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Parnell, Young Safe in Alaska

Raleigh, N.C. –Alaska’s longtime Congressman Don Young and Sarah Palin’s successor to the governorship, Sean Parnell, are both strong favorites to remain in office. Young leads Democratic congressional nominee Harry Crawford, 55-36, and Parnell tops Democratic gubernatorial pick Ethan Berkowitz by an almost identical 55-37 margin.

Parnell, in office for only a little over a year, is well liked, with a 50-36 job approval rating. With over 37 years in Washington, by comparison, Young has only a 49-44 approval margin, stronger than for many incumbents of either party in this anti-politician environment, but not as high as for many veteran lawmakers who, like Young, routinely cruise to re-election. Facing ethics charges, Young did, however, barely scrape by in both the primary and general election in 2008. He defeated Parnell in the primary by only 304 votes, and he beat Berkowitz in November by 5%.

Berkowitz and Crawford are only moderately well liked, though Crawford is far less known than the other three candidates. He posts a 25-22 personal favorability mark; Berkowitz sits at 41-36. Both Democrats are liked much better among independents than the incumbents, with Berkowitz at 47-29 to Parnell’s 48-39, and Crawford at 30-20 to Young’s 43-49.

But despite that favor with Alaska’s 42% plurality of nonpartisans and third-partisans, both Parnell, at 49-39, and Young, at 47-39, win them in the head-to-head matchups. Republicans also have a 38-20 edge in the likely turnout, and while Berkowitz and Parnell have their parties equally united, Young has the edge over Crawford.

“If Democrats couldn’t unseat Don Young in 2008, with a federal investigation against him in the news and a higher turnout for Obama, they weren’t likely to this year, and this poll confirms it,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,306 likely Alaska voters on August 27th and 28th. The margin of error is +/-2.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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



Alaska Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Sean Parnell's job performance?

Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not sure 14%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ethan Berkowitz?

Favorable 41% Not sure 24%
Unfavorable..... 36%

Q3 The candidates for Governor are Republican Sean Parnell and Democrat Ethan Berkowitz. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Sean Parnell 55%
Ethan Berkowitz..... 37%
Undecided..... 8%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Congressman Don Young's job performance?

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 44%
Not sure 8%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Harry Crawford?

Favorable 25% Not sure 53%
Unfavorable..... 22%

Q6 The candidates for House are Republican Don Young and Democrat Harry Crawford. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Don Young 55%
Harry Crawford 36%
Undecided..... 8%

Q7 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 55%
Barack Obama..... 39%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q8 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 14%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 42%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 20%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 42%

Q11 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 82%
Other..... 18%

Q12 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

| | Base | 2008 Vote | | |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | | John McCain | Barack Obama | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Parnell Approval | | | | |
| Approve | 50% | 64% | 31% | 37% |
| Disapprove | 36% | 22% | 56% | 39% |
| Not sure | 14% | 13% | 14% | 23% |

| | Base | 2008 Vote | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | | John McCain | Barack Obama | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Berkowitz Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 41% | 17% | 76% | 34% |
| Unfavorable | 36% | 55% | 9% | 29% |
| Not sure | 24% | 28% | 15% | 37% |

| | Base | 2008 Vote | | |
|--------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | | John McCain | Barack Obama | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Parnell/Berkowitz | | | | |
| Sean Parnell | 55% | 84% | 15% | 41% |
| Ethan Berkowitz | 37% | 9% | 77% | 36% |
| Undecided | 8% | 7% | 7% | 24% |

| | Base | 2008 Vote | | |
|-----------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | | John McCain | Barack Obama | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Young Approval | | | | |
| Approve | 49% | 70% | 20% | 38% |
| Disapprove | 44% | 22% | 74% | 49% |
| Not sure | 8% | 8% | 6% | 13% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | 2008 Vote | | |
|------------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | | John McCain | Barack Obama | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Crawford Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 25% | 11% | 45% | 20% |
| Unfavorable | 22% | 33% | 8% | 23% |
| Not sure | 53% | 56% | 47% | 57% |

| | Base | 2008 Vote | | |
|-----------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | | John McCain | Barack Obama | Someone else/Don't remember |
| Young/Crawford | | | | |
| Don Young | 55% | 84% | 16% | 43% |
| Harry Crawford | 36% | 8% | 76% | 41% |
| Undecided | 8% | 8% | 8% | 16% |

| | Base | Ideology | | |
|-------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Parnell Approval | | | | |
| Approve | 50% | 25% | 47% | 61% |
| Disapprove | 36% | 62% | 41% | 23% |
| Not sure | 14% | 13% | 13% | 16% |

| | Base | Ideology | | |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Berkowitz Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 41% | 82% | 53% | 14% |
| Unfavorable | 36% | 7% | 24% | 57% |
| Not sure | 24% | 10% | 23% | 29% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Ideology | | |
|--------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Parnell/Berkowitz | | | | |
| Sean Parnell | 55% | 14% | 40% | 84% |
| Ethan Berkowitz | 37% | 84% | 49% | 9% |
| Undecided | 8% | 2% | 10% | 7% |

| | Base | Ideology | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Young Approval | | | | |
| Approve | 49% | 17% | 41% | 67% |
| Disapprove | 44% | 78% | 52% | 24% |
| Not sure | 8% | 5% | 7% | 10% |

| | Base | Ideology | | |
|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Crawford Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 25% | 45% | 33% | 9% |
| Unfavorable | 22% | 8% | 17% | 33% |
| Not sure | 53% | 47% | 50% | 58% |

| | Base | Ideology | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
| Young/Crawford | | | | |
| Don Young | 55% | 13% | 41% | 84% |
| Harry Crawford | 36% | 83% | 50% | 7% |
| Undecided | 8% | 4% | 10% | 9% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|-------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Parnell Approval | | | |
| Approve | 50% | 48% | 51% |
| Disapprove | 36% | 35% | 38% |
| Not sure | 14% | 17% | 10% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Berkowitz Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 41% | 44% | 37% |
| Unfavorable | 36% | 30% | 42% |
| Not sure | 24% | 26% | 21% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Parnell/Berkowitz | | | |
| Sean Parnell | 55% | 51% | 60% |
| Ethan Berkowitz | 37% | 42% | 31% |
| Undecided | 8% | 7% | 9% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|-----------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Young Approval | | | |
| Approve | 49% | 46% | 52% |
| Disapprove | 44% | 45% | 43% |
| Not sure | 8% | 9% | 6% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|------------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Crawford Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 25% | 24% | 25% |
| Unfavorable | 22% | 19% | 26% |
| Not sure | 53% | 57% | 48% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|-----------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Young/Crawford | | | |
| Don Young | 55% | 51% | 60% |
| Harry Crawford | 36% | 39% | 34% |
| Undecided | 8% | 10% | 7% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|-------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Parnell Approval | | | | |
| Approve | 50% | 26% | 64% | 48% |
| Disapprove | 36% | 57% | 22% | 39% |
| Not sure | 14% | 17% | 14% | 13% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Berkowitz Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 41% | 79% | 14% | 47% |
| Unfavorable | 36% | 7% | 58% | 29% |
| Not sure | 24% | 15% | 28% | 24% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | | |
|--------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Parnell/Berkowitz | | | | |
| Sean Parnell | 55% | 12% | 85% | 49% |
| Ethan Berkowitz | 37% | 81% | 11% | 39% |
| Undecided | 8% | 6% | 5% | 12% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Young Approval | | | | |
| Approve | 49% | 20% | 71% | 43% |
| Disapprove | 44% | 71% | 23% | 49% |
| Not sure | 8% | 8% | 6% | 9% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|------------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Crawford Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 25% | 39% | 11% | 30% |
| Unfavorable | 22% | 6% | 33% | 20% |
| Not sure | 53% | 55% | 56% | 49% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Young/Crawford | | | | |
| Don Young | 55% | 16% | 85% | 47% |
| Harry Crawford | 36% | 78% | 11% | 39% |
| Undecided | 8% | 6% | 4% | 14% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Race | |
|-------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Other |
| Parnell Approval | | | |
| Approve | 50% | 51% | 44% |
| Disapprove | 36% | 35% | 45% |
| Not sure | 14% | 14% | 12% |

| | Base | Race | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Other |
| Berkowitz Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 41% | 40% | 44% |
| Unfavorable | 36% | 35% | 36% |
| Not sure | 24% | 24% | 20% |

| | Base | Race | |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Other |
| Parnell/Berkowitz | | | |
| Sean Parnell | 55% | 56% | 49% |
| Ethan Berkowitz | 37% | 36% | 40% |
| Undecided | 8% | 7% | 11% |

| | Base | Race | |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Other |
| Young Approval | | | |
| Approve | 49% | 49% | 49% |
| Disapprove | 44% | 44% | 44% |
| Not sure | 8% | 8% | 7% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Race | |
|------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Other |
| Crawford Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 25% | 24% | 30% |
| Unfavorable | 22% | 22% | 26% |
| Not sure | 53% | 55% | 44% |

| | Base | Race | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Other |
| Young/Crawford | | | |
| Don Young | 55% | 55% | 55% |
| Harry Crawford | 36% | 36% | 39% |
| Undecided | 8% | 9% | 6% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Parnell Approval | | | | | |
| Approve | 50% | 30% | 47% | 50% | 61% |
| Disapprove | 36% | 54% | 37% | 37% | 28% |
| Not sure | 14% | 16% | 16% | 13% | 11% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Berkowitz Favorability | | | | | |
| Favorable | 41% | 50% | 39% | 43% | 34% |
| Unfavorable | 36% | 25% | 37% | 36% | 37% |
| Not sure | 24% | 25% | 24% | 21% | 29% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Age | | | |
|--------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Parnell/Berkowitz | | | | | |
| Sean Parnell | 55% | 45% | 52% | 54% | 66% |
| Ethan Berkowitz | 37% | 50% | 38% | 39% | 27% |
| Undecided | 8% | 5% | 10% | 8% | 7% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Young Approval | | | | | |
| Approve | 49% | 39% | 49% | 49% | 50% |
| Disapprove | 44% | 55% | 40% | 45% | 41% |
| Not sure | 8% | 5% | 11% | 5% | 8% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Crawford Favorability | | | | | |
| Favorable | 25% | 32% | 21% | 26% | 24% |
| Unfavorable | 22% | 21% | 20% | 24% | 22% |
| Not sure | 53% | 46% | 59% | 50% | 54% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Young/Crawford | | | | | |
| Don Young | 55% | 46% | 55% | 55% | 59% |
| Harry Crawford | 36% | 50% | 34% | 37% | 32% |
| Undecided | 8% | 4% | 11% | 7% | 9% |

