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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Minnesotans Don't Think Franken Should Resign; Franken Remains Popular, Especially With Women

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A new Public Policy Polling survey of Minnesota voters finds that a majority don't think Al Franken should resign from the US Senate, and that he remains popular in the state, particularly with women. Key findings from the survey include:

-50% of voters think he should not resign, to only 42% who think he should go through with his planned resignation. There is little appetite from Democratic voters at the state level for Franken to go, with 71% opposing his departure. A majority of independents- 52%- as well think he should not resign, with just 41% favoring his exit.

-Franken remains well above average in popularity for a Senator, with 53% of voters approving of the job he's doing to 42% who disapprove. PPP rarely finds Senators with majority approval in their home states. Franken's continued popularity is being driven especially by women. 57% of them like the job he's doing to 37% who don't. By contrast Donald Trump stands at 40/58 with women in the state.

-Minnesotans don't like how the process with Franken's resignation has played out. 60% think the Senate Ethics Committee should have completed its investigation (including 79% of Democrats and 61% of independents) before any decision was made about Franken's future, while only 35% think he should resign immediately. Beyond that 76% of Minnesota voters think their voices should have been more important in determining whether Franken stayed in the Senate or not, to only 12% who think that should have been determined more by his fellow Senators in Washington.

Public Policy Polling interviewed 671 Minnesota voters on December 26th and 27th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.8%. This research was conducted on behalf of Strategic Consulting Group.





Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not Sure..... 2%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Al Franken's job performance?

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not Sure..... 5%

Q3 Do you think Al Franken should resign, or not?

Should Resign 42%
Should Not Resign..... 50%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q4 Do you think the Senate Ethics Committee should have completed its investigation before any decision was made about Al Franken's future, or do you support him resigning immediately?

Senate Ethics Should Have Completed Investigation..... 60%
Support Him Resigning Immediately..... 35%
Not Sure..... 5%

Q5 Whose voices do you think should have been more important in determining whether Al Franken remained in the Senate or not: Minnesota voters, or other Senators in Washington?

Minnesota Voters..... 76%
Other Senators in Washington..... 12%
Not Sure..... 12%

Q6 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, or someone else or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 43%
Hillary Clinton..... 48%
Someone else / Did not vote..... 9%

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

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat..... 40%
Republican..... 28%
Independent..... 32%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 93%
Other..... 7%

Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 30%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Trump Approval				
Approve	44%	92%	3%	34%
Disapprove	53%	6%	95%	56%
Not Sure	2%	2%	1%	9%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Franken Approval				
Approve	53%	14%	89%	45%
Disapprove	42%	82%	6%	45%
Not Sure	5%	4%	5%	10%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Franken Resignation				
Should Resign	42%	69%	19%	37%
Should Not Resign	50%	23%	74%	51%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%	12%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Resignation Timing				
Senate Ethics Should Have Completed Investigation	60%	36%	83%	57%
Support Him Resigning Immediately	35%	61%	12%	31%
Not Sure	5%	3%	5%	12%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Bigger Voice in Franken Decision				
Minnesota Voters	76%	66%	84%	81%
Other Senators in Washington	12%	21%	4%	12%
Not Sure	12%	13%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trump Approval			
Approve	44%	40%	49%
Disapprove	53%	58%	48%
Not Sure	2%	2%	3%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Franken Approval			
Approve	53%	57%	48%
Disapprove	42%	37%	48%
Not Sure	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Franken Resignation			
Should Resign	42%	38%	46%
Should Not Resign	50%	51%	49%
Not Sure	8%	11%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Resignation Timing			
Senate Ethics Should Have Completed Investigation	60%	62%	59%
Support Him Resigning Immediately	35%	31%	39%
Not Sure	5%	7%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Bigger Voice in Franken Decision			
Minnesota Voters	76%	75%	78%
Other Senators in Washington	12%	12%	12%
Not Sure	12%	14%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Trump Approval				
Approve	44%	10%	91%	45%
Disapprove	53%	88%	7%	52%
Not Sure	2%	2%	3%	3%

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		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Franken Approval				
Approve	53%	85%	12%	50%
Disapprove	42%	10%	83%	46%
Not Sure	5%	6%	5%	4%





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		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Franken Resignation				
Should Resign	42%	22%	71%	41%
Should Not Resign	50%	71%	19%	52%
Not Sure	8%	7%	10%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Resignation Timing				
Senate Ethics Should Have Completed Investigation	60%	79%	34%	61%
Support Him Resigning Immediately	35%	17%	61%	34%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%	5%

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		White	Other
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Disapprove	53%	53%	57%
Not Sure	2%	2%	2%

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Franken Approval			
Approve	53%	52%	59%
Disapprove	42%	42%	39%
Not Sure	5%	5%	2%

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Franken Resignation			
Should Resign	42%	43%	29%
Should Not Resign	50%	50%	50%
Not Sure	8%	7%	21%





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		White	Other
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Support Him Resigning Immediately	35%	35%	32%
Not Sure	5%	5%	2%

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		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
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Other Senators in Washington	12%	11%	13%	12%
Not Sure	12%	9%	12%	15%

