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Bunning in big trouble

Raleigh, N.C. – Jim Bunning’s approval rating is just 28%, he trails the four most likely Democratic candidates in hypothetical contests, and fellow Republican Trey Grayson looks like a much more formidable possible candidate, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

54% of voters in the state disapprove of Bunning’s performance, and even among Republicans just 42% think he’s doing a good job. Grayson, the Secretary of State mentioned most as the possible GOP candidate were the incumbent to step aside, is viewed positively by 46% of voters with just 19% holding an unfavorable opinion and 35% not sure.

Congressman Ben Chandler leads Bunning by 14 points, Attorney General Jack Conway is up 9, Auditor Crit Luallen has the 8 point edge, and Lieutenant Governor Dan Mongiardo’s advantage is 7.

Grayson is more competitive, trailing Chandler by 6 and Conway by 4 but leading Luallen by 2 and Mongiardo by 4.

“If there was ever any doubt Republicans would be better off with Jim Bunning retiring these numbers can put that to rest,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It looks like he would lose to any of the Democrats being mentioned as possible candidates. Trey Grayson may want to rethink his decision not to run unless Bunning retires.”

PPP also tested State Senate President David Williams as a possible Bunning alternative but his numbers are almost as poor as the incumbent’s.

PPP surveyed 610 Kentucky voters on April 2nd and 3rd. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Kentucky Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Republican Senator Jim Bunning's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve..... 28% *Not Sure*..... 18%
Disapprove..... 54%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Congressman Ben Chandler? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....38% *Not Sure*.....34%
Unfavorable28%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Attorney General Jack Conway? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....40% *Not Sure*.....39%
Unfavorable21%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Secretary of State Trey Grayson? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....46% *Not Sure*.....36%
Unfavorable19%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Auditor Crit Luallen? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....43% *Not Sure*.....35%
Unfavorable21%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Lieutenant Governor Dan Mongiardo? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....41% *Not Sure*.....25%
Unfavorable34%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican State Senate President David Williams? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....28% *Not Sure*.....31%
Unfavorable41%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Jim Bunning and Democrat Ben Chandler, who would you vote for? If Jim Bunning, press 1. If Ben Chandler, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bunning.....33% *Undecided*.....20%
Chandler47%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Jim Bunning and Democrat Jack Conway, who would you vote for? If Jim Bunning, press 1. If Jack Conway, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bunning.....33% *Undecided*.....26%
Conway.....42%

Q10 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Jim Bunning and Democrat Crit Luallen, who would you vote for? If Jim Bunning, press 1. If Crit Luallen, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bunning.....34% *Undecided*.....25%
Luallen42%

Q11 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Jim Bunning and Democrat Dan Mongiardo, who would you vote for? If Jim Bunning, press 1. If Dan Mongiardo, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bunning.....36% *Undecided*.....21%
Mongiardo.....43%





Q12 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Ben Chandler and Republican Trey Grayson, who would you vote for? If Ben Chandler, press 1. If Trey Grayson, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Chandler40% Undecided.....26%
Grayson34%

Q13 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Ben Chandler and Republican David Williams, who would you vote for? If Ben Chandler, press 1. If David Williams, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Chandler45% Undecided.....25%
Williams30%

Q14 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Jack Conway and Republican Trey Grayson, who would you vote for? If Jack Conway, press 1. If Trey Grayson, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Conway.....37% Undecided.....30%
Grayson33%

Q15 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Jack Conway and Republican David Williams, who would you vote for? If Jack Conway, press 1. If David Williams, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Conway.....43% Undecided.....28%
Williams29%

Q16 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Trey Grayson and Democrat Crit Luallen, who would you vote for? If Trey Grayson, press 1. If Crit Luallen, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Grayson36% Undecided.....30%
Luallen34%

Q17 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Republican Trey Grayson and Democrat Dan Mongiardo, who would you vote for? If Trey Grayson, press 1. If Dan Mongiardo, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Grayson40% Undecided.....24%
Mongiardo.....36%

Q18 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Crit Luallen and Republican David Williams, who would you vote for? If Crit Luallen, press 1. If David Williams, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Luallen41%
Williams31%
Undecided.....29%

Q19 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dan Mongiardo and Republican David Williams, who would you vote for? If Dan Mongiardo, press 1. If David Williams, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Mongiardo.....43%
Williams32%
Undecided.....25%

Q20 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman49%
Man.....51%

Q21 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat50%
Republican.....39%
Other.....11%

Q22 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White91%
African-American6%
Other.....3%





Q23 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	27%
<i>46 to 65</i>	36%
<i>Older than 65</i>	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bunning Approval			
Approve	28%	27%	30%
Disapprove	54%	55%	52%
Not Sure	18%	18%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Chandler Favorability			
Favorable	38%	40%	36%
Unfavorable	28%	24%	32%
Not Sure	34%	36%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Conway Favorability			
Favorable	40%	38%	42%
Unfavorable	21%	17%	26%
Not Sure	39%	45%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson Favorability			
Favorable	46%	42%	50%
Unfavorable	19%	18%	19%
Not Sure	36%	40%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Luallen Favorability			
Favorable	43%	45%	42%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	25%
Not Sure	35%	38%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mongiardo Favorability			
Favorable	41%	44%	38%
Unfavorable	34%	27%	40%
Not Sure	25%	29%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Williams Favorability			
Favorable	28%	24%	31%
Unfavorable	41%	38%	43%
Not Sure	31%	37%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bunning/Chandler			
Bunning	33%	28%	37%
Chandler	47%	50%	44%
Undecided	20%	21%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bunning/Conway			
Bunning	33%	29%	37%
Conway	42%	43%	41%
Undecided	26%	29%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bunning/Luallen			
Bunning	34%	28%	38%
Luallen	42%	44%	39%
Undecided	25%	27%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bunning/Mongiardo			
Bunning	36%	28%	43%
Mongiardo	43%	47%	39%
Undecided	21%	25%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Chandler/Grayson			
Chandler	40%	40%	40%
Grayson	34%	29%	38%
Undecided	26%	31%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Chandler/Williams			
Chandler	45%	47%	43%
Williams	30%	25%	36%
Undecided	25%	29%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Conway/Grayson			
Conway	37%	40%	35%
Grayson	33%	28%	37%
Undecided	30%	31%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Conway/Williams			
Conway	43%	44%	43%
Williams	29%	24%	33%
Undecided	28%	32%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson/Luallen			
Grayson	36%	31%	42%
Luallen	34%	38%	29%
Undecided	30%	31%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grayson/Mongiardo			
Grayson	40%	36%	45%
Mongiardo	36%	39%	33%
Undecided	24%	25%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Luallen/Williams			
Luallen	41%	47%	35%
Williams	31%	23%	38%
Undecided	29%	30%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Mongiardo/Williams			
Mongiardo	43%	47%	39%
Williams	32%	27%	38%
Undecided	25%	26%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bunning Approval				
Approve	28%	16%	42%	36%
Disapprove	54%	69%	36%	44%
Not Sure	18%	15%	22%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Chandler Favorability				
Favorable	38%	59%	15%	24%
Unfavorable	28%	12%	46%	39%
Not Sure	34%	30%	39%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Conway Favorability				
Favorable	40%	57%	19%	35%
Unfavorable	21%	10%	34%	28%
Not Sure	39%	33%	47%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	46%	39%	54%	46%
Unfavorable	19%	26%	9%	20%
Not Sure	36%	35%	37%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Lualien Favorability				
Favorable	43%	60%	24%	35%
Unfavorable	21%	10%	31%	35%
Not Sure	35%	29%	45%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Mongiardo Favorability				
Favorable	41%	58%	21%	35%
Unfavorable	34%	18%	49%	48%
Not Sure	25%	24%	29%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	28%	14%	45%	28%
Unfavorable	41%	57%	19%	41%
Not Sure	31%	29%	35%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bunning/Chandler				
Bunning	33%	14%	54%	41%
Chandler	47%	71%	22%	28%
Undecided	20%	14%	24%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bunning/Conway				
Bunning	33%	14%	54%	43%
Conway	42%	64%	16%	28%
Undecided	26%	22%	30%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bunning/Luallen				
Bunning	34%	13%	56%	48%
Luallen	42%	64%	18%	22%
Undecided	25%	23%	26%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Bunning/Mongiardo				
Bunning	36%	14%	61%	43%
Mongiardo	43%	66%	17%	30%
Undecided	21%	20%	22%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Chandler/Grayson				
Chandler	40%	63%	15%	22%
Grayson	34%	14%	56%	43%
Undecided	26%	22%	28%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Chandler/Williams				
Chandler	45%	72%	16%	24%
Williams	30%	9%	57%	33%
Undecided	25%	19%	27%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Conway/Grayson				
Conway	37%	60%	13%	22%
Grayson	33%	11%	59%	38%
Undecided	30%	29%	27%	40%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Conway/Williams				
Conway	43%	67%	17%	31%
Williams	29%	9%	54%	27%
Undecided	28%	24%	29%	42%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Grayson/Luallen				
Grayson	36%	14%	63%	41%
Luallen	34%	55%	9%	24%
Undecided	30%	31%	28%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Grayson/Mongiardo				
Grayson	40%	18%	67%	48%
Mongiardo	36%	57%	12%	24%
Undecided	24%	25%	21%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Luallen/Williams				
Luallen	41%	64%	15%	28%
Williams	31%	10%	57%	28%
Undecided	29%	26%	28%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Mongiardo/Williams				
Mongiardo	43%	69%	12%	33%
Williams	32%	11%	60%	35%
Undecided	25%	21%	28%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bunning Approval				
Approve	28%	29%	10%	52%
Disapprove	54%	53%	68%	41%
Not Sure	18%	18%	22%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Chandler Favorability				
Favorable	38%	35%	70%	56%
Unfavorable	28%	30%	2%	18%
Not Sure	34%	35%	28%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Conway Favorability				
Favorable	40%	38%	58%	42%
Unfavorable	21%	23%	-	23%
Not Sure	39%	39%	42%	35%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Grayson Favorability				
Favorable	46%	47%	26%	42%
Unfavorable	19%	18%	24%	25%
Not Sure	36%	35%	50%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Luallen Favorability				
Favorable	43%	43%	52%	24%
Unfavorable	21%	22%	5%	34%
Not Sure	35%	35%	43%	42%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Mongiardo Favorability				
Favorable	41%	39%	68%	53%
Unfavorable	34%	36%	4%	34%
Not Sure	25%	26%	28%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	28%	29%	19%	15%
Unfavorable	41%	41%	36%	25%
Not Sure	31%	29%	46%	60%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bunning/Chandler				
Bunning	33%	35%	5%	26%
Chandler	47%	46%	76%	36%
Undecided	20%	19%	19%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bunning/Conway				
Bunning	33%	34%	20%	28%
Conway	42%	41%	52%	36%
Undecided	26%	25%	28%	35%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bunning/Luallen				
Bunning	34%	35%	11%	35%
Luallen	42%	40%	63%	34%
Undecided	25%	25%	26%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bunning/Mongiardo				
Bunning	36%	38%	3%	33%
Mongiardo	43%	40%	80%	43%
Undecided	21%	22%	17%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Chandler/Grayson				
Chandler	40%	38%	69%	32%
Grayson	34%	36%	2%	44%
Undecided	26%	26%	29%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Chandler/Williams				
Chandler	45%	43%	71%	43%
Williams	30%	33%	-	18%
Undecided	25%	24%	29%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Conway/Grayson				
Conway	37%	35%	70%	36%
Grayson	33%	35%	-	31%
Undecided	30%	30%	30%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Conway/Williams				
Conway	43%	42%	67%	45%
Williams	29%	31%	2%	16%
Undecided	28%	28%	31%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Grayson/Luallen				
Grayson	36%	39%	2%	36%
Luallen	34%	32%	64%	21%
Undecided	30%	29%	33%	43%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Grayson/Mongiardo				
Grayson	40%	43%	5%	29%
Mongiardo	36%	33%	71%	34%
Undecided	24%	24%	24%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Luallen/Williams				
Luallen	41%	39%	69%	30%
Williams	31%	33%	3%	18%
Undecided	29%	28%	28%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Mongiardo/Williams				
Mongiardo	43%	41%	78%	36%
Williams	32%	35%	-	25%
Undecided	25%	25%	22%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bunning Approval					
Approve	28%	37%	33%	24%	27%
Disapprove	54%	43%	43%	61%	58%
Not Sure	18%	20%	24%	15%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Chandler Favorability					
Favorable	38%	43%	32%	37%	43%
Unfavorable	28%	30%	31%	31%	20%
Not Sure	34%	28%	37%	32%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Conway Favorability					
Favorable	40%	35%	29%	42%	50%
Unfavorable	21%	28%	29%	20%	14%
Not Sure	39%	37%	42%	39%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Grayson Favorability					
Favorable	46%	38%	39%	49%	51%
Unfavorable	19%	34%	17%	17%	17%
Not Sure	36%	28%	44%	34%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Luallen Favorability					
Favorable	43%	37%	31%	48%	51%
Unfavorable	21%	23%	28%	21%	14%
Not Sure	35%	40%	41%	31%	35%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mongiardo Favorability					
Favorable	41%	39%	32%	47%	43%
Unfavorable	34%	40%	39%	30%	31%
Not Sure	25%	20%	29%	23%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Williams Favorability					
Favorable	28%	26%	29%	26%	30%
Unfavorable	41%	45%	36%	41%	44%
Not Sure	31%	29%	35%	33%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bunning/Chandler					
Bunning	33%	40%	41%	26%	30%
Chandler	47%	40%	38%	50%	56%
Undecided	20%	20%	21%	23%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bunning/Conway					
Bunning	33%	38%	38%	27%	33%
Conway	42%	36%	32%	48%	45%
Undecided	26%	26%	30%	25%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bunning/Luallen					
Bunning	34%	42%	39%	27%	34%
Luallen	42%	37%	33%	47%	46%
Undecided	25%	21%	28%	27%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bunning/Mongiardo					
Bunning	36%	40%	42%	30%	35%
Mongiardo	43%	38%	35%	49%	45%
Undecided	21%	22%	23%	21%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Chandler/Grayson					
Chandler	40%	41%	37%	40%	42%
Grayson	34%	35%	36%	35%	30%
Undecided	26%	24%	27%	24%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Chandler/Williams					
Chandler	45%	43%	37%	46%	52%
Williams	30%	29%	36%	27%	29%
Undecided	25%	28%	27%	28%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Conway/Grayson					
Conway	37%	41%	31%	41%	37%
Grayson	33%	33%	40%	30%	30%
Undecided	30%	26%	29%	29%	33%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Conway/Williams					
Conway	43%	42%	36%	46%	48%
Williams	29%	29%	32%	26%	29%
Undecided	28%	29%	32%	28%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Grayson/Luallen					
Grayson	36%	29%	37%	37%	38%
Luallen	34%	36%	31%	35%	34%
Undecided	30%	36%	32%	29%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Grayson/Mongiardo					
Grayson	40%	41%	41%	37%	43%
Mongiardo	36%	34%	30%	40%	36%
Undecided	24%	26%	28%	23%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Luallen/Williams					
Luallen	41%	37%	30%	45%	48%
Williams	31%	30%	36%	25%	32%
Undecided	29%	33%	34%	30%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Mongiardo/Williams					
Mongiardo	43%	41%	33%	49%	45%
Williams	32%	33%	38%	26%	35%
Undecided	25%	27%	30%	25%	20%

