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GEORGIA: PERDUE (SEN), DEAL (GOV) IN LEAD

Monmouth University Poll finds neither breaks 50% mark

The Republican candidates for Governor and U.S. Senate in Georgia are ahead, but neither is above the significant 50% mark needed to avoid a run-off. The ***Monmouth University Poll*** finds David Perdue leading Michelle Nunn by 8 points in the Senate contest and Nathan Deal leading Jason Carter by 6 points for Governor.

In the race for Georgia Governor, incumbent Nathan Deal holds a 48% to 42% lead over Democratic challenger Jason Carter. Libertarian Andrew Hunt has 5% of the vote and another 5% are undecided. Fully 91% of Republican voters support Deal and 88% of Democratic voters support Carter. Independents prefer Deal over Carter by 51% to 32%.

In the election for Georgia's open U.S. Senate seat, Republican David Perdue has the support of 49% of likely voters while Democrat Michelle Nunn has 41%.   Libertarian candidate Amanda Swafford has 3% of the vote and another 7% of likely voters are undecided.

Fully 94% of Republican voters support Perdue and 90% of Democratic voters support Nunn. Independents prefer Perdue over Nunn 50% to 33%. There is almost no gender gap in this race. Perdue leads among men, 52% to 38%, and also has a slim edge among women, 47% to 43%.

Among the states with close U.S. Senate contests this year, Georgia may have the most racially diverse electorate, with 3-in-10 likely voters being black, Hispanic, Asian or native American. Among this group, Nunn has a substantial 75% to 14% lead. But among white likely voters in Georgia, Perdue has a similar 66% to 26% advantage.

"Perdue is clearly in the lead, but there is a sizable number of truly undecided voters in this race. If most of them swing to Nunn in the final days, a run-off is possible," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

About 1-in-5 likely voters in Monmouth's sample say they have already filled out their ballot during Georgia's early voting period. Among this group, Democrats actually have the lead. Nunn has a 57% to 42% early voter edge for U.S. Senate and Carter has a 58% to 39% early voter advantage for Governor.   The republicans lead among those who have yet to vote – 51% to 37% for Perdue in the Senate race and an identical 51% to 37% for Deal in the Governor contest.

Interestingly, when asked which candidate they feel is honest and trustworthy, Nunn (30%) just edges out Perdue (24%). Another 10% say both candidates are honest and trustworthy and 28% say that neither one is. Among undecided voters, fully half (50%) say that neither Nunn nor Perdue is trustworthy.

Georgia voters prefer to see the Republicans (45%) rather than the Democrats (33%) in control of the U.S. Senate, while 21% say party control makes no difference to them. These voters hold a negative opinion of Barack Obama, with just 38% who approve of the job he is doing as president and 56% who disapprove.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from October 26 to 28, 2014 with 436 Georgia voters likely to vote in the November general election.   This sample has a margin of error of $\pm$ 4.7 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute.

DATA TABLES
The questions referred to in this release are as follows:
(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. If the election for U.S. Senate was today, would you vote for David Perdue the Republican or Michelle Nunn the Democrat, or Amanda Swafford the Libertarian? [*PERDUE & NUNN WERE ROTATED*]   [*IF UNDECIDED:* If you had to vote for one of the following at this moment, do you lean more toward David Perdue or Michelle Nunn?]

(with leaners)	LIKELY VOTERS	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-49	50+
David Perdue	**49%**	5%	50%	94%	52%	47%	48%	50%
Michelle Nunn	**41%**	90%	33%	3%	38%	43%	42%	41%
Amanda Swafford	**3%**	1%	8%	1%	4%	3%	1%	4%
Undecided	**7%**	4%	9%	2%	6%	7%	9%	5%

2. If the election for Governor was today, would you vote for Nathan Deal the Republican or Jason Carter the Democrat, or Andrew Hunt the Libertarian? [*DEAL & CARTER WERE ROTATED*] [*IF UNDECIDED:* If you had to vote for one of the following at this moment, do you lean more toward Nathan Deal or Jason Carter?]

(with leaners)	LIKELY VOTERS	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-49	50+
Nathan Deal	**48%**	6%	51%	91%	53%	45%	44%	50%
Jason Carter	**42%**	88%	32%	7%	37%	46%	41%	42%
Andrew Hunt	**5%**	2%	10%	1%	6%	4%	6%	4%
Undecided	**5%**	4%	7%	1%	5%	6%	8%	4%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	LIKELY VOTERS	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		SENATE VOTE CHOICE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-49	50+	Perdue	Nunn	Undecided
Approve	**38%**	83%	28%	5%	39%	38%	41%	37%	4%	81%	38%
Disapprove	**56%**	10%	64%	95%	57%	55%	53%	57%	94%	11%	50%
(VOL) Don't know	**5%**	7%	8%	0%	5%	6%	5%	6%	2%	8%	11%

4. Which party would you like to see control the U.S. Senate – the Republicans or the Democrats, or would it make no difference?

	LIKELY VOTERS	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		SENATE VOTE CHOICE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-49	50+	Perdue	Nunn	Undecided
Republicans	**45%**	2%	42%	93%	49%	42%	38%	48%	83%	5%	22%
Democrats	**33%**	84%	17%	1%	28%	37%	36%	32%	2%	78%	18%
No difference	**21%**	14%	40%	5%	23%	19%	26%	19%	15%	17%	53%
(VOL) Don't know	**1%**	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	7%

5. Which candidate for Senate is honest and trustworthy – David Perdue, Michelle Nunn, both of them, or neither of them?

	LIKELY VOTERS	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		SENATE VOTE CHOICE		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	18-49	50+	Perdue	Nunn	Undecided
Perdue	**24%**	2%	17%	57%	26%	23%	20%	26%	49%	1%	6%
Nunn	**30%**	71%	20%	2%	29%	31%	25%	33%	2%	74%	10%
Both	**10%**	7%	11%	11%	10%	9%	14%	8%	10%	9%	9%
Neither	**28%**	11%	45%	23%	28%	28%	36%	24%	34%	11%	50%
(VOL) Don't know	**8%**	9%	8%	7%	7%	10%	6%	10%	6%	5%	25%

POLL DEMOGRAPHICS
Likely Voter Sample (weighted)

Self-Reported Party ID	*Party of Registration*	*Gender*	*Age*
31% Democrat	*33% Democrat*	*45% Male*	*8% 18-34*
32% Republican	*48% Republican*	*55% Female*	*24% 35-49*
37% Independent	*19% Independent*		*37% 50-64*
			31% 65+

MARGIN OF ERROR

	LIKELY VOTERS	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		SENATE VOTE CHOICE		
		Dem	*Ind*	*Rep*	*Male*	*Female*	*18-49*	*50+*	*Perdue*	*Nunn*	*Undecided*
Unweighted N	*436*	*136*	*147*	*142*	*198*	*238*	*108*	*325*	*208*	*166*	*59*
moe	*4.7%*	*8.4%*	*8.1%*	*8.2%*	*7.0%*	*6.4%*	*9.4%*	*5.4%*	*6.8%*	*7.6%*	*12.8%*

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