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McCrorry, Smith remain tight

Raleigh, N.C. – Pat McCrorry and Fred Smith are in a statistical dead heat on the eve of the Republican primary for Governor, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling.

McCrorry is at 39%, followed by Smith at 35%. Bill Graham, Bob Orr, and Elbie Powers are lagging further back at 6%, 5%, and 1% respectively.

The Republican contest is likely to hinge on turnout. Smith's supporters are believed to be more passionate than McCrorry's, and he has a 48-38 lead in this poll among respondents who reported voting early. The lower turnout is, the more likely it is that Smith will win.

"It's a nail biter in the Republican race for Governor," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Fred Smith has really come on here at the end. It is interesting to think what might have happened if he had started using his resources on media as early as McCrorry did, but for now it's just going to come down to who actually shows up at the polls."

Robert Pittenger is running away in the Republican contest for Lieutenant Governor. He has 40%, compared to 10% for Greg Dority, 8% for Jim Snyder, and 5% for Timothy Cook.

Elizabeth Dole will easily win renomination to the US Senate. She has an 84-11 edge on challenger Pete DiLauro.

The Republican race for Superintendent is a tossup with 56% of voters still undecided. Former speaker Richard Morgan leads with 19% to 13% and 12% for his opponents.

PPP surveyed 662 likely Republican primary voters on May 3rd and 4th. The survey's margin of error is +/- 3.8%. 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.



Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republican candidates for Governor are Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Bob Orr, Elbie Powers, and Fred Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Bill Graham, press 1. If Pat McCrory, press 2. If Bob Orr, press 3. If Elbie Powers, press 4. If Fred Smith, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6.

Graham..... 6% Powers..... 1%
 McCrory 39% Smith..... 35%
 Orr..... 5% Undecided..... 14%

Q2 The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, and Jim Snyder. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Timothy Cook, press 1. If Greg Dority, press 2. If Robert Pittenger, press 3. If Jim Snyder, press 4. If you're undecided, press 5.

Cook 6%
 Dority 9%
 Pittenger 40%
 Snyder 8%
 Undecided..... 37%

Q3 The candidates for State Superintendent are Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, and Eric Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Joe Johnson, press 1. If Richard Morgan, press 2. If Eric Smith, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Johnson 12%
 Morgan..... 19%
 Smith 13%
 Undecided..... 56%

Q4 The candidates for US Senate are Pete DiLauro and Elizabeth Dole. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Pete DiLauro, press 1. If Elizabeth Dole, press 2. If undecided, press 3.

DiLauro 11%
 Dole 84%
 Undecided..... 5%

Q5 Are you registered as a Republican, or are you registered as unaffiliated? If you are a registered Republican, press 1. If you are registered unaffiliated, press 2.

Republican..... 93%
 Unaffiliated..... 7%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women 46% Men..... 54%

Q7 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 95% Other..... 3%
 Black..... 2%

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 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

18-29..... 7% 46-60..... 46%
 30-45..... 22% Older than 60..... 25%

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 16%
 No..... 84%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Governor			
Graham	6%	6%	11%
McCroy	39%	40%	29%
Orr	5%	4%	9%
Powers	1%	1%	-
Smith	35%	35%	35%
Undecided	14%	14%	15%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	6%	5%	7%
Dority	9%	9%	9%
Pittenger	40%	41%	35%
Snyder	8%	8%	9%
Undecided	37%	37%	40%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Superintendent			
Johnson	12%	12%	11%
Morgan	19%	19%	21%
Smith	13%	13%	14%
Undecided	56%	57%	54%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Senate			
DiLauro	11%	10%	19%
Dole	84%	84%	74%
Undecided	5%	5%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Governor			
Graham	6%	7%	5%
McCroy	39%	37%	41%
Orr	5%	3%	6%
Powers	1%	1%	0%
Smith	35%	34%	36%
Undecided	14%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	6%	5%	6%
Dority	9%	10%	9%
Pittenger	40%	35%	45%
Snyder	8%	6%	9%
Undecided	37%	43%	31%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Superintendent			
Johnson	12%	8%	15%
Morgan	19%	17%	21%
Smith	13%	13%	13%
Undecided	56%	62%	51%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Senate			
DiLauro	11%	9%	13%
Dole	84%	86%	82%
Undecided	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Governor				
Graham	6%	6%	19%	11%
McCroy	39%	40%	25%	27%
Orr	5%	5%	5%	7%
Powers	1%	1%	-	-
Smith	35%	36%	28%	28%
Undecided	14%	14%	23%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Lieutenant Governor				
Cook	6%	5%	4%	17%
Dority	9%	9%	25%	15%
Pittenger	40%	41%	33%	26%
Snyder	8%	8%	5%	11%
Undecided	37%	37%	33%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Superintendent				
Johnson	12%	12%	12%	9%
Morgan	19%	18%	30%	33%
Smith	13%	13%	12%	15%
Undecided	56%	57%	46%	43%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Senate				
DiLauro	11%	11%	9%	16%
Dole	84%	84%	81%	74%
Undecided	5%	5%	9%	10%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Governor					
Graham	6%	12%	7%	6%	3%
McCrary	39%	39%	39%	40%	39%
Orr	5%	4%	8%	4%	2%
Powers	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Smith	35%	20%	29%	37%	42%
Undecided	14%	24%	17%	13%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Lieutenant Governor					
Cook	6%	14%	10%	3%	4%
Dority	9%	14%	10%	10%	7%
Pittenger	40%	24%	30%	44%	46%
Snyder	8%	14%	7%	8%	7%
Undecided	37%	35%	43%	35%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Superintendent					
Johnson	12%	9%	14%	12%	10%
Morgan	19%	24%	18%	20%	15%
Smith	13%	20%	11%	13%	13%
Undecided	56%	47%	57%	55%	62%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Senate					
DiLauro	11%	24%	13%	9%	11%
Dole	84%	65%	81%	88%	83%
Undecided	5%	12%	6%	3%	6%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Governor			
Graham	6%	4%	6%
McCrary	40%	38%	40%
Orr	4%	5%	4%
Powers	1%	2%	1%
Smith	36%	48%	34%
Undecided	13%	4%	15%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	5%	8%	5%
Dority	10%	8%	10%
Pittenger	40%	53%	38%
Snyder	8%	12%	7%
Undecided	37%	18%	40%





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Superintendent			
Johnson	12%	17%	11%
Morgan	19%	26%	18%
Smith	13%	19%	12%
Undecided	56%	38%	60%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Senate			
DiLauro	11%	8%	11%
Dole	84%	90%	83%
Undecided	5%	2%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Governor							
Graham	6%	6%	4%	6%	8%	11%	2%
McCroy	39%	17%	39%	64%	31%	31%	32%
Orr	5%	3%	3%	1%	8%	5%	9%
Powers	1%	2%	-	-	2%	1%	-
Smith	35%	50%	42%	22%	32%	32%	45%
Undecided	14%	22%	12%	7%	19%	20%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Lieutenant Governor							
Cook	6%	2%	5%	6%	8%	7%	3%
Dority	9%	16%	10%	8%	7%	13%	8%
Pittenger	40%	29%	40%	47%	38%	34%	46%
Snyder	8%	10%	13%	5%	7%	8%	4%
Undecided	37%	43%	33%	34%	39%	38%	39%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Superintendent							
Johnson	12%	9%	15%	8%	11%	11%	15%
Morgan	19%	20%	23%	17%	18%	23%	15%
Smith	13%	9%	14%	15%	11%	14%	12%
Undecided	56%	62%	48%	60%	59%	52%	57%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Senate							
DiLauro	11%	12%	17%	11%	10%	8%	9%
Dole	84%	79%	80%	85%	84%	85%	88%
Undecided	5%	9%	4%	5%	6%	6%	3%

