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Oxendine Leads GOP Race For Governor Baker and Barnes Are Top Democratic Picks

Atlanta, GA/April 22, 2009 – Strategic Vision, LLC, a public relations and public affairs agency, announced the results of a three-day poll of 800 likely Georgia voters. The poll has a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points. In the poll, 368 (46%) Republican voters were surveyed; with 328 (41%) Democratic voters surveyed; and 104 (13%) Independents and other party affiliation polled.

When asked if they approved or disapproved of Governor Sonny Perdue's job performance, 51% approved; 39% disapproved; and 10% were undecided. Forty-eight of respondents approved of Senator Saxby Chambliss' job performance; 41% disapproved; and 11% were undecided. Senator Johnny Isakson had 55% approving of his job performance; 37% disapproving; and 8% undecided.

“Senator Isakson remains Georgia's most popular politician,” said David E. Johnson, CEO of Strategic Vision, LLC. “His support cuts across Party lines. Interestingly enough both Governor Perdue and Senator Chambliss draw the highest disapproval numbers among voters who identify themselves as strong conservatives.”

The results of the poll showed that 55% of those polled approved of President Barack Obama's overall job performance; with 39% disapproving; and 6% undecided. When asked if they approved of the President's handling of the economy, 54% approved; 41% disapproved; and 5% were undecided. On the issue of Iraq, the poll found 56% approved of the President's handling of the war; with 38% disapproving; and 6% undecided. When asked if they approved of the President's overall foreign policy, 53% approved; 36% disapproved; and 11% were undecided.

“While President Obama's numbers are far below what they are in many states, they must be considered strong for such a ‘red’ state as Georgia,” said Johnson. “The surprise in the numbers is that he is drawing a strong segment of Republicans for support. Although when specifics of his policies are asked about, support declines dramatically. He gets nearly unanimous support from African-American respondents similar to the level of support we saw for him in 2008.”

When asked if they thought Georgia was headed in the right direction or wrong direction, 49% said right; 43% said wrong; and 8% were undecided.

When asked if voters approved or disapproved of the way Congress is handling its job, 22% approved; 67% disapproved; and 11% were undecided.

“Approval for Congress remains as it has been for a year very abysmal,” said Johnson. “A majority of Independents and large number of Democrats disapprove of Congress. What Republicans need to capitalize on this vote disenchantment that we are seeing nationally is a policy idea that resonates with voters. If this happens we could be in a situation in which a perfect storm arises for Democrats.”

When Republicans were asked their choice for Governor in 2010, the results were Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine 33%; Secretary of State Karen Handel 14%; Congressman Jack Kingston 11%; Congressman Lynn Westmoreland 7%; Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens 4%; State House Speaker Pro Tem Mark Burkhalter 2%; Ray McBerry 2%; State Representative Austin Scott 2%; and 25% undecided.

“At this point Oxendine must be considered the frontrunner and is drawing strong numbers in North Georgia and the Atlanta suburbs,” said Johnson. “He is doing very well among older voters and those with college degrees. Karen Handel’s numbers are boosted from our poll in 2008 with former Cagle supporters moving into her camp, as well as the undecided. She performs extremely well among female voters and those who rate the economy as their number one issue. The question mark in the race could be Jack Kingston, should he run, he starts the race in the top tier and seems to have strong growth potential. For any of the candidates, the key is reaching the large number of undecided former Cagle supporters.”

When Democrats were asked their choice for Governor in 2010, the results were, Attorney General Thurbert Baker 41%; Former State Labor Commissioner, Ex-State Adjutant General David Poythress 8%; State House Minority Leader Dubose Porter 5%; and 46% undecided.

“The Democratic race at this point is one of name identification with a large number of voters not behind any of the candidates,” said Johnson.

When Democrats were polled with former Governor Roy Barnes included, the results were Barnes 56%; Baker 29%; Poythress 4%; Porter 2%; and 9% undecided.

“Should Barnes enter the race, he appears unstoppable in winning the Democratic nomination with little difficulty,” said Johnson.

Poll Results

1. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Sonny Perdue’s overall job performance?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	39%
Undecided	10%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Saxby Chambliss’ overall job performance?

Approve	48%
Disapprove	41%
Undecided	11%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Johnny Isakson's overall job performance?

Approve	55%
Disapprove	37%
Undecided	8%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's overall job performance?

Approve	55%
Disapprove	39%
Undecided	6%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of the economy?

Approve	54%
Disapprove	41%
Undecided	5%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of the war in Iraq?

Approve	56%
Disapprove	38%
Undecided	6%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's overall foreign policy?

Approve	53%
Disapprove	36%
Undecided	11%

8. Do you think Georgia is headed in the right direction or wrong direction?

Right	49%
Wrong	43%
Undecided	8%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is performing its job?

Approve	22%
Disapprove	67%
Undecided	11%

10. If the Republican primary for Governor were held today, for whom would you vote, Mark Burkhalter, Karen Handel, Jack Kingston, Ray McBerry, Sam Olens, John Oxendine, Austin Scott, or Lynn Westmoreland? **(Republicans Only)**

John Oxendine	33%
Karen Handel	14%
Jack Kingston	11%
Lynn Westmoreland	7%
Sam Olens	4%
Mark Burkhalter	2%
Ray McBerry	2%
Austin Scott	2%
Undecided	25%

11. If the Democratic primary for Governor was held today, for whom would you vote, Thurbert Baker, Dubose Porter, or David Poythress? **(Democrats Only)**

Thurbert Baker	41%
David Poythress	8%
Dubose Porter	5%
Undecided	46%

12. If the Democratic primary for Governor was held today, for whom would you vote, Thurbert Baker, Roy Barnes, Dubose Porter, or David Poythress? **(Democrats Only)**

Roy Barnes	56%
Thurbert Baker	29%
David Poythress	4%
Dubose Porter	2%
Undecided	9%

Strategic Vision, LLC is an Atlanta-headquartered public relations and public affairs agency. Results are based on telephone interviews with 800 likely voters in Georgia, aged 18+, and conducted April 17-19, 2009 by telephone. The margin of sampling error is ± 3 percentage points. Additional information on Strategic Vision, LLC may be obtained at www.strategicvision.biz.

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