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New Public Policy Polling surveys of the 5 states that will vote on Tuesday find that the Democratic contests in Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio are all toss ups, while Hillary Clinton maintains a significant advantage in Florida and North Carolina. The surveys were conducted on behalf of the VoteVets Action Fund.

Clinton leads Bernie Sanders just 46/41 in Ohio and 48/45 in Illinois, while narrowly trailing Sanders in Missouri 47/46. Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri are all open primary states and Sanders is benefiting from significant support from independent voters and a small swath of Republicans planning to vote in each state, putting him in position to potentially pull an upset sweep of the region on Tuesday night:

State	Overall	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
OH	Clinton 46-41	Clinton 55-37	Sanders 53-20	Sanders 56-21
IL	Clinton 48-45	Clinton 59-37	Sanders 69-18	Sanders 62-23
MO	Sanders 47-46	Clinton 56-39	Sanders 62-23	Sanders 66-23

Clinton is better positioned in the Southern states voting on Tuesday. She leads 57/32 in Florida, and 56/37 in North Carolina. She benefits in Florida from it being a closed primary state- her lead with Democrats is comparable to what it is in the three Midwestern states voting on Tuesday but that's the entire electorate in the Sunshine State, putting her in a strong position. In North Carolina, Clinton has already accrued a huge lead during early voting. Among those who have already cast their ballots she leads 68/29, and the race only gets closer overall because her advantage is a tighter 50/40 spread among those planning to vote on Election Day.

We also polled on a couple important issues of concern to veterans: privatizing health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and decreasing our nation's reliance on fossil fuels by embracing renewable energy sources.

Democratic primary voters in these states- including the independents planning to vote in the Democratic primary- are strongly opposed to privatizing health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Anywhere from 67-71% of primary voters in each state oppose privatization, with only 17-25% of voters in support. What's particularly noteworthy is that not only are Democrats overwhelmingly opposed to the concept, but it also has minimal support from the crucial independent voters planning to vote in the Democrats primary- just 17% to 27% support within that group for privatization: