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Murray Leads Rossi in Primary, General

Raleigh, N.C. – Senator Patty Murray and perennial Republican candidate Dino Rossi are the far-and-away favorites to survive the “jungle” primary in Washington state. But without the Republican vote split, Murray’s double-digit lead over Rossi in that multi-candidate contest shrinks to only three points in the most likely fall matchup.

Murray bests Rossi, 47% to 33%, in the primary, with Republicans Clint Didier and Paul Akers at 10% and 4%, respectively, and others at 1%. Only 6% are undecided.

Murray would top Rossi, 49-46, in November. There are nearly as many independents as Democrats in Washington, and Rossi has a 53-41 lead with them. Each candidate has nearly unanimous support from his respective party base, Murray with 91% of the 36%-plurality Democrats, and Rossi with 88% of the 29%-minority Republicans.

Washington voters break even on Murray’s job performance, 46-45, but that seemingly mediocre rating puts her in good company in this toxic political environment for sitting elected officials. Of the 14 senators up for re-election that PPP has polled in 2010, only five—Barbara Mikulski, Richard Shelby, Chuck Grassley, Jim DeMint, and barely, David Vitter—have better approval ratings in their states, and all but Vitter are favored to win by healthy margins, if not landslides.

By contrast, voters are slightly down on Rossi, 43-48, with Democrats, by an 84-78 margin, holding more negative views than Republicans do positive ones. However, while independents disapprove of Murray’s job performance, 52-38, they like Rossi, 47-40.

“Dino Rossi has come close to becoming Governor twice, and he’ll likely bring this one down to the wire. But while Washington is known for its independence and is frequently in the swing-state category, it has become bluer in recent elections,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,204 Washington voters from July 27th to August 1st. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Washington Survey Results

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

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 47%
Not Sure..... 4%

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

Support 45%
Oppose 47%
No Opinion..... 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Patty Murray's job performance?

Approve..... 46% *Not Sure*..... 9%
Disapprove..... 45%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Paul Akers?

Favorable..... 10%
Unfavorable 14%
Not Sure..... 76%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Clint Didier?

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 23%
Not Sure..... 56%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dino Rossi?

Favorable..... 43%
Unfavorable 48%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q7 The candidates in the primary election for US Senate include Paul Akers, Clint Didier, Patty Murray, and Dino Rossi. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Paul Akers 4%
Clint Didier 10%
Patty Murray 47%
Dino Rossi 33%
One of the other candidates..... 1%
Not sure..... 6%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Democrat Patty Murray and Republican Dino Rossi, who would you vote for?

Patty Murray 49%
Dino Rossi 46%
Undecided..... 5%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate this fall were Democrat Patty Murray and Republican Clint Didier, who would you vote for?

Patty Murray 50%
Clint Didier 39%
Undecided..... 12%

Q10 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 51%
Someone else/Don't remember 8%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 24%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 35%





Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%

Man..... 49%

Q13 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 36%

Republican..... 29%

Independent/Other..... 35%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 91%

Other..... 9%

Q15 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..... 6%

30 to 45..... 25%

46 to 65..... 45%

Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	8%	87%	11%
Disapprove	47%	89%	9%	77%
Not Sure	4%	3%	5%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Health Care				
Support	45%	6%	81%	11%
Oppose	47%	89%	9%	77%
No Opinion	8%	5%	10%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Murray Approval				
Approve	46%	8%	81%	17%
Disapprove	45%	82%	11%	74%
Not Sure	9%	10%	8%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Akers Favorability				
Favorable	10%	16%	5%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	16%	10%
Not Sure	76%	73%	79%	77%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Didier Favorability				
Favorable	22%	41%	6%	24%
Unfavorable	23%	8%	35%	15%
Not Sure	56%	51%	59%	61%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Rossi Favorability				
Favorable	43%	79%	11%	59%
Unfavorable	48%	12%	80%	22%
Not Sure	10%	9%	9%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Jungle Primary				
Paul Akers	4%	5%	2%	9%
Clint Didier	10%	19%	2%	12%
Patty Murray	47%	9%	82%	12%
Dino Rossi	33%	60%	8%	48%
One of the other candidates	1%	1%	0%	4%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	15%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Murray/Rossi				
Patty Murray	49%	8%	87%	14%
Dino Rossi	46%	88%	10%	74%
Undecided	5%	4%	4%	12%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Murray/Didier				
Patty Murray	50%	9%	88%	13%
Clint Didier	39%	78%	6%	50%
Undecided	12%	13%	6%	37%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	87%	59%	9%
Disapprove	47%	7%	35%	88%
Not Sure	4%	5%	6%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	45%	85%	53%	7%
Oppose	47%	7%	35%	89%
No Opinion	8%	7%	12%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Murray Approval				
Approve	46%	86%	54%	8%
Disapprove	45%	8%	35%	83%
Not Sure	9%	6%	11%	9%





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Akers Favorability				
Favorable	10%	4%	9%	15%
Unfavorable	14%	16%	14%	12%
Not Sure	76%	81%	77%	73%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Didier Favorability				
Favorable	22%	4%	15%	40%
Unfavorable	23%	40%	26%	7%
Not Sure	56%	56%	59%	53%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rossi Favorability				
Favorable	43%	6%	34%	77%
Unfavorable	48%	87%	56%	12%
Not Sure	10%	7%	10%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jungle Primary				
Paul Akers	4%	2%	2%	6%
Clint Didier	10%	2%	6%	20%
Patty Murray	47%	87%	56%	8%
Dino Rossi	33%	4%	28%	58%
One of the other candidates	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	7%





Crosstabs

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Murray/Rossi				
Patty Murray	49%	92%	60%	7%
Dino Rossi	46%	4%	35%	88%
Undecided	5%	4%	5%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Murray/Didier				
Patty Murray	50%	92%	60%	9%
Clint Didier	39%	4%	27%	77%
Undecided	12%	4%	13%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	50%	47%
Disapprove	47%	44%	50%
Not Sure	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	45%	48%	41%
Oppose	47%	44%	51%
No Opinion	8%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murray Approval			
Approve	46%	48%	44%
Disapprove	45%	41%	49%
Not Sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Akers Favorability			
Favorable	10%	8%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	16%
Not Sure	76%	81%	71%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Didier Favorability			
Favorable	22%	17%	27%
Unfavorable	23%	19%	26%
Not Sure	56%	64%	47%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rossi Favorability			
Favorable	43%	41%	44%
Unfavorable	48%	48%	47%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jungle Primary			
Paul Akers	4%	3%	4%
Clint Didier	10%	7%	12%
Patty Murray	47%	49%	45%
Dino Rossi	33%	32%	33%
One of the other candidates	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murray/Rossi			
Patty Murray	49%	51%	47%
Dino Rossi	46%	44%	49%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Murray/Didier			
Patty Murray	50%	51%	48%
Clint Didier	39%	35%	42%
Undecided	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	88%	8%	41%
Disapprove	47%	7%	89%	53%
Not Sure	4%	4%	3%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	45%	83%	5%	38%
Oppose	47%	7%	89%	53%
No Opinion	8%	10%	6%	8%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murray Approval				
Approve	46%	86%	6%	38%
Disapprove	45%	8%	83%	52%
Not Sure	9%	6%	11%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Akers Favorability				
Favorable	10%	4%	17%	11%
Unfavorable	14%	15%	11%	14%
Not Sure	76%	81%	72%	75%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Didier Favorability				
Favorable	22%	6%	42%	21%
Unfavorable	23%	35%	8%	22%
Not Sure	56%	60%	50%	57%





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Rossi Favorability				
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Jungle Primary				
Paul Akers	4%	1%	6%	4%
Clint Didier	10%	1%	21%	9%
Patty Murray	47%	87%	7%	39%
Dino Rossi	33%	6%	59%	38%
One of the other candidates	1%	0%	1%	2%
Not sure	6%	4%	7%	8%

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Murray/Rossi				
Patty Murray	49%	91%	6%	41%
Dino Rossi	46%	6%	88%	53%
Undecided	5%	2%	6%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Murray/Didier				
Patty Murray	50%	92%	7%	41%
Clint Didier	39%	3%	79%	42%
Undecided	12%	5%	14%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	48%	58%
Disapprove	47%	48%	40%
Not Sure	4%	5%	2%

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		White	Other
Health Care			
Support	45%	43%	57%
Oppose	47%	48%	38%
No Opinion	8%	8%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murray Approval			
Approve	46%	45%	49%
Disapprove	45%	46%	40%
Not Sure	9%	9%	10%

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		White	Other
Akers Favorability			
Favorable	10%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	14%	13%	20%
Not Sure	76%	77%	69%





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Jungle Primary			
Paul Akers	4%	4%	1%
Clint Didier	10%	10%	8%
Patty Murray	47%	46%	55%
Dino Rossi	33%	33%	29%
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Patty Murray	50%	49%	59%
Clint Didier	39%	39%	36%
Undecided	12%	12%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	51%	48%	48%	48%
Disapprove	47%	46%	47%	47%	46%
Not Sure	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	45%	51%	43%	46%	42%
Oppose	47%	41%	48%	47%	48%
No Opinion	8%	8%	9%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Murray Approval					
Approve	46%	41%	41%	47%	49%
Disapprove	45%	54%	45%	45%	43%
Not Sure	9%	5%	14%	8%	8%





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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Akers Favorability					
Favorable	10%	3%	12%	10%	9%
Unfavorable	14%	24%	12%	13%	15%
Not Sure	76%	73%	76%	77%	76%

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Didier Favorability					
Favorable	22%	22%	25%	20%	20%
Unfavorable	23%	36%	21%	22%	23%
Not Sure	56%	42%	54%	58%	57%

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Rossi Favorability					
Favorable	43%	38%	43%	44%	41%
Unfavorable	48%	57%	46%	48%	47%
Not Sure	10%	5%	12%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Jungle Primary					
Paul Akers	4%	-	5%	3%	4%
Clint Didier	10%	16%	8%	11%	8%
Patty Murray	47%	46%	42%	48%	49%
Dino Rossi	33%	24%	36%	31%	34%
One of the other candidates	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Not sure	6%	11%	8%	6%	5%





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Murray/Rossi					
Patty Murray	49%	44%	46%	50%	51%
Dino Rossi	46%	39%	46%	47%	46%
Undecided	5%	17%	7%	3%	3%

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Clint Didier	39%	39%	37%	41%	37%
Undecided	12%	11%	15%	9%	12%

