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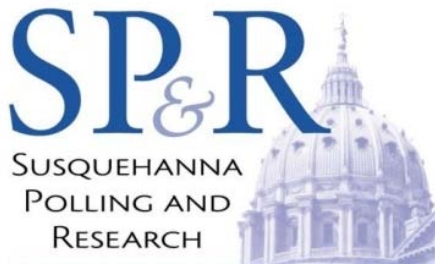
Statewide Poll Shows DE GOP Congressman Mike Castle Handily Defeats Attorney General Beau Biden for 2010 U.S. Senate Seat

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(Harrisburg, PA, May 5) – Today Susquehanna Polling and Research is releasing results of a new independent statewide poll conducted April 27-30th in Delaware that shows GOP Congressman Mike Castle (R) holding a significant lead over Democratic Attorney General Beau Biden in a hypothetical matchup for the United States Senate in the 2010 elections. Poll respondents chose Castle by a 55% to 34% margin; only 8% indicated they are undecided. Among Republicans, Castle leads Biden by a margin of 82% to 12% and among Independents leads Biden 55% to 28%. Biden leads among Democrats only by a 52% - 36% margin.

This same poll shows President Obama with a 62% job approval rating in the First State. “That Congressman Castle polls so strongly in this matchup in a state that not only voted overwhelmingly for Barack Obama in last year’s election, but currently gives President Obama a 62% approval rating is a clear indication of Castle’s appeal across the political spectrum,” said Jim Lee, SP&R President. “This shows how much cross-over appeal he has with Independents and even Democratic voters.” Lee continued, “The low number of undecided voters (at 8%) this far out from the 2010 elections shows that both Castle and Biden are well known to Delawareans and that even before this hypothetical matchup takes shape, Castle is standing on very solid ground should he chose to run for the Senate. A win for the Republicans in this state could have national implications since Republicans will be fighting to prevent the Democratic Party from securing a filibuster-proof, 61-vote majority in the US Senate, Lee added.”



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Final Top Line Survey Results
Delaware Statewide Poll
Sample Size: 500 Registered Voters
Conducted: April 27-30, 2009

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Delaware today. Would you have a few minutes to complete the survey?

Great, thank you...

Q1. What would you say is the single most important problem facing Delaware today? That is, the one you would like to see resolved by your elected officials. **(DO NOT READ CHOICES - ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

1. Taxes	17	03%
2. Drugs/crime/violence	9	02%
3. Economy/jobs/unemployment	194	39%
4. Growth/development	12	02%
5. Streets/roads/transportation	5	01%
6. Government spending/budget	79	16%
7. Politicians/government	10	02%
8. Environment/Pollution	15	03%
9. Healthcare/prescription drugs	25	05%
10. Medicare/social security	2	00%
11. Education/schools	36	07%
12. Morality/family values	11	02%
13. Cost of living	3	01%
14. Gas/energy prices	4	01%
15. Traffic	1	00%
16. Quality of life	8	02%
17. Undecided/none	30	06%
18. Other	39	08%

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Barack Obama is doing?

1. Approve	310	62%
2. Disapprove	118	24%
3. Undecided	69	14%
4. Refuse	3	01%

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jack Markell (Mar-KELL) is doing as governor?

1. Approve	239	48%
2. Disapprove	90	18%
3. Undecided	169	34%

Thinking ahead to the next national and state elections in 2010...

Q4. If the election for U.S. Senate were being held today and the candidates were Beau (Bo) Biden, the Democrat and Mike Castle, the Republican for whom would you vote?
(TEST INTENSITY)

1. Definitely Biden	106	21%	Total Biden: 34%
2. Probably Biden	62	12%	
3. Definitely Castle	194	39%	Total Castle: 55%
4. Probably Castle	82	16%	
5. None/other	14	03%	
6. Undecided	41	08%	

I just have a few more questions for demographic purposes and we'll be through...

Q5. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

1. Republican	172	34%
2. Democrat	228	46%
3. Independent/other	87	17%
4. Refuse	13	03%

Q6. What is your approximate age according to the following brackets: 18 - 29, 30 - 44, 45 - 59 or 60 and over?

1. 18-29	30	06%
2. 30-44	125	25%
3. 45-59	205	41%
4. 60+	140	28%

Q7. Do you consider yourself to be conservative or liberal when thinking about your social, economic, and political views?

1. Conservative	228	46%
2. Liberal	155	31%
3. Moderate	101	20%
4. Undecided	15	03%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT

Gender:

1. Male	240	48%
2. Female	260	52%

Areas:

1. Kent County	85	17%
2. New Castle County	310	62%
3. Sussex County	105	21%

Methodology

This omnibus statewide poll was conducted April 27-30 with 500 registered voters working from an updated statewide voter file. Only voters with prior vote history in prior election years G06, G04 and/or G02 were contacted, as well as newly-registered voters from the 2008 elections. Interviews are randomly selected and conducted via telephone using our professionally-trained survey research interviewers; calls are made from our telephone call center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The margin of error for a sample size of 500 is +/- 4.38% at the 95% confidence level.
