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Subject: Senator Risch at Risk in a One-on-One Matchup With Independent Todd Achilles

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A new PPP poll in Idaho finds Senator Jim Risch underwater with his job approval rating, with only 32% of voters approving of him to 39% who disapprove, and at risk in a one-on-one challenge against independent Todd Achilles. Achilles starts out only behind by 14 points at 48-34, but once voters hear biographical information about him and negative messaging about Senator Risch, he gains a full 17 points to take a 3-point lead over Risch, 41% to 38%.

Voters have a plethora of concerns about Senator Risch:

- Just 22% say they think he's doing enough to protect public lands, 60% think he should do more
- Just 33% say they think he's an independent voice for Idaho, 42% say he's more of a partisan voice for Donald Trump
- 47% say that Risch's age gives them "very serious concerns" about him with another 23% saying it gives them "minor concerns."
- Just 14% say they're "very confident" about Senator Risch being able to effectively legislate on technology and artificial intelligence issues; 23% are somewhat confident and a plurality of 43% say they're not confident at all.

PPP interviewed 639 registered voters in Idaho on March 16-17, 2026. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 3.9%. 60% of interviews were conducted by text and 40% by landline.

