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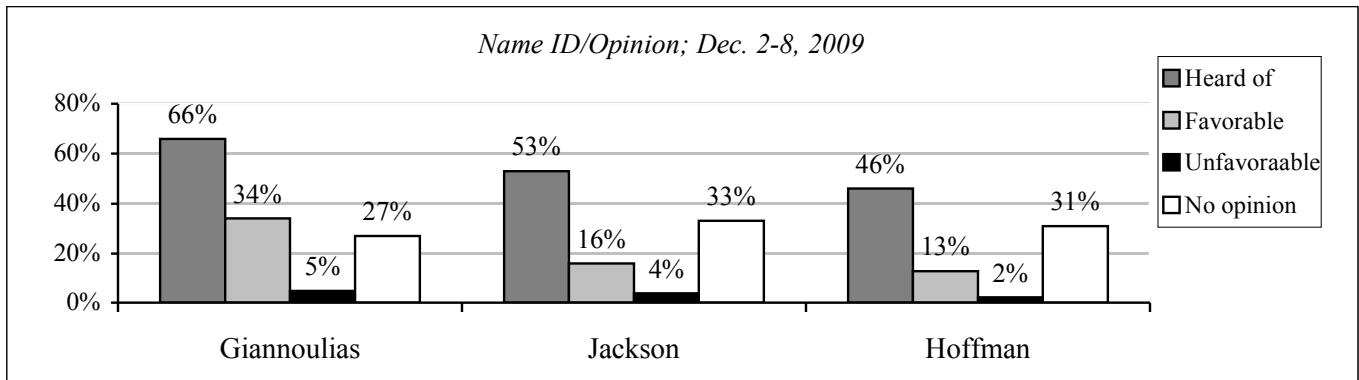
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This Chicago Tribune Poll is based on interviews of confirmed registered voters likely to vote in the February 2nd Democratic and Republican primaries. In 2008, Illinois primary elections were moved to the first Tuesday in February - for both presidential and off-year state office contests. Before then, primaries were held on the third Tuesday in March. Interviewing was conducted December 2nd to the 8th.

State samples of 600 were interviewed for each state primary. Potential margin of error for each sample is +/- 4.0% at the 95% confidence level. Likely voting was determined based on scale question response. Qualifying answers were: absolutely or very certain to vote, always or very often vote in primaries, and definitely or probably will vote.

DEMOCRATIC U.S. SENATE PRIMARY

In the Democratic Senate primary, only state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, Cheryle Jackson, and David Hoffman are known by about half or more of primary voters eight weeks out from election day.



Ques D1. “[Name] is your opinion of him/her favorable, unfavorable, do you have no opinion, or have you never heard of him/her?”

Giannoulias, Jackson, and Hoffman are the best known of the seven candidates in this race, best known in Chicago which casts nearly 40% of the statewide vote in recent elections. Only 21% - 24% have ever heard of the remaining four candidates.

Recognition/Opinion, Senate Candidates; Dec, 2-8 2009

	Total State %	Chicago %	Cook Subs %	Collar Counties %	Down- state %	Gender Male Female %	
<u>Alexi Giannoulis</u>							
Heard Of	<u>66</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>66</u>
Favorable	34	38	33	42	23	31	36
Unfavorable	5	6	8	7	2	7	4
No Opinion	27	31	32	25	17	27	27
<u>Cheryle Jackson</u>							
Heard Of	<u>53</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>
Favorable	16	25	17	12	5	17	15
Unfavorable	4	4	5	6	1	5	2
No Opinion	33	42	36	24	21	29	35
<u>David Hoffman</u>							
Heard Of	<u>46</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>
Favorable	13	13	15	17	8	14	12
Unfavorable	2	3	2	1	1	3	2
No Opinion	31	33	27	27	33	29	33
<u>Robert Marshall</u>							
Heard Of	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>26</u>
Favorable	3	3	4	5	1	4	2
Unfavorable	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
No Opinion	20	21	17	20	22	17	23
<u>Jacob Meister</u>							
Heard Of	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>
Favorable	2	2	-	2	1	2	1
Unfavorable	1	1	2	-	1	1	1
No Opinion	20	18	20	23	20	19	20
Base:	(600)	(230)	(131)	(84)	(155)	(269)	(331)

Ques D 1. "Here are names of people who may or may not be known in your area. For each, tell me your opinion of the person. Ques D 1a-g. [NAME] is your opinion of him/her... favorable, unfavorable, do you have no opinion, or have you never heard of him/her?" Name phonetics: Alexi Giannoulis (jeh-NEW-lee-us), Jacob Meister (MY-stir).

Among white primary voters, Giannoulias leads Jackson 38% to 6%. Among African-American voters, Jackson leads 45% to 13%.

	<u>Senate Candidate Would Vote For In Primary; Dec, 2-8 2009</u>						
	Total		Cook	Collar	Down-	<u>Gender</u>	
	<u>State</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>state</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Giannoulias	31	30	28	48	26	31	31
Jackson	17	29	16	8	5	17	16
Hoffman	9	6	12	14	8	10	8
<u>Others (Net)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Boyd*	2	2	-	5	3	4	1
Meister	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marshall	1	1	1	-	1	*	1
Dabney*	1	-	-	3	1	*	1
Other cand. (Vol.)	3	1	3	3	6	3	3
Undecided	35	29	40	20	49	33	37
Base:	(600)	(230)	(131)	(84)	(155)	(269)	(331)

Ques D3a-b. "Candidates for U.S. Senate in the Illinois February 2nd Democratic Primary are..... Alexi Giannoulias (jeh-NEW-lee-us), David Hoffman, Robert Marshall, Jacob Meister (MY-stir), Corey Dabney, Cheryle Jackson and Will Boyd. If that election was held today, for whom would you vote...(Shuffle names)?" (If undecided.) "If you were voting today and really had to decide right now, would you vote for...(Shuffle names)?"

* In the table: Of seven Senate candidates running in the Democratic primary, two were subject to objections to their nominating petitions during the survey period and were later removed from the ballot, Corey Dabney and Will Boyd.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ISSUES

Giannoulias wins approval as State Treasurer by 48% versus only 9% disapproval.

	<u>Alexi Giannoulias Job Approval; Dec, 2-8 2009</u>						
	Total		Cook	Collar	Down-	<u>Gender</u>	
	<u>State</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>state</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	48	52	40	61	42	51	46
Disapprove	9	8	11	10	7	10	7
No opinion	43	40	49	30	51	39	47
Base:	(600)	(230)	(131)	(84)	(155)	(269)	(331)

Ques D13. "Do you approve or disapprove of the job Alexi Giannoulias (jeh-NEW-lee-us), is doing as Illinois State Treasurer?"

REPUBLICAN U.S. SENATE PRIMARY

Senate candidate Mark Kirk is now serving his fifth term as congressman of the 10th District, one of 19 Districts in Illinois. The 10th is a swing District, regularly won by Democratic presidential candidates in recent years - Barack Obama with 61%, John Kerry with 53%, Al Gore with 51%, and Bill Clinton in 1996 by 50% to 43% for Bob Dole.

Kirk, a moderate, is now running statewide in a primary whose voters are more conservative, 76% of conservative including 37% who call themselves very conservative, up from previous elections.

Kirk is now known by 70% of likely Republican primary voters - far better known than any of his six rivals.

	<u>Recognition/Opinion, Senate Candidates; Dec. 2-8, 2009</u>						
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cook</u>	<u>Collar</u>	<u>Down-</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Fairly</u>	<u>Moderate</u>
	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>state</u>	<u>Cons.</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Liberal</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Mark Kirk</u>							
Heard Of	<u>70</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>
Favorable	36	55	49	17	34	37	34
Unfavorable	7	9	11	4	10	6	5
No Opinion	27	28	31	23	23	27	36
<u>Patrick Hughes</u>							
Heard Of	<u>37</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>
Favorable	7	3	10	6	7	8	5
Unfavorable	1	2	1	1	*	2	-
No Opinion	29	28	35	25	30	28	30
<u>Andy Martin</u>							
Heard Of	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>
Favorable	4	3	5	4	4	4	5
Unfavorable	2	-	2	2	1	2	1
No Opinion	26	23	36	20	25	27	28
<u>Kathleen Thomas</u>							
Heard Of	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>27</u>
Favorable	4	2	4	4	5	2	4
Unfavorable	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
No Opinion	25	22	32	19	24	27	22
<u>John Arrington</u>							
Heard Of	<u>27</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>33</u>
Favorable	3	3	3	3	2	2	6
Unfavorable	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
No Opinion	23	17	32	19	22	21	28
Base:	(599)	(116)	(213)	(270)	(220)	(233)	(138)

Ques R1. "Here are names of people who may or may not be known in your area. For each, tell me your opinion of the person. R1a-g. [NAME], is your opinion of him/her...favorable, unfavorable, do you have no opinion, or have you never heard of him/her?"

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Recognition/Opinion, Senate Candidates; Dec. 2-8, 2009 (Cont.)

	<u>Total State</u> %	<u>Cook County</u> %	<u>Collar Counties</u> %	<u>Down-state</u> %	<u>Very Cons.</u> %	<u>Fairly Cons.</u> %	<u>Moderate Liberal</u> %
<u>Robert Zadek *</u>							
Heard Of	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>
Favorable	2	1	2	3	2	2	2
Unfavorable	*	-	-	1	1	-	-
No Opinion	21	18	28	17	22	22	18
<u>Donald Lowery</u>							
Heard Of	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
Favorable	2	2	1	3	1	3	3
Unfavorable	*	-	*	*	*	-	-
No Opinion	20	15	28	15	22	18	19
Base:	(599)	(116)	(213)	(270)	(220)	(233)	(138)

*In the tables: An objection to Robert Zadek’s petitions was filed and his campaign says he will now mount an independent campaign. Since no withdrawal was listed by the Illinois State Board of Elections, his name remained on the GOP ballot during the survey period.

Kirk is getting 41% of the vote - but against unknown candidates as of now. Many are still undecided, 46%.

Senate Candidate Would Vote For In Primary; Dec. 2-8 2009

	<u>Total State</u> %	<u>Cook County</u> %	<u>Collar Counties</u> %	<u>Down-state</u> %	<u>Very Cons.</u> %	<u>Fairly Cons.</u> %	<u>Moderate Liberal</u> %
Kirk	41	62	54	22	37	44	41
<u>Others (Net)</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>
Thomas	3	2	1	5	3	1	6
Hughes	3	-	3	4	5	2	1
Arrington	2	2	2	3	2	2	4
Martin	2	2	3	1	1	2	1
Lowery	1	-	-	2	1	*	1
Zadek*	1	1	-	1	1	*	-
Other cand. (Vol.)	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Undecided	46	31	36	61	48	48	42
Base:	(599)	(116)	(213)	(270)	(220)	(233)	(138)

R2a-b. “Candidates for U.S. Senate in the February 2nd Republican Primary are John Arrington, Mark Kirk, Don Lowery, Andy Martin, Kathleen Thomas, Patrick Hughes, and Robert Zadek. If that election was held today, for whom would you vote...(Shuffle names)?” (If undecided) “If you were voting today and really had to decide right now, would you vote for...(Shuffle names)?”

In the Chicago metro where Kirk is better known, Republican primary voters are divided on whether he conservative enough.

Whether Kirk Too Conservative Or Not Conservative Enough; Dec, 2-8 2009

	<u>Total State</u> %	<u>Cook County</u> %	<u>Collar Counties</u> %	<u>Down-state</u> %	<u>Very Cons.</u> %	<u>Fairly Cons.</u> %	<u>Moderate Liberal</u> %
Too conservative	3	4	4	2	1	3	8
Not conservative enough	21	31	26	13	30	21	9
Mostly agree with on issues	26	34	35	16	23	29	26
Don't know	49	31	24	69	46	48	57
Base:	(599)	(116)	(213)	(270)	(220)	(233)	(138)

Ques. R7. "Thinking now about Senate candidate Mark Kirk - compared to your political beliefs, do you think Kirk is...too conservative on the issues, not conservative enough, or do you mostly agree with him on the issues?"

Voter composition in a primary can change over time. The current poll yielded 76% of likely voters who describe themselves as conservative, 37% very conservative, up from the previous results.

In four previous GOP primary polls, Jan., '08, Dec. '07, March '06, and Feb. '06, total conservatives ranged from 64% to 66% including 21% to 26% very conservative. Who is on the ballot may affect composition of voter turnout. But it is also likely that national politics is having an effect on elections this year.

Ideology; Dec, 2-8 2009

	<u>Total State</u> %	<u>Cook County</u> %	<u>Collar Counties</u> %	<u>Down-state</u> %	<u>Male</u> %	<u>Female</u> %
<u>Very/Fairly Conservative (Net)</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>73</u>
Very Conservative	37	30	31	44	37	36
Fairly Conservative	39	43	40	36	41	37
Moderate, middle-of-the-road	22	26	23	18	20	23
Liberal	2	-	2	2	1	2
Refused	1	1	3	*	1	1
Base:	(600)					

Ques. D. On the issues, do you consider yourself to be...?

Ideology; Jan. 29-31, 2008

	<u>Total State</u> %	<u>Cook County</u> %	<u>Collar Counties</u> %	<u>Down-state</u> %	<u>Male</u> %	<u>Female</u> %
<u>Very/Fairly Conservative (Net)</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>67</u>
Very Conservative	26	33	29	21	24	27
Fairly Conservative	40	30	39	46	42	39
Moderate, middle-of-the-road	29	32	25	31	31	27
Liberal	2	4	3	1	1	4
Refused	2	2	3	2	2	2
Base:	(500)	(98)	(178)	(224)	(245)	(255)

Ques. D. "On the issues, do you consider yourself to be...?"