner?

Favorable..... 12%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 72%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Maria Cantwell and Republican Michael Baumgartner, who would you vote for?

Maria Cantwell..... 51%
Michael Baumgartner..... 35%
Undecided..... 14%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Christine Gregoire's job performance?

Approve..... 40% *Not sure* 8%
Disapprove..... 52%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Patty Murray's job performance?

Approve 49% *Not sure* 10%
Disapprove..... 41%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 38%
Barack Obama..... 55%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal 12%
Somewhat liberal 24%
Moderate..... 28%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 12%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

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 36%
Republican..... 28%
Independent/Other 36%





Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 86%
Other..... 14%

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.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	4%	87%	27%
Disapprove	45%	94%	10%	57%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	39%	75%	12%	64%
Unfavorable	51%	13%	82%	18%
Not sure	9%	12%	6%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	54%	4%	93%	24%
Mitt Romney	41%	89%	5%	55%
Undecided	5%	7%	3%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cantwell Approval				
Approve	46%	12%	72%	31%
Disapprove	39%	76%	12%	53%
Not sure	15%	12%	17%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Baumgartner Favorability				
Favorable	12%	18%	6%	16%
Unfavorable	17%	8%	24%	10%
Not sure	72%	74%	70%	74%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cantwell/Baumgartner				
Maria Cantwell	51%	9%	82%	33%
Michael Baumgartner	35%	75%	7%	39%
Undecided	14%	16%	11%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gregoire Approval				
Approve	40%	8%	65%	20%
Disapprove	52%	86%	26%	67%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Murray Approval				
Approve	49%	9%	79%	20%
Disapprove	41%	82%	12%	52%
Not sure	10%	8%	9%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	51%	91%	90%	55%	11%	1%
Disapprove	45%	9%	8%	38%	84%	98%
Not sure	4%	0%	2%	7%	5%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	39%	5%	15%	30%	74%	77%
Unfavorable	51%	85%	84%	56%	14%	16%
Not sure	9%	10%	1%	14%	13%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	54%	93%	91%	60%	16%	1%
Mitt Romney	41%	6%	6%	30%	76%	98%
Undecided	5%	1%	3%	9%	9%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cantwell Approval						
Approve	46%	80%	75%	45%	20%	8%
Disapprove	39%	8%	11%	31%	69%	84%
Not sure	15%	12%	14%	23%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Baumgartner Favorability						
Favorable	12%	4%	7%	9%	18%	22%
Unfavorable	17%	30%	20%	17%	12%	3%
Not sure	72%	66%	72%	74%	71%	74%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cantwell/Baumgartner						
Maria Cantwell	51%	94%	80%	53%	19%	3%
Michael Baumgartner	35%	4%	7%	24%	65%	90%
Undecided	14%	3%	13%	23%	16%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gregoire Approval						
Approve	40%	83%	63%	37%	17%	2%
Disapprove	52%	13%	27%	50%	76%	95%
Not sure	8%	3%	10%	13%	7%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Murray Approval						
Approve	49%	84%	79%	53%	16%	5%
Disapprove	41%	5%	14%	33%	73%	90%
Not sure	10%	11%	7%	13%	11%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	51%	53%	49%
Disapprove	45%	44%	46%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	39%	33%	46%
Unfavorable	51%	55%	47%
Not sure	9%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	54%	56%	52%
Mitt Romney	41%	40%	41%
Undecided	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cantwell Approval			
Approve	46%	48%	45%
Disapprove	39%	37%	41%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Baumgartner Favorability			
Favorable	12%	11%	13%
Unfavorable	17%	14%	20%
Not sure	72%	75%	67%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cantwell/Baumgartner			
Maria Cantwell	51%	52%	49%
Michael Baumgartner	35%	34%	37%
Undecided	14%	14%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gregoire Approval			
Approve	40%	40%	39%
Disapprove	52%	51%	53%
Not sure	8%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murray Approval			
Approve	49%	51%	45%
Disapprove	41%	37%	46%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	90%	5%	48%
Disapprove	45%	6%	94%	46%
Not sure	4%	4%	1%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	39%	7%	76%	42%
Unfavorable	51%	86%	13%	48%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	54%	95%	4%	52%
Mitt Romney	41%	3%	93%	36%
Undecided	5%	1%	3%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cantwell Approval				
Approve	46%	78%	12%	42%
Disapprove	39%	7%	77%	41%
Not sure	15%	15%	11%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Baumgartner Favorability				
Favorable	12%	8%	20%	9%
Unfavorable	17%	26%	6%	16%
Not sure	72%	67%	74%	75%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cantwell/Baumgartner				
Maria Cantwell	51%	91%	9%	43%
Michael Baumgartner	35%	4%	81%	30%
Undecided	14%	6%	10%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gregoire Approval				
Approve	40%	75%	10%	29%
Disapprove	52%	17%	86%	60%
Not sure	8%	9%	4%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murray Approval				
Approve	49%	86%	10%	42%
Disapprove	41%	4%	82%	46%
Not sure	10%	10%	8%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	51%	50%	58%
Disapprove	45%	47%	36%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	39%	39%	37%
Unfavorable	51%	51%	57%
Not sure	9%	10%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	54%	53%	63%
Mitt Romney	41%	42%	31%
Undecided	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cantwell Approval			
Approve	46%	46%	50%
Disapprove	39%	40%	31%
Not sure	15%	14%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Baumgartner Favorability			
Favorable	12%	11%	19%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	13%
Not sure	72%	72%	69%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cantwell/Baumgartner			
Maria Cantwell	51%	50%	54%
Michael Baumgartner	35%	35%	33%
Undecided	14%	14%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gregoire Approval			
Approve	40%	40%	41%
Disapprove	52%	52%	47%
Not sure	8%	8%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murray Approval			
Approve	49%	49%	46%
Disapprove	41%	42%	36%
Not sure	10%	9%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	51%	44%	53%	55%	43%
Disapprove	45%	48%	43%	43%	51%
Not sure	4%	7%	3%	2%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	39%	37%	40%	37%	44%
Unfavorable	51%	52%	48%	55%	47%
Not sure	9%	11%	11%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	54%	56%	57%	56%	44%
Mitt Romney	41%	33%	39%	40%	48%
Undecided	5%	11%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cantwell Approval					
Approve	46%	30%	37%	55%	50%
Disapprove	39%	44%	42%	36%	37%
Not sure	15%	26%	21%	9%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Baumgartner Favorability					
Favorable	12%	15%	7%	13%	14%
Unfavorable	17%	15%	10%	22%	14%
Not sure	72%	70%	83%	65%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cantwell/Baumgartner					
Maria Cantwell	51%	44%	47%	56%	48%
Michael Baumgartner	35%	37%	33%	34%	41%
Undecided	14%	19%	20%	11%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gregoire Approval					
Approve	40%	33%	35%	45%	38%
Disapprove	52%	63%	56%	47%	50%
Not sure	8%	4%	9%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murray Approval					
Approve	49%	33%	43%	55%	51%
Disapprove	41%	44%	43%	39%	42%
Not sure	10%	22%	15%	6%	7%

