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Medina becoming a factor in Texas

Raleigh, N.C. – Rick Perry continues to hold onto a double digit lead in the Republican primary for Governor of Texas but the biggest story may be that Debra Medina is coming on strong.

Perry is at 39% to 28% for Kay Bailey Hutchison and 24% for Medina. There are major splits within the race along ideological lines. Perry is at 42% with conservatives, and Medina is now outpolling Hutchison with them by a 25-23 margin. Hutchison cleans up with moderates, leading Perry 49-29, but unfortunately for her prospects they account for only 20% of GOP primary voters.

One finding in the poll helps sum up the mood in the country right now and may give a clue as to why Hutchison is having so much trouble. Asked whether they trust Austin or Washington politicians more to solve Texas' problems, state level politicians win out by a margin of 78-3.

There's no doubt Medina is riding the wave of discontent with the political establishment. She actually leads the race, 37-32 over Perry, with the third of primary voters who disapprove of Washington politicians. With those who are happy she trails well behind at 17%.

“The big question for Debra Medina is whether there's enough unhappy voters out there for her to get into a runoff with Rick Perry,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “That would rank up there with the results of the Massachusetts Senate election as an early shocker in the 2010 political season.”

There is less drama on the Democratic side- Bill White leads Farouk Shami 49-19.

PPP surveyed 400 likely Democratic primary voters and 423 likely Republican primary voters from February 4th to 7th. The margin of error for the Democratic survey is +/- 4.9% and for the Republicans it's +/-4.8%. 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.



Texas GOP Survey Results

Q1 The Republican candidates for Governor are Kay Bailey Hutchison, Debra Medina, and Rick Perry. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Kay Bailey Hutchison, press 1. If Debra Medina, press 2. If Rick Perry, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Hutchison 28% *Perry* 39%
Medina 24% *Undecided* 10%

Q2 (Medina supporters only) Would your second choice for Governor be Kay Bailey Hutchison or Rick Perry? If Kay Bailey Hutchison, press 1. If Rick Perry, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Hutchison 39% *Not Sure* 18%
Perry 43%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Rick Perry's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 50%
Disapprove 36%
Not Sure 14%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 51%
Disapprove 28%
Not Sure 20%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Debra Medina? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 40%
Unfavorable 9%
Not Sure 51%

Q6 Do you have more faith in Austin politicians or Washington politicians to solve Texas' problems? If Austin politics, press 1. If Washington politicians, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Austin 78%
Washington 3%
Not Sure 18%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 51%
Disapprove 33%
Not Sure 16%

Q8 Do you think that Congressional Republicans are too liberal, too conservative, or about right? If too liberal, press 1. If too conservative, press 2. If about right, press 3.

Too Liberal 34%
Too Conservative 12%
About Right 54%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal 4%
Moderate 20%
Conservative 76%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 46%
Man 54%





Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 3%
Republican..... 75%
Independent/Other..... 22%

Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 12%
White 81%
African American 4%
Other..... 4%

Q13 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.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Governor				
Hutchison	28%	9%	49%	23%
Medina	24%	48%	14%	25%
Perry	39%	31%	29%	42%
Undecided	10%	12%	9%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Second Choice				
Hutchison	39%	25%	57%	38%
Perry	43%	25%	34%	46%
Not Sure	18%	50%	9%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Perry Approval				
Approve	50%	62%	39%	52%
Disapprove	36%	24%	52%	33%
Not Sure	14%	14%	9%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hutchison Approval				
Approve	51%	33%	59%	50%
Disapprove	28%	23%	28%	29%
Not Sure	20%	44%	13%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Medina Favorability				
Favorable	40%	37%	36%	41%
Unfavorable	9%	11%	12%	8%
Not Sure	51%	52%	52%	51%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Austin/Washington				
Austin	78%	54%	75%	80%
Washington	3%	8%	8%	2%
Not Sure	18%	39%	18%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional GOP Approval				
Approve	51%	35%	46%	53%
Disapprove	33%	54%	40%	30%
Not Sure	16%	12%	14%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Republicans Ideology				
Too Liberal	34%	42%	22%	36%
Too Conservative	12%	12%	35%	7%
About Right	54%	46%	43%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Governor			
Hutchison	28%	30%	25%
Medina	24%	16%	31%
Perry	39%	42%	36%
Undecided	10%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Second Choice			
Hutchison	39%	35%	41%
Perry	43%	47%	41%
Not Sure	18%	18%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Approval			
Approve	50%	51%	49%
Disapprove	36%	34%	39%
Not Sure	14%	16%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hutchison Approval			
Approve	51%	52%	51%
Disapprove	28%	24%	32%
Not Sure	20%	25%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Medina Favorability			
Favorable	40%	36%	44%
Unfavorable	9%	6%	11%
Not Sure	51%	58%	45%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Austin/Washington			
Austin	78%	80%	77%
Washington	3%	3%	4%
Not Sure	18%	16%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional GOP Approval			
Approve	51%	56%	47%
Disapprove	33%	25%	40%
Not Sure	16%	19%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Republicans Ideology			
Too Liberal	34%	29%	38%
Too Conservative	12%	9%	16%
About Right	54%	62%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Governor				
Hutchison	28%	42%	27%	27%
Medina	24%	35%	18%	39%
Perry	39%	16%	43%	26%
Undecided	10%	8%	11%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Second Choice				
Hutchison	39%	78%	29%	50%
Perry	43%	22%	54%	29%
Not Sure	18%	-	17%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perry Approval				
Approve	50%	32%	54%	37%
Disapprove	36%	68%	32%	48%
Not Sure	14%	-	14%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hutchison Approval				
Approve	51%	70%	53%	44%
Disapprove	28%	21%	28%	30%
Not Sure	20%	10%	19%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Medina Favorability				
Favorable	40%	25%	37%	51%
Unfavorable	9%	5%	9%	7%
Not Sure	51%	70%	53%	42%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Austin/Washington				
Austin	78%	55%	80%	77%
Washington	3%	20%	4%	1%
Not Sure	18%	25%	17%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional GOP Approval				
Approve	51%	20%	58%	32%
Disapprove	33%	80%	25%	54%
Not Sure	16%	-	18%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Republicans Ideology				
Too Liberal	34%	15%	32%	44%
Too Conservative	12%	35%	10%	19%
About Right	54%	50%	59%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Governor					
Hutchison	28%	19%	30%	7%	32%
Medina	24%	21%	24%	36%	17%
Perry	39%	48%	38%	36%	24%
Undecided	10%	12%	8%	21%	27%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Second Choice					
Hutchison	39%	-	43%	60%	39%
Perry	43%	90%	39%	-	61%
Not Sure	18%	10%	18%	40%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Perry Approval					
Approve	50%	51%	50%	57%	29%
Disapprove	36%	32%	36%	36%	60%
Not Sure	14%	18%	14%	7%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Hutchison Approval					
Approve	51%	50%	51%	64%	46%
Disapprove	28%	28%	28%	28%	22%
Not Sure	20%	22%	20%	8%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Medina Favorability					
Favorable	40%	41%	41%	36%	21%
Unfavorable	9%	9%	9%	-	15%
Not Sure	51%	49%	50%	64%	64%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Austin/Washington					
Austin	78%	85%	78%	83%	64%
Washington	3%	14%	2%	-	14%
Not Sure	18%	1%	20%	17%	22%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Congressional GOP Approval					
Approve	51%	58%	51%	30%	40%
Disapprove	33%	31%	33%	45%	32%
Not Sure	16%	11%	16%	25%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Congressional Republicans Ideology					
Too Liberal	34%	22%	34%	55%	38%
Too Conservative	12%	25%	9%	20%	46%
About Right	54%	53%	57%	25%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Governor					
Hutchison	28%	13%	33%	25%	33%
Medina	24%	40%	22%	26%	15%
Perry	39%	40%	37%	36%	44%
Undecided	10%	7%	9%	12%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Second Choice					
Hutchison	39%	33%	40%	38%	48%
Perry	43%	33%	40%	49%	36%
Not Sure	18%	33%	20%	13%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Approval					
Approve	50%	50%	42%	49%	60%
Disapprove	36%	50%	38%	39%	27%
Not Sure	14%	-	20%	13%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hutchison Approval					
Approve	51%	57%	53%	50%	50%
Disapprove	28%	29%	20%	30%	32%
Not Sure	20%	14%	27%	19%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Medina Favorability					
Favorable	40%	50%	34%	45%	33%
Unfavorable	9%	14%	11%	7%	8%
Not Sure	51%	36%	55%	48%	59%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Austin/Washington					
Austin	78%	75%	86%	77%	74%
Washington	3%	17%	-	3%	4%
Not Sure	18%	8%	14%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional GOP Approval					
Approve	51%	64%	60%	44%	51%
Disapprove	33%	18%	33%	38%	27%
Not Sure	16%	18%	7%	18%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Republicans Ideology					
Too Liberal	34%	30%	37%	38%	25%
Too Conservative	12%	10%	12%	14%	11%
About Right	54%	60%	51%	49%	64%





Texas Democratic Survey Results

Q1 The Democratic candidates for Governor are Alma Aguado, Felix Alvarado, Bill Dear, Clement Glenn, Star Locke, Farouk Shami, and Bill White. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Alma Aguado, press 1. If Felix Alvarado, press 2. If Bill Dear, press 3. If Clement Glenn, press 4. If Star Locke, press 5. If Farouk Shami, press 6. If Bill White, press 7. If you're undecided, press 8.

<i>Aguado</i>	2%	<i>Locke</i>	0%
<i>Alvarado</i>	5%	<i>Shami</i>	19%
<i>Dear</i>	0%	<i>White</i>	49%
<i>Glenn</i>	1%	<i>Undecided</i>	24%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bill White? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

<i>Favorable</i>	53%	<i>Not Sure</i>	39%
<i>Unfavorable</i>	8%		

Q3 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

<i>Liberal</i>	35%
<i>Moderate</i>	49%
<i>Conservative</i>	16%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	62%
<i>Man</i>	38%

Q5 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	81%
<i>Republican</i>	3%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	16%

Q6 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	32%
<i>White</i>	46%
<i>African American</i>	19%
<i>Other</i>	3%

Q7 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>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	22%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Governor				
Aguado	2%	1%	3%	-
Alvarado	5%	8%	2%	9%
Dear	0%	-	1%	-
Glenn	1%	2%	-	-
Locke	0%	-	1%	-
Shami	19%	22%	19%	10%
White	49%	51%	50%	40%
Undecided	24%	15%	25%	41%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
White Favorability				
Favorable	53%	57%	57%	31%
Unfavorable	8%	12%	3%	15%
Not Sure	39%	31%	40%	54%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Governor			
Aguado	2%	2%	2%
Alvarado	5%	5%	5%
Dear	0%	-	1%
Glenn	1%	0%	1%
Locke	0%	1%	-
Shami	19%	20%	16%
White	49%	45%	55%
Undecided	24%	27%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
White Favorability			
Favorable	53%	46%	64%
Unfavorable	8%	6%	12%
Not Sure	39%	48%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Governor				
Aguado	2%	1%	17%	1%
Alvarado	5%	6%	17%	-
Dear	0%	1%	-	-
Glenn	1%	0%	-	3%
Locke	0%	1%	-	-
Shami	19%	16%	42%	30%
White	49%	48%	8%	58%
Undecided	24%	27%	17%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
White Favorability				
Favorable	53%	52%	25%	64%
Unfavorable	8%	9%	17%	4%
Not Sure	39%	39%	58%	32%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Governor					
Aguado	2%	3%	1%	-	7%
Alvarado	5%	10%	1%	10%	-
Dear	0%	-	1%	-	-
Glenn	1%	-	-	-	21%
Locke	0%	-	1%	-	-
Shami	19%	23%	18%	14%	14%
White	49%	39%	58%	43%	43%
Undecided	24%	26%	20%	33%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
White Favorability					
Favorable	53%	37%	66%	50%	50%
Unfavorable	8%	10%	3%	15%	21%
Not Sure	39%	53%	31%	35%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Governor					
Aguado	2%	-	-	4%	-
Alvarado	5%	14%	-	4%	9%
Dear	0%	-	-	1%	-
Glenn	1%	-	1%	1%	-
Locke	0%	-	-	1%	-
Shami	19%	14%	20%	25%	8%
White	49%	42%	66%	44%	44%
Undecided	24%	30%	13%	20%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
White Favorability					
Favorable	53%	52%	74%	48%	45%
Unfavorable	8%	29%	-	7%	11%
Not Sure	39%	20%	26%	46%	44%

