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Cantwell in Good Shape for 2012 Re-election

Raleigh, N.C. – Washington voters give their junior senator, Maria Cantwell, relatively good marks for her job performance, and they favor her over two of her possible 2012 Republican opponents, one of them by double digits.

Cantwell would lead Congressman Dave Reichert, 47-41, and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, 49-37. The big difference is among independents, whose numbers are reversed, depending on the GOP nominee. They favor Reichert over Cantwell, 44-39, but the incumbent over challenger McMorris Rodgers, 44-38.

Independents' views on how Cantwell is doing in Washington exactly mirror their support for her against Reichert, with 39% approving and 44% disapproving. But because 83% of the 36%-majority Democrats approve, and only 72% of the 29%-minority Republicans disapprove, her overall figure is 46-38, the 11th best of the 50 senators PPP has polled so far in 2010.

Comparatively, Cantwell's prospective opponents are personally less popular. 74% have no opinion of McMorris Rodgers; those who do break 11-15 against her. Reichert is known to more than half of his state's voters, yet they still give him the same four-point negative margin as McMorris Rodgers, 25-29.

Despite her very low statewide name recognition, McMorris Rodgers has the Republicans locked up in the hypothetical horse race almost to the same extent Reichert does. Yet Cantwell bests both in that category, getting 89 or 90% of her party's vote regardless of the opponent, to McMorris Rodgers' 79% and Reichert's 81% of the GOP.

“Dave Reichert could give Maria Cantwell a tough challenge, but if Cantwell is doing this well in the scathing 2010 climate, she should be favored for another term in two years,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,204 Washington voters from July 27th to August 1st. The survey's margin of error is +/-2.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Washington Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Maria Cantwell's job performance?
Approve..... 46% *Not Sure*..... 15%
Disapprove..... 38%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Cathy McMorris Rodgers?
Favorable..... 11%
Unfavorable 15%
Not Sure..... 74%
- Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dave Reichert?
Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 29%
Not Sure..... 46%
- Q4** If the candidates for Senate in 2012 were Democrat Maria Cantwell and Republican Cathy McMorris Rodgers, who would you vote for?
Maria Cantwell..... 49%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers 37%
Undecided..... 13%
- Q5** If the candidates for Senate in 2012 were Democrat Maria Cantwell and Republican Dave Reichert, who would you vote for?
Maria Cantwell..... 47%
Dave Reichert..... 41%
Undecided..... 12%
- Q6** Who did you vote for President last year?
John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 51%
Someone else/Don't remember 8%
- Q7** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
Liberal..... 24%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 35%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
Woman 51%
Man..... 49%
- Q9** 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..... 36%
Republican..... 29%
Independent/Other..... 35%
- Q10** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.
White 91%
Other..... 9%
- Q11** 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..... 6%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cantwell Approval				
Approve	46%	12%	78%	16%
Disapprove	38%	72%	7%	68%
Not Sure	15%	16%	15%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
McMorris Rodgers Favorability				
Favorable	11%	19%	3%	13%
Unfavorable	15%	5%	24%	7%
Not Sure	74%	75%	72%	79%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Reichert Favorability				
Favorable	25%	39%	14%	26%
Unfavorable	29%	11%	45%	18%
Not Sure	46%	50%	42%	57%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cantwell/McMorris Rodgers				
Maria Cantwell	49%	10%	86%	18%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	37%	77%	4%	51%
Undecided	13%	13%	10%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Cantwell/Reichert				
Maria Cantwell	47%	7%	84%	18%
Dave Reichert	41%	81%	7%	55%
Undecided	12%	12%	9%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Cantwell Approval				
Approve	46%	84%	55%	10%
Disapprove	38%	6%	27%	73%
Not Sure	15%	11%	17%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McMorris Rodgers Favorability				
Favorable	11%	4%	7%	20%
Unfavorable	15%	28%	16%	5%
Not Sure	74%	68%	77%	75%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reichert Favorability				
Favorable	25%	10%	24%	36%
Unfavorable	29%	53%	31%	11%
Not Sure	46%	38%	45%	53%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Cantwell/McMorris Rodgers				
Maria Cantwell	49%	92%	60%	8%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	37%	2%	23%	78%
Undecided	13%	6%	17%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Cantwell/Reichert				
Maria Cantwell	47%	90%	57%	7%
Dave Reichert	41%	4%	30%	79%
Undecided	12%	6%	12%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cantwell Approval			
Approve	46%	46%	47%
Disapprove	38%	35%	42%
Not Sure	15%	19%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McMorris Rodgers Favorability			
Favorable	11%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	15%	15%	16%
Not Sure	74%	75%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Reichert Favorability			
Favorable	25%	23%	27%
Unfavorable	29%	26%	32%
Not Sure	46%	51%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cantwell/McMorris Rodgers			
Maria Cantwell	49%	52%	47%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	37%	34%	40%
Undecided	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cantwell/Reichert			
Maria Cantwell	47%	49%	45%
Dave Reichert	41%	37%	45%
Undecided	12%	14%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cantwell Approval				
Approve	46%	83%	9%	39%
Disapprove	38%	6%	72%	44%
Not Sure	15%	11%	18%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McMorris Rodgers Favorability				
Favorable	11%	5%	21%	8%
Unfavorable	15%	24%	5%	15%
Not Sure	74%	71%	74%	77%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Reichert Favorability				
Favorable	25%	12%	39%	26%
Unfavorable	29%	47%	9%	27%
Not Sure	46%	41%	52%	47%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cantwell/McMorris Rodgers				
Maria Cantwell	49%	90%	6%	44%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	37%	3%	79%	38%
Undecided	13%	7%	15%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cantwell/Reichert				
Maria Cantwell	47%	89%	6%	39%
Dave Reichert	41%	6%	81%	44%
Undecided	12%	5%	13%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cantwell Approval			
Approve	46%	46%	53%
Disapprove	38%	39%	35%
Not Sure	15%	16%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
McMorris Rodgers Favorability			
Favorable	11%	11%	8%
Unfavorable	15%	15%	20%
Not Sure	74%	74%	72%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Reichert Favorability			
Favorable	25%	25%	28%
Unfavorable	29%	29%	31%
Not Sure	46%	47%	41%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cantwell/McMorris Rodgers			
Maria Cantwell	49%	49%	59%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	37%	38%	31%
Undecided	13%	14%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Cantwell/Reichert			
Maria Cantwell	47%	47%	56%
Dave Reichert	41%	41%	38%
Undecided	12%	12%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cantwell Approval					
Approve	46%	43%	40%	48%	51%
Disapprove	38%	32%	37%	41%	37%
Not Sure	15%	24%	23%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McMorris Rodgers Favorability					
Favorable	11%	11%	10%	11%	11%
Unfavorable	15%	11%	13%	17%	16%
Not Sure	74%	78%	76%	73%	74%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Reichert Favorability					
Favorable	25%	11%	31%	23%	26%
Unfavorable	29%	35%	24%	30%	30%
Not Sure	46%	54%	45%	47%	44%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cantwell/McMorris Rodgers					
Maria Cantwell	49%	49%	46%	51%	51%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	37%	43%	35%	38%	37%
Undecided	13%	8%	19%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cantwell/Reichert					
Maria Cantwell	47%	49%	43%	49%	49%
Dave Reichert	41%	41%	39%	42%	41%
Undecided	12%	11%	18%	9%	10%

