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Polls Remain Stable Despite Flurry of Activity

Raleigh, N.C. – After a week of intense back and forths between the Democratic candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a new Public Policy Polling shows that little of the activity caught the attention of likely primary voters.

In the Gubernatorial race Lieutenant Governor Bev Perdue leads Treasurer Richard Moore 41-32, a result mostly in line with past polling. In the Lieutenant Governor race 65% of respondents continued to be undecided despite a high visibility flare up between candidates Walter Dalton and Hampton Dellinger. For the third month in a row Dalton finished first in the poll, followed in order by Pat Smathers, Dellinger, and Dan Besse.

In the Democratic Presidential Primary, Hillary Clinton regained the outright lead after being deadlocked with native son John Edwards last month. She was the choice of 31% of respondents followed by Edwards with 26% and Barack Obama with 24%. Obama's performance is his best in any North Carolina poll since July.

The tracking poll also has Kay Hagan with a 22-13 lead over Jim Neal in the US Senate primary, shows a deadlock between Janet Cowell and David Young in the race for Treasurer, and continues to have incumbent June Atkinson with a double digit lead over challenger Eddie Davis in her bid to continue as State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

PPP surveyed 676 likely Democratic primary voters on December 3rd. 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.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com. These include issue priorities, 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.

Clinton.....31% *Different candidate*..12%
Edwards.....26% *Undecided*..... 8%
Obama.....24%

Q2 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 22%
Hendrix 7%
Neal 13%
Undecided.....58%

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.

Moore..... 32% *Undecided*..... 27%
Perdue 41%

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..... 6% *Smathers*..... 10%
Dalton..... 12% *Undecided*..... 65%
Dellinger..... 8%

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 15% *Young*..... 15%
Weisel 6% *Undecided*..... 64%

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 38% *Undecided*..... 48%
Davis 13%





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.

<i>War in Iraq</i> 30%	<i>Moral or Family values</i> 7%
<i>Education</i> 8%	<i>Health care</i> 14%
<i>Economy and jobs</i> 28%	<i>Immigration</i> 7%
<i>Taxes</i> 4%	<i>Other</i> 1%

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

<i>Women</i>58%	<i>Men</i>42%
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Q9 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>69%	<i>Other</i> 5%
<i>Black</i>26%	

Q10 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> 5%	<i>46-65</i>50%
<i>30-45</i>10%	<i>Older Than 65</i>35%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	31%	38%	26%	37%	20%	9%	32%	9%	19%
Edwards	26%	27%	21%	25%	7%	26%	30%	32%	9%
Obama	24%	22%	34%	25%	39%	23%	23%	18%	-
Different candidate	12%	7%	6%	8%	24%	32%	8%	33%	19%
Undecided	8%	7%	12%	5%	10%	10%	7%	8%	53%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Senate									
Hagan	22%	28%	14%	25%	4%	12%	25%	9%	9%
Hendrix	7%	5%	7%	9%	11%	5%	4%	13%	-
Neal	13%	8%	9%	18%	25%	16%	15%	6%	-
Undecided	59%	59%	69%	49%	60%	66%	56%	72%	91%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Governor									
Moore	32%	35%	25%	32%	31%	37%	24%	43%	9%
Perdue	41%	42%	52%	40%	32%	34%	43%	33%	19%
Undecided	27%	23%	24%	28%	37%	29%	33%	25%	72%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Lt. Governor									
Besse	6%	8%	4%	5%	10%	2%	5%	4%	-
Dalton	12%	11%	6%	14%	20%	9%	10%	13%	18%
Dellinger	8%	9%	9%	9%	17%	7%	2%	4%	9%
Smathers	10%	6%	8%	12%	3%	7%	14%	15%	-
Undecided	65%	66%	72%	60%	49%	75%	69%	65%	73%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Treasurer									
Cowell	15%	16%	15%	14%	10%	14%	20%	9%	-
Weisel	6%	5%	11%	8%	-	4%	3%	10%	9%
Young	15%	13%	9%	17%	28%	20%	14%	19%	-
Undecided	64%	66%	65%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	91%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Superintendent									
Atkinson	38%	42%	45%	37%	34%	33%	38%	32%	10%
Davis	13%	10%	17%	16%	23%	13%	10%	21%	-
Undecided	48%	48%	39%	47%	43%	54%	52%	47%	90%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	31%	35%	25%
Edwards	26%	23%	29%
Obama	24%	24%	25%
Different candidate	12%	9%	15%
Undecided	8%	10%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Senate			
Hagan	22%	24%	19%
Hendrix	7%	6%	8%
Neal	13%	12%	15%
Undecided	58%	59%	57%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

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		Women	Men
Governor			
Moore	32%	28%	38%
Perdue	41%	42%	39%
Undecided	27%	30%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Lt. Governor			
Besse	6%	5%	7%
Dalton	12%	11%	12%
Dellinger	8%	6%	9%
Smathers	10%	9%	11%
Undecided	65%	69%	60%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Treasurer			
Cowell	15%	15%	15%
Weisel	6%	5%	8%
Young	15%	10%	22%
Undecided	64%	69%	56%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Superintendent			
Atkinson	38%	39%	37%
Davis	13%	11%	17%
Undecided	48%	50%	45%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
President				
Clinton	31%	32%	30%	19%
Edwards	26%	34%	3%	28%
Obama	24%	13%	53%	25%
Different candidate	12%	15%	1%	19%
Undecided	8%	6%	13%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Senate				
Hagan	22%	23%	18%	25%
Hendrix	7%	6%	9%	6%
Neal	13%	13%	13%	9%
Undecided	58%	58%	60%	59%

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		White	Black	Other
Governor				
Moore	32%	36%	21%	34%
Perdue	41%	39%	45%	38%
Undecided	27%	25%	33%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Lt. Governor				
Besse	6%	6%	6%	6%
Dalton	12%	12%	10%	9%
Dellinger	8%	8%	6%	6%
Smathers	10%	9%	11%	16%
Undecided	65%	65%	67%	63%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

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Treasurer				
Cowell	15%	14%	16%	20%
Weisel	6%	6%	6%	7%
Young	15%	15%	15%	20%
Undecided	64%	65%	63%	53%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Superintendent				
Atkinson	38%	42%	29%	32%
Davis	13%	11%	20%	19%
Undecided	48%	47%	51%	48%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
President					
Clinton	31%	27%	26%	30%	34%
Edwards	26%	25%	30%	25%	25%
Obama	24%	25%	30%	25%	21%
Different candidate	12%	10%	7%	15%	9%
Undecided	8%	13%	7%	5%	11%

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		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Senate					
Hagan	22%	13%	26%	20%	24%
Hendrix	7%	9%	6%	5%	9%
Neal	13%	26%	15%	12%	11%
Undecided	58%	52%	54%	62%	56%

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		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Governor					
Moore	32%	19%	21%	34%	34%
Perdue	41%	43%	52%	40%	38%
Undecided	27%	38%	27%	26%	28%

	Base	Age			
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Lt. Governor					
Besse	6%	11%	4%	6%	5%
Dalton	12%	3%	10%	11%	14%
Dellinger	8%	11%	13%	6%	8%
Smathers	10%	10%	18%	9%	8%
Undecided	65%	65%	56%	68%	65%

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		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
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Cowell	15%	17%	23%	14%	14%
Weisel	6%	6%	3%	5%	9%
Young	15%	12%	14%	16%	15%
Undecided	64%	65%	61%	66%	62%

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Superintendent					
Atkinson	38%	31%	53%	39%	34%
Davis	13%	11%	6%	13%	16%
Undecided	48%	58%	41%	47%	51%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
President							
Clinton	31%	20%	28%	43%	34%	38%	28%
Edwards	26%	27%	30%	17%	38%	21%	22%
Obama	24%	29%	25%	23%	17%	17%	31%
Different candidate	12%	16%	8%	12%	9%	14%	10%
Undecided	8%	8%	9%	6%	2%	10%	10%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Senate							
Hagan	22%	14%	44%	16%	19%	14%	21%
Hendrix	7%	11%	4%	10%	7%	7%	4%
Neal	13%	11%	15%	10%	13%	10%	15%
Undecided	58%	64%	37%	64%	61%	69%	60%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Governor							
Moore	32%	29%	35%	38%	35%	26%	31%
Perdue	41%	46%	38%	31%	30%	40%	49%
Undecided	27%	25%	27%	31%	34%	34%	19%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Lt. Governor							
Besse	6%	7%	8%	8%	6%	4%	4%
Dalton	12%	12%	11%	16%	14%	9%	9%
Dellinger	8%	5%	7%	11%	7%	7%	9%
Smathers	10%	16%	8%	1%	15%	7%	9%
Undecided	65%	60%	66%	63%	58%	72%	69%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Treasurer							
Cowell	15%	11%	18%	14%	13%	11%	20%
Weisel	6%	10%	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%
Young	15%	22%	9%	11%	22%	15%	12%
Undecided	64%	56%	67%	68%	60%	69%	64%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Superintendent							
Atkinson	38%	48%	31%	35%	40%	27%	46%
Davis	13%	16%	14%	14%	8%	12%	15%
Undecided	48%	36%	55%	51%	52%	61%	39%

