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Clinton Leads Trump by 6 in Illinois and 7 in Wisconsin, Democrats Feingold and Duckworth Lead in Senate Races

BOSTON, MA –Two Emerson College polls in the Midwest show Hillary Clinton leading Donald Trump by 7 points in Wisconsin (45% to 38%) and by 6 in Illinois (45% to 39%). Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson is winning 11% in Wisconsin, while the Green Party's Jill Stein is capturing 2%, with 4% of Badger State voters still undecided. In Illinois, 6% of those surveyed plan to vote for Johnson, 3% say they support Stein, and 7% are undecided. The margin of error for both surveys was +/-3.6%.

In the Illinois U.S. Senate race, Democratic Representative Tammy Duckworth has a 2-point lead over GOP incumbent Mark Kirk, 41% to 39%. Kirk has an image problem in the state, with only 26% of voters having a favorable opinion of him and 46% unfavorable (-20). Forty percent (40%) view Duckworth unfavorably, and 37% view her favorably.

In the U.S. Senate race in Wisconsin, former Democratic Senator Russ Feingold holds a 10-point lead (52% to 42%) over the man who ousted him in 2010, Republican incumbent Ron Johnson. Four percent (4%) of voters are undecided, and 3% are voting for someone else. Voters have a slightly more positive opinion of Feingold, with 47% viewing him favorably and 45% unfavorably (+2). Johnson has a 4-point deficit (42% favorable, 46% unfavorable).

Clinton and Trump are in a dead heat among Wisconsin Independents, with Clinton leading the billionaire by one point, 35% to 34%. Gary Johnson garners 22%, while 3% are voting for Stein and 6% are undecided. Johnson has picked up support from 42% of those who voted for John Kasich in Wisconsin's GOP primary, and Clinton has picked up 24% of the Kasich vote. Trump has 22%.

In Illinois, Trump holds a commanding lead over Clinton (49% to 27%) with Independents, but 42% of the Kasich vote is going to Clinton while Trump receives 33%.

In Wisconsin, 62% of Sanders partisans plan to vote for Clinton, while 16% favor Johnson, and 11% prefer Trump. In Illinois, Clinton wins 53% of Sanders voters, while Trump and Johnson each have 15%, and 12% are for Stein.

While both presidential candidates have low favorability, Clinton is seen more positively in both states. She is 16 points under water in Wisconsin (40% favorable to 56% unfavorable), compared to Trump's 24-point deficit (37%/61%). In Illinois, her differential is -10 (43%/53%) to his -27 (34%/61%).

Voters' willingness to consider a candidate other than their favorite may play a role in shaping the outcome of the election. In both states, a very high percentage of Clinton and Trump voters (80% or more) say they won't change their vote before Election Day. In contrast, Johnson and Stein voters are far more likely to say they are "willing to listen" to another candidate. In Wisconsin, 66% of Johnson supporters and 57% of Stein supporters would consider voting for someone else. In Illinois, 60% of Johnson supporters are open to an alternative, but only 25% of Stein voters say they are.

Both Clinton and Trump command high levels of loyalty, meaning a large share of those who view a candidate favorably plan to vote for that person. Clinton's loyalty rating is 94% in Wisconsin and 95% in Illinois; Trump's is 84% and 93% in those states, respectively.

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The Emerson College Wisconsin poll was conducted September 19-20 under the supervision of Professor Spencer Kimball. The sample consisted of 700 likely general election voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.6%. Data was weighted by 2012 election results, gender, age, political affiliation and region. The Illinois poll was conducted September 19-21. The sample consisted of 700 likely general election voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.6%, and was weighted by 2012 election results, ethnicity, age, political affiliation and region.

It is important to remember that subsets based on gender, age and party breakdowns carry with them higher margins of error, as the sample size is reduced. Data was collected using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system of landlines only. The full methodology and results can be found at www.theecps.com.

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Wisconsin Frequency Tables

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	700	100.0	100.0	100.0

Party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	259	37.0	37.0	37.0
	Republican	224	32.0	32.0	69.0
	Independent	217	31.0	31.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	343	49.0	49.0	49.0
	female	357	51.0	51.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	371	53.0	53.0	53.0
	Mitt Romney	322	46.0	46.0	99.0
	Someone else	7	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	170	24.3	24.3	24.3
	Clinton	164	23.4	23.4	47.7
	Cruz	117	16.8	16.8	64.5
	Trump	126	17.9	17.9	82.4
	Kasich	50	7.2	7.2	89.6
	Rubio	31	4.5	4.5	94.0
	Other	40	5.8	5.8	99.8
	No vote	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	283	40.4	40.4	40.4
	unfavorable	394	56.2	56.2	96.6
	undecided	23	3.3	3.3	99.9
	never heard of	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Trump Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	257	36.8	36.8	36.8
	unfavorable	425	60.7	60.7	97.4
	undecided	18	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Russ Feingold

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	326	46.5	46.5	46.5
	unfavorable	313	44.7	44.7	91.2
	undecided	59	8.4	8.4	99.6
	never heard of	3	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Ron Johnson

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	294	42.0	42.0	42.0
	unfavorable	324	46.3	46.3	88.2
	undecided	76	10.9	10.9	99.1
	never heard of	6	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	312	44.5	44.5	44.5
	Donald Trump	268	38.4	38.4	82.9
	Gary Johnson	77	11.0	11.0	93.8
	Jill Stein	15	2.1	2.1	95.9
	Unsure	28	4.1	4.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Intensity of vote

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Won't Change	528	75.4	78.6	78.6
	Will Listen	143	20.5	21.4	100.0
	Total	672	95.9	100.0	
Missing	System	28	4.1		
Total		700	100.0		

Presidential Expectation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Trump	293	41.9	41.9	41.9
	Clinton	325	46.4	46.4	88.3
	Johnson	12	1.7	1.7	90.0
	Stein	2	.3	.3	90.3
	Unsure	68	9.7	9.7	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Beer

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Clinton	213	30.5	30.5	30.5
	Trump	233	33.3	33.3	63.8
	Johnson	80	11.5	11.5	75.2
	Someone Else	173	24.8	24.8	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Senate

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	R. Feingold	360	51.5	51.5	51.5
	R. Johnson	291	41.6	41.6	93.1
	Someone else	24	3.4	3.4	96.5
	Undecided	25	3.5	3.5	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	199	28.4	28.4	28.4
	35-54	261	37.3	37.3	65.7
	55-74	185	26.5	26.5	92.2
	75+	55	7.8	7.8	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	17	2.4	2.4	2.4
	HS	103	14.8	14.8	17.2
	Some College	132	18.8	18.8	36.0
	Associate	73	10.5	10.5	46.5
	Bachelor	224	32.0	32.0	78.5
	Post Grad	150	21.5	21.5	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	621	88.7	88.7	88.7
	black	30	4.3	4.3	93.0
	American Indian	13	1.9	1.9	94.9
	Asian	3	.5	.5	95.4
	Hawaiian	7	.9	.9	96.3
	Hispanic	13	1.8	1.8	98.1
	2+/Other	9	1.3	1.3	99.4
	refused	4	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Phone Status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Cell Phone Only	43	6.1	7.9	7.9
	Land Line only	59	8.4	10.8	18.6
	both	442	63.1	81.4	100.0
	Total	543	77.5	100.0	
Missing	System	157	22.5		
Total		700	100.0		

USC District

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00	87	12.5	12.5	12.5
	2.00	87	12.5	12.5	25.0
	3.00	87	12.5	12.5	37.5
	4.00	87	12.5	12.5	50.0
	5.00	87	12.5	12.5	62.5
	6.00	87	12.5	12.5	75.0
	7.00	87	12.5	12.5	87.5
	8.00	87	12.5	12.5	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Illinois Frequency Tables

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	700	100.0	100.0	100.0

Party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	311	44.4	44.4	44.4
	Republican	191	27.3	27.3	71.7
	Independent	198	28.3	28.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	346	49.5	49.5	49.5
	female	354	50.5	50.5	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	399	57.0	57.0	57.0
	Mitt Romney	287	41.0	41.0	98.0
	Someone else	14	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	166	23.7	23.7	23.7
	Clinton	208	29.6	29.6	53.3
	Cruz	61	8.8	8.8	62.1
	Trump	159	22.8	22.8	84.9
	Kasich	39	5.5	5.5	90.4
	Rubio	30	4.2	4.2	94.6
	Other	36	5.2	5.2	99.8
	No vote	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	298	42.6	42.6	42.6
	unfavorable	373	53.3	53.3	95.8
	undecided	27	3.8	3.8	99.7
	never heard of	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Trump Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	237	33.9	33.9	33.9
	unfavorable	428	61.1	61.1	95.0
	undecided	34	4.8	4.8	99.8
	never heard of	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Kirk

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	179	25.6	25.6	25.6
	unfavorable	324	46.3	46.3	71.9
	undecided	159	22.7	22.7	94.6
	never heard of	38	5.4	5.4	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Duckworth

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	260	37.1	37.1	37.1
	unfavorable	276	39.5	39.5	76.6
	undecided	136	19.4	19.4	96.0
	never heard of	28	4.0	4.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	311	44.5	44.5	44.5
	Donald Trump	271	38.7	38.7	83.2
	Gary Johnson	45	6.4	6.4	89.6
	Jill Stein	22	3.1	3.1	92.7
	Unsure	51	7.3	7.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Intensity of vote

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Won't Change	529	75.6	81.6	81.6
	Will Listen	120	17.1	18.4	100.0
	Total	649	92.7	100.0	
Missing	System	51	7.3		
Total		700	100.0		

Presidential Expectation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Trump	261	37.4	37.4	37.4
	Clinton	348	49.6	49.6	87.0
	Johnson	7	1.0	1.0	88.0
	Stein	3	.4	.4	88.4
	Unsure	81	11.6	11.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Beer

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Clinton	214	30.5	30.5	30.5
	Trump	286	40.8	40.8	71.4
	Johnson	58	8.3	8.3	79.7
	Someone Else	142	20.3	20.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Senate

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Kirk	275	39.2	39.2	39.2
	Duckworth	286	40.9	40.9	80.1
	Someone else	75	10.8	10.8	90.9
	Undecided	64	9.1	9.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	177	25.3	25.3	25.3
	35-54	262	37.4	37.4	62.6
	55-74	198	28.3	28.3	90.9
	75+	64	9.1	9.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	21	2.9	2.9	2.9
	HS	90	12.8	12.8	15.8
	Some College	157	22.5	22.5	38.3
	Associate	75	10.7	10.7	48.9
	Bachelor	172	24.6	24.6	73.6
	Post Grad	184	26.4	26.4	99.9
	Refused	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	471	67.3	67.3	67.3
	black	104	14.8	14.8	82.1
	American Indian	10	1.5	1.5	83.5
	Asian	15	2.2	2.2	85.7
	Hawaiian	4	.6	.6	86.3
	Hispanic	89	12.6	12.6	98.9
	2+/Other	8	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	South	93	13.3	13.3	13.3
	Northwest	164	23.4	23.4	36.7
	Metro	303	43.3	43.3	80.0
	Chicago	140	20.0	20.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	