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SENATE

Johnny Isakson	44%	14%	35%	7%
Mike Thurmond	22%	7%	34%	37%

QUESTION: If the 2010 general election for Georgia's U.S. Senate seat were held today, would you vote for:

Mike Thurmond, Democrat
Johnny Isakson, Republican
Chuck Donovan, Libertarian

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ISAKSON	52%	57%	48%	8%	88%	51%	67%	6%
THURMOND	33%	31%	34%	77%	3%	25%	18%	81%
DONOVAN	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	7%	4%	3%
UNDECIDED	11%	7%	15%	12%	5%	17%	11%	10%

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>ATLANTA METRO</u>	<u>NORTH GA</u>	<u>CENTRAL GA</u>	<u>SOUTH GA</u>
ISAKSON	52%	52%	57%	52%	49%
THURMOND	33%	33%	29%	32%	36%
DONOVAN	4%	4%	2%	5%	6%

UNDECIDED 11% 11% 12% 11% 9%

QUESTION: If the 2010 general election for lieutenant governor were held today would you vote for:

**Carol Porter, Democrat
Casey Cagle, Republican
Dan Barber, Libertarian**

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CAGLE	47%	52%	42%	9%	78%	46%	61%	5%
PORTER	28%	25%	31%	68%	1%	19%	15%	67%
BARBER	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	7%	6%	3%
UNDECIDED	20%	17%	23%	19%	16%	28%	18%	25%

QUESTION: If you were voting today in the U.S. House race in your congressional district, would vote for:

**The Democratic candidate
The Republican candidate
Another party candidate**

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REPUBLICAN	49%	56%	43%	3%	88%	48%	63%	7%
DEMOCRAT	36%	31%	40%	84%	3%	25%	19%	86%
OTHER	3%	4%	2%	-	2%	9%	4%	1%
UNDECIDED	12%	9%	15%	13%	7%	18%	14%	6%

QUESTION: If you were voting today in the State Legislative races in your district, would vote for:

**The Democratic candidates
The Republican candidates
Other party candidates**

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		<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
REPUBLICAN	46%	54%	38%	1%	84%	45%	59%	7%
DEMOCRAT	35%	28%	42%	83%	1%	28%	18%	85%

OTHER	4%	5%	3%	2%	3%	9%	4%	3%
SPLIT	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	1%
UNDECIDED	11%	9%	13%	11%	7%	16%	14%	4%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance as President?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>RACE</u>	
		<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
APPROVE	36%	33%	39%	79%	8%	26%	19%	88%
DISAPPROVE	56%	59%	53%	12%	89%	62%	73%	5%
NOT SURE	8%	8%	8%	9%	3%	12%	8%	7%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Congress's job performance?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>RACE</u>	
		<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
APPROVE	17%	14%	19%	33%	8%	9%	10%	37%
DISAPPROVE	72%	80%	65%	47%	90%	75%	83%	40%
NOT SURE	11%	6%	16%	20%	2%	16%	7%	23%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of your particular Congressman's job performance?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>RACE</u>	
		<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
APPROVE	53%	56%	50%	42%	60%	55%	53%	53%
DISAPPROVE	27%	30%	24%	34%	22%	27%	29%	22%
NOT SURE	20%	14%	26%	24%	18%	18%	18%	25%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of the Georgia State Legislature's job performance?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>RACE</u>	
		<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
APPROVE	37%	46%	29%	28%	42%	41%	38%	33%
DISAPPROVE	37%	29%	45%	42%	36%	33%	35%	42%
NOT SURE	26%	25%	26%	30%	22%	26%	27%	25%

QUESTION: Is the country better off when one party controls both the White House and Congress, or is it better off when control is split between the parties?

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ONE PARTY	18%	18%	18%	28%	10%	16%	14%	31%
SPLIT	67%	70%	64%	49%	78%	73%	72%	52%
NOT SURE	15%	12%	18%	23%	12%	11%	14%	17%

QUESTION: Is the state better off when one party controls both the Governor's office and the Legislature, or is it better off when control is split between the parties?

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ONE PARTY	21%	25%	18%	21%	26%	11%	19%	26%
SPLIT	62%	61%	62%	53%	64%	71%	65%	54%
NOT SURE	17%	14%	20%	26%	10%	18%	16%	20%

QUESTION: In Washington, which party do you trust more to deal with the economy?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>RACE</u>	
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REPUBLICANS	53%	64%	42%	5%	89%	56%	68%	7%
DEMOCRATS	32%	23%	41%	77%	4%	17%	20%	69%
NEITHER/DK	15%	13%	17%	18%	7%	27%	12%	24%

QUESTION: In Washington, which party do you trust more to deal with healthcare?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>RACE</u>	
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DEMOCRATS	37%	30%	44%	83%	7%	25%	23%	80%
NEITHER/DK	12%	13%	12%	10%	8%	22%	11%	14%

QUESTION: In Georgia, which party do you trust more to deal with the state budget?

	SEX			PARTY ID			RACE	
	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
REPUBLICANS	55%	61%	49%	7%	91%	57%	70%	9%
DEMOCRATS	33%	27%	39%	78%	-	28%	20%	73%
NEITHER/DK	12%	12%	12%	15%	9%	15%	10%	18%

QUESTION: In Georgia, which party do you trust more to deal with education?

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QUESTION: Will your opinion of the Obama administration and the Democratic controlled Congress on national issues such as the economic stimulus plan and healthcare reform make you more likely to vote for Democratic candidates in state and local races in Georgia, less likely to vote for Democrats locally, or will it have no real effect on your vote?

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MORE LIKELY	23%	18%	28%	56%	2%	14%	10%	62%
LESS LIKELY	47%	53%	42%	5%	81%	47%	62%	1%
NO EFFECT	25%	25%	25%	34%	12%	34%	24%	30%
NOT SURE	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%

QUESTION: In terms of your political party identification, do you generally consider yourself a: (READ LIST)

Democrat	34%	(212)
Republican	42%	(264)
Independent or Other	24%	(149)

QUESTION: QUESTION: Would you say that you generally support the agenda of the Tea Party movement, or not?

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YES	48%	53%	43%	12%	78%	48%	59%	14%
NO	34%	31%	37%	63%	11%	32%	26%	58%
NOT SURE	18%	16%	20%	25%	11%	29%	15%	28%

QUESTION: Do you consider yourself a member of the Tea Party?

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YES	16%	19%	14%	3%	28%	13%	20%	4%
NO	84%	81%	86%	97%	72%	87%	80%	96%

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SPLIT	67%	70%	64%	49%	78%	73%	72%	52%
NOT SURE	15%	12%	18%	23%	12%	11%	14%	17%

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NOT SURE	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from September 13 through September 15, 2010. A total of 625 registered Georgia voters were interviewed statewide by telephone. All stated they were likely to vote in the November general election.

Those interviewed were selected by the random variation of the last four digits of telephone numbers. A cross-section of exchanges was utilized in order to ensure an accurate reflection of the state. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter turn-out by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than plus or minus 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if the entire population were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a regional or gender grouping.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

AGE:

18-34	82 (13%)
35-49	191 (31%)
50-64	211 (34%)
65+	140 (22%)
Refused	1

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	443	(71%)
Black/African American	155	(25%)
Hispanic or Latino	14	(2%)
Asian or Other	9	(1%)
Refused	4	(1%)

SEX:

Male	309	(49%)
Female	316	(51%)

REGION:

Atlanta Metro	345	(55%)
North Georgia	85	(14%)
Central Georgia	70	(11%)
South Georgia	125	(20%)