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Harry Reid Still Edges Sharron Angle

Raleigh, N.C. – In PPP’s first look at the Nevada Senate race since July, Harry Reid is clinging onto a razor-thin lead over Sharron Angle and a host of minor candidates. Reid continues to luck out that he is facing Angle instead of a more mainstream Republican; if Danny Tarkanian had been the GOP nominee, Reid would be slated for defeat.

In the full ballot measure, Reid leads Angle, 47-45, with six others and “none of these candidates” combining for about 7% of the vote. Angle leads 48-40 among independents, but luckily for Reid, they make up only 19% of the electorate. Democrats just edge Republicans, 41-40, in the remainder of the likely voter set, and Reid has 85% of his party to Angle’s 83% of hers, a slight party unity edge that erases her advantage with unaffiliateds. In a direct head to head without the minor candidates Reid leads 49-48. Angle would have a 56-40 lead with independents if Scott Ashjian and the others were not on the ballot.

The problem for Reid, as for many Democrats in this environment, is that Republicans are much more excited to turn out and vote this year than two years ago. The pro-GOP enthusiasm gap, reflected in the self-reported 2008 presidential vote, shows a difference of 10 points between this year’s likely electorate and the last cycle. If this were 2008, and everything else, even the more Republican lean of independents, were true, Reid would have a 52-42 lead over Angle in the multi-candidate field.

Reid should breathe easier, however, that he is not facing Tarkanian, who would top the majority leader 49-43. Tarkanian would pull more Democrats and Reid fewer Republicans than in the Angle matchup, and Tarkanian would have a larger lead with independents by 10 points on the margin.

“Harry Reid has had a small but persistent lead in PPP’s polling of this race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “If Democratic voters become more engaged over the final three weeks of the campaign he could end up winning by a greater margin than expected.”

PPP surveyed 504 likely Nevada voters from October 7th to 9th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Nevada Survey Results

Q1 The candidates for US Senate are Republican Sharron Angle, Tea Party of Nevada candidate Scott Ashjian, Independent American Party candidate Tim Fasano, independent Michael Haines, independent Jesse Holland, independent Jeffrey Reeves, Democrat Harry Reid, and independent Wil Stand. If the election was today who would you vote for, or would you vote for none of these candidates?

<i>Sharron Angle</i>	45%
<i>Scott Ashjian</i>	2%
<i>Tim Fasano</i>	0%
<i>Michael Haines</i>	1%
<i>Jesse Holland</i>	1%
<i>Jeffrey Reeves</i>	1%
<i>Harry Reid</i>	47%
<i>Wil Stand</i>	0%
<i>None of these candidates</i>	2%
<i>Undecided</i>	1%

Q2 If the candidates for US Senate were just Republican Sharron Angle and Democrat Harry Reid, who would you vote for?

<i>Sharron Angle</i>	48%
<i>Harry Reid</i>	49%
<i>Undecided</i>	3%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sharron Angle?

<i>Favorable</i>	41%
<i>Unfavorable</i>	53%
<i>Not sure</i>	6%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Scott Ashjian?

<i>Favorable</i>	8%
<i>Unfavorable</i>	38%
<i>Not sure</i>	54%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Harry Reid's job performance?

<i>Approve</i>	44%
<i>Disapprove</i>	52%
<i>Not sure</i>	4%

Q6 Do you think that Sharron Angle is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

<i>Too liberal</i>	10%
<i>Too conservative</i>	43%
<i>About right</i>	40%
<i>Not sure</i>	8%

Q7 Do you consider Sharron Angle's political views to be mainstream or extremist?

<i>Mainstream</i>	39%	<i>Not sure</i>	7%
<i>Extremist</i>	53%		

Q8 Do you think Harry Reid or Sharron Angle would be a more effective US Senator?

<i>Harry Reid</i>	50%
<i>Sharron Angle</i>	44%
<i>Not sure</i>	5%

Q9 Whose political beliefs do you think are more similar to yours: Harry Reid's or Sharron Angle's?

<i>Harry Reid's</i>	49%	<i>Not sure</i>	7%
<i>Sharron Angle's</i>	45%		





Q10 If the candidates for US Senate this fall had been Democrat Harry Reid and Republican Danny Tarkanian, who would you have voted for?

Harry Reid..... 43%
Danny Tarkanian..... 49%
Undecided..... 8%

Q11 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not sure 4%

Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 46%
Barack Obama..... 48%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q13 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 46%
Conservative..... 35%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 49%
Man..... 51%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 41%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 19%

Q16 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 17%
White 68%
African-American 9%
Other..... 6%

Q17 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 6%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 26%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Senate w/ Full Ballot				
Sharron Angle	45%	86%	8%	24%
Scott Ashjian	2%	1%	0%	21%
Tim Fasano	0%	-	-	6%
Michael Haines	1%	0%	-	7%
Jesse Holland	1%	1%	-	6%
Jeffrey Reeves	1%	-	2%	-
Harry Reid	47%	8%	88%	26%
Wil Stand	0%	0%	0%	-
None of these candidates	2%	2%	0%	9%
Undecided	1%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Angle/Reid Only				
Sharron Angle	48%	90%	8%	45%
Harry Reid	49%	8%	92%	30%
Undecided	3%	2%	0%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Angle Favorability				
Favorable	41%	76%	9%	24%
Unfavorable	53%	17%	88%	49%
Not sure	6%	7%	3%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ashjian Favorability				
Favorable	8%	5%	8%	25%
Unfavorable	38%	45%	34%	19%
Not sure	54%	50%	58%	56%





Crosstabs

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Reid Approval				
Approve	44%	7%	84%	24%
Disapprove	52%	92%	11%	66%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	10%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Angle Ideology				
Too liberal	10%	4%	17%	3%
Too conservative	43%	15%	71%	33%
About right	40%	73%	8%	40%
Not sure	8%	9%	4%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Angle Mainstream/Extremist				
Mainstream	39%	73%	7%	30%
Extremist	53%	16%	90%	48%
Not sure	7%	10%	3%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Reid/Angle More Effective				
Harry Reid	50%	12%	91%	26%
Sharron Angle	44%	81%	8%	48%
Not sure	5%	7%	1%	26%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
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More Similar Beliefs to You				
Harry Reid's	49%	9%	91%	26%
Sharron Angle's	45%	82%	8%	47%
Not sure	7%	9%	2%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Reid/Tarkanian				
Harry Reid	43%	4%	84%	22%
Danny Tarkanian	49%	87%	11%	60%
Undecided	8%	9%	5%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	5%	84%	33%
Disapprove	52%	93%	10%	59%
Not sure	4%	1%	6%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Senate w/ Full Ballot				
Sharron Angle	45%	6%	29%	86%
Scott Ashjian	2%	3%	2%	1%
Tim Fasano	0%	-	1%	-
Michael Haines	1%	-	0%	1%
Jesse Holland	1%	2%	1%	-
Jeffrey Reeves	1%	4%	0%	0%
Harry Reid	47%	83%	63%	8%
Wil Stand	0%	-	0%	0%
None of these candidates	2%	2%	2%	0%
Undecided	1%	1%	2%	2%





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Angle/Reid Only				
Sharron Angle	48%	7%	34%	88%
Harry Reid	49%	89%	64%	10%
Undecided	3%	5%	2%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Angle Favorability				
Favorable	41%	6%	26%	78%
Unfavorable	53%	89%	67%	16%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Ashjian Favorability				
Favorable	8%	12%	7%	6%
Unfavorable	38%	36%	33%	46%
Not sure	54%	52%	60%	48%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reid Approval				
Approve	44%	85%	57%	7%
Disapprove	52%	12%	37%	91%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%	2%





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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Angle Ideology				
Too liberal	10%	9%	13%	7%
Too conservative	43%	78%	54%	9%
About right	40%	8%	24%	78%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Angle Mainstream/Extremist				
Mainstream	39%	7%	24%	76%
Extremist	53%	87%	69%	15%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reid/Angle More Effective				
Harry Reid	50%	88%	64%	12%
Sharron Angle	44%	7%	28%	86%
Not sure	5%	5%	8%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More Similar Beliefs to You				
Harry Reid's	49%	88%	63%	9%
Sharron Angle's	45%	7%	28%	86%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	5%





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Reid/Tarkanian				
Harry Reid	43%	84%	54%	7%
Danny Tarkanian	49%	12%	37%	84%
Undecided	8%	4%	9%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	80%	59%	7%
Disapprove	52%	12%	38%	91%
Not sure	4%	8%	4%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate w/ Full Ballot			
Sharron Angle	45%	42%	47%
Scott Ashjian	2%	2%	3%
Tim Fasano	0%	-	1%
Michael Haines	1%	0%	1%
Jesse Holland	1%	1%	1%
Jeffrey Reeves	1%	1%	1%
Harry Reid	47%	51%	44%
Wil Stand	0%	0%	0%
None of these candidates	2%	2%	1%
Undecided	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Angle/Reid Only			
Sharron Angle	48%	45%	51%
Harry Reid	49%	52%	46%
Undecided	3%	2%	3%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Angle Favorability			
Favorable	41%	37%	45%
Unfavorable	53%	55%	50%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Ashjian Favorability			
Favorable	8%	4%	11%
Unfavorable	38%	37%	39%
Not sure	54%	58%	50%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Reid Approval			
Approve	44%	49%	40%
Disapprove	52%	48%	55%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Angle Ideology			
Too liberal	10%	11%	9%
Too conservative	43%	45%	40%
About right	40%	34%	46%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Angle Mainstream/Extremist			
Mainstream	39%	32%	46%
Extremist	53%	57%	50%
Not sure	7%	11%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Reid/Angle More Effective			
Harry Reid	50%	55%	46%
Sharron Angle	44%	41%	48%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%

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More Similar Beliefs to You			
Harry Reid's	49%	52%	46%
Sharron Angle's	45%	40%	49%
Not sure	7%	8%	5%

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		Woman	Man
Reid/Tarkanian			
Harry Reid	43%	48%	39%
Danny Tarkanian	49%	44%	54%
Undecided	8%	9%	7%





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		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	47%	42%
Disapprove	52%	48%	55%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Senate w/ Full Ballot				
Sharron Angle	45%	7%	83%	48%
Scott Ashjian	2%	2%	2%	4%
Tim Fasano	0%	-	-	2%
Michael Haines	1%	-	0%	2%
Jesse Holland	1%	1%	1%	-
Jeffrey Reeves	1%	2%	-	-
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None of these candidates	2%	2%	2%	1%
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Sharron Angle	48%	7%	86%	56%
Harry Reid	49%	90%	13%	40%
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Angle Favorability				
Favorable	41%	8%	70%	50%
Unfavorable	53%	86%	22%	46%
Not sure	6%	6%	8%	4%





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Ashjian Favorability				
Favorable	8%	8%	3%	16%
Unfavorable	38%	34%	44%	37%
Not sure	54%	58%	53%	47%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Reid Approval				
Approve	44%	82%	10%	34%
Disapprove	52%	13%	88%	61%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Angle Ideology				
Too liberal	10%	16%	3%	11%
Too conservative	43%	68%	19%	38%
About right	40%	10%	69%	45%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Angle Mainstream/Extremist				
Mainstream	39%	7%	69%	47%
Extremist	53%	90%	21%	42%
Not sure	7%	3%	10%	11%





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Reid/Angle More Effective				
Harry Reid	50%	87%	16%	42%
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Not sure	7%	3%	10%	8%

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Crosstabs

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Senate w/ Full Ballot					
Sharron Angle	45%	30%	52%	21%	48%
Scott Ashjian	2%	3%	2%	-	-
Tim Fasano	0%	-	0%	-	-
Michael Haines	1%	-	1%	-	2%
Jesse Holland	1%	2%	0%	-	-
Jeffrey Reeves	1%	4%	-	2%	2%
Harry Reid	47%	54%	42%	76%	47%
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None of these candidates	2%	4%	1%	-	-
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Not sure	4%	7%	4%	4%	4%

