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Spratt leads Republican opponents

Raleigh, N.C. – It looks like John Spratt will have his toughest challenge in years this fall, but there is some good news for him in a new Public Policy Polling survey of his South Carolina Congressional district as well.

The bad news for Spratt is that President Obama, Congressional Democrats, and the Democratic health care bill are all somewhat unpopular within the confines of SC-5. 49% of voters disapprove of Obama to 46% giving him good marks. 55% of voters disapprove of Congressional Democrats to just 37% giving them positive reviews. And 51% of voters are opposed to the health care plan Spratt voted for in November with only 33% in support.

For all that Spratt still leads opponents Mick Mulvaney and Albert Spencer by margins of 46-39 and 46-37 respectively. Neither of the Republican candidates sport very good favorability numbers with front runner Mulvaney's at a negative 14/24 and 2008 nominee Spencer's at 8/17.

Congressional Republicans are even more unpopular than Congressional Democrats with 58% of voters disapproving of them to 27% supportive. And even though they disagree with his health care vote 47% of Spratt's constituents think he's 'about right' ideologically compared to only 34% who express the belief that he's 'too liberal.'

"John Spratt is going to have to fight for reelection but he's in better shape than a lot of southern Democrats in conservative districts," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Most of his constituents still see him as a centrist, even as they see his Congressional Democratic brethren as too liberal."

PPP conducted survey of 600 SC-5 voters from January 22nd to 24th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4%. 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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SC-5 Survey Results

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

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not Sure..... 5%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Congressman John Spratt's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not Sure..... 18%

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

Favorable..... 14% *Not Sure*..... 62%
Unfavorable..... 24%

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

Favorable..... 8%
Unfavorable 17%
Not Sure..... 75%

Q5 If the candidates for Congress this fall were Democrat John Spratt and Republican Mick Mulvaney, who would you vote for? If John Spratt, press 1. If Mick Mulvaney, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Spratt 46% *Undecided*..... 15%
Mulvaney..... 39%

Q6 If the candidates for Congress this fall were Democrat John Spratt and Republican Albert Spencer, who would you vote for? If John Spratt, press 1. If Albert Spencer, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Spratt.....46% *Undecided*.....17%
Spencer37%

Q7 Do you think that John Spratt is too conservative, too liberal, or about right? If too conservative, press 1. If too liberal, press 2. If about right, press 3. If you're not sure, press 4.

Too Conservative..... 9%
Too Liberal..... 34%
About Right..... 47%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q8 Do you support or oppose the health care bill the House of Representatives passed in November? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Support 33%
Oppose 51%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q9 Do you think that John Spratt voted for or against the health care bill? If you think he voted for it, press 1. If you think he voted against it, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Voted for it 62%
Voted against it..... 9%
Not Sure..... 29%





Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 37%
Disapprove..... 55%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q11 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 27%
Disapprove..... 58%
Not Sure..... 15%

Q12 Do you think that Congressional Democrats are too liberal, too conservative, or about right? If too liberal, press 1. If too conservative, press 2. If about right, press 3.

Too Liberal..... 48%
Too Conservative..... 12%
About Right..... 40%

Q13 Do you think that Congressional Republicans are too liberal, too conservative, or about right? If too liberal, press 1. If too conservative, press 2. If about right, press 3.

Too Liberal..... 23%
Too Conservative..... 34%
About Right..... 43%

Q14 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..... 51%
Obama..... 46%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 3%

Q15 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 12%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 44%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q17 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..... 41%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 23%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 66%
African American 30%
Other..... 4%

Q19 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..... 8%
30 to 45..... 22%
46 to 65..... 49%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	6%	89%	54%
Disapprove	49%	90%	5%	31%
Not Sure	5%	4%	6%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Spratt Approval				
Approve	41%	24%	59%	56%
Disapprove	41%	60%	22%	28%
Not Sure	18%	16%	20%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Mulvaney Favorability				
Favorable	14%	20%	8%	5%
Unfavorable	24%	15%	34%	31%
Not Sure	62%	65%	58%	64%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Spencer Favorability				
Favorable	8%	6%	9%	10%
Unfavorable	17%	14%	21%	15%
Not Sure	75%	79%	70%	74%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Spratt/Mulvaney				
Spratt	46%	17%	78%	46%
Mulvaney	39%	68%	7%	21%
Undecided	15%	15%	15%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Spratt/Spencer				
Spratt	46%	16%	80%	41%
Spencer	37%	66%	7%	21%
Undecided	16%	18%	13%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Spratt Ideology				
Too Conservative	9%	3%	16%	5%
Too Liberal	34%	62%	4%	15%
About Right	47%	24%	72%	56%
Not Sure	10%	11%	8%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Health Care				
Support	33%	3%	69%	10%
Oppose	51%	90%	10%	31%
Not Sure	16%	8%	22%	59%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Spratt Vote				
Voted for it	61%	70%	54%	18%
Voted against it	9%	7%	12%	21%
Not Sure	29%	23%	34%	62%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Congressional Democrats Approval				
Approve	38%	5%	75%	33%
Disapprove	55%	93%	14%	26%
Not Sure	8%	3%	11%	41%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Congressional Republicans Approval				
Approve	28%	48%	5%	26%
Disapprove	58%	37%	81%	49%
Not Sure	15%	15%	13%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Congressional Democrats Ideology				
Too Liberal	48%	83%	12%	20%
Too Conservative	12%	6%	19%	10%
About Right	40%	12%	69%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Congressional Republicans Ideology				
Too Liberal	22%	25%	21%	5%
Too Conservative	35%	12%	59%	44%
About Right	43%	63%	20%	51%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	67%	66%	19%
Disapprove	49%	24%	28%	77%
Not Sure	5%	10%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Spratt Approval				
Approve	41%	54%	56%	21%
Disapprove	42%	24%	28%	61%
Not Sure	18%	22%	15%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mulvaney Favorability				
Favorable	14%	8%	13%	17%
Unfavorable	24%	35%	28%	18%
Not Sure	62%	57%	60%	65%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Spencer Favorability				
Favorable	8%	9%	10%	5%
Unfavorable	17%	26%	18%	14%
Not Sure	75%	65%	72%	80%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Spratt/Mulvaney				
Spratt	46%	69%	66%	19%
Mulvaney	39%	16%	20%	64%
Undecided	15%	14%	14%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Spratt/Spencer				
Spratt	46%	69%	66%	20%
Spencer	37%	15%	19%	61%
Undecided	17%	16%	14%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Spratt Ideology				
Too Conservative	9%	28%	12%	0%
Too Liberal	34%	9%	16%	59%
About Right	47%	58%	62%	29%
Not Sure	10%	6%	10%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	33%	54%	50%	11%
Oppose	51%	20%	31%	79%
Not Sure	16%	26%	19%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Spratt Vote				
Voted for it	62%	58%	59%	66%
Voted against it	9%	14%	8%	8%
Not Sure	29%	28%	33%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Democrats Approval				
Approve	37%	64%	51%	16%
Disapprove	55%	25%	38%	80%
Not Sure	8%	12%	11%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Republicans Approval				
Approve	27%	14%	19%	39%
Disapprove	58%	69%	68%	45%
Not Sure	15%	17%	13%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Democrats Ideology				
Too Liberal	48%	17%	30%	76%
Too Conservative	12%	28%	14%	5%
About Right	40%	55%	56%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Republicans Ideology				
Too Liberal	23%	18%	16%	31%
Too Conservative	34%	58%	50%	13%
About Right	43%	23%	34%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	46%	53%	37%
Disapprove	49%	40%	59%
Not Sure	5%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spratt Approval			
Approve	41%	47%	33%
Disapprove	42%	31%	54%
Not Sure	18%	22%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mulvaney Favorability			
Favorable	14%	12%	16%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	27%
Not Sure	62%	66%	56%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spencer Favorability			
Favorable	8%	8%	8%
Unfavorable	17%	15%	21%
Not Sure	75%	78%	72%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spratt/Mulvaney			
Spratt	46%	55%	36%
Mulvaney	39%	29%	50%
Undecided	15%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spratt/Spencer			
Spratt	46%	54%	38%
Spencer	37%	29%	47%
Undecided	17%	17%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spratt Ideology			
Too Conservative	9%	9%	8%
Too Liberal	34%	24%	46%
About Right	47%	57%	35%
Not Sure	10%	10%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	33%	36%	30%
Oppose	51%	44%	59%
Not Sure	16%	20%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Spratt Vote			
Voted for it	62%	56%	68%
Voted against it	9%	9%	10%
Not Sure	29%	35%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Democrats Approval			
Approve	37%	43%	31%
Disapprove	55%	48%	62%
Not Sure	8%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Republicans Approval			
Approve	27%	25%	30%
Disapprove	58%	57%	58%
Not Sure	15%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Democrats Ideology			
Too Liberal	48%	36%	62%
Too Conservative	12%	15%	8%
About Right	40%	49%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Republicans Ideology			
Too Liberal	23%	18%	28%
Too Conservative	34%	39%	29%
About Right	43%	42%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	86%	10%	27%
Disapprove	49%	9%	86%	64%
Not Sure	5%	5%	3%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spratt Approval				
Approve	41%	57%	23%	38%
Disapprove	42%	25%	59%	47%
Not Sure	18%	19%	18%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Mulvaney Favorability				
Favorable	14%	8%	21%	15%
Unfavorable	24%	35%	12%	22%
Not Sure	62%	56%	67%	63%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spencer Favorability				
Favorable	8%	10%	7%	5%
Unfavorable	17%	23%	13%	15%
Not Sure	75%	68%	80%	79%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spratt/Mulvaney				
Spratt	46%	77%	14%	38%
Mulvaney	39%	7%	71%	47%
Undecided	15%	16%	14%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spratt/Spencer				
Spratt	46%	78%	13%	39%
Spencer	37%	6%	70%	43%
Undecided	17%	16%	17%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spratt Ideology				
Too Conservative	9%	15%	6%	2%
Too Liberal	34%	5%	60%	47%
About Right	47%	71%	21%	42%
Not Sure	10%	8%	13%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	33%	66%	6%	16%
Oppose	51%	12%	87%	66%
Not Sure	16%	22%	7%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Spratt Vote				
Voted for it	62%	51%	68%	70%
Voted against it	9%	13%	7%	6%
Not Sure	29%	36%	25%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Democrats Approval				
Approve	37%	77%	6%	15%
Disapprove	55%	14%	92%	71%
Not Sure	8%	9%	2%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Republicans Approval				
Approve	27%	4%	56%	24%
Disapprove	58%	81%	32%	55%
Not Sure	15%	15%	11%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Democrats Ideology				
Too Liberal	48%	12%	80%	64%
Too Conservative	12%	19%	6%	8%
About Right	40%	69%	14%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Republicans Ideology				
Too Liberal	23%	19%	27%	22%
Too Conservative	34%	57%	13%	27%
About Right	43%	24%	60%	50%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	46%	26%	89%	48%
Disapprove	49%	68%	7%	44%
Not Sure	5%	6%	5%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Spratt Approval				
Approve	41%	35%	53%	39%
Disapprove	42%	48%	30%	32%
Not Sure	18%	17%	17%	29%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Mulvaney Favorability				
Favorable	14%	18%	8%	7%
Unfavorable	24%	19%	35%	29%
Not Sure	62%	64%	57%	64%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Spencer Favorability				
Favorable	8%	7%	9%	14%
Unfavorable	17%	14%	25%	21%
Not Sure	75%	80%	66%	66%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Spratt/Mulvaney				
Spratt	46%	33%	74%	39%
Mulvaney	39%	53%	9%	29%
Undecided	15%	13%	17%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Spratt/Spencer				
Spratt	46%	32%	78%	32%
Spencer	37%	51%	7%	36%
Undecided	17%	16%	15%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Spratt Ideology				
Too Conservative	9%	5%	18%	3%
Too Liberal	34%	47%	6%	28%
About Right	47%	38%	67%	52%
Not Sure	10%	10%	9%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Health Care				
Support	33%	18%	68%	25%
Oppose	51%	70%	11%	43%
Not Sure	16%	13%	20%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Spratt Vote				
Voted for it	62%	67%	52%	50%
Voted against it	9%	7%	14%	7%
Not Sure	29%	26%	34%	43%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Congressional Democrats Approval				
Approve	37%	19%	78%	29%
Disapprove	55%	73%	15%	50%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Congressional Republicans Approval				
Approve	27%	37%	7%	14%
Disapprove	58%	47%	82%	55%
Not Sure	15%	16%	11%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Congressional Democrats Ideology				
Too Liberal	48%	64%	15%	45%
Too Conservative	12%	8%	20%	17%
About Right	40%	28%	66%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Congressional Republicans Ideology				
Too Liberal	23%	21%	28%	21%
Too Conservative	34%	28%	49%	38%
About Right	43%	52%	23%	41%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	46%	56%	44%	47%	40%
Disapprove	49%	25%	53%	50%	53%
Not Sure	5%	19%	3%	3%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spratt Approval					
Approve	41%	39%	40%	40%	42%
Disapprove	42%	32%	45%	43%	41%
Not Sure	18%	30%	15%	17%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mulvaney Favorability					
Favorable	14%	8%	16%	14%	15%
Unfavorable	24%	27%	25%	25%	21%
Not Sure	62%	65%	59%	61%	64%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spencer Favorability					
Favorable	8%	16%	4%	8%	6%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	19%	16%	19%
Not Sure	75%	66%	77%	75%	75%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spratt/Mulvaney					
Spratt	46%	57%	42%	44%	49%
Mulvaney	39%	31%	45%	39%	36%
Undecided	15%	13%	13%	17%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spratt/Spencer					
Spratt	46%	54%	44%	46%	45%
Spencer	37%	34%	41%	36%	39%
Undecided	17%	12%	16%	18%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spratt Ideology					
Too Conservative	9%	9%	12%	9%	5%
Too Liberal	34%	20%	37%	34%	36%
About Right	47%	52%	39%	48%	52%
Not Sure	10%	18%	13%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	33%	45%	32%	35%	26%
Oppose	51%	30%	54%	52%	54%
Not Sure	16%	25%	14%	13%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Spratt Vote					
Voted for it	62%	52%	58%	65%	62%
Voted against it	9%	19%	10%	8%	6%
Not Sure	29%	30%	32%	26%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Democrats Approval					
Approve	37%	55%	30%	39%	34%
Disapprove	55%	34%	60%	54%	58%
Not Sure	8%	12%	10%	6%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Republicans Approval					
Approve	27%	21%	33%	24%	30%
Disapprove	58%	61%	54%	62%	51%
Not Sure	15%	18%	13%	14%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Democrats Ideology					
Too Liberal	48%	28%	50%	51%	49%
Too Conservative	12%	25%	11%	12%	6%
About Right	40%	48%	38%	37%	46%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Republicans Ideology					
Too Liberal	23%	33%	26%	22%	17%
Too Conservative	34%	36%	37%	36%	27%
About Right	43%	31%	37%	42%	56%

