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MISSOURI: SENATE RACE REMAINS NECK AND NECK; TRUMP WIDENS EDGE FOR PRESIDENT

Governor's race tightens to a tie

West Long Branch, NJ – Donald Trump has taken a double digit lead over Hillary Clinton in Missouri, but the Senate race remains up in the air. The ***Monmouth University Poll*** also found that the Democratic candidate for governor has lost his early lead in that race and the contest is now tied.

Among Missouri voters likely to cast ballots in November's presidential election, 52% currently support Trump and 38% back Clinton. Another 4% intend to vote for Libertarian Gary Johnson and 2% back the Green Party's Jill Stein. In Monmouth's mid-October poll, Trump had a 5 point lead of 46% to 41%. In August, the race was practically tied at 44% for Trump and 43% for Clinton.

White men prefer the GOP nominee by a 64% to 28% margin, which is similar to his 62% to 26% lead earlier this month. Trump also has a lead among white women of 52% to 39%, a group that was evenly divided at 42% to 42% two weeks ago.

"In a trend we have seen in other red states, Republican leaning voters in Missouri look like they are coming home to support their party's nominee despite any misgivings they may have about him," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Trump's personal ratings have ticked up slightly, but remain negative, at 39% favorable and 51% unfavorable. He had a 32% favorable to 56% unfavorable rating in mid-October and a 33% favorable to 53% unfavorable rating in August. Clinton's ratings are somewhat worse at 29% favorable to 63% unfavorable, compared with her ratings in mid-October (30% favorable to 59% unfavorable) and August (32% favorable to 56% unfavorable).

The poll was conducted from Friday through Monday, after news broke about the FBI investigation of new emails during Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State. Only 4% of Missouri voters say this news caused them to change their mind about which candidate they would support. The vast

majority (87%) say these latest developments has had no impact on their vote and 8% are unaware of the news.

"Most of those voters who are swayed by the latest bombshell have moved into Trump's camp, but some actually side with Clinton now. The bottom line is that the net impact of the FBI news is contributing no more than one or two points to Trump's overall margin here," said Murray, adding, "The one way this small effect could be critical is if it spurs GOP turnout that could be decisive in razor thin races down the ballot."

The Show Me State's U.S. Senate race remains tight. Republican incumbent Roy Blunt holds an insignificant 47% to 46% lead over Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander. Another 2% say they will vote for Libertarian Jonathan Dine. Blunt held a 48% to 43% lead over Kander in August, which narrowed to a 46% to 44% edge in mid-October.

Blunt earns a net positive job rating from Missouri voters of 43% approve to 36% disapprove. This is virtually unchanged from his 42% approve to 37% disapprove rating last month and is only slightly less positive than his 45% approve to 35% disapprove rating in August.

Voters are more negative as to their personal opinion of Blunt – 34% have a favorable view of him while 39% hold an unfavorable opinion. His October rating was 32% favorable to 33% unfavorable while his August rating was 33% favorable to 28% unfavorable. Kander remains less well-known but is slightly more liked at 35% favorable to 21% unfavorable. This compares with the challenger's 33% favorable to 14% unfavorable rating in October and his 29% favorable to 9% unfavorable rating in August.

In terms of straight-ticket voting, Kander is able to hold onto more Clinton supporters (90%) than Blunt is of Trump voters (79%). In October, Kander got the vote of 82% of Clinton backers while Blunt kept 80% of Trump voters. Prior polls have shown that some Trump supporters are concerned that Blunt has not provided enough support to the top of the ticket. Among Trump voters, 57% have a favorable opinion of Blunt and 19% have an unfavorable opinion. As a point of comparison, 64% of Clinton voters have a favorable opinion of Kander and only 4% hold an unfavorable view of him.

"Even though Blunt isn't getting a bigger percentage of the straight-ticket vote, the simple fact that the number of Trump voters has grown is helping Blunt to the tune of a percentage point or two," said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* also finds the contest to replace outgoing governor Jay Nixon has narrowed to a tie. Democratic Attorney General Chris Koster has the support of 46% of likely voters and former Navy SEAL Eric Greitens has an identical 46%. Another 2% say they will vote for Libertarian Cisse Spragins. Koster enjoyed a much larger 51% to 40% advantage in August, but that had tightened to 46% to 43% in mid-October.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from October 28 to 31, 2016 with 405 Missouri residents likely to vote in the November election. This sample has a margin of error of $\pm$ 4.9 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1/2.   If the election for President was today, would you vote for Donald Trump the Republican, Hillary Clinton the Democrat, Gary Johnson the Libertarian, or Jill Stein of the Green Party? [*IF UNDECIDED:* If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton?] [*NAMES WERE ROTATED*]

(with leaners)	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Donald Trump	**52%**	46%	44%
Hillary Clinton	**38%**	41%	43%
Gary Johnson	**4%**	5%	8%
Jill Stein	**2%**	2%	*n/a*
(VOL) Other candidate	**1%**	1%	1%
(VOL) Undecided	**4%**	5%	5%
(n)	*(405)*	*(406)*	*(401)*

3.   If the election for U.S. Senate was today, would you vote for Roy Blunt the Republican, Jason Kander the Democrat, or Jonathan Dine the Libertarian? [*IF UNDECIDED:* If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Roy Blunt or Jason Kander?] [*NAMES WERE ROTATED*]

(with leaners)	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Roy Blunt	**47%**	46%	48%
Jason Kander	**46%**	44%	43%
Johnathan Dine	**2%**	3%	3%
(VOL) Other candidate	**1%**	<1%	0%
(VOL) Undecided	**5%**	7%	7%
(n)	*(405)*	*(406)*	*(401)*

4.   If the election for governor was today, would you vote for Eric Greitens the Republican, Chris Koster the Democrat, or Cisse Spragins the Libertarian? [*IF UNDECIDED:* If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Eric Greitens or Chris Koster?] [*NAMES WERE ROTATED*]

(with leaners)	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Eric Greitens	**46%**	43%	40%
Chris Koster	**46%**	46%	51%
Cisse Spragins	**2%**	2%	3%
(VOL) Other candidate	**0%**	0%	<1%
(VOL) Undecided	**5%**	8%	6%
(n)	*(405)*	*(406)*	*(401)*

Regardless of who you may support…
[*QUESTIONS 5 & 6 WERE ROTATED*]
5.   Is your general impression of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Favorable	**39%**	32%	33%
Unfavorable	**51%**	56%	53%
No opinion	**11%**	13%	14%
(n)	***(405)***	*(406)*	*(401)*

6.   Is your general impression of Hillary Clinton favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?

	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Favorable	**29%**	30%	32%
Unfavorable	**63%**	59%	56%
No opinion	**8%**	11%	12%
(n)	***(405)***	*(406)*	*(401)*

[*QUESTIONS 7 & 8 WERE ROTATED*]
7.   Is your general impression of Roy Blunt favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Favorable	**34%**	32%	33%
Unfavorable	**39%**	33%	28%
No opinion	**27%**	35%	40%
(n)	***(405)***	*(406)*	*(401)*

8.   Is your general impression of Jason Kander favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Favorable	**35%**	33%	29%
Unfavorable	**21%**	14%	9%
No opinion	**44%**	53%	62%
(n)	***(405)***	*(406)*	*(401)*

9.   Do you approve or disapprove of the job Roy Blunt is doing as U.S. senator?

	November 2016	October 2016	August 2016
Approve	**43%**	42%	45%
Disapprove	**36%**	37%	35%
(VOL) No opinion	**21%**	21%	20%
(n)	***(405)***	*(406)*	*(401)*

10.   Have you read or heard about Friday's news that the FBI is now looking into newly discovered emails from Hillary Clinton's time as Secretary of State, or have you not heard about this recent news?

	November 2016
Yes, heard	**92%**
Not heard	**8%**
(n)	***(405)***

11.   Has this recent news changed your mind about who you will vote for in the presidential election, or has it not really changed your vote choice?

	November 2016
Changed mind about vote	4%
Not really changed vote choice	87%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
Not heard	*8%*
(n)	*(405)*

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from October 28 to 31, 2016 with a random sample of 405 likely Missouri voters. Interviews were conducted by a live caller in English, including 355 drawn from a list of registered voters (204 landline / 151 cell phone) and a random digit dial supplement of 50 cell phone interviews. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The final sample is weighted for age, gender, race and voting history based on voter list and U.S. Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field), Aristotle (voter list sample), and SSI (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)
Self-Reported
29% Republican
41% Independent
30% Democrat

48% Male
52% Female

22% 18-34
27% 35-49
29% 50-64
23% 65+

86% White
10% Black
2% Hispanic
2% Other

MARGIN OF ERROR

		unweighted sample	*moe (+/-)*
LIKELY VOTER	*Total*	*405*	*4.9%*
SELF-REPORTED	*Republican*	*123*	*8.8%*
PARTY ID	*Independent*	*167*	*7.6%*
	Democrat	*109*	*9.4%*
IDEOLOGY	*Conservative*	*178*	*7.4%*
	Moderate	*137*	*8.4%*
	Liberal	*77*	*11.2%*
GENDER	*Male*	*191*	*7.1%*
	Female	*214*	*6.7%*
AGE	*18-49*	*178*	*7.4%*
	50+	*225*	*6.5%*
RACE	*White non-Hispanic*	*343*	*5.3%*
	Other	*57*	*13.0%*
COLLEGE DEGREE	*No*	*230*	*6.5%*
	Yes	*169*	*7.5%*

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q1-2. PREZ VOTE WITH LEANERS	Trump	52%	96%	53%	10%	81%	40%	13%	60%	45%	49%
	Clinton	38%	1%	29%	87%	12%	46%	78%	31%	44%	37%
	Johnson	4%	1%	7%	1%	2%	6%	4%	4%	3%	6%
	Stein	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	4%	1%	2%	3%
	[VOL] Other cand	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
	Undecided	4%	2%	5%	1%	4%	5%	1%	3%	5%	3%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q1-2. PREZ VOTE WITH LEANERS	Trump	56%	58%	13%	53%	51%
	Clinton	39%	33%	69%	37%	40%
	Johnson	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%
	Stein	1%	1%	6%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Other cand	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	Undecided	4%	3%	7%	4%	3%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q3. SEN VOTE WITH LEANERS	Blunt	47%	90%	47%	5%	79%	29%	10%	51%	42%	42%
	Kander	46%	8%	40%	90%	16%	60%	82%	41%	49%	49%
	Dine	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Other cand	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Undecided	5%	2%	8%	3%	4%	7%	4%	5%	6%	6%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q3. SEN VOTE WITH LEANERS	Blunt	52%	51%	21%	45%	49%
	Kander	43%	42%	69%	47%	45%
	Dine	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Other cand	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Undecided	4%	5%	8%	5%	5%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q4. GOV VOTE WITH LEANERS	Greitens	46%	86%	48%	6%	74%	33%	14%	50%	43%	42%
	Koster	46%	11%	40%	92%	21%	59%	80%	43%	49%	49%
	Spragins	2%	1%	5%	0%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%
	Undecided	5%	2%	8%	2%	4%	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q4. GOV VOTE WITH LEANERS	Greitens	50%	52%	10%	47%	46%
	Koster	44%	42%	80%	44%	51%
	Spragins	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
	Undecided	4%	5%	10%	7%	2%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q5. Is your general impression of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	39%	76%	37%	4%	60%	28%	12%	39%	38%	35%
	Unfavorable	51%	11%	51%	89%	27%	64%	78%	51%	50%	55%
	No opinion	11%	12%	12%	6%	13%	9%	9%	10%	12%	10%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q5. Is your general impression of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	43%	43%	12%	42%	34%
	Unfavorable	46%	47%	73%	47%	56%
	No opinion	11%	10%	15%	10%	11%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q6. Is your general impression of Hillary Clinton favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?	Favorable	29%	1%	20%	71%	9%	32%	67%	22%	36%	26%
	Unfavorable	63%	95%	75%	15%	87%	58%	21%	71%	54%	65%
	No opinion	8%	4%	6%	14%	4%	10%	12%	7%	9%	9%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q6. Is your general impression of Hillary Clinton favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?	Favorable	33%	25%	61%	27%	33%
	Unfavorable	60%	68%	27%	63%	62%
	No opinion	7%	8%	12%	11%	5%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q7. Is your general impression of Roy Blunt favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	34%	65%	33%	8%	58%	21%	11%	38%	31%	31%
	Unfavorable	39%	13%	37%	66%	18%	52%	62%	38%	39%	38%
	No opinion	27%	23%	29%	26%	24%	27%	27%	24%	29%	31%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q7. Is your general impression of Roy Blunt favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	38%	37%	20%	37%	31%
	Unfavorable	39%	38%	47%	41%	36%
	No opinion	23%	25%	33%	22%	33%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q8. Is your general impression of Jason Kander favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	35%	11%	32%	64%	14%	47%	62%	32%	37%	35%
	Unfavorable	21%	38%	21%	3%	40%	7%	5%	24%	18%	15%
	No opinion	44%	51%	47%	33%	45%	47%	33%	44%	44%	50%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q8. Is your general impression of Jason Kander favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	35%	35%	40%	35%	36%
	Unfavorable	26%	24%	1%	21%	21%
	No opinion	39%	41%	59%	44%	43%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female
Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Roy Blunt is doing as U.S. senator?	Approve	43%	72%	41%	19%	66%	30%	21%	48%	38%
	Disapprove	36%	14%	33%	61%	18%	48%	55%	35%	37%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	21%	14%	26%	20%	15%	22%	23%	17%	25%

		AGE 2-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		18-49	50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Roy Blunt is doing as U.S. senator?	Approve	42%	44%	46%	28%	42%	45%
	Disapprove	35%	37%	37%	33%	37%	35%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	23%	19%	18%	39%	21%	20%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 2-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
E1. Have you read or heard about Fridays news that the FBI is now looking into newly discovered emails from Hillary Clintons time as Secretary of State, or have you not heard about this recent news?	Yes, heard	92%	96%	94%	85%	94%	92%	88%	96%	88%	89%
	Not heard	8%	4%	6%	15%	6%	8%	12%	4%	12%	11%

		AGE 2-WAY	RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
E1. Have you read or heard about Fridays news that the FBI is now looking into newly discovered emails from Hillary Clintons time as Secretary of State, or have you not heard about this recent news?	Yes, heard	94%	93%	84%	91%	93%
	Not heard	6%	7%	16%	9%	7%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female
E2. Has this recent news changed your mind about who you will vote for in the presidential election, or has it not really changed your vote choice?	Changed mind about vote	4%	1%	7%	3%	3%	6%	2%	6%	2%
	Not really changed vote choice	87%	95%	86%	82%	90%	85%	85%	89%	86%
	(VOL) Dont know_refused	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Have not heard	8%	4%	6%	15%	6%	8%	12%	4%	12%

		AGE 2-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE	
		18-49	50+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No degree	4 yr degree
E2. Has this recent news changed your mind about who you will vote for in the presidential election, or has it not really changed your vote choice?	Changed mind about vote	5%	3%	5%	1%	5%	3%
	Not really changed vote choice	84%	91%	88%	82%	86%	90%
	(VOL) Dont know_refused	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%
	Have not heard	11%	6%	7%	16%	9%	7%