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McCain has solid home state lead

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite recent speculation that Arizona could be competitive this fall, John McCain has a solid lead over Barack Obama in the state, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

McCain leads Obama 52-40. He earns a decent amount of crossover support, trailing just 76-16 among Democratic voters while having folks in his party almost completely nailed down with an 87-8 advantage.

McCain is also doing considerably better with Hispanic voters in his home state than he is nationally, trailing 48-40 with that group in Arizona while he has a deficit well over 20 points nationally.

“There’s no shortage of typically Republican states for Barack Obama to compete in this fall,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Places like Indiana, Virginia, Colorado, North Dakota, and Montana all appear to be unusually competitive this year. Obama might be better suited to trying to pull off win in those places because Arizona looks like a long shot.”

The survey found that both McCain and Governor Janet Napolitano are quite popular. Napolitano’s approval rating is 54% while McCain’s is 53%. In surveys over the last few months across the country McCain and Napolitano are the only two politicians PPP has found with approval over 50% in this time when voters are unhappy with their elected officials pretty much across the board.

A hypothetical 2010 Senate match up between the pair shows McCain with a 50-43 lead over Napolitano.

PPP surveyed 1,000 likely voters on July 30th and 31st. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Arizona Poll

Q1 The candidates for President are Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain.....52% *Undecided*..... 8%

Obama.....40%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator John McCain's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve53% *Not sure*15%

Disapprove.....31%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Janet Napolitano's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve54%

Disapprove.....37%

Not Sure.....10%

Q4 If the election for US Senate in 2010 was between Republican John McCain and Democrat Janet Napolitano, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press 1. If Janet Napolitano, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCain.....50% *Undecided*..... 7%

Napolitano.....43%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman49%

Man.....51%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat.....36%

Republican.....44%

Other.....20%

Q7 If you are Hispanic, press one now. If you are white, press two now. If you are black, press three. If other, press four.

Hispanic.....16%

White76%

Black.....4%

Other.....4%

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, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29.....16%

30 to 45.....28%

46 to 65.....38%

Older than 65.....18%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Obama			
McCain	52%	51%	53%
Obama	40%	41%	39%
Undecided	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain Approval			
Approve	53%	53%	53%
Disapprove	31%	29%	34%
Not sure	15%	18%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Napolitano Approval			
Approve	54%	58%	50%
Disapprove	37%	31%	42%
Not Sure	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain/Napolitano			
McCain	50%	45%	54%
Napolitano	43%	46%	41%
Undecided	7%	9%	5%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	52%	16%	87%	40%
Obama	40%	76%	8%	44%
Undecided	8%	8%	4%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McCain Approval				
Approve	53%	29%	76%	45%
Disapprove	31%	52%	11%	39%
Not sure	15%	19%	13%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Napolitano Approval				
Approve	54%	78%	32%	59%
Disapprove	37%	14%	57%	31%
Not Sure	10%	8%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
McCain/Napolitano				
McCain	50%	18%	81%	38%
Napolitano	43%	77%	14%	48%
Undecided	7%	4%	5%	14%





	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	Black	Other
McCain/Obama					
McCain	52%	40%	57%	6%	56%
Obama	40%	48%	37%	75%	32%
Undecided	8%	12%	6%	19%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	Black	Other
McCain Approval					
Approve	53%	47%	56%	31%	52%
Disapprove	31%	38%	30%	44%	27%
Not sure	15%	15%	15%	25%	21%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	Black	Other
Napolitano Approval					
Approve	54%	57%	52%	75%	47%
Disapprove	37%	34%	38%	6%	45%
Not Sure	10%	9%	9%	19%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	Black	Other
McCain/Napolitano					
McCain	50%	35%	55%	6%	56%
Napolitano	43%	57%	39%	75%	35%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%	19%	8%





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McCain/Obama					
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McCain Approval					
Approve	53%	53%	56%	53%	50%
Disapprove	31%	33%	27%	33%	34%
Not sure	15%	14%	17%	15%	16%

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Napolitano Approval					
Approve	54%	55%	55%	52%	54%
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Napolitano	43%	51%	40%	44%	41%
Undecided	7%	6%	10%	6%	4%

