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Survey of 500 Likely Voters
November 5, 2006, 2006

Election 2006: Missouri Senate	
Jim Talent (R)	49%
Claire McCaskill (D)	48%

Election 2006: Missouri Senate Three-Poll Rolling Average		
Survey	Talent	McCaskill
Oct 30-Nov 2-Nov 5	48%	48%
Oct 25-Oct 30-Nov 2	48%	48%
Oct 12-Oct 25-Oct 30	46%	45%
Oct 3-Oct 12-Oct 25	45%	44%
Sep-Oct 3-Oct 12	43%	44%
Aug-Sep-Oct	44%	44%
Jul-Aug-Sep	43%	45%
Jun-Jul-Aug	43%	44%
Mar-Apr-May	42%	42%
Apr-May-Jun	42%	41%
Mar-Apr-May	41%	42%
Feb-Mar-Apr	42%	42%
Jan-Feb-Mar	43%	43%
Nov-Jan-Feb	45%	45%
Sep-Nov-Jan	45%	46%

Election 2006: Missouri Senate		
Date	Talent	McCaskill
Nov 5	49%	48%
Nov 2	48%	49%
Oct 30	47%	48%
Oct 25	48%	46%
Oct 12	43%	42%
Oct 3	43%	44%
Sep 12	42%	45%
Aug 15	46%	44%
Jul 20	42%	45%
Jun 27	42%	42%
May 8	43%	40%
Apr 4	41%	42%
Mar 6	40%	43%
Feb 8	41%	46%
Jan 2	46%	43%
Nov 9	47%	45%
Sep 1	46%	46%



Missouri Senate : Talent (R) 49% McCaskill (D) 48%

November 6, 2006

Missouri's Senate race remains the closest in the nation. The latest Rasmussen Reports election survey shows incumbent Jim Talent (R) "leading" challenger Claire McCaskill (D) by a single point, 49% to 48% ([see crosstabs](#)). Obviously, this race remains where it has all year in our [Senate Balance of Power](#) summary—a "Toss-up."

We're running out of ways to describe how close this race has been all year. Our [previous Missouri poll](#) showed McCaskill "leading" by the same margin, 49%-48%. We've now polled this race 6 times since October 1, and five of the six have shown the candidates within a point of each other (once, there was a 2-point gap). In those last six polls, each candidate has been "ahead" three times. Looking back over the whole year, the candidates have been within three points of each other 16 times out of 17. Neither Talent nor McCaskill has yet to reach the 50% mark among voters.

What it means is that a few thousand voters in Missouri might end up determining which party controls the U.S. Senate (when Jim Talent first won the seat, the outcome would have been different if roughly 10,000 voters had changed their mind... that's 10,000 voters out of nearly two million).

The race could not be closer when looking at the candidates' respective base votes: 92% of Democrats are supporting McCaskill and 91% of Republicans are backing Talent.

Both campaigns are pulling out the big guns in the final days of this ultra-competitive race. President Bush and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist each made visits to the Show Me State during the past week to stump for Talent while the Democrats' rising star, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, is scheduled to visit on McCaskill's behalf.

Both Talent and McCaskill earn favorable ratings from 51% of voters.

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Republican Incumbent Senator Jim Talent

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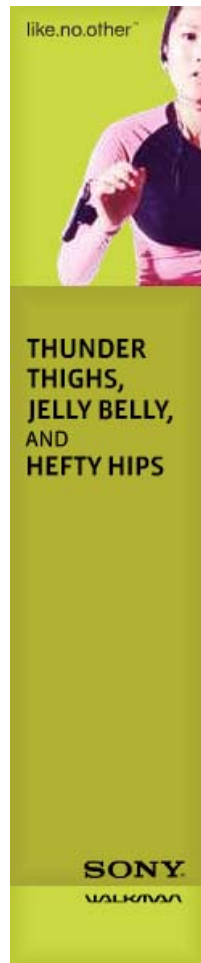
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