

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #16503

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Six Months Out, Republicans Look to Hold MN Statehouse: In hypothetical election match-ups for Minnesota Governor today, 05/06/10, Republican Tom Emmer defeats each of three potential Democratic opponents, according to SurveyUSA research conducted exclusively for KSTP-TV Minneapolis. Republican Tim Pawlenty is not seeking re-election; the Governor's seat is open. In a match-up against Democrat House of Representatives Speaker Margaret Anderson **Kelliher**, Emmer, a MN House member first elected in 2004, today gets 41%, Kelliher 33%. Independence Party candidate Tom Horner gets 9%; 17% of likely voters are undecided. Among men, Emmer leads by 13 points; among woman, Emmer leads by 3. Voters under 50 back Emmer by a 20-point margin; among those over age 50, Kelliher has a 4-point edge. Conservatives back Emmer by a 9:1 margin; liberals back Kelliher by 7:1; moderates favor Kelliher by a 16-point margin. Kelliher has been endorsed by the Democrat Farmer Labor Party. In a match-up against former US Senator Mark **Dayton**, Republican Emmer performs similarly, winning an election today 42% to 34%. Here, Emmer leads by 17 points among men, trails by 3 points among women -- a 20-point gender gap. Among voters age 18-49, Emmer leads by 21 points; among voters 50+, Dayton leads by 6. Independence Party candidate Tom Horner takes 1 in 10 votes here, as he does in all three hypothetical matchups; Horner runs twice as strongly among independents as he does among affiliated voters. In a match-up against former MN House Minority Leader and 2006 Attorney General candidate Matt **Entenza**, Republican Emmer leads by 11 points, 42% to 31%. Here, men favor the Republican by 15 points; women favor the Republican by 8. Emmer leads by 22 points among voters age 18-49; the race is tied among voters 50+. 6 in 10 Democrats today vote for Entenza; 1 in 10 Democrats each vote for Emmer and Horner, and 1 in 5 Democrats are undecided.

Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed 900 Minnesota adults 05/03/10 through 05/05/10; of them, 859 were registered to vote; of the registered voters, 588 were identified by SurveyUSA as being likely to vote in the November 2010 general election. Incumbent governor Republican Tim Pawlenty, a potential 2012 Presidential candidate, is not seeking reelection.

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male		Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasi	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No	< \$50K	> \$50K
Emmer (R)		243	131	112	54	83	59	47	137	106	216	7	6	13	166	17	48	147	74	7	121	114	155	46	35	167	51	118	105	68	152
Kelliher (DFL)		194	90	104	25	53	65	51	78	117	178	4	2	10	14	137	38	15	120	49	101	92	101	47	42	31	155	82	99	63	122
Horner (IP)		50	37	13	8	15	18	9	23	27	43	0	1	6	11	14	24	9	29	8	33	17	24	12	14	17	33	29	20	10	40
Undecided		101	43	58	19	40	20	22	59	42	98	1	0	2	20	38	32	27	47	14	42	56	55	15	27	42	47	60	34	37	59
Total		588	301	287	105	191	163	129	296	292	535	12	10	31	212	206	142	198	270	77	298	278	335	120	118	256	286	289	258	177	373
Composition of Likely Voters		100%	51%	49%	18%	33%	28%	22%	50%	50%	91%	2%	2%	5%	36%	35%	24%	34%	47%	13%	52%	48%	58%	21%	21%	45%	51%	52%	46%	32%	68%

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Emmer (R)	243	153	30	28	31
Kelliher (DFL)	194	100	32	36	27
Horner (IP)	50	30	11	5	4
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Dayton (DFL)	202	93	109	35	46	64	57	82	120	185	5	2	10	27	136	35	26	111	55	92	108	106	51	39	40	152	86	101	68	124
Horner (IP)	53	31	22	3	19	20	11	22	31	48	0	1	3	14	13	23	12	34	4	36	17	26	11	16	19	34	30	22	14	38
Undecided	87	32	55	11	36	22	18	47	40	74	1	0	13	16	37	26	10	49	14	43	41	47	13	24	28	47	41	38	24	56
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Entenza (DFL)	182	94	88	23	61	59	39	84	98	166	4	2	10	16	125	40	8	117	45	102	78	98	41	38	38	136	81	90	48	126
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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.