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Cornhusker Republicans want Bruning for Senate

Raleigh, N.C. – While he may face a primary challenge, the man long thought the inevitable opponent of Senator Ben Nelson next fall starts off with a large advantage over all the other potential Republican aspirants. Attorney General Jon Bruning is the favorite of 47% of Nebraska's GOP primary voters, far ahead of another heavy hitter, State Treasurer Don Stenberg, at 19%, with two virtual unknowns, State Senator Deb Fischer and activist Pat Flynn, at only 7% and 6%, respectively.

The race is ten points closer among the 31% of voters who think themselves ideologically moderate, with Bruning holding only a 38-20 lead, but his 51% with the two-thirds conservative supermajority assures his dominance overall. A pretty large 20% are undecided, slightly more among moderates than conservatives, and these fence-sitters could shift the race in Stenberg's direction if he mounts a strong campaign.

The race so far is mostly a reflection of name recognition. While Bruning and Stenberg are almost equally well known and well liked, no more Republicans are aware of Fischer or Flynn than Nebraskans at large. 84% have no opinion of Flynn, and 76% of Fischer.

“What's noteworthy here is that Bruning is well ahead of Stenberg even though they have comparable name recognition,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Voters know both of them and they like Bruning more.”

In the presidential primary, the current top four finishers are in a statistical tie, with Mike Huckabee barely edging out Sarah Palin, Newt Gingrich, and Mitt Romney, 21-19-18-15, with 12% undecided, 8% for Ron Paul, 4% for Tim Pawlenty, 3% for neighboring South Dakota's John Thune, and 1% for Mitch Daniels. The race could not be any more up in the air. Unlike in other states, Romney does not post a lead with moderates here, but he does show his typical weakness with conservatives. Huckabee has insignificant leads with both groups.

Monday's release showed that Palin would be a point behind President Obama in the general election, while the other three frontrunners would put the perennially red state out of reach.

PPP surveyed 519 usual Nebraska Republican primary voters from January 26th to 27th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.3%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Nebraska Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 50%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 25%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 62%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 20%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 62%
Unfavorable 28%
Not sure 10%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 51%
Unfavorable 23%
Not sure 27%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jon Bruning?

Favorable..... 57%
Unfavorable 12%
Not sure 31%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Deb Fischer?

Favorable..... 13%
Unfavorable 11%
Not sure 76%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pat Flynn?

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 9%
Not sure 84%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Don Stenberg?

Favorable..... 50%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 35%

Q9 Given the choices of Jon Bruning, Deb Fischer, Pat Flynn, and Don Stenberg who would you most like to see as the Republican candidate for Senate next year?

Jon Bruning..... 47%
Deb Fischer 6%
Pat Flynn..... 7%
Don Stenberg..... 19%
Someone else/Undecided..... 20%



Q10 If the Republican candidates for President next year were Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, and John Thune who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	1%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	18%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	21%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	19%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	8%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	4%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	15%
<i>John Thune</i>	3%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	12%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	2%
<i>Moderate</i>	31%
<i>Conservative</i>	67%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	47%
<i>Man</i>	53%

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

<i>18 to 29</i>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	29%
<i>46 to 65</i>	43%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%

Q14

<i>1st</i>	37%
<i>2nd</i>	26%
<i>3rd</i>	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	50%	48%	29%	60%
Unfavorable	24%	29%	43%	16%
Not sure	25%	23%	27%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	62%	92%	44%	69%
Unfavorable	18%	8%	27%	15%
Not sure	20%	-	29%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	62%	40%	42%	72%
Unfavorable	28%	37%	49%	17%
Not sure	10%	23%	9%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	51%	49%	41%	55%
Unfavorable	23%	6%	26%	21%
Not sure	27%	45%	32%	23%





Crosstabs

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bruning Favorability				
Favorable	57%	55%	44%	63%
Unfavorable	12%	-	21%	8%
Not sure	31%	45%	35%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Fischer Favorability				
Favorable	13%	30%	10%	13%
Unfavorable	11%	11%	12%	10%
Not sure	76%	59%	78%	76%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Flynn Favorability				
Favorable	7%	6%	7%	7%
Unfavorable	9%	6%	11%	8%
Not sure	84%	89%	81%	85%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Stenberg Favorability				
Favorable	50%	40%	41%	55%
Unfavorable	14%	15%	23%	10%
Not sure	35%	45%	36%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Jon Bruning	47%	46%	38%	51%
Deb Fischer	6%	38%	8%	5%
Pat Flynn	7%	-	9%	7%
Don Stenberg	19%	8%	20%	19%
Someone else/Undecided	20%	8%	24%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary				
Mitch Daniels	1%	-	2%	1%
Newt Gingrich	18%	6%	16%	20%
Mike Huckabee	21%	35%	19%	21%
Sarah Palin	19%	21%	17%	20%
Ron Paul	8%	16%	12%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	-	2%	5%
Mitt Romney	15%	14%	16%	14%
John Thune	3%	-	2%	3%
Someone else/Undecided	12%	8%	15%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	50%	44%	56%
Unfavorable	24%	22%	27%
Not sure	25%	34%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	62%	62%	62%
Unfavorable	18%	13%	23%
Not sure	20%	25%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	62%	58%	67%
Unfavorable	28%	30%	25%
Not sure	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	51%	47%	54%
Unfavorable	23%	19%	26%
Not sure	27%	34%	20%

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Bruning Favorability			
Favorable	57%	54%	60%
Unfavorable	12%	9%	14%
Not sure	31%	37%	26%

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Fischer Favorability			
Favorable	13%	7%	18%
Unfavorable	11%	8%	14%
Not sure	76%	85%	68%





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Flynn Favorability			
Favorable	7%	6%	9%
Unfavorable	9%	7%	11%
Not sure	84%	88%	81%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stenberg Favorability			
Favorable	50%	52%	49%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	18%
Not sure	35%	38%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Jon Bruning	47%	47%	47%
Deb Fischer	6%	4%	8%
Pat Flynn	7%	8%	7%
Don Stenberg	19%	19%	20%
Someone else/Undecided	20%	22%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary			
Mitch Daniels	1%	1%	2%
Newt Gingrich	18%	13%	22%
Mike Huckabee	21%	24%	18%
Sarah Palin	19%	19%	19%
Ron Paul	8%	7%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	4%	4%
Mitt Romney	15%	16%	13%
John Thune	3%	1%	4%
Someone else/Undecided	12%	15%	9%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	50%	30%	47%	53%	56%
Unfavorable	24%	30%	26%	23%	22%
Not sure	25%	40%	26%	23%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	62%	40%	60%	64%	68%
Unfavorable	18%	25%	21%	17%	15%
Not sure	20%	35%	19%	19%	17%

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Palin Favorability					
Favorable	62%	65%	58%	66%	59%
Unfavorable	28%	25%	34%	25%	26%
Not sure	10%	10%	8%	9%	15%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	51%	25%	47%	54%	58%
Unfavorable	23%	35%	26%	20%	18%
Not sure	27%	40%	26%	25%	25%





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Bruning Favorability					
Favorable	57%	50%	57%	57%	61%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	16%	12%	8%
Not sure	31%	40%	28%	31%	32%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fischer Favorability					
Favorable	13%	-	21%	9%	15%
Unfavorable	11%	5%	11%	13%	9%
Not sure	76%	95%	68%	79%	76%

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Flynn Favorability					
Favorable	7%	-	9%	5%	12%
Unfavorable	9%	5%	8%	10%	10%
Not sure	84%	95%	84%	85%	78%

	Base	Age			
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Stenberg Favorability					
Favorable	50%	25%	43%	55%	61%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	19%	13%	12%
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Pat Flynn	7%	20%	9%	5%	5%
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Someone else/Undecided	20%	30%	21%	17%	21%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary					
Mitch Daniels	1%	-	1%	2%	2%
Newt Gingrich	18%	5%	25%	17%	15%
Mike Huckabee	21%	30%	18%	20%	23%
Sarah Palin	19%	25%	19%	19%	17%
Ron Paul	8%	15%	9%	7%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Mitt Romney	15%	5%	13%	17%	16%
John Thune	3%	-	3%	2%	3%
Someone else/Undecided	12%	15%	8%	12%	16%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	50%	56%	50%	45%
Unfavorable	24%	20%	31%	24%
Not sure	25%	24%	19%	31%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Huckabee Favorability				
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Romney Favorability				
Favorable	51%	56%	56%	42%
Unfavorable	23%	20%	24%	24%
Not sure	27%	25%	19%	34%

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Bruning Favorability				
Favorable	57%	64%	45%	59%
Unfavorable	12%	8%	19%	11%
Not sure	31%	28%	36%	30%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Fischer Favorability				
Favorable	13%	14%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	11%	12%	11%	11%
Not sure	76%	74%	81%	75%





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		1st	2nd	3rd
Flynn Favorability				
Favorable	7%	6%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	9%	11%	7%	7%
Not sure	84%	82%	84%	86%

	Base	Congressional District		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Stenberg Favorability				
Favorable	50%	54%	41%	53%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	19%	11%
Not sure	35%	31%	40%	36%

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Mike Huckabee	21%	24%	14%	23%
Sarah Palin	19%	14%	16%	26%
Ron Paul	8%	6%	11%	7%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	5%	6%	2%
Mitt Romney	15%	13%	21%	12%
John Thune	3%	1%	3%	4%
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