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**Incumbent Pawlenty, Challenger Hatch Still Tied for MN Governor:** In an election for Governor of Minnesota today, 10/24/06, Republican incumbent Tim Pawlenty and DFL challenger Mike Hatch tie, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KSTP-TV Minneapolis, KAAL-TV Rochester, and WDIO-TV Duluth. Pawlenty 44%, Hatch 45%, within the poll's 4.1 percent margin of sampling error. Since an identical SurveyUSA poll released 26 days ago, on 9/28/06, Hatch has gained 1 point and Pawlenty has lost 1 point, but these changes are statistically insignificant. The contest was, and remains, effectively tied. Independence Party candidate Peter Hutchinson appears to be siphoning some votes from Pawlenty among 35 to 49 year olds, where Pawlenty is down 7 points and Hutchinson is up 6 points. Democrats pick Pawlenty 10:1. Independents prefer Pawlenty by 5 points. The most affluent voters pick Pawlenty by 5 points. The least affluent pick Hatch by 21 points. Hatch wins among voters under age 50. Hatch wins among older voters. Hatch leads by 29 points in urban areas. Pawlenty leads by 15 points in suburban areas. Pawlenty was first elected Governor in 2002. Hatch is Minnesota's Attorney General.

Other Republicans Pawlenty

**Klobuchar's Lead Doubles; Holds U.S. Senate Seat For Democrats:** In an election for United States Senator in Minnesota today, 10/24/06, DFL candidate Amy Klobuchar defeats Republican Mark Kennedy, 55% to 39%, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KSTP-TV Minneapolis, KAAL-TV Rochester, and WDIO-TV Duluth. An identical SurveyUSA poll released 9/28/06, Klobuchar has gained 4 points and Kennedy has lost 4 points. Klobuchar's lead has doubled, from 8 points to 16 points. Gains have come from male voters. Males had supported Kennedy by 11 points, now support Klobuchar by 11. 93% of Democrats vote for Klobuchar. 83% of Republicans vote for Kennedy. Independents favor Klobuchar, 50% to 35%. Klobuchar leads by 6 points among voters under age 35, a 19-point swing in the past month. Democrat Mark Dayton is not running for re-election. Kennedy currently represents Minnesota's 6th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. The election is in 2 weeks, on 11/7/06.

93%

**Filtering:** 1,000 Minnesota adults were interviewed 10/21/06 - 10/23/06. Of them, 886 were registered to vote. Of them, 606 were judged to be "likely" voters. Crosstabs reflect Likely Voters.

**1** If the election for Governor were today, and you were standing in the voting booth right now, who would you vote for? Republican Tim Pawlenty? DFL candidate Mike Hatch? Green Party candidate Ken Pentel? Independence Party candidate Peter Hutchinson? Quit Raising Taxes Party candidate Walt Brown? American Party candidate Leslie Davis? Or some other candidate?

606 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			Education				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	No Coll	Some C	College	Grad S	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%																		
Pawlenty (R)	44%	46%	42%	52%	45%	41%	38%	89%	7%	39%	79%	35%	10%	47%	41%	52%	38%	
Hatch (DFL)	45%	42%	47%	39%	39%	50%	53%	9%	85%	34%	15%	52%	77%	44%	47%	37%	50%	
Pentel (G)	1%	0%	2%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	5%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	
Hutchinson (IP)	7%	10%	4%	3%	10%	6%	6%	1%	5%	16%	4%	8%	9%	6%	6%	6%	9%	
Brown (QRT)	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	
Davis (A)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Other/Undecided	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	3%	0%	1%	4%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	49%	51%	20%	35%	26%	19%	34%	38%	24%	32%	43%	17%	18%	34%	27%	21%	

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Powers (C)	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
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Fitzgerald (I)	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	5%	3%	1%	2%
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: KAAL-TV Rochester-Mason City-Austin, KSTP-TV Minneapolis, WDIO-TV Duluth

**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.