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Republicans looking strong in Alaska

Raleigh, N.C. – For now it doesn't look like Republicans will have much trouble holding onto their Senate and House seats in Alaska this year.

Lisa Murkowski's approval rating is 52%, with 36% of voters in the state disapproving of her. Those are pretty solid numbers in a time when Congress as a whole is quite unpopular. Tested against a generic Democratic opponent Murkowski leads by a dominant 52-25 margin.

Most voters in her party are happy with Murkowski and she also has a 33% approval rating with Democrats, more crossover support than most of her peers benefit from. In a finding that helps sum up the current political climate independent voters actually disapprove of her by a 44/43 margin but she leads 42-27 on the generic ballot with them anyway.

Don Young can't match Murkowski's standing but he looks ok for reelection as well. His approval rating is 43% with 41% of voters expressing unhappiness with his job performance. He has very little support from Democrats at 17%, but continues to have a strong standing within his own party.

Young leads Harry Crawford 49-34, winning 16% of the Democratic vote while Crawford gets just 9% of the GOP vote. Young also leads 41-38 with independents.

"Democrats aren't going to be knocking off many Congressional incumbents in 2010," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "They certainly aren't going to be beating many in Republican states like Alaska."

PPP surveyed 710 Alaska voters on January 27th and 28th. 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.



Alaska Survey Results

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

Approve 37%
Disapprove..... 56%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Lisa Murkowski's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 52%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not Sure..... 12%

Q3 Generally speaking this fall will you vote for Republican Lisa Murkowski or her Democratic opponent? If Lisa Murkowski, press 1. If her Democratic opponent, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Murkowski..... 52%
Generic Dem..... 25%
Undecided..... 23%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Congressman Don Young's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 41%
Not Sure..... 15%

Q5 If the candidates for Congress this fall were Democrat Harry Crawford and Republican Don Young, who would you vote for? If Harry Crawford, press 1. If Don Young, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Crawford..... 34%
Young 49%
Undecided..... 17%

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

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q7 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..... 18%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 50%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 81%
Other..... 19%

Q9 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..... 10%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 47%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	37%	40%	33%
Disapprove	56%	51%	60%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murkowski Approval			
Approve	52%	51%	53%
Disapprove	36%	35%	37%
Not Sure	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murkowski/Generic Dem			
Murkowski	52%	47%	57%
Generic Dem	25%	28%	22%
Undecided	23%	25%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Young Approval			
Approve	43%	37%	50%
Disapprove	41%	45%	37%
Not Sure	15%	18%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Crawford/Young			
Crawford	34%	39%	28%
Young	49%	43%	54%
Undecided	17%	17%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	37%	76%	4%	43%
Disapprove	56%	17%	88%	49%
Not Sure	8%	7%	8%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murkowski Approval				
Approve	52%	33%	77%	43%
Disapprove	36%	56%	13%	44%
Not Sure	12%	11%	10%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murkowski/Generic Dem				
Murkowski	52%	16%	87%	42%
Generic Dem	25%	59%	4%	27%
Undecided	23%	25%	9%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Young Approval				
Approve	43%	19%	67%	37%
Disapprove	41%	66%	17%	48%
Not Sure	15%	16%	17%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Crawford/Young				
Crawford	34%	68%	9%	38%
Young	49%	16%	79%	41%
Undecided	17%	16%	12%	21%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	37%	36%	42%
Disapprove	56%	57%	51%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murkowski Approval			
Approve	52%	53%	51%
Disapprove	36%	36%	36%
Not Sure	12%	11%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murkowski/Generic Dem			
Murkowski	52%	53%	46%
Generic Dem	25%	25%	26%
Undecided	23%	22%	28%

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		White	Other	
Young Approval				
Approve	43%	42%	47%	
Disapprove	41%	42%	39%	
Not Sure	15%	16%	14%	

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Crawford/Young			
Crawford	34%	34%	32%
Young	49%	49%	49%
Undecided	17%	17%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	37%	27%	39%	41%	29%
Disapprove	56%	60%	55%	52%	63%
Not Sure	8%	13%	6%	7%	9%





Crosstabs

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Murkowski Approval					
Approve	52%	51%	53%	50%	57%
Disapprove	36%	31%	37%	40%	30%
Not Sure	12%	18%	10%	10%	13%

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Murkowski/Generic Dem					
Murkowski	52%	50%	51%	50%	58%
Generic Dem	25%	21%	29%	25%	23%
Undecided	23%	29%	20%	25%	19%

	Base	Age			
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Young Approval					
Approve	43%	39%	43%	43%	48%
Disapprove	41%	31%	43%	43%	39%
Not Sure	15%	30%	14%	14%	13%

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Crawford/Young					
Crawford	34%	30%	37%	35%	30%
Young	49%	52%	47%	47%	55%
Undecided	17%	18%	17%	19%	15%

