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The Governor's Race in MN-6

Raleigh, N.C. – None of the top candidates for Governor have a positive favorability rating in Minnesota's 6th Congressional District, an indication that one of the lesser known candidates in the field might be able to make a move next year.

Former Senator Norm Coleman has the strongest numbers, at a 41/42 favorability breakdown. Next best is Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak at 29/34, followed by former Democratic Senator Mark Dayton at 25/44, and former Republican legislative leader Marty Seifert at 11/19.

The Republicans hold strong leads over the Democrats, with Coleman up 50-36 on Dayton and 49-36 on Rybak and Seifert leading Dayton 40-33 and Rybak 40-34. MN-6 is the most conservative Congressional district in the state so the broader implications of those numbers is limited. Perhaps the biggest takeaway from the poll is that Coleman's stock is definitely in bad shape if he's viewed negatively in the most Republican friendly part of the state.

Tim Pawlenty is popular in the district with a 52% approval rating to 39% of voters disapproving of him. But there's not much support for a Pawlenty 2012 bid with only 32% saying they would like to see him run for President to 50% who are opposed. Those numbers back up a *Star Tribune* poll in September that found similar attitudes toward the Governor's higher ambitions.

"None of the candidates for Governor have numbers at this point that really light the world on fire," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "In an extremely crowded field there are some big names but they're not shoo ins by any means."

PPP surveyed 719 MN-6 voters from December 17th to 20th. The margin of error is +/- 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.

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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MN-6 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tim Pawlenty's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 52%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q2 Would you like to see Governor Pawlenty run for President in 2012? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 32%
No..... 50%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Norm Coleman? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 41%
Unfavorable 42%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mark Dayton? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 44%
Not Sure..... 31%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of RT Rybak? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 34%
Not Sure..... 37%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Marty Seifert? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 11%
Unfavorable 19%
Not Sure..... 70%

Q7 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Norm Coleman and Democrat Mark Dayton, who would you vote for? If Norm Coleman, press 1. If Mark Dayton, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Coleman 50%
Dayton 36%
Undecided..... 14%

Q8 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Norm Coleman and Democrat RT Rybak, who would you vote for? If Norm Coleman, press 1. If RT Rybak, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Coleman 49%
Rybak 36%
Undecided..... 14%

Q9 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Marty Seifert and Democrat Mark Dayton, who would you vote for? If Marty Seifert, press 1. If Mark Dayton, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Seifert 40%
Dayton 33%
Undecided..... 27%





Q10 If the candidates for Governor next year were Republican Marty Seifert and Democrat RT Rybak, who would you vote for? If Marty Seifert, press 1. If RT Rybak, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Seifert 40%
Rybak 34%
Undecided..... 26%

Q11 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 49%
Obama 39%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 11%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 42%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 27%
Republican..... 36%
Independent/Other..... 38%

Q15 If you are white, press one now. If other, press 2.

White 88%
Other..... 12%

Q16 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..... 9%
30 to 45..... 38%
46 to 65..... 34%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	52%	80%	17%	53%
Disapprove	39%	11%	75%	31%
Not Sure	9%	9%	8%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Pawlenty 2012				
Yes	32%	53%	8%	23%
No	50%	23%	82%	53%
Not Sure	18%	24%	10%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Coleman Favorability				
Favorable	41%	64%	15%	34%
Unfavorable	42%	20%	70%	43%
Not Sure	16%	16%	15%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Dayton Favorability				
Favorable	25%	11%	46%	11%
Unfavorable	44%	63%	20%	51%
Not Sure	31%	26%	35%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Rybak Favorability				
Favorable	29%	14%	51%	17%
Unfavorable	34%	47%	16%	37%
Not Sure	37%	39%	33%	46%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Seifert Favorability				
Favorable	11%	14%	7%	11%
Unfavorable	19%	18%	18%	25%
Not Sure	70%	68%	75%	64%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Coleman/Dayton				
Coleman	50%	83%	10%	47%
Dayton	36%	7%	77%	21%
Undecided	14%	11%	14%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Coleman/Rybak				
Coleman	49%	83%	8%	49%
Rybak	36%	5%	81%	15%
Undecided	14%	12%	11%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Seifert/Dayton				
Seifert	40%	67%	6%	39%
Dayton	33%	8%	69%	17%
Undecided	27%	26%	25%	44%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Seifert/Rybak				
Seifert	40%	68%	5%	40%
Rybak	34%	6%	74%	16%
Undecided	26%	26%	21%	44%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	52%	8%	44%	76%
Disapprove	39%	84%	48%	13%
Not Sure	9%	8%	8%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pawlenty 2012				
Yes	32%	7%	29%	44%
No	50%	85%	58%	28%
Not Sure	18%	8%	13%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Coleman Favorability				
Favorable	41%	10%	33%	61%
Unfavorable	42%	72%	50%	24%
Not Sure	16%	18%	17%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Dayton Favorability				
Favorable	25%	55%	32%	7%
Unfavorable	44%	11%	35%	66%
Not Sure	31%	34%	33%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rybak Favorability				
Favorable	29%	55%	36%	12%
Unfavorable	34%	12%	27%	49%
Not Sure	37%	33%	37%	39%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Seifert Favorability				
Favorable	11%	5%	8%	15%
Unfavorable	19%	22%	18%	19%
Not Sure	70%	73%	73%	66%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Coleman/Dayton				
Coleman	50%	6%	37%	79%
Dayton	36%	82%	47%	8%
Undecided	14%	12%	16%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Coleman/Rybak				
Coleman	49%	4%	36%	79%
Rybak	36%	84%	49%	6%
Undecided	14%	12%	15%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Seifert/Dayton				
Seifert	40%	-	27%	67%
Dayton	33%	82%	41%	8%
Undecided	27%	18%	32%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Seifert/Rybak				
Seifert	40%	3%	27%	68%
Rybak	34%	80%	44%	7%
Undecided	26%	17%	30%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Approval			
Approve	52%	51%	54%
Disapprove	39%	38%	39%
Not Sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty 2012			
Yes	32%	32%	33%
No	50%	49%	50%
Not Sure	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coleman Favorability			
Favorable	41%	41%	42%
Unfavorable	42%	41%	44%
Not Sure	16%	18%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dayton Favorability			
Favorable	25%	28%	21%
Unfavorable	44%	37%	53%
Not Sure	31%	35%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rybak Favorability			
Favorable	29%	31%	26%
Unfavorable	34%	26%	42%
Not Sure	37%	42%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Seifert Favorability			
Favorable	11%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	19%	14%	25%
Not Sure	70%	78%	62%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coleman/Dayton			
Coleman	50%	49%	51%
Dayton	36%	39%	32%
Undecided	14%	12%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Coleman/Rybak			
Coleman	49%	48%	51%
Rybak	36%	38%	34%
Undecided	14%	14%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Seifert/Dayton			
Seifert	40%	36%	43%
Dayton	33%	37%	29%
Undecided	27%	27%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Seifert/Rybak			
Seifert	40%	36%	45%
Rybak	34%	35%	32%
Undecided	26%	28%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Approval				
Approve	52%	15%	79%	53%
Disapprove	39%	76%	12%	38%
Not Sure	9%	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty 2012				
Yes	32%	8%	53%	30%
No	50%	86%	20%	52%
Not Sure	18%	6%	27%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Coleman Favorability				
Favorable	41%	12%	68%	37%
Unfavorable	42%	72%	16%	46%
Not Sure	16%	16%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dayton Favorability				
Favorable	25%	48%	7%	25%
Unfavorable	44%	15%	63%	48%
Not Sure	31%	37%	30%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rybak Favorability				
Favorable	29%	57%	14%	23%
Unfavorable	34%	10%	47%	39%
Not Sure	37%	33%	40%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Seifert Favorability				
Favorable	11%	6%	14%	11%
Unfavorable	19%	17%	19%	20%
Not Sure	70%	77%	67%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Coleman/Dayton				
Coleman	50%	7%	86%	46%
Dayton	36%	82%	6%	31%
Undecided	14%	11%	8%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Coleman/Rybak				
Coleman	49%	6%	87%	45%
Rybak	36%	86%	6%	29%
Undecided	14%	8%	7%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Seifert/Dayton				
Seifert	40%	5%	70%	35%
Dayton	33%	75%	7%	28%
Undecided	27%	20%	23%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Seifert/Rybak				
Seifert	40%	3%	72%	37%
Rybak	34%	83%	6%	25%
Undecided	26%	14%	22%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Pawlenty Approval			
Approve	52%	54%	41%
Disapprove	39%	38%	46%
Not Sure	9%	9%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Pawlenty 2012			
Yes	32%	36%	5%
No	50%	46%	76%
Not Sure	18%	18%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Coleman Favorability			
Favorable	41%	43%	32%
Unfavorable	42%	41%	51%
Not Sure	16%	16%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Dayton Favorability			
Favorable	25%	26%	16%
Unfavorable	44%	44%	49%
Not Sure	31%	30%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Rybak Favorability			
Favorable	29%	29%	30%
Unfavorable	34%	32%	49%
Not Sure	37%	39%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Seifert Favorability			
Favorable	11%	11%	5%
Unfavorable	19%	17%	30%
Not Sure	70%	71%	65%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Coleman/Dayton			
Coleman	50%	51%	41%
Dayton	36%	34%	49%
Undecided	14%	15%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Coleman/Rybak			
Coleman	49%	51%	41%
Rybak	36%	34%	49%
Undecided	14%	15%	11%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Seifert/Dayton			
Seifert	40%	41%	32%
Dayton	33%	31%	46%
Undecided	27%	28%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Seifert/Rybak			
Seifert	40%	41%	35%
Rybak	34%	32%	46%
Undecided	26%	27%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pawlenty Approval					
Approve	52%	51%	55%	52%	47%
Disapprove	39%	41%	36%	39%	42%
Not Sure	9%	8%	8%	9%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pawlenty 2012					
Yes	32%	40%	37%	30%	22%
No	50%	51%	49%	50%	50%
Not Sure	18%	10%	14%	20%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Coleman Favorability					
Favorable	41%	32%	45%	43%	36%
Unfavorable	42%	50%	40%	42%	43%
Not Sure	16%	18%	15%	14%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dayton Favorability					
Favorable	25%	20%	23%	22%	35%
Unfavorable	44%	36%	44%	50%	39%
Not Sure	31%	44%	34%	27%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rybak Favorability					
Favorable	29%	25%	30%	29%	27%
Unfavorable	34%	35%	38%	33%	27%
Not Sure	37%	40%	32%	37%	46%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Seifert Favorability					
Favorable	11%	14%	11%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	19%	15%	20%	22%	14%
Not Sure	70%	71%	70%	70%	72%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Coleman/Dayton					
Coleman	50%	49%	51%	51%	46%
Dayton	36%	33%	33%	36%	44%
Undecided	14%	18%	16%	14%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Coleman/Rybak					
Coleman	49%	46%	52%	49%	46%
Rybak	36%	35%	35%	36%	39%
Undecided	14%	19%	13%	15%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Seifert/Dayton					
Seifert	40%	45%	44%	40%	28%
Dayton	33%	35%	30%	32%	40%
Undecided	27%	20%	26%	28%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Seifert/Rybak					
Seifert	40%	47%	46%	38%	30%
Rybak	34%	31%	34%	33%	37%
Undecided	26%	22%	20%	29%	33%

