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DeMint holds solid lead for reelection

Raleigh, N.C. – Jim DeMint’s poll numbers aren’t great but with an opponent who’s currently an unknown and President Obama unpopular in the state he leads by 19 points in his bid for a second term in the Senate.

43% of voters in the state approve of the job DeMint is doing with 36% disapproving. His reviews are as polarized as you would expect them to be. 67% of Republicans approve of him with 15% disapproving, while only 14% of Democrats like him with 59% disapproving. Independents are split right down the middle at 42%.

Vic Rawl, DeMint’s likely general election opponent, is currently an unknown to 82% of voters in the state. DeMint leads him 49-30. Those numbers are likely to tighten since 30% of Democrats are undecided while only 11% of Republicans are. But DeMint does enjoy a 48-27 advantage with independents.

Voters do appear to be pushing back some against DeMint’s increasing role in the national spotlight. 39% of voters think he’s not spending enough of his time advocating for South Carolina in the Senate while 38% think the amount he’s spending is about right.

There’s little support in the state for DeMint making a 2012 Presidential run. Only 15% of voters would like to see him aim for the White House while 56% are opposed to a bid and 29% have no opinion. Even among Republicans only 24% want him to go for President.

“Jim DeMint is in a pretty solid position for reelection,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The race should end up closer than it looks right now but he’s already close to hitting that 50% mark.”

PPP surveyed 1,255 South Carolina voters, with a margin of error of +/-2.8%, from May 22nd to 23rd. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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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South Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support..... 41%
Oppose..... 51%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Jim DeMint's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not Sure..... 21%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Vic Rawl?

Favorable..... 5%
Unfavorable 14%
Not Sure..... 82%

Q5 The candidates for US Senate are Republican Jim DeMint and Democrat Vic Rawl. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Jim DeMint..... 49%
Vic Rawl..... 30%
Undecided..... 21%

Q6 Do you think that Jim DeMint should run for President in 2012?

Yes 15%
No..... 56%
Not sure 29%

Q7 Do you think Jim DeMint spends too much, not enough, or about the right amount of time advocating for South Carolina in the US Senate?

Too much..... 6%
Not enough 39%
About right 38%
Not sure..... 17%

Q8 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 52%
Barack Obama..... 43%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 5%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 12%
Moderate..... 40%
Conservative..... 48%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q11 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..... 35%
Republican..... 43%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q12 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 74%
African-American 23%
Other..... 3%





Q13 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.....	22%
46 to 65.....	47%
Older than 65.....	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	5%	90%	32%
Disapprove	51%	89%	5%	55%
Not Sure	6%	6%	5%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Health Care				
Support	41%	6%	87%	21%
Oppose	51%	89%	4%	52%
Not Sure	8%	5%	9%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
DeMint Approval				
Approve	43%	67%	13%	47%
Disapprove	36%	14%	64%	36%
Not Sure	21%	19%	23%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Raw Favorability				
Favorable	5%	3%	6%	5%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	18%	18%
Not Sure	82%	87%	76%	76%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
DeMint/Rawl				
Jim DeMint	49%	83%	9%	43%
Vic Rawl	30%	5%	61%	21%
Undecided	21%	12%	30%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
DeMint President				
Yes	15%	24%	3%	20%
No	56%	41%	76%	41%
Not sure	29%	36%	21%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
DeMint Focus on SC				
Too much	6%	5%	7%	12%
Not enough	39%	26%	56%	28%
About right	38%	57%	16%	32%
Not sure	17%	12%	21%	28%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	91%	63%	15%
Disapprove	51%	9%	28%	80%
Not Sure	6%	-	8%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	41%	85%	61%	14%
Oppose	51%	5%	27%	82%
Not Sure	8%	9%	11%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
DeMint Approval				
Approve	43%	8%	25%	67%
Disapprove	36%	65%	54%	14%
Not Sure	21%	27%	20%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rawl Favorability				
Favorable	5%	7%	5%	3%
Unfavorable	14%	16%	18%	10%
Not Sure	82%	76%	77%	87%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
DeMint/Rawl				
Jim DeMint	49%	13%	25%	79%
Vic Rawl	30%	68%	44%	9%
Undecided	21%	19%	31%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
DeMint President				
Yes	15%	4%	6%	24%
No	56%	83%	70%	37%
Not sure	29%	12%	24%	38%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
DeMint Focus on SC				
Too much	6%	12%	5%	6%
Not enough	39%	51%	49%	27%
About right	38%	13%	25%	55%
Not sure	17%	25%	21%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	51%	35%
Disapprove	51%	44%	59%
Not Sure	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	41%	47%	35%
Oppose	51%	43%	59%
Not Sure	8%	10%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
DeMint Approval			
Approve	43%	37%	50%
Disapprove	36%	35%	38%
Not Sure	21%	28%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rawl Favorability			
Favorable	5%	3%	6%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	16%
Not Sure	82%	85%	78%

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		Woman	Man
DeMint/Rawl			
Jim DeMint	49%	43%	56%
Vic Rawl	30%	32%	28%
Undecided	21%	25%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
DeMint President			
Yes	15%	13%	16%
No	56%	54%	59%
Not sure	29%	33%	25%





Crosstabs

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DeMint Focus on SC			
Too much	6%	7%	6%
Not enough	39%	37%	41%
About right	38%	33%	44%
Not sure	17%	24%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	90%	9%	35%
Disapprove	51%	6%	87%	52%
Not Sure	6%	4%	4%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	41%	84%	8%	39%
Oppose	51%	6%	88%	51%
Not Sure	8%	10%	5%	10%

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DeMint Approval				
Approve	43%	14%	67%	42%
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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeMint/Raw I				
Jim DeMint	49%	10%	82%	48%
Vic Raw I	30%	60%	7%	27%
Undecided	21%	30%	11%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeMint President				
Yes	15%	2%	24%	16%
No	56%	75%	39%	60%
Not sure	29%	22%	37%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeMint Focus on SC				
Too much	6%	9%	6%	2%
Not enough	39%	56%	25%	38%
About right	38%	13%	57%	40%
Not sure	17%	21%	12%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	28%	90%	66%
Disapprove	51%	66%	5%	34%
Not Sure	6%	6%	5%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Health Care				
Support	41%	27%	85%	59%
Oppose	51%	66%	5%	34%
Not Sure	8%	7%	10%	7%

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Approve	43%	51%	21%	21%
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Rawl Favorability				
Favorable	5%	5%	3%	14%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	23%	17%
Not Sure	82%	85%	73%	69%





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Disapprove	51%	33%	53%	49%	60%
Not Sure	6%	2%	4%	7%	7%





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