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### **Minnesotans Want Pawlenty to Certify Election, Coleman to Concede**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A strong majority of Minnesota voters think that Norm Coleman should concede the race for US Senate, that Tim Pawlenty should certify Al Franken as the winner, and that Franken should be seated immediately, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

63% of voters in the state think that Coleman should just concede the race himself. That includes almost all of Franken and Dean Barkley's supporters, as well as a third of respondents who voted for Coleman last fall.

59% express support both for Pawlenty certifying Franken as the winner and for Franken being seated immediately.

While Democrats and Republicans predictably have different views about the various issues related to resolving the election, it's notable that independent voters fall on Franken's side with 61% thinking Coleman should concede and 54% saying Franken should be certified and seated.

“With the ruling of the three judge panel it appears that most Minnesota voters are now ready for this election be over,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Folks seem to think that Franken is the rightful winner and that he should be allowed to take his seat instead of the process being dragged out further.”

The poll also finds Barack Obama with strong approval from voters in the state, with 60% expressing support for the job he's done so far compared to just 30 who dissent.

PPP surveyed 805 Minnesota voters on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%. 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](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## Minnesota Survey Results

- Q1** Have you heard or read about the decision of the three judge panel that has declared Al Franken the winner of the election for U.S. Senate? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.  
 Yes..... 88% No ..... 12%
- Q2** Do you think Norm Coleman should appeal the decision and continue to fight in court or should Coleman concede the race? If you think Coleman should appeal, press 1. If you think he should concede, press 2.  
 Appeal..... 37%  
 Concede ..... 63%
- Q3** Minnesota now has only one senator representing the state in the U.S. Senate. Should Franken be seated immediately or should the seat remain vacant? If you think Franken should be seated immediately, press 1. If you think the seat should remain vacant, press 2.  
 Seat Franken Immediately..... 59% Leave Seat Vacant 41%
- Q4** Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing as President of the United States? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.  
 Approve .....60% Not Sure.....10%  
 Disapprove.....30%
- Q5** Some people say that Republicans are funding the Coleman legal suit to keep the Minnesota seat vacant and slow down the Obama agenda. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? If you agree, press 1. If you disagree, press 2.  
 Agree .....48% Disagree .....52%
- Q6** In order for Al Franken to be seated as a U.S. Senator, Republican Governor Tim Pawlenty must sign a form certifying Al Franken as the winner. Do you think Governor Pawlenty should sign the form certifying Al Franken? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.  
 Yes ..... 59%  
 No ..... 41%
- Q7** In the US Senate election last fall, who did you vote for? If you voted for Norm Coleman, press 1. If you voted for Al Franken, press 2. If you voted for Dean Barkley, press 3. If you didn't vote or don't remember, press 4.  
 Coleman ..... 41%  
 Franken..... 41%  
 Barkley..... 13%  
 Didn't Vote/Don't Remember ..... 5%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.  
 Woman ..... 53%  
 Man..... 47%
- Q9** 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 ..... 39%  
 Republican..... 28%  
 Independent/Other ..... 32%
- Q10** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.  
 White ..... 92%  
 African-American ..... 3%  
 Other..... 5%





**Q11** 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> .....	12%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	24%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	37%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
<b>Knowledge of Court Decision</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	88%	83%	92%	88%	83%
<b>No</b>	12%	17%	8%	12%	17%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
<b>Coleman's Next Move</b>					
<b>Appeal</b>	37%	69%	9%	19%	45%
<b>Concede</b>	63%	31%	91%	81%	55%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
<b>Seating Franken</b>					
<b>Seat Franken Immediately</b>	59%	24%	92%	67%	57%
<b>Leave Seat Vacant</b>	41%	76%	8%	33%	43%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	60%	32%	88%	65%	56%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	57%	6%	22%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	12%	6%	13%	14%





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	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
<b>GOP trying to slow down Obama?</b>					
<b>Agree</b>	48%	21%	74%	49%	45%
<b>Disagree</b>	52%	79%	26%	51%	55%

	Base	Vote in Election			
		Coleman	Franken	Barkley	Didn't Vote/Don't Remember
<b>Pawlenty Certification</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	59%	23%	92%	73%	48%
<b>No</b>	41%	77%	8%	27%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Knowledge of Court Decision</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	88%	87%	88%
<b>No</b>	12%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Coleman's Next Move</b>			
<b>Appeal</b>	37%	35%	38%
<b>Concede</b>	63%	65%	62%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Seating Franken</b>			
<b>Seat Franken Immediately</b>	59%	60%	58%
<b>Leave Seat Vacant</b>	41%	40%	42%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	60%	63%	57%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	27%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>GOP trying to slow down Obama?</b>			
<b>Agree</b>	48%	47%	48%
<b>Disagree</b>	52%	53%	52%

	Base	Gender	
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<b>Pawlenty Certification</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	59%	61%	57%
<b>No</b>	41%	39%	43%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Knowledge of Court Decision</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	88%	91%	79%	90%
<b>No</b>	12%	9%	21%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Coleman's Next Move</b>				
<b>Appeal</b>	37%	7%	75%	39%
<b>Concede</b>	63%	93%	25%	61%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Seating Franken</b>				
<b>Seat Franken Immediately</b>	59%	93%	18%	54%
<b>Leave Seat Vacant</b>	41%	7%	82%	46%

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<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	60%	92%	23%	56%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	3%	64%	32%
<b>Not Sure</b>	10%	5%	13%	12%





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<b>Pawlenty Certification</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	59%	93%	18%	54%
<b>No</b>	41%	7%	82%	46%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Knowledge of Court Decision</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	88%	87%	82%	95%
<b>No</b>	12%	13%	18%	5%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Knowledge of Court Decision</b>					
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<b>No</b>	<b>12%</b>	19%	18%	9%	9%

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<b>Coleman's Next Move</b>					
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<b>Concede</b>	<b>63%</b>	58%	62%	65%	65%

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<b>Disagree</b>	<b>52%</b>	54%	61%	50%	47%

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<b>Paw lenty Certification</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>59%</b>	56%	55%	61%	60%
<b>No</b>	<b>41%</b>	44%	45%	39%	40%

