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Carnahan leads field for 2010

Raleigh, N.C. – Robin Carnahan leads three possible Republican opponents in hypothetical 2010 Senate faceoffs, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Carnahan leads Congressman Roy Blunt 45-44, former Senator Jim Talent 47-43, and former state Treasurer Sarah Steelman 47-36.

Carnahan also gets the best marks for favorability, with 45% of voters having a positive opinion of her and 36% viewing her unfavorably. Jim Talent's numbers are similar at 45/39. Blunt has the only negative numbers of the quartet of candidates, at 40/43. Sarah Steelman is not as well known as the others, with 35% of respondents saying they have no opinion of her either way.

“If she runs, Robin Carnahan has to be considered the frontrunner for Missouri's open Senate seat in 2010,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “At the same time it's also clear she won't run away with it. Missouri has had some of the most competitive elections in the country over the last decade, and this one could well join that list of closely contested races.”

It may seem curious that Blunt has negative favorables, yet comes closer to Carnahan than Talent does. Therein lies the benefit of being a Congressman. Roughly equal number of Democrats view Talent and Blunt favorably. But while the Democrats who have a positive opinion of Talent still support Carnahan in a contest with him, the Democrats who view Blunt favorably support him over the Secretary of State. Not surprisingly those folks are heavily concentrated in the southwestern part of the state that Blunt has represented in Congress for years. That's the positive side of being able to perform constituent services and the like.

PPP surveyed 867 Missouri voters on January 10th and 11th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.3%. 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.



Missouri Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Secretary of State Robin Carnahan? If you have a favorable opinion, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....45% *Not Sure*.....19%
Unfavorable36%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Senator Jim Talent? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....45%
Unfavorable39%
Not Sure.....15%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Congressman Roy Blunt? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....40%
Unfavorable43%
Not Sure.....17%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of outgoing Republican State Treasurer Sarah Steelman? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....36%
Unfavorable29%
Not Sure.....35%

Q5 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Democrat Robin Carnahan and Republican Jim Talent, who would you vote for? If Robin Carnahan, press 1. If Jim Talent, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Robin Carnahan.....47%
Jim Talent43%
Undecided.....10%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Republican Roy Blunt and Democrat Robin Carnahan, who would you vote for? If Roy Blunt, press 1. If Robin Carnahan, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Roy Blunt.....44%
Robin Carnahan.....45%
Undecided.....11%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Democrat Robin Carnahan and Republican Sarah Steelman, who would you vote for? If Robin Carnahan, press 1. If Sarah Steelman, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Robin Carnahan.....47%
Sarah Steelman36%
Undecided.....17%

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

Women52% *Men*.....48%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat.....38%
Republican.....35%
Other.....27%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If you are Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White84% *Hispanic*.....2%
African American12% *Other*.....2%

Q11 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 than 65, press 4.

18-29.....10% *46-65*.....36%
30-45.....25% *Older than 65*.....29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Carnahan Favorability			
Favorable	45%	46%	44%
Unfavorable	36%	30%	43%
Not Sure	19%	24%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Talent Favorability			
Favorable	45%	43%	48%
Unfavorable	39%	36%	42%
Not Sure	15%	20%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Blunt Favorability			
Favorable	40%	37%	43%
Unfavorable	43%	39%	47%
Not Sure	17%	24%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Steelman Favorability			
Favorable	36%	33%	39%
Unfavorable	29%	26%	32%
Not Sure	35%	41%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Carnahan/Talent			
Robin Carnahan	47%	50%	44%
Jim Talent	43%	39%	47%
Undecided	10%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Blunt/Carnahan			
Roy Blunt	44%	39%	48%
Robin Carnahan	45%	47%	43%
Undecided	11%	14%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Carnahan/Steelman			
Robin Carnahan	47%	48%	46%
Sarah Steelman	36%	32%	40%
Undecided	17%	20%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Carnahan Favorability				
Favorable	45%	76%	15%	40%
Unfavorable	36%	9%	69%	33%
Not Sure	19%	16%	16%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Talent Favorability				
Favorable	45%	15%	78%	48%
Unfavorable	39%	67%	14%	32%
Not Sure	15%	19%	8%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Blunt Favorability				
Favorable	40%	15%	70%	37%
Unfavorable	43%	66%	17%	42%
Not Sure	17%	19%	13%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Steelman Favorability				
Favorable	36%	18%	51%	42%
Unfavorable	29%	47%	18%	19%
Not Sure	35%	35%	31%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Carnahan/Talent				
Robin Carnahan	47%	85%	12%	38%
Jim Talent	43%	7%	83%	42%
Undecided	10%	8%	5%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Blunt/Carnahan				
Roy Blunt	44%	13%	77%	44%
Robin Carnahan	45%	79%	14%	37%
Undecided	11%	8%	9%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Carnahan/Steelman				
Robin Carnahan	47%	85%	13%	38%
Sarah Steelman	36%	6%	69%	36%
Undecided	17%	10%	18%	26%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Carnahan Favorability					
Favorable	45%	46%	43%	30%	44%
Unfavorable	36%	36%	33%	60%	41%
Not Sure	19%	19%	24%	10%	15%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Talent Favorability					
Favorable	45%	47%	35%	60%	39%
Unfavorable	39%	40%	33%	40%	46%
Not Sure	15%	13%	33%	-	15%





Crosstabs

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		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Blunt Favorability					
Favorable	40%	42%	24%	40%	43%
Unfavorable	43%	43%	43%	50%	43%
Not Sure	17%	16%	33%	10%	15%

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		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Steelman Favorability					
Favorable	36%	39%	11%	60%	39%
Unfavorable	29%	28%	35%	30%	39%
Not Sure	35%	33%	54%	10%	22%

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Carnahan/Talent					
Robin Carnahan	47%	46%	54%	40%	46%
Jim Talent	43%	44%	30%	60%	34%
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Not Sure	35%	34%	34%	32%	40%

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