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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 27th to 29th. 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.

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Missouri Survey Results

Q1	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Roy Blunt? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.	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	
	Favorable47%		Mitt Romney, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.	
	Unfavorable19%		Huckabee32	0/
	Not Sure34%		Palin28	
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chuck Purgason? If favorable, press 1. If		Romney22	%
	unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press		Undecided18	%
	3. Favorable 7%	Q6	Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. I	lf
	Unfavorable 9%		moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.	
	Not Sure84%		Liberal29	
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion		Moderate22	
	of the Republicans in Congress? If favorable,		Conservative76	%
	press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.	Q7	If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.	
	Favorable57%		Woman44	%
	Unfavorable31%		Man56	%
	Not Sure12%	Q8	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,	
Q4	If the candidates for the Republican Senate		press 3. If older, press 4.	
	nomination were Roy Blunt and Chuck Purgason, who would you vote for? If Roy		18 to 29 89	%
	Blunt, press 1. If Chuck Purgason, press 2. If		30 to 4530	%
	you're undecided, press 3.		46 to 6542	%
	Blunt48%		Older than 6520	
	Purgason18%		20	/0
	Undecided34%			





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

		Ideology					
	Base	Liberal	Conservative				
Purgason Favorability							
Favorable	7%	8%	7%	6%			
Unfavorable	9%	15%	9%	9%			
Not Sure	84%	77%	83%	84%			

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	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative		
Congressional Republicans Favorability						
Favorable	57%	12%	50%	60%		
Unfavorable	31%	88%	39%	27%		
Not Sure	12%	-	11%	13%		

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	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Republican Senate			-				
Blunt	48%	12%	45%	50%			
Purgason	18%	75%	27%	14%			
Undecided	34%	12%	28%	36%			





		Ideology				
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative		
Republican President		•				
Huckabee	32%	8%	31%	33%		
Palin	28%	30%	30%	27%		
Romney	22%	12%	20%	23%		
Undecided	18%	49%	19%	16%		

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

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Purgason Favorability			
Favorable	7%	9%	4%
Unfavorable	9%	5%	13%
Not Sure	84%	86%	82%

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	Base	Woman	Man
Congressional Republicans Favorability			
Favorable	57%	62%	53%
Unfavorable	31%	23%	38%
Not Sure	12%	15%	10%





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Republican Senate		-		
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Purgason	18%	19%	17%	
Undecided	34%	35%	32%	

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Republican President				
Huckabee	32%	34%	30%	
Palin	28%	24%	31%	
Romney	22%	23%	22%	
Undecided	18%	19%	17%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29			Older than 65
Blunt Favorability		•		=	
Favorable	47%	31%	42%	53%	48%
Unfavorable	19%	31%	18%	18%	18%
Not Sure	34%	38%	40%	28%	33%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Purgason Favorability						
Favorable	7%	19%	4%	7%	4%	
Unfavorable	9%	13%	14%	7%	5%	
Not Sure	84%	69%	82%	85%	91%	





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

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	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Republican Senate					
Blunt	48%	50%	40%	49%	59%
Purgason	18%	25%	16%	20%	14%
Undecided	34%	25%	44%	31%	27%

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Republican President				-		
Huckabee	32%	50%	31%	30%	33%	
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