

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #14662



Geography: MN 6th Congressional District
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Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann in the Spotlight -- Can She Hang On After Hardball Interview? In an election for United States House of Representative from Minnesota's 6th Congressional District today, 10/23/08, 12 days until votes are counted, DFL candidate Elwyn Tinklenberg has the nominal lead in an effectively tied race with Republican incumbent Michele Bachmann, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KSTP-TV in Minneapolis. Today, it's Tinklenberg 47%, Bachmann 44%, Independence Party candidate Bob Anderson 6%. Results are within the survey's 4.0 percentage point margin of sampling error. **The contest is volatile;** these numbers freeze-frame a pendulum that may not have yet have swung its full arc. All interviews were conducted after Bachmann made comments on MNSBC that drew national attention. During the field period for this survey, the National Republican Congressional Committee suspended its advertising in the District and the Democratic candidate raised \$1 million. The full impact of those events would not yet be reflected in these poll results. Bachmann was elected to her first term in 2006 with 50% of the vote and an 8 point margin of victory, in a race SurveyUSA [polled for KSTP-TV](#). The district, which George W. Bush carried with 57% of the vote in 2004, had been rated "likely Republican" by the [Cook Political Report](#); Cook now ranks it as a toss-up. Here is what changed the race:

Filtering: 700 registered voters from Minnesota's 6th District were interviewed by SurveyUSA 10/20/08 and 10/21/08, using Registration Based Sample (RBS) from Aristotle of Washington DC. Of the registered voters, 621 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote on or before the November 4 general election.

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621 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4%																
Michele Bachmann (R)	44%	48%	41%	44%	49%	42%	38%	47%	41%	44%	**	**	**	79%	8%	35%
Elwyn Tinklenberg (DFL)	47%	42%	53%	46%	44%	49%	56%	45%	51%	48%	**	**	**	15%	87%	51%
Bob Anderson (IP)	6%	8%	5%	7%	5%	9%	3%	6%	7%	6%	**	**	**	4%	3%	12%
Undecided	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	**	**	**	2%	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	49%	51%	19%	37%	30%	14%	56%	44%	94%	3%	1%	2%	40%	32%	25%

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621 Likely Voters	All	Ideology			Attend Religious Services			Abortion		Own a Gun?		Income	
		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No	< \$50K	> \$50K
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4%													
Michele Bachmann (R)	44%	80%	29%	10%	50%	40%	35%	67%	21%	48%	37%	42%	45%
Elwyn Tinklenberg (DFL)	47%	13%	63%	83%	43%	50%	56%	26%	72%	44%	55%	47%	48%
Bob Anderson (IP)	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	7%	8%	5%	6%	7%	5%	9%	5%
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Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	35%	46%	14%	53%	25%	22%	50%	47%	60%	38%	29%	71%

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

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Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA 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. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, 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 been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Verona, NJ.