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## McCain holds narrow lead in Georgia

**Raleigh, N.C.** – John McCain is clinging to a small advantage over Barack Obama in Georgia, 50-48.

He'll be coming from behind on election day. 57 of the voters PPP surveyed reported having voted early, and within that group Obama is leading 52-47. McCain has a 54-43 advantage with those planning to vote on election day itself.

Obama is polling just short of 30% with white voters, a threshold he would likely have to cross if he were to get over the top in the state.

"There are two major things to look at in Georgia tomorrow," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "The first is whether the Republican turnout effort is strong enough to offset the advantage Obama has built among early voters. The second is whether Obama can win over the last few white voters he needs to beat out McCain."

Former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr is mostly a non factor even in his home state, winning just 2% of the vote.

Georgia's US Senate race continues to look like it's headed for a possible runoff. Incumbent Republican Saxby Chambliss is at 48% with challenger Jim Martin just behind him at 46%. The 4% Libertarian nominee Allen Buckley is pulling could push this election on for another month.

PPP surveyed 1,253 likely voters from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 2nd. The survey's margin of error is +/-2.8%. 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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## **Georgia Poll**

Q1	The candidates for President are Republican John McCain, Democrat Barack Obama, and Libertarian Bob Barr. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If John McCain, press	Q4	If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.         Woman       55%         Man       45%
	<ol> <li>If Barack Obama, press 2. If Bob Barr, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.</li> </ol>	Q5	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.
	McCain2%		Democrat42%
	Obama1%		Republican41%
Q2	The candidates for Senate are Republican Saxby Chambliss, Democrat Jim Martin, and		Other17%
	Libertarian Allen Buckley. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If you would	Q6	If you are white, press 1. If you are African- American, press 2. If other, press 3.
	vote for the Republican, Saxby Chambliss,		White66%
	press 1. If for the Democrat, Jim Martin, press 2. If for the Libertarian, Allen Buckley, press 3.		African American30%
	If you're undecided, press 4.		Other 4%
	Chambliss48%	Q7	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If
	<i>Martin</i> 46%		you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.
	Buckley4%		18 to 2917%
	Undecided 2%		30 to 4529%
Q3	Have you already voted either at an early voting site or with an absentee ballot? If yes,		46 to 6539%
	press 1. If no, press 2.		Older than 6515%
	Yes57%		
	No43%		





		Already Voted	
	Base	Yes No	
President		<u> </u>	
McCain	50%	47%	54%
Obama	48%	52%	43%
Barr	2%	1%	3%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%

		Already Voted	
	Base	Yes	No
Senate		<u> </u>	
Chambliss	48%	45%	51%
Martin	46%	51%	40%
Buckley	4%	3%	5%
Undecided	2%	1%	4%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
President			
McCain	50%	50%	50%
Obam a	48%	48%	48%
Barr	2%	1%	2%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%

			Gender	
		Base	Woman	Man
Senate			-	
	Chambliss	48%	48%	47%
	Martin	46%	47%	45%
	Buckley	4%	4%	5%
	Undecided	2%	2%	3%





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Other		
President						
McCain	50%	13%	88%	47%		
Obama	48%	85%	11%	46%		
Barr	2%	1%	1%	5%		
Undecided	1%	0%	1%	2%		

			Party				
		Base	Democrat	Other			
Senate							
	Chambliss	48%	12%	86%	44%		
	Martin	46%	84%	9%	41%		
	Buckley	4%	2%	3%	12%		
	Undecided	2%	3%	2%	4%		

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
President				
McCain	50%	70%	6%	40%
Obama	48%	28%	91%	55%
Barr	2%	1%	2%	4%
Undecided	1%	1%	0%	2%

			Race		
		Base	White	African American	Other
Senate					
	Chambliss	48%	66%	9%	37%
	Martin	46%	29%	83%	47%
	Buckley	4%	4%	3%	14%
	Undecided	2%	1%	6%	2%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
President		-			
McCain	50%	42%	48%	50%	61%
Obama	48%	52%	51%	48%	37%
Barr	2%	5%	2%	0%	1%
Undecided	1%	1%	-	1%	1%

			Age			
		Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Senate						
	Chambliss	48%	39%	47%	48%	57%
	Martin	46%	46%	47%	48%	38%
	Buckley	4%	7%	4%	3%	3%
	Undecided	2%	7%	2%	1%	2%

