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**McCain Leads Obama 51% To 43% With Bob Barr At 3%**  
**Chambliss Leads All Democrats**  
**Jones Leads Tight Democratic In Senate Race**  
**President's Job Approval At 38%**

**Atlanta, GA/July 2, 2008** – Strategic Vision, LLC, a public relations and public affairs agency, announced the results of a three-day poll of 800 likely Georgia voters. The poll has a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. In the poll, 368 (46%) Republican voters were surveyed; with 328 (41%) Democratic voters surveyed; and 104 (13%) Independents and other party affiliation polled.

The poll found that 56% of respondents approved of Governor Sonny Perdue's job performance, with 31% disapproving, and 13% undecided. Senator Saxby Chambliss received a 53% approval rating with 33% disapproving, and 14% undecided. Senator Johnny Isakson received a 58% approval rating, with 31% disapproving, and 11% undecided.

"Governor Perdue and Senator Isakson remain the most popular figures in Georgia," said David E. Johnson, CEO and Co-Founder of Strategic Vision, LLC. "Their popularity transcends political lines and is consistent through all sections of the state. Senator Chambliss is in strong shape as he seeks re-election."

In the Democratic race for the United States Senate, DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones led with 25%; former newsman Dale Cardwell had 22%; 2006 Democratic Lt. Governor nominee Jim Martin had 17%; Rand Knight had 14%; Josh Lanier had 6% and 16% were undecided.

"The Democratic race for Senate remains highly fluid with no clear frontrunner," said Johnson. "While Jones continues to lead, he has lost support while Cardwell, Martin, and Knight have all shown slight gains. In a volatile race such as this where so many Democrats say there is a strong chance they may switch their support before the primary, campaign organization will be critical."

In a potential Senate match-up between Republican Senator Saxby Chambliss and Democrat DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones, Chambliss led 57% to 27%; with 16% undecided. In a potential match-up between Chambliss and Democrat Dale Cardwell, Chambliss led with 58% to 29% for Cardwell, and 13% undecided. In a potential match-up between Chambliss and Martin, Chambliss led 57% to 28% with 15% undecided. In a potential match-up between Chambliss and Democrat Rand Knight, Chambliss led 58% to 28% with 14% undecided. In a potential match-up between Chambliss and Democrat Josh Lanier, Chambliss led 58% to 25% with 17% undecided.

"At this point, Senator Chambliss is well positioned for re-election and is particularly strong in South and North Georgia," said Johnson. "The base Democratic vote at this point appears to be between 25% to 30% starting off which will pose a challenge for the Democrats to expand upon, especially as Georgia's Senate race will not be targeted by Democrats due to races with more potential in Minnesota, New Hampshire, Maine, Virginia, New Mexico, and Nebraska."

President Bush's overall approval was 38% approving, 49% disapproving, and 13% undecided. When asked if they approved of the President's handling of the economy, 29% approved; 52% disapproved; and 19% were undecided. When asked if they approved of the President's handling of the Iraq War, 44% approved; 40% disapproved; and 16% were undecided. When asked if they approved of the President's handling of the war on terrorism, 54% said approved; 36% disapproved; and 10% were undecided.

"The President's poll support is far lower than what one would expect in a conservative state like Georgia," said Johnson. "Much of this low support is due to the economy which has replaced Iraq as the President's Achilles Heel. The key question will this dissatisfaction with the President affect John McCain and Georgia Republicans."

When asked if they favored an immediate withdrawal of United States military forces from Iraq within 6 months, 35% said yes; 53% said no; and 12% were undecided.

"Support for the war in Iraq has increased over the past several months in part due to the surge and Americans shifting their attention to the economy," said Johnson.

When Republicans were asked if they viewed President Bush as a conservative in the mode of Ronald Reagan, 9% said yes; 81% said no; and 10% were undecided.

"The President continues to be in trouble with his conservative base as demonstrated by this question," said Johnson. "Rank and file Republicans feel betrayed by the President and feel that he has deserted from the conservative path."

When asked if voters approved or disapproved of the way Congress is handling its job, 12% approved; 77% disapproved; and 11% were undecided.

"For Democrats the good news should be that the President's poll numbers are so low in a Republican leaning state like Georgia that it may affect Republican candidates. Yet the flip side is that voters don't approve of the Democratic Congress which could hurt incumbents like John Barrow and Jim Marshall, with this election year beginning to look like an anti-incumbent year" said Johnson.

When Republicans were polled on potential gubernatorial candidates for 2010, the results were Lt. Governor Casey Cagle 21%; State Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine 14%; Congressman Jack Kingston 10%; House Speaker Glenn Richardson 8%; State Secretary of State Karen Handel 7%; Congressman Lynn Westmoreland 6%; and 34% undecided.

"At this point there is no clear frontrunner to succeed Governor Perdue on the Republican side and the race is very much in flux," said Johnson.

When asked if they thought Georgia was headed in the right direction or wrong direction, 47% said right direction; 38% said wrong direction; and 15% were undecided.

"We have seen a sharp drop in the number of Georgians who believe the state is headed in the right direction over the past few months," said Johnson.

In a general election match-up for President, Republican Senator John McCain led Democrat Senator Barack Obama 51% to 43% with Libertarian Bob Barr at 3% and 3% undecided.

"This match-up is polarized among racial lines," said Johnson. "Barr does not seem to be making the inroads

among Republicans that he is hoping for.”

## Poll Results

1. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Sonny Perdue’s overall job performance?

Approve	56%
Disapprove	31%
Undecided	13%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Saxby Chambliss’ overall job performance?

Approve	53%
Disapprove	33%
Undecided	14%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Johnny Isakson’s overall job performance?

Approve	58%
Disapprove	31%
Undecided	11%

4. If the primary for the United States Senate Democratic nomination was held today, whom would you support, Dale Cardwell, Vernon Jones, Rand Knight, Josh Lanier or Jim Martin? **(Democrats Only)**

Vernon Jones	25%
Dale Cardwell	22%
Jim Martin	17%
Rand Knight	14%
Josh Lanier	6%
Undecided	16%

5. If the election for United States Senate were held today, whom would you vote for Saxby Chambliss, the Republican or Vernon Jones, the Democrat?

Saxby Chambliss	57%
Vernon Jones	27%
Undecided	16%

6. If the election for United States Senate were held today, whom would you vote for Saxby Chambliss, the Republican or Dale Cardwell, the Democrat?

Saxby Chambliss	58%
Dale Cardwell	29%
Undecided	13%

7. If the election for United States Senate were held today, whom would you vote for Saxby Chambliss, the Republican or Jim Martin, the Democrat?

Saxby Chambliss	57%
Jim Martin	28%
Undecided	15%

8. If the election for United States Senate were held today, whom would you vote for Saxby Chambliss, the

Republican or Rand Knight, the Democrat?

Saxby Chambliss	58%
Rand Knight	28%
Undecided	14%

9. If the election for United States Senate were held today, whom would you vote for Saxby Chambliss, the Republican or Josh Lanier the Democrat?

Saxby Chambliss	58%
Josh Lanier	25%
Undecided	17%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's overall job performance?

Approve	38%
Disapprove	49%
Undecided	13%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the economy?

Approve	29%
Disapprove	52%
Undecided	19%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq?

Approve	44%
Disapprove	40%
Undecided	16%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the war on terrorism?

Approve	54%
Disapprove	36%
Undecided	10%

14. Do you favor an immediate withdrawal of the United States military forces from Iraq, within the six months?

Yes	35%
No	53%
Undecided	12%

15. Do you view President Bush as a conservative in the mode of Ronald Reagan? **(Republicans Only)**

Yes	9%
No	81%
Undecided	10%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is performing its job?

Approve	12%
Disapprove	77%
Undecided	11%

17. If the Republican primary for Governor were being held today, whom would you support, Casey Cagle, Karen Handel, Jack Kingston, John Oxendine, Glenn Richardson, or Lynn Westmoreland? **(Republicans**

**Only)**

Casey Cagle	21%
John Oxendine	14%
Jack Kingston	10%
Glenn Richardson	8%
Karen Handel	7%
Lynn Westmoreland	6%
Undecided	34%

18. Do you think Georgia is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right	47%
Wrong	38%
Undecided	15%

19. If the election for President were held today, whom would you support, John McCain, the Republican; Barack Obama, the Democrat or Bob Barr the Libertarian?

John McCain	51%
Barack Obama	43%
Bob Barr	3%
Undecided	3%

Strategic Vision, LLC is an Atlanta-headquartered public relations and public affairs agency. Results are based on telephone interviews with 800 likely voters in Georgia, aged 18+, and conducted June 27-29, 2008. The margin of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Additional information on Strategic Vision, LLC may be obtained at [www.strategicvision.biz](http://www.strategicvision.biz).