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Presidential Contest Very Close in Montana

Raleigh, N.C. – The race for President in Montana looks like it could be a cliffhanger, with Barack Obama holding the slightest of advantages, 48-47, over John McCain in the state. Ron Paul is receiving 4% of the vote.

One thing working to Obama's definite advantage is that he has banked a 61-35 lead with those who have already voted. John McCain is up 53-40 with people who plan to vote on election day.

Each candidate is receiving over 90% support from voters within his own party. Obama's lead comes by virtue of his 48-40 advantage with independent voters in the state.

Obama is also getting a boost from a 54-41 edge with voters under the age of 30.

"I'm not sure anyone expected Montana to be one of the races the nation would be watching on election night," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But strong support from independents and young people could allow Barack Obama to pull off a big upset in the state."

Several races where no upsets are in the offing are those for Governor, Senate, and Congress from Montana. Brian Schweitzer is leading 62-36 in his quest for reelection, Max Baucus is up by an even more dominant 71-26 total, and Denny Rehberg leads 60-35.

PPP surveyed 2,734 likely voters from October 31st to November 2nd. The survey's margin of error is +/-1.9%. 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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Montana Poll

Q1 The candidates for President are Republican John McCain, Democrat Barack Obama, and Ron Paul of the Constitution Party. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If Ron Paul, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

McCain.....47% *Paul* 4%
Obama.....48% *Undecided*..... 1%

Q2 The candidates for Governor are Republican Roy Brown and Democrat Brian Schweitzer. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for the Republican, Roy Brown, press 1. If for the Democrat, Brian Schweitzer, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Brown 36%
Schweitzer 62%
Undecided..... 2%

Q3 The candidates for US Senate are Democrat Max Baucus and Republican Bob Kelleher. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for the Democrat, Max Baucus, press 1. If for the Republican, Bob Kelleher, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Baucus..... 71%
Kelleher..... 26%
Undecided..... 4%

Q4 The candidates for Congress are Democrat John Driscoll and Republican Denny Rehberg. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for the Democrat, John Driscoll, press 1. If for the Republican, Denny Rehberg, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Driscoll..... 35%
Rehberg..... 60%
Undecided..... 5%

Q5 The candidates for Attorney General are Democrat Steve Bullock and Republican Tim Fox. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Steve Bullock, press 1. If for the Republican, Tim Fox, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bullock..... 49%
Fox..... 44%
Undecided..... 7%

Q6 The candidates for Auditor are Republican Duane Grimes and Democrat Monica Lindeen. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for the Republican, Duane Grimes, press 1. If for the Democrat, Monica Lindeen, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Grimes 42%
Lindeen 50%
Undecided..... 9%

Q7 The candidates for Secretary of State are Democrat Linda McCulloch and Republican Brad Johnson. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for the Democrat, Linda McCulloch, press 1. If for the Republican, Brad Johnson, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCulloch..... 47%
Johnson 46%
Undecided..... 7%





Q8 The candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction are Republican Elaine Herman and Democrat Denise Juneau. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If for the Republican, Elaine Herman, press 1. If for the Democrat, Denise Juneau, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Herman..... 40%
Juneau..... 49%
Undecided..... 11%

Q9 Have you already voted either at an early voting site or with an absentee ballot? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 38%
No..... 62%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 34%
Republican..... 35%
Other..... 31%

Q12 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 94%
Other..... 6%

Q13 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..... 15%
30 to 45..... 27%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
President			
McCain	47%	35%	53%
Obama	48%	61%	40%
Paul	4%	2%	5%
Undecided	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Governor			
Brown	36%	27%	41%
Schweitzer	62%	72%	56%
Undecided	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Senate			
Baucus	71%	78%	66%
Kelleher	26%	19%	30%
Undecided	4%	2%	4%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Congress			
Driscoll	35%	47%	28%
Rehberg	60%	50%	67%
Undecided	5%	3%	5%





	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Attorney General			
Bullock	49%	62%	41%
Fox	44%	34%	50%
Undecided	7%	5%	9%

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		Yes	No
Auditor			
Grimes	42%	33%	47%
Lindeen	50%	61%	43%
Undecided	9%	6%	11%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Secretary of State			
McCulloch	47%	60%	40%
Johnson	46%	36%	52%
Undecided	7%	4%	9%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Superintendent			
Herman	40%	31%	45%
Juneau	49%	61%	41%
Undecided	11%	8%	13%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
President			
McCain	47%	46%	47%
Obama	48%	50%	46%
Paul	4%	2%	6%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%

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		Woman	Man
Governor			
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Schweitzer	62%	63%	61%
Undecided	2%	2%	2%

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Baucus	71%	72%	69%
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Undecided	4%	3%	4%

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Rehberg	60%	59%	62%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%





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Attorney General			
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Fox	44%	42%	45%
Undecided	7%	8%	7%

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Auditor			
Grimes	42%	39%	44%
Lindeen	50%	51%	47%
Undecided	9%	9%	8%

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Secretary of State			
McCulloch	47%	49%	45%
Johnson	46%	43%	48%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%

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Superintendent			
Herman	40%	38%	42%
Juneau	49%	51%	46%
Undecided	11%	11%	12%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
McCain	47%	7%	91%	40%
Obama	48%	90%	7%	48%
Paul	4%	2%	2%	9%
Undecided	1%	1%	0%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Governor				
Brown	36%	5%	75%	27%
Schweitzer	62%	94%	24%	69%
Undecided	2%	1%	2%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Senate				
Baucus	71%	94%	45%	74%
Kelleher	26%	6%	50%	21%
Undecided	4%	0%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Congress				
Driscoll	35%	70%	5%	29%
Rehberg	60%	24%	94%	64%
Undecided	5%	6%	2%	7%





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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Attorney General				
Bullock	49%	88%	10%	49%
Fox	44%	7%	85%	38%
Undecided	7%	5%	5%	13%

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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Auditor				
Grimes	42%	7%	80%	37%
Lindeen	50%	87%	13%	48%
Undecided	9%	6%	6%	15%

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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Secretary of State				
McCulloch	47%	86%	11%	45%
Johnson	46%	9%	84%	43%
Undecided	7%	4%	5%	12%

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		Democrat	Republican	Other
Superintendent				
Herman	40%	6%	80%	32%
Juneau	49%	87%	11%	48%
Undecided	11%	7%	8%	20%





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		White	Other
President			
McCain	47%	47%	38%
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Baucus	71%	71%	68%
Kelleher	26%	26%	27%
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President					
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Senate					
Baucus	71%	74%	65%	72%	73%
Kelleher	26%	23%	31%	24%	24%
Undecided	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%

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Attorney General					
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Undecided	7%	12%	7%	6%	6%

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Auditor					
Grimes	42%	41%	47%	40%	39%
Lindeen	50%	45%	47%	52%	53%
Undecided	9%	14%	7%	8%	8%

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Secretary of State					
McCulloch	47%	48%	44%	48%	49%
Johnson	46%	39%	49%	46%	46%
Undecided	7%	13%	6%	6%	5%

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