A new Public Policy Polling survey of Missouri voters finds that Claire McCaskill leads Republican challenger Josh Hawley 45-44 for reelection. The political climate in Missouri has shifted in a number of ways since 2016 that greatly improve McCaskill's reelection chances:

-Voters in the state are almost evenly divided now on Donald Trump, with 48% approving of him to 47% who disapprove. That represents a sharp decline in Trump's popularity given his 19 point victory in the state, but is also consistent with the decline in his approval numbers seen across the country.

-Only 28% of voters in the state want a Senator who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda, to 64% who prefer someone that is independent and will put Missouri first.

-Senate Republicans have a terrible brand in Missouri. Only 23% of voters in the state approve of the job Mitch McConnell is doing as Senate Majority Leader, to 54% who disapprove. That is likely to make voters less inclined to send another vote for his agenda to Washington.

-Republicans have also hurt themselves on several key issues in Missouri in the last year. Only 38% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, while 54% would rather keep it in place and makes fixes to it as necessary. Voters strongly prefer the approach Claire McCaskill has taken on health care to what the Republicans have tried to do.

-There's also strong bipartisan support for DACA, where the Republicans in Washington have dragged their feet. 61% of voters support it to only 27% who are opposed- that includes 74/17 support from Democrats, 63/23 from independents, and 45/42 even from GOP voters.

Public Policy Polling interviewed 965 Missouri voters on January 8th and 9th. Respondents with landlines were reached over the telephone, with respondents who don't have landlines interviewed online. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.2%. This research was conducted on behalf of The Majority Institute.

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Missouri Survey Results

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

Approve 48%

Disapprove... 47%

Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mitch McConnell is doing as Senate Majority Leader?

Approve 23%

Disapprove... 54%

Not sure 23%

Q3 In general, do you favor or oppose legislation known as the Dream Act that would allow young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. unlawfully as children to remain in the country, as long as they meet certain requirements such as going to school or joining the military, and not having a criminal record?

Favor 61%

Oppose 27%

Not sure 12%

Q4 Did you support or oppose the health care repeal bill that Congress considered last year?

Supported 37%

Opposed 45%

Not sure 19%

Q5 Which of the following would you most like to see the Congress do about the Affordable Care Act, given the choices of keeping what works and fixing what doesn't, or repealing it and starting over with a new healthcare law?

Keep what works and fix what doesn't 54%

Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law... 38%

Not sure 8%

Q6 Who would you rather have as your US Senator: someone who is independent and puts Missouri first, or someone who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda?

Someone who is independent and puts Missouri first... 64%

Someone who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda......................... 28%

Not sure 8%

Q7 Regardless of your feelings about her job performance, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Claire McCaskill?

Favorable.. 44%

Unfavorable 44%

Not sure 12%

Q8 Regardless of your feelings about his job performance, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Josh Hawley

Favorable.. 29%

Unfavorable 26%

Not sure 45%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican Josh Hawley, who would you vote for?

Claire McCaskill 45%

Josh Hawley 44%

Not sure 11%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%

Man.. 47%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or a member of another party, press 3.

Democrat 37%

Republican...34%

Independent / Other.......................................29%

Q12 If you are white, press 1. If you are African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 82%

African-American 11%

Other... 7%

Q13 If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29...13%

30 to 45...23%

46 to 65...37%

Older than 65..27%

Q14 Mode

Phone 79%

Internet 21%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trump Approval			
Approve	**48%**	40%	57%
Disapprove	**47%**	53%	40%
Not sure	**5%**	7%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
McConnell Approval			
Approve	**23%**	18%	28%
Disapprove	**54%**	52%	57%
Not sure	**23%**	30%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Dream Act Favor/Oppose			
Favor	**61%**	65%	56%
Oppose	**27%**	22%	33%
Not sure	**12%**	13%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Health Care Repeal Bill Supported/Opposed			
Supported	**37%**	29%	45%
Opposed	**45%**	49%	39%
Not sure	**19%**	22%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Congressional Action on ACA			
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	**54%**	60%	47%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	**38%**	32%	45%
Not sure	**8%**	8%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
US Senator Traits			
Someone who is independent and puts Missouri first	**64%**	70%	58%
Someone who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda	**28%**	21%	36%
Not sure	**8%**	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
McCaskill Favorability			
Favorable	44%	48%	39%
Unfavorable	44%	37%	52%
Not sure	12%	16%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Hawley Favorability			
Favorable	29%	26%	33%
Unfavorable	26%	21%	30%
Not sure	45%	52%	37%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
McCaskill / Hawley			
Claire McCaskill	45%	49%	40%
Josh Hawley	44%	37%	53%
Not sure	11%	15%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Trump Approval				
Approve	48%	18%	84%	44%
Disapprove	47%	78%	11%	49%
Not sure	5%	4%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
McConnell Approval				
Approve	23%	13%	38%	17%
Disapprove	54%	73%	32%	55%
Not sure	23%	13%	30%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Dream Act Favor/Oppose				
Favor	61%	74%	45%	63%
Oppose	27%	17%	42%	23%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	14%

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	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Health Care Repeal Bill Supported/Opposed				
Supported	37%	18%	63%	31%
Opposed	45%	68%	17%	46%
Not sure	19%	14%	20%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Congressional Action on ACA				
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	54%	74%	29%	57%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	38%	18%	62%	36%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
US Senator Traits				
Someone who is independent and puts Missouri first	64%	83%	40%	68%
Someone who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda	28%	13%	50%	22%
Not sure	8%	4%	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
McCaskill Favorability				
Favorable	44%	71%	17%	40%
Unfavorable	44%	19%	74%	41%
Not sure	12%	10%	9%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Hawley Favorability				
Favorable	29%	19%	45%	25%
Unfavorable	26%	39%	13%	24%
Not sure	45%	43%	43%	51%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
McCaskill / Hawley				
Claire McCaskill	45%	82%	10%	36%
Josh Hawley	44%	12%	82%	40%
Not sure	11%	5%	8%	24%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African-Americ...**	**Other**
Trump Approval				
Approve	**48%**	54%	12%	35%
Disapprove	**47%**	41%	85%	55%
Not sure	**5%**	5%	3%	10%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African-Americ...**	**Other**
McConnell Approval				
Approve	**23%**	25%	12%	15%
Disapprove	**54%**	51%	73%	60%
Not sure	**23%**	24%	15%	25%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African-Americ...**	**Other**
Dream Act Favor/Oppose				
Favor	**61%**	61%	59%	66%
Oppose	**27%**	28%	25%	19%
Not sure	**12%**	11%	16%	15%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African-Americ...**	**Other**
Health Care Repeal Bill Supported/Opposed				
Supported	**37%**	38%	30%	32%
Opposed	**45%**	43%	50%	58%
Not sure	**19%**	19%	20%	10%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African-Americ...**	**Other**
Congressional Action on ACA				
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	**54%**	52%	67%	58%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	**38%**	40%	26%	35%
Not sure	**8%**	8%	7%	7%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African-Americ...**	**Other**
US Senator Traits				
Someone who is independent and puts Missouri first	**64%**	63%	74%	67%
Someone who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda	**28%**	30%	19%	26%
Not sure	**8%**	8%	7%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-Americ...	Other
McCaskill Favorability				
Favorable	**44%**	42%	56%	47%
Unfavorable	**44%**	47%	23%	42%
Not sure	**12%**	11%	21%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-Americ...	Other
Hawley Favorability				
Favorable	**29%**	30%	23%	25%
Unfavorable	**26%**	22%	44%	36%
Not sure	**45%**	47%	33%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-Americ...	Other
McCaskill / Hawley				
Claire McCaskill	**45%**	40%	76%	48%
Josh Hawley	**44%**	49%	12%	34%
Not sure	**11%**	11%	12%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Trump Approval					
Approve	**48%**	46%	50%	50%	45%
Disapprove	**47%**	53%	41%	47%	50%
Not sure	**5%**	2%	9%	3%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
McConnell Approval					
Approve	**23%**	27%	18%	23%	24%
Disapprove	**54%**	42%	52%	58%	56%
Not sure	**23%**	31%	30%	19%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Dream Act Favor/Oppose					
Favor	**61%**	45%	63%	62%	64%
Oppose	**27%**	33%	29%	26%	24%
Not sure	**12%**	21%	8%	11%	12%

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Supported	37%	45%	41%	35%	32%
Opposed	45%	31%	36%	52%	48%
Not sure	19%	25%	23%	13%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Congressional Action on ACA					
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	54%	43%	49%	59%	56%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	38%	47%	40%	35%	36%
Not sure	8%	10%	10%	6%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
US Senator Traits					
Someone who is independent and puts Missouri first	64%	54%	68%	64%	67%
Someone who is loyal to Donald Trump and wants to promote his agenda	28%	30%	27%	28%	28%
Not sure	8%	15%	5%	8%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
McCaskill Favorability					
Favorable	44%	32%	42%	42%	53%
Unfavorable	44%	45%	46%	47%	38%
Not sure	12%	22%	12%	12%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Hawley Favorability					
Favorable	29%	31%	35%	27%	27%
Unfavorable	26%	25%	24%	27%	25%
Not sure	45%	44%	41%	46%	48%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
McCaskill / Hawley					
Claire McCaskill	45%	44%	38%	44%	51%
Josh Hawley	44%	36%	45%	49%	41%
Not sure	11%	20%	17%	7%	8%

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Trump Approval			
Approve	**48%**	50%	39%
Disapprove	**47%**	47%	49%
Not sure	**5%**	3%	12%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
McConnell Approval			
Approve	**23%**	24%	18%
Disapprove	**54%**	58%	40%
Not sure	**23%**	18%	42%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Dream Act Favor/Oppose			
Favor	**61%**	60%	66%
Oppose	**27%**	30%	15%
Not sure	**12%**	10%	19%

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Unfavorable	**44%**	46%	36%
Not sure	**12%**	8%	29%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Hawley Favorability			
Favorable	**29%**	30%	28%
Unfavorable	**26%**	27%	21%
Not sure	**45%**	44%	51%

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McCaskill / Hawley			
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