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## **Shuler keeps lead for US House**

**Raleigh, N.C.** - According to a Public Policy Polling survey released today, likely voters in North Carolina's Eleventh Congressional District give an edge to Democratic challenger Heath Shuler over incumbent Republican Charles Taylor in their race for Congress. Shuler leads 47% to 43% without leaners and 51% to 45% with leaners.

The 4-point lead shows little change from an earlier Public Policy Polling survey taken in May in which Shuler lead 46% to 42%.

In addition to the race for Congress, 11<sup>th</sup> District voters are wary of the leadership of President Bush. Only 42% of respondents think the country should continue in the direction President Bush is headed, while 55% think the country should go in a significantly different direction. Similarly, only 40% think President Bush has a plan for victory in Iraq, whereas 56% do not think the President has a plan.

"Dissatisfaction with the President is really helping Shuler particularly among independent voters who favor Shuler 64% to 31%," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

11<sup>th</sup> District voters view the War on Terror more favorably. Fifty-eight percent think it is going well, while 40% do not. And they are split on which party they trust to cope with the main problems our country will face in the next few years.

Since 2001, Public Policy Polling (PPP) has provided an alternative to expensive and time-consuming traditional telephone surveys. PPP, based in Raleigh, has a track record of accurately predicting election outcomes and providing quality consultation to its clients based on its survey research. Examples of PPP's previous research can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

PPP surveyed 675 likely Eleventh District voters on July 10. The survey has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.7\%$ . Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify. Results broken down by gender, party, race and age can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

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## N.C. Congressional District 11 Voters Survey: July 10, 2006

- Q1** Overall, do you think the country should continue in the direction President Bush is headed or should we go in a significantly different direction? If you think we should continue with President Bush, please press one on your keypad now. If we should go in a significantly different direction, press two. If you don't know, press 3.

<i>Continue with President Bush .....</i>	<i>Go in significantly different direction ...</i>
<i>42%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Don't know..... 2%</i>	

- Q2** Overall, which party, the Republican party or the Democratic party, do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years? If you trust the Republican party more, press one. If you trust the Democratic party more, press two. If you trust both equally, press three.

<i>Trust Republicans more.....</i>	<i>Trust Democrats more.....</i>
<i>48%</i>	<i>47%</i>
<i>Trust both equally ... 5%</i>	

- Q3** All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time? If you are satisfied, please press 1 on your keypad now. If you are dissatisfied, press 2 now. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

<i>Satisfied.....</i>	<i>Don't know.....</i>
<i>27%</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Dissatisfied .....67%</i>	

- Q4** Do you think President Bush does -- or does not -- have a plan that will achieve victory for the United States in Iraq? If you think President Bush has a plan for victory, press one. If you think he does not have a plan for victory, press two. If you don't know, press three.

<i>Has a plan for victory .....</i>	<i>Does not have a plan for victory .....</i>
<i>40%</i>	<i>56%</i>
<i>Don't know..... 4%</i>	

- Q5** Turning from the Iraq war to the war on terror, how well do you think the U.S. campaign against terrorism is going? If you think it is going very well, press one. If fairly well, press two. If not too well, press 3. If not well at all, press 4. If you have no opinion, press 5.

<i>Going very well .....</i>	<i>Not well at all .....</i>
<i>22%</i>	<i>13%</i>
<i>Fairly well.....</i>	<i>No opinion.....</i>
<i>36%</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Not too well.....27%</i>	

- Q6** If the elections for Congress were being held today, which candidate would you vote for - the Republican incumbent, Charles Taylor or the Democratic challenger, Heath Shuler? If for Taylor, press 1. If for Shuler, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

<i>Charles Taylor.....</i>	<i>Undecided.....</i>
<i>43%</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Heath Shuler..... 47%</i>	

**Q7** Even though you are undecided, if you had to vote today, would you lean toward to the Republican Charles Taylor or the Democrat Heath Shuler? If you lean toward Taylor, press 1. If you lean toward Shuler, press 2. If you don't lean toward either candidate, press 3. (Includes answers from Question 6 and Question 7)

<i>Lean toward</i>	<i>Lean toward Heath</i>
<i>Charles Taylor.....</i> 45%	<i>Shuler.....</i> 51%
<i>Undecided.....</i> 5%	

**Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Women .....</i> 55%	<i>Men.....</i> 45%
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**Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. A Republican, press 2. If an Independent, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Democrat.....</i> 34%	<i>Independent.....</i> 19%
<i>Republican.....</i> 44%	<i>Other.....</i> 2%

**Q10** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

<i>White .....</i> 94%	<i>Other.....</i> 3%
<i>Black.....</i> 3%	

**Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

<i>18-29.....</i> 10%	<i>46-60.....</i> 24%
<i>30-45.....</i> 16%	<i>Older than 60.....</i> 50%



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	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Whether or not U.S. Should Continue or Diverge from Bush's Direction</b>			
Continue with President Bush	42%	42%	43%
Go in significantly different direction	55%	55%	55%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Trust Republicans or Democrats More</b>			
Trust Republicans more	48%	45%	51%
Trust Democrats more	47%	50%	45%
Trust both equally	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Satisfaction with How Things Are in the U.S.</b>			
Satisfied	27%	26%	28%
Dissatisfied	67%	68%	67%
Don't know	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Does Bush Have a Plan for U.S. Victory in Iraq</b>			
Has a plan for victory	40%	39%	41%
Does not have a plan for victory	56%	56%	56%
Don't know	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Success of U.S. Campaign on War on Terror</b>			
Going very well	22%	20%	24%
Fairly well	36%	36%	37%
Not too well	27%	31%	21%
Not well at all	13%	10%	16%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Vote for Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>			
Charles Taylor	43%	41%	45%
Heath Shuler	47%	49%	46%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>If Undecided: Lean towards Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>			
Lean toward Charlest Taylor	45%	44%	46%
Lean toward Heath Shuler	51%	52%	49%
Undecided	5%	4%	5%

	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>Whether or not U.S. Should Continue or Diverge from Bush's Direction</b>					
Continue with President Bush	42%	12%	76%	23%	16%
Go in significantly different direction	55%	85%	22%	76%	84%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	1%	-

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	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>Trust Republicans or Democrats More</b>					
Trust Republicans more	48%	13%	83%	32%	19%
Trust Democrats more	47%	85%	13%	57%	71%
Trust both equally	5%	2%	4%	12%	10%

	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>Satisfaction with How Things Are in the U.S.</b>					
Satisfied	27%	8%	50%	10%	8%
Dissatisfied	67%	90%	41%	86%	84%
Don't know	6%	2%	9%	4%	8%

	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>Does Bush Have a Plan for U.S. Victory in Iraq</b>					
Has a plan for victory	40%	13%	70%	21%	24%
Does not have a plan for victory	56%	85%	24%	75%	76%
Don't know	4%	2%	6%	4%	-

	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>Success of U.S. Campaign on War on Terror</b>					
Going very well	22%	7%	38%	12%	16%
Fairly well	36%	32%	42%	30%	24%
Not too well	27%	40%	14%	34%	11%
Not well at all	13%	17%	4%	21%	49%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	3%	-

	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>Vote for Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>					
Charles Taylor	43%	14%	73%	29%	-
Heath Shuler	47%	78%	18%	58%	68%
Undecided	10%	7%	9%	14%	32%

	Base	Party affiliation			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
<b>If Undecided: Lean towards Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>					
Lean toward Charles Taylor	45%	15%	76%	31%	-
Lean toward Heath Shuler	51%	81%	20%	64%	76%
Undecided	5%	4%	4%	5%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Whether or not U.S. Should Continue or Diverge from Bush's Direction</b>				
Continue with President Bush	42%	43%	47%	29%
Go in significantly different direction	55%	55%	46%	71%
Don't know	2%	2%	7%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Trust Republicans or Democrats More</b>				
Trust Republicans more	48%	48%	49%	29%
Trust Democrats more	47%	46%	51%	71%
Trust both equally	5%	5%	-	-

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	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Satisfaction with How Things Are in the U.S.</b>				
Satisfied	27%	27%	28%	23%
Dissatisfied	67%	67%	67%	77%
Don't know	6%	6%	5%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Does Bush Have a Plan for U.S. Victory in Iraq</b>				
Has a plan for victory	40%	41%	33%	29%
Does not have a plan for victory	56%	55%	58%	71%
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Fairly well	36%	37%	26%	31%
Not too well	27%	27%	51%	6%
Not well at all	13%	12%	5%	35%
No opinion	2%	2%	-	10%

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		White	Black	Other
<b>Vote for Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>				
Charles Taylor	43%	44%	28%	23%
Heath Shuler	47%	47%	46%	65%
Undecided	10%	9%	26%	12%

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		White	Black	Other
<b>If Undecided: Lean towards Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>				
Lean toward Charles Taylor	45%	46%	33%	23%
Lean toward Heath Shuler	51%	50%	56%	71%
Undecided	5%	4%	12%	6%

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		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>Whether or not U.S. Should Continue or Diverge from Bush's Direction</b>					
Continue with President Bush	43%	44%	46%	42%	42%
Go in significantly different direction	55%	53%	52%	56%	56%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>Trust Republicans or Democrats More</b>					
Trust Republicans more	48%	48%	51%	46%	48%
Trust Democrats more	47%	47%	43%	46%	49%
Trust both equally	5%	5%	5%	7%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>Satisfaction with How Things Are in the U.S.</b>					
Satisfied	27%	21%	27%	26%	29%
Dissatisfied	67%	74%	67%	71%	64%
Don't know	6%	4%	6%	3%	7%

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<b>Has a plan for victory</b>	40%	45%	41%	40%	39%
<b>Does not have a plan for victory</b>	56%	54%	55%	56%	56%
<b>Don't know</b>	4%	1%	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>Vote for Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>					
<b>Charles Taylor</b>	43%	47%	46%	41%	42%
<b>Heath Shuler</b>	47%	46%	44%	49%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	7%	11%	10%	10%

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<b>Not too well</b>	27%	21%	20%	29%	29%
<b>Not well at all</b>	13%	13%	17%	14%	11%
<b>No opinion</b>	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>If Undecided: Lean towards Charles Taylor or Heath Shuler</b>					
<b>Lean toward Charlest Taylor</b>	45%	47%	48%	42%	45%
<b>Lean toward Heath Shuler</b>	50%	49%	49%	54%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	5%	4%	3%	4%	6%

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