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McCain headed for easy West Virginia victory

Raleigh, N.C. – John McCain is headed for a lopsided victory in West Virginia, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling. He leads Barack Obama 55-42 in the state.

It appears that virtually all the undecideds in West Virginia are moving in McCain's direction. A PPP survey of the state conducted two weeks ago found McCain up 50-42. Since then Barack Obama's standing has remained the same while McCain has made considerable gains.

Obama was never going to be able to win the state without exceeding 70% of the Democratic vote, and in this survey he leads just 65-31 among folks within his own party.

“West Virginia was always going to be an uphill battle for Barack Obama,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He'll certainly be more competitive here in the general election than he was during the primary but it would be quite a shock if he's able to take the state or even get it within five points.”

It looks like West Virginia is going to have a new Attorney General. Republican challenger Dan Greear leads incumbent Darrell McGraw now by a margin of 50-42.

Joe Manchin is cruising to reelection with a 69-27 advantage. Jay Rockefeller should be headed back to the US Senate, as he leads 58-40. In other down ballot races Natalie Tennant is up 58-31 for Secretary of State, and Gus Douglass leads 50-41 for Agriculture Commissioner.

PPP surveyed 2,128 likely voters on October 29th and 30th. The survey's margin of error is +/-2.1%. 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.

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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West Virginia Poll

Q1 The candidates for President are Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain.....55% *Undecided*..... 3%

Obama.....42%

Q2 The candidates for Governor are Democrat Joe Manchin and Republican Russ Weeks. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Joe Manchin, press 1. If for the Republican, Russ Weeks, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Manchin 69%

Weeks.....27%

Undecided..... 3%

Q3 The candidates for US Senate are Democrat Jay Rockefeller and Republican Jay Wolfe. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Jay Rockefeller, press 1. If for the Republican, Jay Wolfe, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Rockefeller.....58%

Wolfe40%

Undecided..... 2%

Q4 The candidates for Attorney General are Republican Dan Greear and Democrat Darrell McGraw. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Republican, Dan Greear, press 1. If for the Democrat, Darrell McGraw, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Greear 50%

McGraw42%

Undecided..... 8%

Q5 The candidates for Agriculture Commissioner are Democrat Gus Douglass and Republican Mike Teets. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Gus Douglass, press 1. If for the Republican, Mike Teets, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Douglass..... 50%

Teets.....41%

Undecided..... 9%

Q6 The candidates for Secretary of State are Republican Charles Minimah and Democrat Natalie Tennant. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Republican, Charles Minimah, press 1. If for the Democrat, Natalie Tennant, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Minimah 31%

Tennant.....58%

Undecided..... 11%

Q7 Have you already voted either at an early voting site or with an absentee ballot? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 18%

No.....82%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%

Man.....46%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 53%

Republican.....37%

Other..... 10%





Q10 If you are white, press 1. If you are African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 94%
African American 3%
Other..... 3%

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..... 17%
30 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 35%
Older than 65..... 21%





	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
McCain/Obama			
McCain	55%	49%	57%
Obama	41%	50%	40%
Undecided	3%	1%	4%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Governor			
Manchin	69%	69%	69%
Weeks	28%	27%	28%
Undecided	3%	4%	3%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Senate			
Rockefeller	58%	61%	57%
Wolfe	40%	39%	40%
Undecided	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Attorney General			
Greear	50%	47%	51%
McGraw	42%	49%	41%
Undecided	8%	4%	9%





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		Yes	No
Agriculture Commissioner			
Douglass	50%	53%	49%
Teets	41%	42%	41%
Undecided	9%	5%	10%

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		Yes	No
Secretary of State			
Minimah	31%	30%	31%
Tennant	58%	66%	56%
Undecided	11%	4%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Obama			
McCain	55%	53%	57%
Obama	42%	44%	39%
Undecided	3%	3%	4%

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		Woman	Man
Governor			
Manchin	69%	70%	68%
Weeks	27%	26%	29%
Undecided	3%	4%	3%





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Senate			
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Wolfe	40%	37%	43%
Undecided	2%	2%	2%

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		Woman	Man
Attorney General			
Greear	50%	48%	53%
McGraw	42%	42%	42%
Undecided	8%	10%	5%

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		Woman	Man
Agriculture Commissioner			
Douglass	50%	49%	51%
Teets	41%	40%	42%
Undecided	9%	11%	7%

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Secretary of State			
Minimah	31%	28%	35%
Tennant	58%	59%	56%
Undecided	11%	13%	9%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	55%	31%	90%	53%
Obama	42%	65%	8%	39%
Undecided	3%	4%	2%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Governor				
Manchin	69%	81%	51%	70%
Weeks	27%	15%	46%	24%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Senate				
Rockefeller	58%	80%	28%	52%
Wolfe	40%	18%	70%	43%
Undecided	2%	1%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Attorney General				
Greear	50%	30%	79%	52%
McGraw	42%	63%	13%	37%
Undecided	8%	7%	7%	12%





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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Agriculture Commissioner				
Douglass	50%	71%	23%	39%
Teets	41%	21%	69%	44%
Undecided	9%	8%	9%	18%

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Secretary of State				
Minimah	31%	11%	61%	27%
Tennant	58%	80%	27%	53%
Undecided	11%	9%	12%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	55%	57%	8%	45%
Obama	42%	40%	90%	53%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%	2%

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Governor				
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Attorney General				
Greear	50%	51%	16%	56%
McGraw	42%	41%	81%	36%
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Teets	41%	42%	15%	31%
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Tennant	58%	57%	82%	53%
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