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Paul up big in Kentucky primary

Raleigh, N.C. – Fueled by a high level of unhappiness with the direction of the Republican Party, Rand Paul appears to be poised for an easy victory over Trey Grayson in Tuesday's Kentucky Senate primary. He leads PPP's final poll 52-34.

There are more Republicans planning to vote on Tuesday (41%) who are unhappy with the current direction of their party than ones who are happy with it (36%). Among those discontented folks Paul has a staggering 59-28 lead which more than offsets the 47-45 lead Grayson has with the voters who think the party's current course is fine.

A Paul victory will be a clear signal that Kentucky Republicans want the party to move further to the right. 32% of likely primary voters think that the party is too liberal and Paul has a 71-21 advantage with them that accounts for almost his entirely polling lead. With the other 68% of voters who don't think the party's too liberal Paul is ahead only 45-41.

What a Paul victory will not be is a sign that Kentucky Republicans want Mitch McConnell to go. 64% of voters think the winner of the primary should vote for McConnell as the GOP leader in the Senate to only 18% who say no. Even among Paul voters there is 58/22 support for keeping the state's senior Senator in his current leadership position.

Another thing Paul's victory will not be is a particular mandate for Libertarian Republicanism. We did a test of some of the leading 2012 GOP candidates in the state and Ron Paul registered at just 8%, well behind Mike Huckabee, Newt Gingrich, Sarah Palin, and Mitt Romney.

“Rand Paul’s remarkable success is one of the biggest stories of the 2010 election cycle so far,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It’s a clear sign of unhappiness within the Republican Party and should have establishment candidate facing primaries nationwide a little nervous about their prospects.”

PPP surveyed 1,065 likely Republican primary voters on May 15th and 16th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Kentucky Survey Results

Q1 The Republican candidates for US Senate are Trey Grayson, Gurley Martin, Rand Paul, Jon Scribner, and John Stephenson. If the election was today who would you vote for?

Trey Grayson..... 34%
Gurley Martin 4%
Rand Paul.....52%
Jon Scribner..... 1%
John Stephenson..... 2%
Undecided..... 7%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Trey Grayson?

Favorable.....42%
Unfavorable29%
Not Sure..... 29%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rand Paul?

Favorable.....60%
Unfavorable 23%
Not Sure..... 17%

Q4 Will you vote for Trey Grayson in the fall if he is the Republican nominee?

Yes55% *Not Sure*.....23%
No.....22%

Q5 Will you vote for Rand Paul in the fall if he is the Republican nominee?

Yes 67%
No..... 19%
Not sure 15%

Q6 Do you think that Trey Grayson is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Too liberal..... 31%
Too conservative 6%
About right43%
Not sure..... 19%

Q7 Do you think that Rand Paul is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Too liberal..... 17%
Too conservative 12%
About right58%
Not sure..... 13%

Q8 Generally speaking do you prefer to vote for candidates who have prior experience in elected office, or those who have never before served in elected office?

Candidates with elected experience 32%
Candidates who have not served before..... 36%
Makes no difference 32%

Q9 Do you approve or disapprove of the current direction of the Republican Party?

Approve 36%
Disapprove.....41%
Not Sure..... 23%

Q10 Do you support or oppose the goals of the 'Tea Party' movement?

Approve 69%
Disapprove..... 11%
Not Sure..... 20%





Q11 Do you personally identify as a member of the 'Tea Party' movement?

- Yes 29%
- No 49%
- Not sure 22%

Q12 Do you think the Republican Party is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

- Too Liberal 32%
- Too Conservative 15%
- About Right 44%
- Not sure 9%

Q13 Are you more concerned with the economy or with national security right now?

- Economy 56%
- National security 29%
- Not sure 14%

Q14 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell's job performance?

- Approve 57%
- Disapprove 25%
- Not sure 18%

Q15 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Jim Bunning's job performance?

- Approve 45%
- Disapprove 31%
- Not sure 24%

Q16 Do you think the winner of the primary should support Mitch McConnell for Republican leader in the Senate?

- Yes 64%
- No 18%
- Not sure 18%

Q17 Looking back, do you support or oppose the War in Iraq?

- Support 67%
- Oppose 20%
- Not sure 13%

Q18 Do you consider yourself to be a Libertarian?

- Yes 19%
- No 81%

Q19 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for?

- Newt Gingrich 23%
- Mike Huckabee 25%
- Sarah Palin 20%
- Ron Paul 8%
- Mitt Romney 16%
- Undecided 8%

Q20 Which Senate candidate do you think currently holds statewide office in Kentucky: Trey Grayson or Rand Paul?

- Trey Grayson 64%
- Rand Paul 21%
- Don't know 15%

Q21 Which Senate candidate do you think opposed the War in Iraq: Trey Grayson or Rand Paul?

- Trey Grayson 19%
- Rand Paul 49%
- Don't know 33%

Q22 Which Senate candidate do you think has been endorsed by Mitch McConnell?

- Trey Grayson 77%
- Rand Paul 9%
- Don't know 14%





Q23 Which Senate candidate did you have the most exposure to during the primary campaign through television ads, mailers, phone calls from the campaign, etc.?

Trey Grayson..... 50%

Rand Paul..... 50%

Q24 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 50%

Man..... 50%

Q25 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..... 12%

30 to 45..... 22%

46 to 65..... 42%

Older than 65..... 24%

Q26 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 6%

Moderate..... 20%

Conservative..... 74%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Primary			
Trey Grayson	34%	37%	31%
Gurley Martin	4%	5%	3%
Rand Paul	52%	48%	56%
Jon Scribner	1%	1%	2%
John Stephenson	2%	2%	1%
Undecided	7%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson Favorability			
Favorable	42%	44%	41%
Unfavorable	29%	26%	31%
Not Sure	29%	30%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Favorability			
Favorable	60%	56%	64%
Unfavorable	23%	24%	21%
Not Sure	17%	20%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Vote for Grayson If Nominee			
Yes	55%	55%	55%
No	22%	21%	23%
Not Sure	23%	24%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Vote for Paul If Nominee			
Yes	67%	61%	72%
No	19%	21%	17%
Not sure	15%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson Ideology			
Too liberal	31%	28%	35%
Too conservative	6%	7%	6%
About right	43%	45%	41%
Not sure	19%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paul Ideology			
Too liberal	17%	21%	14%
Too conservative	12%	10%	15%
About right	58%	54%	62%
Not sure	13%	16%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Experienced vs. New Candidates			
Candidates with elected experience	32%	38%	26%
Candidates who have not served before	36%	30%	43%
Makes no difference	32%	32%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Direction Approval			
Approve	36%	40%	33%
Disapprove	41%	32%	50%
Not Sure	23%	28%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tea Party Approval			
Approve	69%	63%	76%
Disapprove	11%	10%	11%
Not Sure	20%	27%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tea Party ID			
Yes	29%	27%	31%
No	49%	45%	53%
Not sure	22%	27%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Ideology			
Too Liberal	32%	24%	40%
Too Conservative	15%	14%	15%
About Right	44%	50%	39%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Economy vs. National Security			
Economy	56%	54%	59%
National security	29%	29%	30%
Not sure	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McConnell Job Approval			
Approve	57%	56%	58%
Disapprove	25%	23%	27%
Not sure	18%	22%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bunning Job Approval			
Approve	45%	38%	51%
Disapprove	31%	32%	31%
Not sure	24%	30%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Primary Winner Support McConnell			
Yes	64%	65%	62%
No	18%	15%	22%
Not sure	18%	21%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Iraq War Support			
Support	67%	63%	72%
Oppose	20%	19%	21%
Not sure	13%	18%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Libertarian ID			
Yes	19%	18%	20%
No	81%	82%	80%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 Presidential Primary			
Newt Gingrich	23%	16%	28%
Mike Huckabee	25%	29%	22%
Sarah Palin	20%	22%	18%
Ron Paul	8%	7%	9%
Mitt Romney	16%	16%	17%
Undecided	8%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Statewide Office Holder			
Trey Grayson	64%	60%	69%
Rand Paul	21%	23%	19%
Don't know	15%	18%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Opposed Iraq War			
Trey Grayson	19%	20%	17%
Rand Paul	49%	44%	52%
Don't know	33%	35%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Endorsed by McConnell			
Trey Grayson	77%	71%	83%
Rand Paul	9%	11%	7%
Don't know	14%	18%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Candidate with Most Exposure			
Trey Grayson	50%	48%	52%
Rand Paul	50%	52%	48%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Primary					
Trey Grayson	34%	40%	35%	32%	34%
Gurley Martin	4%	8%	4%	2%	4%
Rand Paul	52%	38%	51%	56%	53%
Jon Scribner	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
John Stephenson	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Grayson Favorability					
Favorable	42%	46%	47%	40%	41%
Unfavorable	29%	37%	26%	30%	25%
Not Sure	29%	17%	28%	30%	35%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	60%	53%	64%	60%	59%
Unfavorable	23%	34%	23%	23%	17%
Not Sure	17%	13%	14%	17%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Vote for Grayson If Nominee					
Yes	55%	50%	56%	56%	55%
No	22%	26%	22%	23%	18%
Not Sure	23%	24%	22%	21%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Vote for Paul If Nominee					
Yes	67%	47%	72%	70%	66%
No	19%	40%	16%	16%	17%
Not sure	15%	13%	12%	15%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Grayson Ideology					
Too liberal	31%	23%	29%	36%	31%
Too conservative	6%	14%	7%	4%	6%
About right	43%	49%	42%	43%	41%
Not sure	19%	14%	22%	17%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Ideology					
Too liberal	17%	32%	17%	16%	12%
Too conservative	12%	15%	12%	13%	10%
About right	58%	40%	62%	59%	60%
Not sure	13%	13%	9%	12%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Experienced vs. New Candidates					
Candidates with elected experience	32%	34%	36%	31%	30%
Candidates who have not served before	36%	32%	34%	41%	33%
Makes no difference	32%	34%	31%	29%	37%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP Direction Approval					
Approve	36%	47%	35%	31%	43%
Disapprove	41%	40%	45%	45%	30%
Not Sure	23%	13%	20%	24%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tea Party Approval					
Approve	69%	63%	67%	73%	68%
Disapprove	11%	16%	13%	10%	7%
Not Sure	20%	21%	20%	18%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tea Party ID					
Yes	29%	31%	29%	30%	27%
No	49%	52%	49%	51%	46%
Not sure	22%	17%	22%	19%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
GOP Ideology					
Too Liberal	32%	22%	37%	38%	22%
Too Conservative	15%	24%	17%	15%	9%
About Right	44%	47%	37%	39%	60%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Economy vs. National Security					
Economy	56%	54%	66%	55%	51%
National security	29%	32%	22%	32%	31%
Not sure	14%	14%	12%	13%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McConnell Job Approval					
Approve	57%	57%	59%	56%	56%
Disapprove	25%	29%	24%	27%	21%
Not sure	18%	14%	17%	17%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bunning Job Approval					
Approve	45%	50%	50%	43%	42%
Disapprove	31%	31%	27%	34%	31%
Not sure	24%	19%	23%	24%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Primary Winner Support McConnell					
Yes	64%	58%	67%	62%	65%
No	18%	27%	13%	20%	17%
Not sure	18%	15%	20%	18%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Iraq War Support					
Support	67%	63%	71%	69%	63%
Oppose	20%	24%	21%	19%	18%
Not sure	13%	13%	8%	12%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Libertarian ID					
Yes	19%	29%	23%	18%	14%
No	81%	71%	77%	82%	86%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 Presidential Primary					
New t Gingrich	23%	21%	19%	22%	28%
Mike Huckabee	25%	19%	32%	26%	18%
Sarah Palin	20%	21%	17%	21%	20%
Ron Paul	8%	16%	9%	6%	9%
Mitt Romney	16%	14%	14%	16%	20%
Undecided	8%	9%	9%	9%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Statewide Office Holder					
Trey Grayson	64%	66%	74%	65%	53%
Rand Paul	21%	22%	17%	21%	24%
Don't know	15%	12%	10%	14%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Opposed Iraq War					
Trey Grayson	19%	31%	20%	16%	17%
Rand Paul	49%	36%	53%	53%	40%
Don't know	33%	33%	27%	31%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Endorsed by McConnell					
Trey Grayson	77%	66%	76%	81%	75%
Rand Paul	9%	20%	11%	6%	9%
Don't know	14%	15%	14%	13%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Candidate with Most Exposure					
Trey Grayson	50%	53%	47%	53%	46%
Rand Paul	50%	47%	53%	47%	54%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Senate Primary				
Trey Grayson	34%	28%	41%	33%
Gurley Martin	4%	7%	6%	3%
Rand Paul	52%	38%	36%	58%
Jon Scribner	1%	4%	2%	1%
John Stephenson	2%	7%	4%	0%
Undecided	7%	15%	11%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	42%	44%	45%	42%
Unfavorable	29%	38%	24%	29%
Not Sure	29%	18%	31%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	60%	56%	48%	63%
Unfavorable	23%	26%	35%	19%
Not Sure	17%	18%	17%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Vote for Grayson If Nominee				
Yes	55%	35%	47%	59%
No	22%	43%	23%	20%
Not Sure	23%	22%	30%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Vote for Paul If Nominee				
Yes	67%	58%	49%	72%
No	19%	26%	30%	15%
Not sure	15%	15%	22%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Grayson Ideology				
Too liberal	31%	18%	18%	36%
Too conservative	6%	34%	12%	3%
About right	43%	28%	50%	42%
Not sure	19%	20%	20%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Paul Ideology				
Too liberal	17%	13%	15%	18%
Too conservative	12%	45%	27%	6%
About right	58%	36%	45%	62%
Not sure	13%	6%	12%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Experienced vs. New Candidates				
Candidates with elected experience	32%	41%	29%	32%
Candidates who have not served before	36%	21%	37%	37%
Makes no difference	32%	37%	34%	30%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
GOP Direction Approval				
Approve	36%	44%	30%	37%
Disapprove	41%	36%	49%	39%
Not Sure	23%	20%	21%	24%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tea Party Approval				
Approve	69%	37%	43%	79%
Disapprove	11%	31%	26%	5%
Not Sure	20%	32%	31%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tea Party ID				
Yes	29%	22%	10%	35%
No	49%	52%	67%	45%
Not sure	22%	26%	23%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
GOP Ideology				
Too Liberal	32%	15%	11%	39%
Too Conservative	15%	46%	40%	6%
About Right	44%	30%	36%	48%
Not sure	9%	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Economy vs. National Security				
Economy	56%	58%	71%	52%
National security	29%	38%	15%	33%
Not sure	14%	4%	14%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McConnell Job Approval				
Approve	57%	40%	42%	62%
Disapprove	25%	46%	38%	20%
Not sure	18%	14%	21%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bunning Job Approval				
Approve	45%	31%	29%	50%
Disapprove	31%	34%	48%	27%
Not sure	24%	35%	23%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Primary Winner Support McConnell				
Yes	64%	60%	48%	68%
No	18%	31%	29%	15%
Not sure	18%	10%	23%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Iraq War Support				
Support	67%	33%	49%	75%
Oppose	20%	47%	37%	14%
Not sure	13%	20%	14%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Libertarian ID				
Yes	19%	34%	21%	18%
No	81%	66%	79%	82%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 Presidential Primary				
Newt Gingrich	23%	10%	14%	26%
Mike Huckabee	25%	22%	18%	27%
Sarah Palin	20%	23%	18%	20%
Ron Paul	8%	11%	12%	7%
Mitt Romney	16%	14%	21%	15%
Undecided	8%	20%	18%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Statewide Office Holder				
Trey Grayson	64%	54%	68%	64%
Rand Paul	21%	25%	15%	22%
Don't know	15%	20%	18%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Opposed Iraq War				
Trey Grayson	19%	26%	14%	19%
Rand Paul	49%	48%	47%	49%
Don't know	33%	25%	39%	32%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Endorsed by McConnell				
Trey Grayson	77%	57%	75%	79%
Rand Paul	9%	21%	12%	7%
Don't know	14%	22%	13%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Candidate with Most Exposure				
Trey Grayson	50%	52%	55%	49%
Rand Paul	50%	48%	45%	51%

