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## Blunt under 50 in primary

Raleigh, N.C. - Little known State Senator Chuck Purgason has chopped seven points off of Republican Senate frontrunner Roy Blunt's lead in the primary since a November PPP survey of the state and is now holding the long time Congressman under $50 \%$.

Blunt leads with $48 \%$ to $18 \%$ for Purgason and $34 \%$ of voters undecided. $47 \%$ of primary voters have a favorable opinion of Blunt to $19 \%$ who view him unfavorably. $84 \%$ of the likely electorate has no opinion of Purgason with $7 \%$ holding a positive opinion of him and $9 \%$ a negative one.

Purgason seems to be benefiting from anti-establishment sentiment among some GOP voters. 31\% have an unfavorable opinion of the Republicans in Congress and within that segment of the party Blunt leads Purgason only 32-27.
"Roy Blunt certainly continues to be the overwhelming Republican favorite," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But his numbers with the primary electorate at this point are underwhelming for someone who's been a major figure in Missouri politics for decades."

Taking a look ahead to the 2012 contest for President in the state Republican primary voters say their early favorite is Mike Huckabee. He gets 32\% support to 28\% for Sarah Palin and only 22\% for Mitt Romney.

Numbers released on the general election for Senate yesterday found Blunt with a small lead over Robin Carnahan and Purgason at a small deficit.

PPP will release numbers looking at Claire McCaskill's standing tomorrow.
PPP surveyed 400 Republican primary voters from March $27^{\text {th }}$ to 29 th. The margin of error is $+/-4.9$. 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.

## Missouri Survey Results

Q1of Roy Blunt? If favorable, press 1. Ifunfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press3.
Favorable ..... 47\%
Unfavorable ..... 19\%
Not Sure. ..... 34\%
Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinionof Chuck Purgason? If favorable, press 1. Ifunfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press3.
Favorable ..... 7\%
Unfavorable ..... 9\%
Not Sure. ..... 84\%
Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinionof the Republicans in Congress? If favorable,press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're notsure, press 3.
Favorable ..... 57\%
Unfavorable ..... 31\%
Not Sure. ..... 12\%
Q4 If the candidates for the Republican Senatenomination were Roy Blunt and ChuckPurgason, who would you vote for? If RoyBlunt, press 1. If Chuck Purgason, press 2. Ifyou're undecided, press 3.
Blunt ..... 48\%
Purgason ..... 18\%
Undecided ..... 34\%
Q5 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If Sarah Palin, press 2. If Mitt Romney, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.
Huckabee ..... 32\%
Palin ..... 28\%
Romney ..... 22\%
Undecided ..... 18\%
Q6 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. Ifmoderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.
Liberal2\%
Moderate ..... 22\%
Conservative ..... 76\%
Q7 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.Woman44\%
Man. ..... 56\%
Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. Ifyou are 30 to 45 , press 2. If you are 46 to 65,press 3. If older, press 4.
18 to 29 ..... 8\%
30 to 45 ..... 30\%
46 to 65 ..... 42\%
Older than 65 ..... 20\%

## Crosstabs

|  | Base | Ideology |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Blunt Favorability | 47\% | 33\% | 31\% | 52\% |
| Favorable |  |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable | 19\% | 67\% | 29\% | 15\% |
| Not Sure | 34\% | - | 40\% | 33\% |


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|  | Base | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Purgason <br> Favorability |  |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $\mathbf{8 4 \%}$ | $77 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $84 \%$ |


|  |  | Ideology |  |  |
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|  | Base | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Congressional <br> Republicans <br> Favorability |  |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $57 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ | $88 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | - | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ |


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|  | Base | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |  |
| Republican Senate |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Blunt | $48 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $45 \%$ |  |
| Purgason | $18 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $14 \%$ |  |
| Undecided | $34 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $36 \%$ |  |

## Crosstabs

|  |  | Ideology |  |  |
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|  | Base | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Republican <br> President |  |  |  |  |
| Huckabee | $32 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Palin | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Romney | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Undecided | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $49 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Blunt Favorability |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $47 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $19 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $34 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $26 \%$ |


|  |  | Gender |  |
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|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Purgason <br> Favorability |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $\mathbf{8 4 \%}$ | $86 \%$ | $82 \%$ |


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|  | Base | Woman | Man |
| Congressional <br> Republicans <br> Favorability |  |  |  |
| Favorable | $57 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $31 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $15 \%$ | $10 \%$ |



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| Purgason Favorability | 7\% | 19\% | 4\% | 7\% | 4\% |
| Favorable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable | 9\% | 13\% | 14\% | 7\% | 5\% |
| Not Sure | 84\% | 69\% | 82\% | 85\% | 91\% |

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| Congressional <br> Republicans <br> Favorability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Favorable | 57\% | 56\% | 50\% | 61\% | 57\% |
| Unfavorable | 31\% | 25\% | 43\% | 25\% | 28\% |
| Not Sure | 12\% | 19\% | 7\% | 13\% | 14\% |


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| Republican Senate | 48\% | 50\% | 40\% | 49\% | 59\% |
| Blunt |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purgason | 18\% | 25\% | 16\% | 20\% | 14\% |
| Undecided | 34\% | 25\% | 44\% | 31\% | 27\% |


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| Republican President | 32\% | 50\% | 31\% | 30\% | 33\% |
| Huckabee |  |  |  |  |  |
| Palin | 28\% | 19\% | 34\% | 25\% | 28\% |
| Romney | 22\% | 19\% | 20\% | 25\% | 21\% |
| Undecided | 18\% | 13\% | 15\% | 19\% | 19\% |

