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# Feingold holds slight lead over both opponents

Senator Russ Feingold marginally leads both potential Republican nominees in the Wisconsin Senate election. In both races Feingold received 45% of the vote. Ron Johnson earned 43% of the vote and Dave Westlake, his challenger in the Republican primary, earned 38%.

Wisconsin voters have mixed feelings about Senator Feingold; 42% of Wisconsin voters disapprove of Feingold's job, while 42% of voters support the Senator. Feingold has some strength amongst moderates, but not enough to secure a win; 54% of moderates give the Senator high marks.

Johnson and Westlake are largely unknown throughout the state. More voters supported Johnson or Westlake when matched against Feingold, than had an opinion, good or bad, of either candidates, suggesting that Wisconsinites are voting against Feingold not for Johnson or Westlake.

Not surprisingly, Johnson has more name recognition that Westlake. 62% of Wisconsinites are unsure of their opinion of Johnson, while only 20% have an opinion of Westlake. This clearly contributes to the larger number of undecided voters in the match up between Feingold and Westlake.

"Johnson should win the primary and has a good chance of winning the general," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But he needs to focus on spreading his name and message. Feingold can't depend on his popularity alone; he has to win over undecided voters, that is who is going to determine this election."

PPP surveyed 638 Wisconsin voters from June 26-27. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



## **Wisconsin Survey Results**

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?
	Approve45%
	Disapprove50%
	Not Sure
Q2	Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or are you not sure?
	Support
	Oppose
	Not Sure11%
Q3	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Herb Kohl's job performance?
	Approve
	Disapprove34%
	Not Sure19%
Q4	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Russ Feingold's job performance?
	Approve
	Disapprove42%
	Not Sure15%
Q5	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Johnson?
	Favorable20% Not Sure62%
	Unfavorable18%
Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dave Westlake?
	Favorable
	Unfavorable14%
	Not Sure

Q7	If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Russ Feingold and Republican R Johnson, who would you vote for?	
	Russ Feingold	
	Ron Johnson	
	Undecided	12%
Q8	If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Russ Feingold and Republican D Westlake, who would you vote for? <i>Russ Feingold</i>	
	Dave Westlake	
	Undecided	
		17%
Q9	Who did you vote for President last year? John McCain	47%
	Barack Obama	48%
	Someone Else/Don't Remember	5%
Q10	Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3. <i>Liberal</i>	
	Moderate	
	Conservative	
Q11	If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press	
<b>u</b>	Woman	
	Man	
Q12	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independ or identify with another party, press 3.	ent
	Democrat	33%
	Republican	32%
	Independent/Other	34%





Q13	If you are white, press 1. If African American press 2. If other, press 3.	า,
	White	39%
	African American	6%
	Other	5%

Q14 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, press 3. If older, press 4.
18 to 29 6%
30 to 4525%
46 to 65
Older than 6525%





Crosstabs											
		2008 Vo	te					2008 Vo	te		
	Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don't Remember			Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don' Remembe	
Obama Approval			•	•		Obama Health Care					
Approve	45%	7%	82%	44%		Support	38%	5%	71%	33%	
Disapprove	49%	89%	11%	50%		Oppose	51%	90%	12%	52%	
Not Sure	6%	4%	8%	6%		Not Sure	11%	5%	17%	16%	

		2008 Vo	008 Vote							
	Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don't Remember						
Kohl Approval		-	-							
Approve	47%	20%	74%	48%						
Disapprove	34%	61%	7%	39%						
Not Sure	19%	19%	20%	12%						

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don't Remember		
Feingold Approval						
Approve	43%	13%	71%	44%		
Disapprove	42%	74%	12%	39%		
Not Sure	15%	13%	17%	17%		





		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don't Remember		
Johnson Favorability						
Favorable	20%	35%	7%	3%		
Unfavorable	18%	9%	27%	22%		
Not Sure	62%	56%	67%	75%		

		2008 Vote				
	Base			Someone Else/Don't Remember		
Westlake Favorability		•				
Favorable	6%	9%	3%	3%		
Unfavorable	14%	13%	16%	16%		
Not Sure	80%	78%	81%	81%		

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don't Remember		
Feingold/Johnson						
Russ Feingold	45%	10%	78%	52%		
Ron Johnson	43%	77%	11%	39%		
Undecided	12%	13%	11%	9%		

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone Else/Don't Remember		
Feingold/Westlake						
Russ Feingold	45%	11%	78%	45%		
Dave Westlake	37%	69%	8%	30%		
Undecided	17%	20%	14%	25%		





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	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Obama Approval							
Approve	45%	88%	56%	14%			
Disapprove	50%	9%	36%	82%			
Not Sure	6%	3%	8%	5%			

		ldeology					
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Obam a Health Care							
Support	38%	82%	48%	7%			
Oppose	51%	9%	39%	82%			
Not Sure	11%	9%	13%	11%			

		ldeology					
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Kohl Approval							
Approve	47%	81%	57%	22%			
Disapprove	34%	7%	23%	58%			
Not Sure	19%	12%	21%	21%			

		ldeology					
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Feingold Approval							
Approve	42%	77%	54%	14%			
Disapprove	42%	10%	30%	70%			
Not Sure	15%	13%	16%	15%			





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	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Johnson Favorability							
Favorable	20%	6%	14%	31%			
Unfavorable	18%	35%	21%	8%			
Not Sure	62%	59%	66%	61%			

		ldeology					
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Westlake Favorability		<u> </u>					
Favorable	6%	2%	6%	7%			
Unfavorable	14%	21%	15%	11%			
Not Sure	80%	77%	79%	82%			

		ldeology					
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Feingold/Johnson							
Russ Feingold	45%	85%	57%	14%			
Ron Johnson	43%	9%	31%	72%			
Undecided	12%	7%	12%	14%			

		ldeology					
	Base	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
Feingold/Westlake							
Russ Feingold	45%	87%	57%	14%			
Dave Westlake	38%	7%	25%	65%			
Undecided	17%	6%	18%	22%			





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Obama Approval			-	
Approve	45%	48%	41%	
Disapprove	50%	45%	55%	
Not Sure	6%	7%	4%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Health Care			
Support	38%	40%	36%
Oppose	51%	47%	55%
Not Sure	11%	13%	9%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Kohl Approval		-		
Approve	47%	50%	44%	
Disapprove	34%	27%	41%	
Not Sure	19%	23%	15%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Feingold Approval			
Approve	42%	45%	40%
Disapprove	42%	36%	50%
Not Sure	15%	20%	10%





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	20%	16%	24%	
Unfavorable	18%	16%	20%	
Not Sure	62%	68%	56%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Westlake Favorability			
Favorable	6%	4%	7%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	18%
Not Sure	80%	84%	75%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Feingold/Johnson			
Russ Feingold	45%	46%	42%
Ron Johnson	43%	40%	48%
Undecided	12%	14%	9%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Feingold/Westlake			
Russ Feingold	45%	48%	42%
Dave Westlake	38%	34%	42%
Undecided	17%	18%	16%





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	86%	9%	38%
Disapprove	50%	8%	87%	54%
Not Sure	6%	6%	3%	8%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care				
Support	38%	75%	5%	33%
Oppose	51%	10%	88%	55%
Not Sure	11%	15%	7%	11%

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Kohl Approval					
Approve	47%	77%	20%	43%	
Disapprove	34%	6%	59%	36%	
Not Sure	19%	17%	21%	20%	

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feingold Approval				
Approve	42%	71%	16%	39%
Disapprove	42%	10%	72%	46%
Not Sure	15%	19%	12%	15%





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	20%	6%	33%	19%
Unfavorable	18%	29%	11%	14%
Not Sure	62%	65%	56%	67%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Westlake Favorability				
Favorable	6%	2%	10%	6%
Unfavorable	14%	20%	12%	11%
Not Sure	80%	77%	78%	84%

		Party						
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other				
Feingold/Johnson								
Russ Feingold	45%	83%	11%	39%				
Ron Johnson	43%	8%	78%	46%				
Undecided	12%	9%	11%	15%				

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Feingold/Westlake							
Russ Feingold	45%	84%	12%	39%			
Dave Westlake	38%	6%	72%	36%			
Undecided	17%	10%	16%	25%			





		Race	Race					
	Base	White	African American	Other				
Obama Approval								
Approve	45%	41%	85%	59%				
Disapprove	50%	53%	12%	32%				
Not Sure	6%	6%	4%	9%				

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care				
Support	38%	35%	73%	50%
Oppose	51%	54%	15%	27%
Not Sure	11%	11%	12%	23%

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Kohl Approval				
Approve	47%	45%	69%	64%
Disapprove	34%	36%	8%	27%
Not Sure	19%	20%	23%	9%

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Feingold Approval				
Approve	42%	41%	69%	41%
Disapprove	42%	44%	12%	41%
Not Sure	15%	15%	19%	18%









	Race		ace		
	Base	White	African American	Other	
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	20%	20%	12%	14%	
Unfavorable	18%	18%	23%	14%	
Not Sure	62%	62%	65%	73%	

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Westlake Favorability				
Favorable	6%	5%	4%	14%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	23%	9%
Not Sure	80%	80%	73%	77%

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Feingold/Johnson				
Russ Feingold	45%	42%	81%	50%
Ron Johnson	43%	46%	15%	27%
Undecided	12%	12%	4%	23%

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Feingold/Westlake				
Russ Feingold	45%	42%	77%	59%
Dave Westlake	38%	39%	19%	27%
Undecided	17%	18%	4%	14%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	61%	34%	48%	45%
Disapprove	50%	32%	57%	47%	49%
Not Sure	6%	7%	8%	4%	5%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Obam a Health Care					
Support	38%	57%	29%	42%	36%
Oppose	51%	34%	59%	49%	50%
Not Sure	11%	9%	12%	9%	14%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Kohl Approval						
Approve	47%	43%	35%	53%	50%	
Disapprove	34%	34%	40%	31%	32%	
Not Sure	19%	23%	25%	16%	17%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Feingold Approval						
Approve	42%	42%	32%	47%	45%	
Disapprove	42%	31%	46%	41%	43%	
Not Sure	15%	27%	22%	12%	12%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	20%	17%	22%	19%	18%
Unfavorable	18%	22%	13%	19%	21%
Not Sure	62%	61%	65%	62%	61%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Westlake Favorability					
Favorable	6%	3%	10%	3%	7%
Unfavorable	14%	25%	13%	13%	15%
Not Sure	80%	73%	77%	84%	77%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Feingold/Johnson						
Russ Feingold	45%	49%	34%	48%	48%	
Ron Johnson	43%	35%	51%	41%	43%	
Undecided	12%	16%	15%	11%	9%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65	
Feingold/Westlake						
Russ Feingold	45%	52%	32%	51%	46%	
Dave Westlake	38%	27%	47%	35%	35%	
Undecided	17%	21%	20%	14%	19%	

