MINNESOTA POLL: Gov. Mark Dayton

The Star Tribune Minnesota Poll surveyed 625 Minnesota adults March 16-18, 2015. Respondents were reached on both landlines (68 percent) and cell phones (32 percent). The poll has a margin of sampling error of 4.0 percentage points, plus or minus.

**QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Mark Dayton’s job performance as governor?**

**APPROVE DISAPPROVE UNDECIDED**

**TOTAL 54% 36% 10%**

**REGION APPROVE DISAPPROVE UNDECIDED**

Hennepin/Ramsey 66% 30% 4%

Rest of metro 42% 47% 11%

Rest of state 53% 33% 14%

**GENDER APPROVE DISAPPROVE UNDECIDED**

Men 50% 43% 7%

Women 57% 30% 13%

**AGE APPROVE DISAPPROVE UNDECIDED**

18-34 67% 23% 10%

35-49 53% 36% 11%

50-64 46% 44% 10%

65+ 53% 37% 10%

**INCOME APPROVE DISAPPROVE UNDECIDED**

<$50,000 55% 32% 13%

$50,000+ 58% 36% 6%

**PARTY ID APPROVE DISAPPROVE UNDECIDED**

DFL/Democrat 83% 11% 6%

Republican 19% 64% 17%

Independent 52% 39% 9%

Other/none 59% 32% 9%

**QUESTION: In a public falling out with his party’s Senate Majority Leader, Governor Dayton said Tom Bakk had “stabbed me in the back.” The two DFL leaders recently made public amends. Which comes closest to your view of this incident: (ORDER ROTATED)**

**- I like that Dayton speaks his mind**

**- Dayton should have kept his differences with Bakk private**

**- Dayton overreacted**

**SPEAKS MIND PRIVATE OVERREACTED NOT SURE**

**TOTAL 31% 28% 25% 16%**

**REGION SPEAKS MIND PRIVATE OVERREACTED NOT SURE**

Hennepin/Ramsey 38% 21% 24% 17%

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