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Klobuchar dominates in early re-election test

Raleigh, N.C. – In the almost six months since PPP last took a look at Amy Klobuchar’s bid for a second term, the Minnesota Senator has become even more popular, now the fourth or fifth best liked senator of 80 on which PPP has polled in the last year and a half. A whopping 61% of the state’s voters approve of her job performance, and only 28% disapprove, up slightly from a 59-29 spread in early December. She has improved slightly with Democrats, Republicans, and independents alike. 28% of the opposing party and 62% of independents like the work she is doing.

Against five potential opponents, Klobuchar does not retain even half that Republican support, but still gets a healthy 8-12% of crossover votes, and keeps almost all the approving independents in her stable (49-57%) while locking up 94-97% of her own party, more than actually approve. She leads former Governor Tim Pawlenty, 54-41; Rep. Michele Bachmann, 57-37; 2010 Attorney General nominee Chris Barden, 57-30; State Sen. Dave Thompson, 55-28; and the only announced candidate so far, former State Rep. Dan Severson, 56-28. Klobuchar’s leads against Pawlenty and Bachmann are both three points larger than in December. The others were not tested then.

Barden, Severson, and Thompson are almost complete unknowns, so they leave a lot of Republicans and independents on the fence. But Pawlenty and Bachmann are household names, and the fact that Klobuchar earns 54-57% of the vote regardless of her opponent suggests her floor is probably not much lower than that. Neither Pawlenty (40% favorable, 53% unfavorable) nor Bachmann (33-59) seem likely to challenge Klobuchar, with Pawlenty already in the presidential race and Bachmann likely to join him next Monday. Yesterday’s release showed that most of the state’s voters want them running for neither President nor Senate.

“Amy Klobuchar looks like a shoo-in at this point,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,179 Minnesota voters from May 27th to 30th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.9%. 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.



Minnesota Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?

Favorable 33% *Not sure* 8%
Unfavorable..... 59%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Pawlenty?

Favorable 40% *Not sure* 7%
Unfavorable..... 53%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Amy Klobuchar's job performance?

Approve 61%
Disapprove..... 28%
Not sure 11%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chris Barden?

Favorable 4% *Not sure* 82%
Unfavorable..... 14%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Severson?

Favorable 8% *Not sure* 79%
Unfavorable..... 13%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dave Thompson?

Favorable 7% *Not sure* 82%
Unfavorable..... 11%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Michele Bachmann, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 57%
Michele Bachmann 37%
Undecided..... 5%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Chris Barden, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 57%
Chris Barden..... 30%
Undecided..... 13%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Tim Pawlenty, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 54%
Tim Pawlenty 41%
Undecided..... 5%

Q10 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Dan Severson, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 56%
Dan Severson 28%
Undecided..... 16%

Q11 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Republican Dave Thompson, who would you vote for?

Amy Klobuchar 55%
Dave Thompson 28%
Undecided..... 17%

Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 52%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%





Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	11%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	20%
<i>Moderate</i>	29%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	25%
<i>Very conservative</i>	15%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	50%
<i>Man</i>	50%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	38%
<i>Republican</i>	31%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	31%

Q16 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	92%
<i>Other</i>	8%

Q17 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	30%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	33%	66%	6%	37%
Unfavorable	59%	23%	88%	56%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%	7%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	40%	73%	12%	49%
Unfavorable	53%	18%	83%	38%
Not sure	7%	8%	5%	13%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Klobuchar Approval				
Approve	61%	30%	88%	46%
Disapprove	28%	55%	6%	32%
Not sure	11%	16%	6%	22%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Barden Favorability				
Favorable	4%	6%	3%	4%
Unfavorable	14%	9%	17%	12%
Not sure	82%	85%	80%	84%





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Severson Favorability				
Favorable	8%	12%	3%	12%
Unfavorable	13%	8%	18%	8%
Not sure	79%	80%	79%	80%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Thomson Favorability				
Favorable	7%	10%	4%	6%
Unfavorable	11%	7%	15%	7%
Not sure	82%	83%	80%	87%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
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Klobuchar/Bachmann				
Amy Klobuchar	57%	16%	92%	38%
Michele Bachmann	37%	77%	4%	49%
Undecided	5%	6%	4%	13%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Klobuchar/Barden				
Amy Klobuchar	57%	15%	93%	32%
Chris Barden	30%	66%	2%	36%
Undecided	13%	19%	5%	33%





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Klobuchar/Pawlenty				
Amy Klobuchar	54%	12%	90%	33%
Tim Pawlenty	41%	84%	6%	53%
Undecided	5%	4%	4%	14%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Klobuchar/Severson				
Amy Klobuchar	56%	13%	93%	32%
Dan Severson	28%	62%	1%	31%
Undecided	16%	25%	6%	38%

	Base	2008 Pres Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Klobuchar/Thompson				
Amy Klobuchar	55%	12%	92%	30%
Dave Thompson	28%	61%	2%	29%
Undecided	17%	27%	6%	41%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	33%	2%	6%	14%	58%	85%
Unfavorable	59%	94%	90%	77%	29%	10%
Not sure	8%	3%	4%	9%	13%	5%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Pawlenty Favorability						
Favorable	40%	4%	11%	28%	72%	75%
Unfavorable	53%	95%	84%	63%	22%	13%
Not sure	7%	1%	5%	8%	6%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar Approval						
Approve	61%	84%	88%	76%	41%	13%
Disapprove	28%	11%	6%	13%	41%	74%
Not sure	11%	5%	7%	11%	17%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Barden Favorability						
Favorable	4%	7%	2%	3%	3%	8%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	21%	15%	9%	8%
Not sure	82%	79%	78%	82%	88%	84%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Severson Favorability						
Favorable	8%	6%	4%	4%	8%	19%
Unfavorable	13%	16%	18%	16%	8%	6%
Not sure	79%	78%	78%	80%	83%	75%





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Thompson Favorability						
Favorable	7%	6%	6%	3%	9%	13%
Unfavorable	11%	15%	15%	15%	8%	4%
Not sure	82%	80%	79%	83%	83%	83%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Bachmann						
Amy Klobuchar	57%	89%	91%	76%	26%	5%
Michele Bachmann	37%	7%	6%	15%	69%	92%
Undecided	5%	4%	2%	10%	5%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Barden						
Amy Klobuchar	57%	90%	93%	73%	26%	5%
Chris Barden	30%	6%	3%	12%	53%	82%
Undecided	13%	4%	4%	14%	21%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Pawlenty						
Amy Klobuchar	54%	94%	90%	71%	17%	5%
Tim Pawlenty	41%	4%	8%	21%	77%	93%
Undecided	5%	1%	2%	8%	6%	2%





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Klobuchar/Severson						
Amy Klobuchar	56%	90%	92%	73%	23%	4%
Dan Severson	28%	6%	4%	10%	49%	78%
Undecided	16%	4%	4%	17%	28%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Klobuchar/Thompson						
Amy Klobuchar	55%	90%	91%	71%	21%	6%
Dave Thompson	28%	5%	4%	10%	48%	78%
Undecided	17%	4%	5%	19%	31%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bachmann Favorability			
Favorable	33%	28%	38%
Unfavorable	59%	62%	57%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pawlenty Favorability			
Favorable	40%	37%	43%
Unfavorable	53%	55%	52%
Not sure	7%	9%	5%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar Approval			
Approve	61%	67%	56%
Disapprove	28%	20%	35%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barden Favorability			
Favorable	4%	3%	5%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	15%
Not sure	82%	84%	80%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Severson Favorability			
Favorable	8%	6%	9%
Unfavorable	13%	11%	16%
Not sure	79%	84%	75%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Thomson Favorability			
Favorable	7%	5%	9%
Unfavorable	11%	10%	12%
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Klobuchar/Bachmann			
Amy Klobuchar	57%	63%	51%
Michele Bachmann	37%	32%	43%
Undecided	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Klobuchar/Barden			
Amy Klobuchar	57%	62%	52%
Chris Barden	30%	26%	34%
Undecided	13%	12%	13%

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Klobuchar/Pawlenty			
Amy Klobuchar	54%	59%	49%
Tim Pawlenty	41%	36%	47%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%

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Klobuchar/Severson			
Amy Klobuchar	56%	60%	51%
Dan Severson	28%	24%	33%
Undecided	16%	16%	16%





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Klobuchar/Thompson			
Amy Klobuchar	55%	58%	52%
Dave Thompson	28%	23%	33%
Undecided	17%	19%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	33%	4%	71%	30%
Unfavorable	59%	89%	21%	61%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pawlenty Favorability				
Favorable	40%	8%	79%	42%
Unfavorable	53%	90%	14%	48%
Not sure	7%	3%	7%	11%

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Approve	61%	88%	28%	62%
Disapprove	28%	6%	54%	27%
Not sure	11%	6%	18%	11%





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Favorable	8%	5%	12%	7%
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Undecided	5%	3%	5%	9%





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Undecided	13%	3%	18%	19%

	Base	Party		
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Klobuchar/Pawlenty				
Amy Klobuchar	54%	96%	8%	49%
Tim Pawlenty	41%	3%	89%	42%
Undecided	5%	2%	3%	10%

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Unfavorable	59%	60%	49%
Not sure	8%	8%	6%

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Pawlenty Favorability			
Favorable	40%	40%	40%
Unfavorable	53%	53%	52%
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Approve	61%	62%	54%
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Not sure	11%	11%	10%

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Barden Favorability			
Favorable	4%	4%	7%
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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Favorable	40%	42%	43%	39%	37%
Unfavorable	53%	51%	51%	55%	56%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%

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Barden Favorability					
Favorable	4%	12%	3%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	11%	11%	21%
Not sure	82%	74%	86%	86%	76%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Severson Favorability					
Favorable	8%	16%	6%	6%	6%
Unfavorable	13%	16%	12%	10%	18%
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Thomson Favorability					
Favorable	7%	11%	4%	9%	5%
Unfavorable	11%	16%	9%	9%	15%
Not sure	82%	74%	86%	82%	80%

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Klobuchar/Bachmann					
Amy Klobuchar	57%	58%	57%	56%	58%
Michele Bachmann	37%	37%	36%	38%	38%
Undecided	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%

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