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## **Sink, Crist would rout Scott**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Already the least popular governor in the country when PPP last polled Florida in March, Rick Scott has slid even further in the public's eyes. Then 32% approved and 55% disapproved. Now, 33% approve and 59% disapprove. His entire decline has been with independents. According to exit polls, they favored him over Democrat Alex Sink by eight points last November, but their assessment of his job performance has sunk from an already abysmal 31-54 to 27-64, a decline of 14 points in three months and 29 points lower than his victory margin with them.

Sink's advantage in a hypothetical do-over of last fall's election, which she lost by just over one point, has grown by a corresponding three points since the previous survey. Sink would rout Scott today, 57-35, up from 56-37 in March. Independents favor the Democrat, 55-33, but Scott's decline on this measure has come with the GOP, who would only side with him, 68-23, versus 73-21 in March and 88-10 in November.

Scott's standing is so poor that 40% of this swing state's voters say his actions as governor will make them less likely to support the Republicans' presidential nominee next year. Only 26% say they will make them more likely. Most crucially, independents say by a 45-18 margin that Scott has turned them off from GOP candidates in general.

Voters also say they would vote for ex-governor Charlie Crist to return to office as a Democrat, 56-34 over Scott. Independents would favor Crist, 62-30. Voters are pretty warm to the idea of Crist running as a Democrat, with 43% saying he should join that party to 26% saying he should not. Democrats are most supportive of it, 46-18.

"If Charlie Crist has a future in electoral politics it's probably as a Democrat," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "And while he would trounce Rick Scott the reality is that so would a ham sandwich as the Governor continues to become more and more unpopular."

PPP surveyed 848 Florida voters from June 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



## Florida Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Rick Scott's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 33%  
*Disapprove*..... 59%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q2** If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Republican Rick Scott or Democrat Alex Sink?

*Rick Scott*..... 35%  
*Alex Sink*..... 57%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q3** Have Rick Scott's actions as Governor made it more or less likely that you'll vote for a Republican for President next year, or has it not made a difference?

*More likely*..... 26%  
*Less likely* ..... 40%  
*Hasn't made a difference* ..... 34%

**Q4** Do you think Charlie Crist should become a Democrat or not?

*He should*..... 43%  
*He should not*..... 26%  
*Not sure* ..... 31%

**Q5** If the candidates for Governor next time were Republican Rick Scott and Charlie Crist, running as a Democrat, who would you vote for?

*Rick Scott*..... 34%  
*Charlie Crist*..... 56%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q6** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

*John McCain*..... 45%  
*Barack Obama*..... 48%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 7%

**Q7** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 10%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 17%  
*Moderate*..... 30%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 23%  
*Very conservative* ..... 20%

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

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man*..... 47%

**Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 42%  
*Republican*..... 36%  
*Independent/Other*..... 21%

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

*Hispanic*..... 11%  
*White* ..... 69%  
*African-American* ..... 15%  
*Other*..... 5%

**Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 12%  
*30 to 45*..... 28%  
*46 to 65*..... 33%  
*Older than 65*..... 27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Scott Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>33%</b>	62%	8%	19%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>59%</b>	27%	88%	64%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	11%	4%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Scott/Sink Re-do</b>				
<b>Rick Scott</b>	<b>35%</b>	67%	8%	26%
<b>Alex Sink</b>	<b>57%</b>	23%	90%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	10%	3%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Scott Made You More/Less Likely to Support GOP Pres Nom?</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	<b>26%</b>	39%	16%	21%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>40%</b>	18%	61%	35%
<b>Hasn't made a difference</b>	<b>34%</b>	44%	23%	45%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Should Crist Become a Dem?</b>				
<b>He should</b>	<b>42%</b>	34%	51%	40%
<b>He should not</b>	<b>26%</b>	34%	21%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>32%</b>	32%	28%	47%





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<b>Scott/Crist</b>				
<b>Rick Scott</b>	34%	66%	6%	28%
<b>Charlie Crist</b>	56%	23%	88%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	11%	7%	23%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	33%	4%	17%	21%	40%	72%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	96%	78%	71%	47%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	-	6%	8%	13%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott/Sink Re-do</b>						
<b>Rick Scott</b>	35%	5%	16%	22%	43%	80%
<b>Alex Sink</b>	57%	93%	82%	70%	41%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	2%	3%	8%	17%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott Made You More/Less Likely to Support GOP Pres Nom?</b>						
<b>More likely</b>	26%	14%	17%	18%	28%	51%
<b>Less likely</b>	40%	66%	51%	51%	31%	11%
<b>Hasn't made a difference</b>	34%	21%	32%	31%	41%	37%





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<b>Should Crist Become a Dem?</b>						
<b>He should</b>	43%	56%	45%	42%	33%	47%
<b>He should not</b>	26%	18%	26%	26%	29%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	31%	26%	29%	32%	38%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott/Crist</b>						
<b>Rick Scott</b>	34%	9%	10%	22%	43%	77%
<b>Charlie Crist</b>	56%	80%	78%	73%	42%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	11%	12%	5%	15%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Scott Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	33%	29%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	62%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Scott/Sink Re-do</b>			
<b>Rick Scott</b>	35%	32%	39%
<b>Alex Sink</b>	57%	60%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	8%	7%





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<b>Hasn't made a difference</b>	34%	36%	32%

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<b>Should Crist Become a Dem ?</b>			
<b>He should</b>	42%	40%	45%
<b>He should not</b>	26%	22%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	32%	38%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Scott/Crist</b>			
<b>Rick Scott</b>	34%	28%	41%
<b>Charlie Crist</b>	56%	60%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	12%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Scott Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	33%	10%	63%	27%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	82%	30%	64%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	8%	8%	9%





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<b>Scott/Sink Re-do</b>				
<b>Rick Scott</b>	35%	8%	68%	33%
<b>Alex Sink</b>	57%	87%	23%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	5%	9%	12%

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<b>Scott Made You More/Less Likely to Support GOP Pres Nom ?</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	26%	17%	43%	18%
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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Scott/Crist</b>				
<b>Rick Scott</b>	34%	7%	68%	30%
<b>Charlie Crist</b>	56%	81%	24%	62%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	11%	9%	8%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Scott Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>33%</b>	28%	40%	4%	27%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>59%</b>	69%	50%	90%	63%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	3%	9%	6%	11%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Scott/Sink Re-do</b>					
<b>Rick Scott</b>	<b>35%</b>	19%	45%	3%	27%
<b>Alex Sink</b>	<b>57%</b>	69%	47%	95%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	12%	8%	2%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Scott Made You More/Less Likely to Support GOP Pres Nom?</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	<b>26%</b>	11%	31%	17%	30%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>40%</b>	46%	33%	70%	25%
<b>Hasn't made a difference</b>	<b>34%</b>	43%	36%	13%	45%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
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<b>He should</b>	<b>43%</b>	44%	38%	56%	62%
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<b>Not sure</b>	<b>31%</b>	39%	32%	25%	31%







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<b>Not sure</b>	10%	17%	9%	6%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Scott Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	33%	21%	33%	31%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	74%	61%	62%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	6%	6%	8%	12%

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<b>Scott/Sink Re-do</b>					
<b>Rick Scott</b>	35%	18%	29%	36%	49%
<b>Alex Sink</b>	57%	71%	62%	59%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	12%	10%	5%	8%

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<b>He should not</b>	<b>26%</b>	18%	24%	24%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>31%</b>	29%	29%	32%	35%

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<b>Rick Scott</b>	<b>34%</b>	24%	29%	34%	45%
<b>Charlie Crist</b>	<b>56%</b>	65%	64%	57%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	12%	7%	10%	11%

