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Smith takes lead in gubernatorial primary

Raleigh, N.C. – State Senator Fred Smith has taken the lead in the Republican gubernatorial primary after a recent flurry of campaign activity, according to a Public Policy Polling survey taken earlier this week. With the support of 25% of likely Republican primary voters he overtakes Salisbury lawyer Bill Graham, who had led every previous monthly poll in 2007. Graham earned 17% and was followed by former Supreme Court Justice Bob Orr with 7%.

PPP is also proud to release the first public poll for the now competitive Democratic primary for the US Senate. State Senator Kay Hagan has 24% support, followed by Jim Neal with 13% and John Ross Hendrix with 8%.

In the Democratic Presidential Primary, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards are knotted with 30%. Barack Obama's recent trip to the state did not lead to an immediate increase in his support, as he continued to lag with 21%.

Fred Thompson's lead in the Republican presidential race has narrowed from 11 percentage points last month to just five in this poll. Twenty-four percent of Republican primary voters chose Thompson, 19% chose Rudy Giuliani, while Mitt Romney and John McCain lagged behind with 10 and 8% respectively.

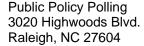
The tracking polls also show Bev Perdue continuing her lead in the Democratic Gubernatorial primary and June Atkinson with a double digit lead for Superintendent of Public instruction. Other races polled include the Democratic and Republican primaries for State Treasurer and the Democratic primary for Lieutenant Governor.

PPP surveyed 679 likely Democratic primary voters and 767 likely Republican primary voters on November 5. The surveys have margins of error of \pm 3.8% and \pm 3.5% respectively. 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. These include issue priorities for both parties, and crosstabs breaking down the results by gender, race, age and region.

For more discussion of the poll visit the Public Policy Polling blog at http://publicpolicypolling.blogspot.com. If you have questions about this release or would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Democratic Primary Survey Results

Q1	In the 2008 Presidential race there are three Democrats in the top tier of candidates, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama. If the Democratic primary were today which of these candidates would you vote for, or would you vote for a different candidate? If you would vote for Hillary Clinton, press 1 on your key pad now. If for John Edwards, press 2. If for Barack Obama, press 3. If you would vote for a different candidate, press 4. If you are undecided, press 5. Clinton30% Different candidate12% Edwards	Q4	In the Lieutenant Governor's race the candidates are Dan Besse, Walter Dalton, Hampton Dellinger, and Pat Smathers. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Dan Besse, press 1. If Walter Dalton, press 2. If Hampton Dellinger, press 3. If Pat Smathers, press 4. If you are undecided press 5. Besse
Q2	Obama21% In the US Senate race the candidates are Kay Hagan, John Ross Hendrix, and Jim Neal. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Kay Hagan, press 1. If John Ross Hendrix, press 2. If Jim Neal, press 3. If you are undecided, press 4. Hagan	Q5	In the State Treasurer's race the candidates are Janet Cowell, Michael Weisel and David Young. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Janet Cowell, press 1. If Michael Weisel, press 2. If David Young, press 3. If you are undecided, press 4. **Cowell** 16% Young** 14% **Weisel** 7% Undecided** 63%
Q3	There will be a Democratic primary for Governor. Richard Moore and Beverly Perdue have been mentioned as candidates. If the primary election were today which of these candidates would you vote for or would you vote for somebody else? If you would vote for Richard Moore, press 1. If for Beverly Perdue, press 2. If undecided, press 3.	Q6	In the State Superintendent's race the candidates are June Atkinson and Eddie Davis. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If June Atkinson, press 1. If Eddie Davis, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3. Atkinson



Moore.....29% Undecided.....31%

Perdue 40%



Q7 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

	War in Iraq37%	Moral or Family values 9%
	Education 8%	Health care12%
	Economy and jobs. 23%	Immigration 5%
	Taxes 4%	Other 2%
Q8	If you are a woman, press	s 1, if a man, press 2.
	Women58%	Men42%
Q9	If you are white, press on African-American, press t press 3.	
	White69%	Other 5%
	Black26%	
Q10	If you are 18 to 29 years of you are 30 to 45, press 2 press 3. If older, press 4.	If you are 46 to 60,
	18-29 6%	<i>46-65</i> 44%

30-45.....14% Older Than 65......37%





	Gender			
	Base	Women	Men	
President				
Clinton	30%	34%	26%	
Edwards	30%	28%	32%	
Obama	21%	20%	22%	
Different candidate	12%	9%	15%	
Undecided	8%	10%	4%	

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Governor		•	
Moore	29%	26%	34%
Perdue	40%	41%	39%
Undecided	31%	33%	27%

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Treasurer		-	
Cowell	16%	17%	15%
Weisel	7%	4%	10%
Young	14%	10%	20%
Undecided	63%	69%	54%

		Gender		
	Base	Women	Men	
Issues		-		
War in Iraq	37%	38%	34%	
Education	8%	8%	7%	
Economy and jobs	23%	24%	21%	
Taxes	4%	3%	6%	
Moral or Family	9%	7%	12%	
values				
Health care	12%	12%	12%	
Immigration	5%	5%	6%	
Other	2%	2%	2%	

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		Base	Women	Men
Senate				
	Hagan	24%	25%	24%
	Hendrix	8%	5%	12%
	Neal	13%	9%	18%
	Undecided	55%	61%	47%

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Lt. Governor		-	
Besse	7%	6%	8%
Dalton	12%	9%	16%
Dellinger	8%	5%	13%
Smathers	9%	9%	8%
Undecided	64%	70%	54%

		Gender		
	Base	Women	Men	
Superintendent				
Atkinson	37%	37%	39%	
Davis	15%	12%	19%	
Undecided	48%	52%	43%	

		Race		
	Base	White	Black	Other
President				
Clinton	30%	29%	31%	43%
Edwards	30%	39%	6%	29%
Obama	21%	11%	47%	14%
Different candidate	12%	14%	5%	11%
Undecided	8%	7%	11%	4%





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Undecided	31%	27%	41%	33%

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Lt. Governor				
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Dalton	12%	12%	13%	7%
Dellinger	8%	10%	4%	7%
Smathers	9%	10%	8%	4%
Undecided	64%	61%	69%	68%

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	Base	White	Black	Other
Issues				
War in Iraq	37%	41%	25%	37%
Education	8%	6%	13%	7%
Economy and jobs	23%	19%	34%	19%
Taxes	4%	3%	6%	4%
Moral or Family values	9%	10%	6%	19%
Health care	12%	13%	13%	4%
Immigration	5%	7%	2%	7%
Other	2%	2%	2%	4%

		Age			
	Base	18- 29	30- 45	46- 65	Older Than 65
President					
Clinton	30%	39%	22%	30%	32%
Edwards	30%	18%	28%	31%	30%
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Different candidate	12%	3%	13%	11%	12%
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Young	15%	21%	19%	13%	14%
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War in Iraq	37%	29%	32%	31%	45%
Education	8%	5%	17%	7%	6%
Economy and jobs	23%	32%	20%	25%	19%
Taxes	4%	7%	1%	5%	3%
Moral or Family values	9%	12%	6%	8%	11%
Health care	12%	10%	16%	14%	10%
Immigration	5%	2%	5%	7%	4%
Other	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%

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Senate									
	Hagan	24%	26%	34%	20%	20%	21%	23%	
	Hendrix	8%	6%	10%	7%	10%	8%	6%	
	Neal	13%	6%	13%	12%	19%	12%	15%	
	Undecided	55%	62%	43%	61%	51%	58%	57%	

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Lt. Governor						
Besse	7%	25%	6%	5%	7%	
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Atkinson	37%	39%	32%	41%	35%
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President									
Clinton	30%	34%	32%	26%	35%	40%	22%		
Edwards	30%	20%	31%	30%	43%	21%	34%		
Obama	21%	19%	22%	23%	10%	21%	24%		
Different candidate	12%	13%	10%	15%	6%	12%	12%		
Undecided	8%	14%	5%	7%	6%	6%	8%		

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Governor										
	Moore	29%	26%	30%	23%	34%	25%	34%		
	Perdue	40%	52%	34%	41%	35%	38%	39%		
Und	decided	31%	23%	36%	36%	31%	36%	26%		





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Lt. Governor								
Besse	7%	8%	13%	8%	2%	5%	5%	
Dalton	12%	14%	9%	10%	25%	8%	9%	
Dellinger	8%	5%	7%	10%	7%	8%	12%	
Smathers	9%	10%	10%	9%	15%	3%	8%	
Undecided	64%	64%	60%	63%	51%	77%	65%	

		Area Code							
	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Treasurer									
Cowell	16%	16%	16%	16%	9%	13%	21%		
Weisel	7%	5%	13%	4%	9%	4%	4%		
Young	14%	10%	13%	15%	26%	16%	12%		
Undecided	63%	69%	58%	65%	56%	67%	63%		

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Superintendent									
Atkinson	37%	48%	28%	30%	31%	35%	45%		
Davis	15%	12%	16%	14%	14%	14%	16%		
Undecided	48%	40%	56%	56%	54%	51%	38%		

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	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Issues							
War in Iraq	37%	31%	34%	35%	42%	39%	39%
Education	8%	9%	4%	11%	6%	10%	8%
Economy and jobs	23%	24%	28%	20%	19%	24%	21%
Taxes	4%	10%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Moral or Family values	9%	13%	9%	13%	9%	9%	6%
Health care	12%	12%	13%	8%	15%	10%	14%
Immigration	5%	2%	8%	8%	4%	5%	5%
Other	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%





		Issues								
		War in		Econom y		Moral or Family	Health			
	Base	Iraq	Education	and jobs	Taxes	values	care	Im m igration	Other	
President										
Clinton	31%	37%	36%	32%	17%	21%	23%	19%	30%	
Edwards	30%	31%	27%	27%	19%	34%	39%	28%	-	
Obama	21%	19%	28%	31%	14%	11%	20%	9%	-	
Different candidate	11%	8%	2%	3%	41%	22%	8%	45%	36%	
Undecided	8%	5%	8%	8%	9%	13%	10%	-	34%	

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Senate									•		
	Hagan	24%	28%	31%	22%	20%	16%	30%	12%	7%	
	Hendrix	8%	6%	8%	12%	17%	12%	4%	-	-	
	Neal	13%	14%	8%	13%	6%	23%	7%	10%	-	
Un	decided	55%	52%	54%	53%	56%	49%	58%	78%	93%	

		Issues									
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral or Family values		Im m igration	Other		
Governor											
Moore	29%	31%	18%	27%	41%	29%	29%	39%	17%		
Perdue	40%	42%	49%	40%	28%	36%	42%	25%	27%		
Undecided	31%	27%	32%	33%	31%	35%	29%	36%	56%		

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Lt. Governor			-			,				
Besse	7%	9%	7%	9%	12%	5%	4%	-	-	
Dalton	12%	9%	15%	16%	21%	15%	7%	5%	-	
Dellinger	8%	6%	12%	11%	6%	14%	6%	7%	-	
Smathers	9%	9%	5%	5%	20%	8%	12%	10%	12%	
Undecided	64%	66%	61%	59%	40%	58%	70%	78%	88%	

		Issues							
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral or Family values		lm m igration	Other
Treasurer								•	
Cowell	16%	19%	17%	14%	3%	17%	18%	13%	-
Weisel	7%	6%	7%	6%	15%	10%	7%	-	-
Young	14%	11%	19%	18%	12%	22%	11%	15%	-
Undecided	63%	64%	57%	63%	70%	50%	64%	72%	100%

		Issues	ues									
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral or Family values		Immigration	Other			
Superintendent			-			,						
Atkinson	37%	42%	38%	36%	27%	32%	42%	34%	-			
Davis	15%	11%	24%	16%	26%	17%	12%	12%	17%			
Undecided	48%	47%	38%	48%	47%	51%	46%	54%	83%			





Republican Primary Survey Results

President in 2008 as Republicans. Some the most talked about are Rudy Giuliani, J McCain, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompsor the Republican primary were today which these men would you vote for, or would you vote for somebody else? If you would vote Rudy Giuliani, press 1 on your keypad now for John McCain, press 2. If for Mitt Romr press 3. If for Fred Thompson, press 4. If would vote for a different candidate, press you are undecided, press 6.
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Giuliani19%	Thompson24%
McCain 8%	Other14%
Romney10%	Undecided25%

Q2 There will also be a number of Republican candidates for governor. Bill Graham, Bob Orr and Fred Smith have been mentioned as candidates. If the primary election were today which of these men would you vote for or would you vote for somebody else? If you would vote for Bill Graham, press 1. If for Bob Orr, press 2. If for Fred Smith, press 3. If you are undecided, press 4.

Graham 17%	Smith25%
Orr 7%	Undecided50%

Q3 In the State Treasurer's race the candidates are Bill Daughtridge and Dale Folwell. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Bill Daughtridge, press 1. If Dale Folwell, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Daughtridge17%	Undecided71%
Folwell12%	

Q4	I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is
	most important, press 8.

	War in Iraq25%	Moral or Family
	Education 3%	Health care 5%
	Economy and jobs. 15%	Immigration 21%
	Taxes 9%	Other 1%
Q5	If you are a woman, press	
	Women50%	Men50%

Q6	If you are white, press one now. If you are
	African-American, press two now. If other,
	press 3.
	-

White95%	Other3%
Black 2%	

Q7 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.

18-29 4%	46-6031%
30-4516%	Older than 6048%



-Republican Primary Crosstabs-

		Gender		
	Base	Women	Men	
President				
Giuliani	19%	21%	17%	
McCain	8%	8%	8%	
Romney	10%	12%	8%	
Thompson	24%	18%	30%	
Other	14%	12%	17%	
Undecided	25%	29%	21%	

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Treasurer		•	
Daughtridge	17%	14%	20%
Folwell	12%	11%	13%
Undecided	71%	76%	67%

		Race		
	Base	White	Black	Other
President				
Giuliani	19%	19%	11%	31%
McCain	8%	8%	-	5%
Romney	10%	10%	18%	10%
Thompson	24%	24%	11%	12%
Other	14%	14%	15%	14%
Undecided	25%	25%	45%	28%

		Race		
	Base	White	Black	Other
Treasurer				
Daughtridge	17%	17%	10%	15%
Folwell	12%	12%	-	22%
Undecided	71%	71%	90%	62%

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Governor		-	
Graham	17%	17%	17%
Orr	7%	6%	9%
Smith	25%	25%	26%
Undecided	50%	52%	48%

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Issues		-	
War in Iraq	25%	29%	20%
Education	3%	4%	1%
Economy and jobs	15%	17%	13%
Taxes	9%	5%	12%
Moral or Family values	22%	21%	22%
Health care	5%	4%	6%
Immigration	21%	18%	24%
Other	1%	1%	1%

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Smith	25%	26%	24%	21%	
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War in Iraq	25%	24%	33%	54%
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Economy and jobs	15%	15%	10%	12%
Taxes	9%	9%	10%	5%
Moral or Family	22%	22%	17%	10%
values				
Health care	5%	5%	7%	-
Immigration	21%	22%	10%	8%
Other	1%	1%	14%	-





-Republican Primary Crosstabs-

		Age			
	Base	18- 29	30- 45	46- 60	Older than 60
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Giuliani	19%	20%	18%	14%	22%
McCain	7%	4%	1%	9%	9%
Romney	10%	10%	5%	9%	13%
Thompson	24%	26%	24%	28%	21%
Other	14%	10%	18%	15%	13%
Undecided	25%	29%	33%	24%	23%

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Daughtridge	17%	15%	16%	17%	17%
Folwell	12%	25%	7%	11%	13%
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Thompson	24%	29%	26%	16%	23%	29%	23%
Other	14%	13%	14%	18%	13%	11%	14%
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Undecided	71%	67%	69%	80%	73%	68%	68%

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Governor					
Graham	17%	29%	17%	15%	17%
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Smith	25%	-	13%	26%	31%
Undecided	50%	63%	64%	50%	45%

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Taxes	9%	11%	10%	10%	7%
Moral or Family values	22%	21%	31%	23%	18%
Health care	5%	8%	4%	7%	4%
Immigration	21%	9%	23%	18%	23%
Other	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%

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Governor							
Graham	17%	20%	15%	19%	10%	23%	17%
Orr	7%	4%	5%	7%	14%	6%	9%
Smith	25%	16%	31%	12%	23%	22%	41%
Undecided	50%	61%	50%	63%	52%	49%	34%

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	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919		
Issues									
War in Iraq	25%	22%	28%	21%	23%	26%	25%		
Education	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%		
Economy and jobs	15%	18%	15%	13%	23%	16%	9%		
Taxes	9%	8%	8%	11%	6%	9%	10%		
Moral or Family values	22%	16%	20%	27%	25%	12%	24%		
Health care	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%	6%		
Immigration	21%	27%	20%	20%	14%	27%	22%		
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%		





-Republican Primary Crosstabs-

		Issues	es								
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral or Family values		lm m igration	Other		
President								•	•		
Giuliani	19%	29%	16%	19%	19%	9%	10%	22%	-		
McCain	8%	11%	19%	9%	5%	5%	11%	4%	-		
Romney	10%	15%	4%	7%	16%	8%	9%	8%	-		
Thompson	24%	14%	12%	28%	26%	23%	34%	31%	29%		
Other	14%	12%	8%	5%	14%	21%	20%	16%	10%		
Undecided	25%	19%	40%	32%	20%	34%	14%	19%	60%		

		Issues							
	Base	War in	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral or Family values		Immigration	Other
Governor		uq		ana jobo	ruxoo	valuoo	00.0	g. acion	00.
Graham	17%	18%	8%	17%	16%	16%	15%	17%	25%
Orr	7%	9%	8%	11%	7%	3%	13%	6%	-
Smith	25%	23%	18%	20%	29%	25%	14%	35%	15%
Undecided	50%	49%	66%	52%	48%	56%	57%	41%	60%

		Issues	ssues								
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral or Family values		lm m igration	Other		
Treasurer											
Daughtridge	17%	16%	22%	22%	19%	10%	22%	19%	-		
Folwell	12%	15%	18%	10%	14%	9%	7%	13%	-		
Undecided	71%	69%	60%	68%	67%	81%	70%	68%	100%		

