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## **Feingold in Solid Position**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Russ Feingold has a good approval rating and a double digit lead against a prospective 2010 opponent, Public Policy Polling’s newest survey finds.

53% of Wisconsin voters approve of Feingold’s performance, compared to 36% who disapprove. Out of nearly 30 Senators PPP has done approvals on in the last year that puts Feingold in the top ten.

80% of Democrats and 20% of Republicans like the work Feingold is doing, with independents breaking down 50/37 in support of him.

In a hypothetical contest against Republican Congressman Paul Ryan, Feingold leads 51-39.

“Russ Feingold looks like a pretty safe bet for a fourth term,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He’s popular with Wisconsin voters and Republicans don’t seem likely to make this seat one of their bigger targets next year.”

Barack Obama is popular in the state as well, with a 55% approval rating. His reviews are highly polarized with 92% of Democrats but only 11% of Republicans saying they approve of him. Independents are nearly divided. He has a 65% rating with the voters under 30 who were so important to his success in the state’s primary last year.

Herb Kohl’s approval comes down at 50/36, nearly identical to Feingold. That makes Wisconsin happier with its delegation in the Senate than voters in most states are.

PPP surveyed 580 Wisconsin voters on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

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

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## Wisconsin Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 55%  
*Disapprove*..... 40%  
*Not Sure*..... 6%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Russ Feingold's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve*..... 53% *Not Sure*..... 11%  
*Disapprove*..... 36%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Herb Kohl's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 50%  
*Disapprove*..... 36%  
*Not Sure*..... 14%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Congressman Paul Ryan? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 42%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 24%  
*Not Sure*..... 34%

**Q5** If the candidates for Senate next year were Democrat Russ Feingold and Republican Paul Ryan, who would you vote for? If Russ Feingold, press 1. If Paul Ryan, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

*Feingold*..... 51%  
*Ryan* ..... 39%  
*Undecided*..... 11%

**Q6** If you would define yourself as being liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 22%  
*Moderate*..... 39%  
*Conservative*..... 39%

**Q7** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 50%  
*Man*..... 50%

**Q8** 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* ..... 42%  
*Republican*..... 32%  
*Independent/Other* ..... 26%

**Q9** If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 89%  
*African American* ..... 6%  
*Other*..... 6%

**q10** 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*..... 15%  
*30 to 45*..... 25%  
*46 to 65*..... 40%  
*Older than 65*..... 20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>55%</b>	97%	67%	19%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	3%	27%	74%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	1%	6%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Feingold Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>53%</b>	89%	69%	17%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	8%	19%	68%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	3%	12%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Kohl Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>50%</b>	81%	65%	18%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	9%	21%	66%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	10%	14%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Ryan Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>42%</b>	11%	40%	62%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>24%</b>	55%	20%	9%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>34%</b>	34%	39%	29%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Feingold/Ryan</b>				
<b>Feingold</b>	51%	95%	61%	16%
<b>Ryan</b>	39%	4%	24%	73%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	1%	16%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	55%	60%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	35%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Feingold Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	53%	51%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	32%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	17%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kohl Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	50%	51%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	29%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	20%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Ryan Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>42%</b>	38%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>24%</b>	21%	26%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>34%</b>	41%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Feingold/Ryan</b>			
<b>Feingold</b>	<b>51%</b>	51%	50%
<b>Ryan</b>	<b>39%</b>	35%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>11%</b>	14%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>55%</b>	92%	11%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	5%	80%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	2%	9%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Feingold Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>53%</b>	80%	20%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	12%	66%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	8%	14%	13%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kohl Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	50%	74%	19%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	10%	68%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	16%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Ryan Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	16%	72%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	46%	3%	13%
<b>Not Sure</b>	34%	38%	25%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Feingold/Ryan</b>				
<b>Feingold</b>	51%	88%	8%	45%
<b>Ryan</b>	39%	3%	85%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	9%	7%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	55%	53%	91%	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	41%	9%	57%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	6%	-	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Feingold Approval</b>				
Approve	53%	54%	54%	40%
Disapprove	36%	35%	38%	38%
Not Sure	11%	11%	7%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Kohl Approval</b>				
Approve	50%	51%	46%	35%
Disapprove	36%	35%	45%	41%
Not Sure	14%	14%	9%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Ryan Favorability</b>				
Favorable	42%	44%	14%	52%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	73%	17%
Not Sure	34%	36%	13%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>Feingold/Ryan</b>				
Feingold	51%	49%	83%	40%
Ryan	39%	40%	9%	49%
Undecided	11%	11%	8%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	55%	65%	49%	55%	53%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	31%	45%	40%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	6%	4%	5%	5%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Feingold Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	53%	54%	51%	54%	54%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	31%	44%	35%	32%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	15%	5%	12%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kohl Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	50%	46%	45%	52%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	35%	44%	34%	29%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	19%	11%	14%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Ryan Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	31%	47%	43%	44%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	27%	23%	22%	24%
<b>Not Sure</b>	34%	42%	30%	34%	32%







Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Feingold/Ryan</b>					
<b>Feingold</b>	51%	62%	48%	48%	51%
<b>Ryan</b>	39%	31%	42%	37%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	8%	10%	15%	6%

