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5 Days Until MN DFL Primary, Dayton Leads Rivals: In a DFL Primary for Governor of Minnesota today, 08/05/10, former US Senator Mark Dayton defeats State House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher and former State House Minority Leader Matt Entenza, according to a KSTP-TV news poll conducted by SurveyUSA. Today it's Dayton 43%, Kelliher 27%, Entenza 22%, essentially unchanged from an identical SurveyUSA poll released 7 weeks ago. Kelliher runs most strongly among women, but Dayton has gained support in that group and now leads by 12 points among female voters, up from 5 points 7 weeks ago. Entenza runs most strongly among the youngest voters, where he today trails Dayton by 8 points, and among those identifying themselves as Republicans, where he today nominally leads his opponents. Both groups are minorities among likely DFL primary voters. Minnesota voters do not declare party affiliations, and any voter can vote in the DFL primary.

Republican Emmer Now Trails DFL Candidates in November Matchups: Republican Tom Emmer, who 3 months ago led each of his potential DFL opponents in hypothetical general election contests, today trails in each: * Against Democrat Mark Dayton today, it's Dayton 46%, Emmer 32%.
* Against Democrat Margaret Anderson Kelliher today, it's Kelliher 39%, Emmer 33%.
* Against Democrat Matt Entenza today, it's Entenza 38%, Emmer 33%.
* Independence Party candidate Tom Horner gets 1 in 8 votes in each matchup; 1 in 5 votes among independents should Dayton not be the DFL nominee. Compared to identical SurveyUSA tracking polls released 7 weeks ago ...
* Dayton is up 8 points; Emmer is down 3;
* Kelliher is up 6 points; Emmer is down 2;
* Entenza is up 5 points; Emmer is down 4.

Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed 1,850 Minnesota adults 08/02/10 through 08/04/10; of them, 1,692 were registered to vote; of the registered voters, 510 were identified by SurveyUSA as being likely to vote in the August 10 DFL primary. SurveyUSA then determined that, of the registered voters, 1,326 were likely to vote in the November 2010 general election. Incumbent governor Republican Tim Pawlenty, a potential 2012 Presidential candidate, is not seeking reelection.

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510 Likely DFL Primary Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Tea Party Movement				College Grad		Attend Religious Service			Abortion	
Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Favora	Unfavor	Neutral	No Opi	Yes	No	Regular	Occasi	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho
Kelliher	136	53	83	18	30	50	37	48	88	127	5	0	3	19	91	24	23	65	43	11	87	23	13	84	48	68	27	35	30	95
Dayton	219	104	115	25	57	69	69	82	138	205	6	6	3	16	143	56	27	117	64	28	111	37	40	93	121	100	63	48	56	150
Entenza	113	67	46	20	40	33	21	59	54	103	4	2	4	21	57	34	25	49	26	20	52	25	14	63	46	54	32	19	32	60
Idusogie	7	6	1	0	5	1	1	5	2	6	0	1	1	1	1	5	3	4	0	3	2	2	0	4	3	2	1	4	4	3
Undecided	35	19	16	6	11	9	9	17	18	33	0	0	1	15	5	12	16	12	3	8	9	12	5	10	24	20	5	7	18	13
Total	510	249	261	68	143	163	137	211	299	473	16	10	12	72	297	131	95	246	135	69	261	98	72	254	241	244	128	114	140	322
Composition of Likely DFL Primary V	100%	49%	51%	13%	28%	32%	27%	41%	59%	93%	3%	2%	2%	14%	58%	26%	19%	49%	27%	14%	52%	20%	14%	51%	49%	50%	26%	23%	30%	68%

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points		Yes	No	< $50K	> $50K	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Kelliher	136	70	59	38	90	78	12	16	30
Dayton	219	99	105	83	122	124	30	26	39
Entenza	113	55	41	26	69	69	13	17	13
Idusogie	7	6	1	1	6	2	3	0	2
Undecided	35	17	12	7	23	19	2	4	10
Total	510	246	217	155	309	292	60	63	95
Composition of Likely DFL Primary V	100%	52%	46%	33%	67%	57%	12%	12%	19%

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Emmer (R)	435	241	194	88	184	99	64	272	163	408	9	10	8	293	21	109	284	126	10	260	19	91	61	219	206	256	107	53	299	110
Kelliher (DFL)	515	224	291	79	142	168	126	221	294	482	12	8	13	37	350	112	53	271	164	25	303	105	70	268	226	237	134	121	127	343
Horner (IP)	154	97	58	30	52	47	24	83	72	145	4	4	2	34	33	79	55	75	17	51	36	41	22	75	70	54	49	41	64	74
Undecided	222	107	115	39	58	62	62	97	124	207	4	8	3	56	70	76	58	95	35	45	52	63	49	86	117	118	53	31	93	98
Total	1326	668	658	237	436	376	277	673	653	1243	28	29	26	420	474	375	450	566	226	381	410	300	203	648	618	665	342	247	583	625
Composition of Likely November Vot	100%	50%	50%	18%	33%	28%	21%	51%	49%	94%	2%	2%	2%	32%	36%	28%	34%	43%	17%	29%	32%	23%	16%	51%	49%	53%	27%	20%	47%	50%

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Credibility Interval: +/-2.7 pct points		Yes	No	< $50K	> $50K	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Emmer (R)	435	266	129	87	310	271	38	60	66
Kelliher (DFL)	515	225	250	153	317	299	74	64	78
Horner (IP)	154	88	48	40	97	84	30	22	19
Undecided	222	103	85	70	122	126	30	34	32
Total	1326	682	512	349	846	780	172	179	195
Composition of Likely November Vot	100%	56%	42%	29%	71%	59%	13%	14%	15%

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Emmer (R)	427	232	194	82	183	97	64	266	161	399	10	10	8	297	15	101	279	122	9	265	13	88	56	208	206	249	102	54	295	103
Dayton (DFL)	614	282	331	101	163	198	152	264	350	577	15	11	10	35	391	167	66	329	179	40	338	121	97	304	278	275	174	128	164	390
Horner (IP)	120	75	44	15	44	38	23	59	60	113	1	1	4	32	25	58	48	53	14	37	25	43	14	61	54	48	33	34	53	58
Undecided	166	78	88	38	46	44	38	84	82	153	2	7	3	55	43	49	57	62	24	40	34	48	36	76	81	93	33	30	71	75
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Horner (IP)	162	96	66	21	53	55	33	74	88	157	2	3	1	28	43	83	54	84	19	48	40	43	26	78	73	65	45	41	68	80
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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This 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. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, 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 with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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