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IF AN ELECTION WERE HELD, WOULD VOTERS COME?

With more than five weeks left to the California June primary, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Westly has pulled ahead of his opponent Phil Angelides, according to a new Los Angeles Times poll. Although Westly's lead is in double digits, it is not insurmountable for his opponent to overcome. The poll shows that the vote for both of these candidates is soft. A large plurality of Democratic primary likely voters are undecided and a majority of supporters for each candidate said they could switch their vote. However, this poll shows that Westly has an advantage over Angelides by beating him in most demographic groups, and more importantly, it is the voters' belief that Westly is the best candidate to beat the incumbent, Arnold Schwarzenegger, in November.

Interestingly, both candidates have been elected to statewide office (Westly as State Controller and Angelides as State Treasurer). Westly served one term, Angelides served two terms and will be termed out of office. But neither one of them is well-known to the electorate. (Roughly two out of five Democratic primary likely voters each do not have an opinion of either of these candidates.) Since both candidates are somewhat unknown, they began their campaigns with blank pages. Basically they filled the pages with positive television commercials explaining who they are and what they stand for. Westly, however, who has personally given his campaign more than $20 million, has had the upper hand by continuously being on the air. Angelides, on the other hand, has not been on the air for three weeks (he started showing ads on Wednesday), leaving the airwaves solely to Westly. So far, there has not been any negative advertising by the candidates, which can alter the dynamics of the race. Besides Democratic primary likely voters thinking Westly, rather than Angelides, could beat Schwarzenegger in November, Westly also beats the governor in a head-to-head match-up by nine points in a hypothetical November election among all registered voters. Angelides virtually ties with the incumbent. This poll shows that Westly, more so than Angelides, is able to attract the many different demographic groups that are so vital to win in November.

Although Schwarzenegger's ratings have improved in this poll, the governor still has a long way to go before he excites voters as he did when he was elected. Three out of ten registered voters said they would vote for Schwarzenegger in November, while nearly half said they would not vote for him and less than a fifth said they were still considering their choices. However, among those who said they were considering their choices, more than twice as many would vote for Schwarzenegger over Westly, while more than a third were still undecided. In the match-up with Angelides -- more than four times as many of this same group would still vote for the governor.

The governor's rating may have improved somewhat, but the president's has not. George W. Bush is not well liked in California and the current poll results bear that up. His job approval rating has declined dramatically in the Golden State over the last few years and the poll's results are the lowest since asking the question as far back as June 2001. In a Times poll in October 2004, before the presidential election, his standing was at 42% to 56%. Last October his job approval was 37% to 60%. And now, in the current poll, voters give the president a 31% to 66% negative approval rating.

Most voters believe that California is seriously off on the wrong track and almost three-fifths of them would not vote for the governor. Immigration is seen as the most important problem facing California

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today (33%), followed by roughly the same share of voters who cited high gas prices (24%) and education (26%).

For the down ballot races -- the poll also shows that these races are not uppermost in the minds of voters. Most voters, in both party's primaries, are undecided as to whom they would vote for in the Lt. Governor's, Controller's, Secretary of State's and Treasurer's races. It is mostly name recognition at this point for Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown (also former governor of California), running for Democratic Attorney General and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante (he also ran for Democratic governor in the special recall election), running for Democratic Insurance Commissioner. They are both beating their unknown opponents handily. The poll also asked about Proposition 82, that would tax Californians with yearly incomes of more than $400,000 to fund voluntary public preschool for four year olds. More than half of all likely voters were undecided before they were read the ballot summary. Once voters heard what the initiative entailed, a large plurality (49%) said they would vote for the measure and 40% would vote against it. Just 11% are undecided. This does not bode well for the proposition to win.

Democratic Primary for Governor

If California's June primary were held today, Steve Westly would receive 33% of the vote, while Phil Angelides would garner the support of 20% of likely voters. But nearly half (45%) say they are undecided. Although all demographic groups support Westly over his opponent, there are huge numbers of undecided voters. It goes from three in 10 for the elderly Democratic primary voters who are undecided to at least half of independents, men, Latinos, liberals and those voters with a college degree or more. The reasons Democratic primary voters gave for voting for Westly were: his stand on education and he was the best choice. For Angelides, it was: his stand on education, his stand on issues in general and he is honest. Because Westly is seen as a more attractive candidate, it is no surprise that by a margin of more than two to one of Democratic primary likely voters he is the candidate who voters think has the best chance of beating Schwarzenegger over Angelides (37% to 18%).

The poll also measured four issues that are relevant to Californians and asked who would do the best job of handling them. On each issue -- public education, economy, the state's budget and environmental issues -- Westly outperformed Angelides.

	Westly	*Angelides*	*Don't Know*
Economy	32%	21%	37%
State's budget	31%	20%	38%
Public education	31%	18%	40%
Environmental issues	31%	17%	42%

To further illustrate the softness of the Democratic governor's vote, 52% of Westly supporters and 53% of Angelides supporters say they could vote for someone else. Also, just 36% of all likely voters say they are *very* interested in the election (34% for Democratic primary voters and 38% for Republican voters). The voters in this election are much less interested than their counterparts in 2002. In a February 2002, Times poll before the primary was in March, nearly half of all likely voters (42% of Democratic primary voters and 61% of Republican primary voters) were very interested in the campaign. (Democrat Gray Davis was the incumbent governor and there was a contested Republican gubernatorial primary.)

Impressions of the candidates: Forty-one percent of Democratic primary likely voters say they either are undecided or don't know enough about Angelides to form an opinion, while 36% say that of his opponent. Nearly three fifths (58%) of Democratic primary voters have a favorable opinion of Westly and 6% have an unfavorable one, compared to Angelides whose ratings are somewhat comparable at 52% to 7%.

Taxes: Angelides said he would raise taxes in order to cut the budget shortfall that California is now experiencing. Westly has not said he would raise taxes, but he would find ways to make California better.

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Half of Democratic primary voters say that a combination of some cuts in services and some tax increases is the best solution to the state's financial problems, while 13% said spending should be reduced without raising taxes even if that means some services to the public will have to be cut and 29% said services to the public should be kept at current levels even if that means some taxes will have to be raised. Among those who said their should be a combination of services cut and raised taxes, 34% would vote for Westly and 24% would support Angelides. Among those who would want to raise taxes (Angelides' platform), 25% would support Westly and 20% would vote for Angelides. Among those who want to cut services but without raising taxes, 42% would support Westly and 10% would support his opponent. Among all likely voters, 27% would opt to cut services without taxes, 20% would raise taxes and 47% would implement a combination of reduced services and raised taxes.

Other Statewide Races

With more than five weeks to go until the California primary, the elections to decide party nominees for the offices of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, insurance commissioner, treasurer, and attorney general so far appear to hinge almost entirely on name recognition, with many – and in some cases most – respondents unable to name a favorite.

Democrat Nominee for Lieutenant Governor

At this point, the survey found State Senators Liz Figueroa (D-Fremont) and Jackie Speier (D-Hillsborough) lagging behind in their race for the Democratic party nomination for the second highest office in California, running against the better known State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi. Garamendi, who ran unsuccessfully for governor twice and was elected insurance commissioner in 1991 and then again in 2002, is a fairly familiar name in the state, which may be contributing to his ten point lead over his closest competitor, Speier. Garamendi has 25% of the vote, Speier 15% and Figueroa 11%. That said, the race is still open, with a plurality of forty-eight percent of likely voters having not yet made up their minds.

Figueroa and Speier are both Bay Area state senators who were elected to their current legislative positions in 1998 and are prevented from running again under term limits laws. Both have held other office in California - Speier started out as a County Supervisor, and then was elected to the state Assembly in 1986. Figueroa was elected to the Assembly in 1994.

Garamendi maintains his edge across the state except in the San Francisco Bay area, where both of his rivals are more familiar to voters. In that region, Speier is running handily ahead, garnering twice as many votes as Garamendi and more than five times as many as Figueroa. Even in the Bay area, however, more than a third of likely voters remain undecided.

Whichever Democrat prevails in this June 6th primary will face Republican State Senator Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks) in the general election next fall. McClintock is running unopposed for his party's nomination.

Democrat Nominee for Attorney General

The Attorney General Democratic primary features a particularly high profile California politician – Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown – who is facing off against lesser known Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. Jerry Brown, a recognizable figure to two-thirds of registered voters statewide, is a familiar and somewhat controversial figure in California politics. He is the son of a former governor – Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, and served as governor himself for two terms – from 1975 to 1983. He has been Secretary of State, launched several unsuccessful bids for President and made an unsuccessful run at the U.S. Senate, among other things. He has most recently been serving two terms as mayor of Oakland. Rocky Delgadillo has a more local fame, having served two terms as Los Angeles' city attorney, and having been active in city affairs.

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Among those considered likely to vote in the Democratic primary in June, Brown is a popular figure – 68% said they have a favorable opinion of the politician once dubbed by Mike Royko "Governor Moonbeam," compared to 15% who have an unfavorable one. Seventeen percent said they haven't heard enough about him to say. His rating is high among Bay Area likely voters – nearly three times as many have a positive opinion as a negative one, and only 4% said they don't know enough about him to have an opinion. In comparison, not many primary voters have heard of Delgadillo. Seven in 10 said they hadn't heard enough about the City Attorney to have an opinion, 24% have a favorable view, and 6% an unfavorable one. In Los Angeles, 43% of likely voters view him favorably, 9% unfavorably, and he is unknown to 48%.

If the primary election were held today, the outcome would reflect Brown's disproportionate name recognition – 56% named the Oakland mayor as their choice, compared to 23% who picked Delgadillo. About one in five weren't sure. In the Bay area, Brown leads by a whopping 66% to 16% while in Los Angeles, Delgadillo nearly catches Brown, narrowing his lead to six points – 46% to 40%.

Attorney General - A Glimpse Ahead

Looking toward the general election in November, Brown's popularity among his own party's primary voters – a select group - doesn't necessarily translate statewide. Among all registered voters, a less than overwhelming 40% said they have a favorable opinion of him, compared to 27% unfavorable and 33% who weren't sure. More than twice as many of the state's registered Republicans have a negative impression as have a positive, and he is not well known among Independents and other party members. Among his own party's members he is looked on more kindly, but not with overwhelming affection – Nearly six in 10 Democrats overall favor him, but that includes 37% who tempered their opinion by saying "somewhat favorable."

Delgadillo is barely recognizable to registered voters in general. Nearly four out of five statewide said they didn't know enough about him to venture an opinion, in addition to the 14% who said they look on him favorably, and 8% who don't. In his home county, 28% of registered voters gave him a positive rating, 11% a negative one, and 61% weren't sure.

However, even less familiar to California voters is State Senator Chuck Poochigian (R-Fresno), who is running unopposed for the Republican party nomination in this race and so has not put any effort into building name recognition at this point. Among all registered voters, fewer than one in 10 said they'd heard of him.

Given that, it is hardly surprising that in hypothetical November matchups against Poochigian among all registered voters, either Democrat would win if the election were held today. Brown beats the GOP contender 49% to 24%, with 26% not sure. Delgadillo leads by 12 points– 35% to 23% with 41% not sure.

Delgadillo can count the state's Latinos among his strongest backers. A ten point plurality of Latinos considered likely to vote in June's primary picked Delgadillo over Brown as their Democratic nominee of choice and in a hypothetical November matchup of Delgadillo against Poochigian, Latino registered voters backed Delgadillo 54% to 11% while white voters gave a very slight edge to Poochigian - 31% to 25%.

Democrat Nominee for Insurance Commissioner

Vying for their party's nomination for the office of Insurance Commissioner are John Kraft, a consultant in the field of healthcare insurance, and Cruz Bustamante, the two-term California Lieutenant Governor who must move on under term limit laws.

John Kraft is a businessman running as an outsider to the system, against the much better known Bustamante. The lieutenant governor mounted a bid for governor in 2003's recall election, which

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ultimately placed Arnold Schwarzenegger at the state's helm. Bustamante famously asked voters to vote "Against the recall and for Bustamante" in a convoluted and ultimately unsuccessful attempt to both remain loyal to then-governor Gray Davis and position himself as Davis' successor.

If the primary were held today, Bustamante with his vast name recognition among an electorate who were pretty much riveted to the dramatic recall election, would blast Kraft out of the water by 59% to 16%, with only 24% not sure at this point.

So, unless there is a dramatic reversal between now and then, it seems very likely that Bustamante will face Republican Steve Poizner, a Silicon Valley businessman who is running unopposed for his party's nomination in the November election.

Democrat Nominee for Secretary of State

State Senators Debra Bowen (D-Marina del Rey) and Deborah Ortiz (D-Sacramento) are vying to represent their party in November against GOP incumbent Bruce McPherson in the race for Secretary of State. Sixty five percent of likely voters aren't sure who they are voting for yet, so if the election for Democratic nominee for Secretary of State were held at this time, Ortiz would lead Bowen 22% to 13%. In Los Angeles, Ortiz garners 30% compared to 18% for Bowen, with 52% undecided, and in the Bay area, 82% don't know who to vote for at this time.

McPherson, who is running unopposed for the Republican party nomination, was appointed to the office of Secretary of State in February 2005 by Arnold Schwarzenegger after Kevin Shelley resigned under investigation for financial misdeeds.

Other Races

- **Republican Nominee for Controller** – Seventy percent of those likely to vote in the June Republican primary for controller weren't sure who to choose from among Abel Maldonado, a business controller and auditor, or Taxpayer Organization President Tony Strickland. Strickland got 18%, Maldonado 11% and 1% voted for someone else.
- **Democrat Nominee for Controller --** State Senator Joe Dunn (D - Santa Ana) and Board of Equalization member John Chiang are neck in neck in another race which most voters have not yet focused upon. Nearly seven in 10 said they aren't sure who to vote for, 17% picked Chaing, 14% picked Dunn.
- **Republican Nominee for Treasurer** – Assembly member Keith Richman, (R- Northridge) and Claude Parrish, a member of the State Board of Equalization, are squaring off for their party nomination for the office of treasurer. Another mystery race to voters at this point, with two-thirds not sure. Parrish gets 13%, Richman 20%. The GOP nominee will face a well funded Democratic opponent in November's general election- Attorney General Bill Lockyer is running unopposed for his party's nomination.

Proposition 82: The Preschool Education Initiative

Also on the ballot is Proposition 82, a preschool initiative championed by filmmaker Rob Reiner that would tax Californians who earn yearly incomes of over $400,000 ($800,000 for couples) to fund a free half-day preschool program, taught by accredited teachers. Pre-school attendance would be voluntary for four-year-olds. Governor Schwarzenegger has refused to endorse the initiative, saying he opposes any new taxes. Phil Angelides and Steve Westly, the top contenders for the Democratic nomination for governor, have endorsed it.

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More than half (56%) of the state's likely voters had not yet heard of the proposition, and those that have heard of it split almost evenly for and against. Once read the ballot language, support rose to 49%, while 40% were opposed, with 11% still unsure.

There are the usual partisan divides, with liberal (72% to 19%) and moderate (55% to 37%) likely voters favoring the initiative while conservatives opposed it 59% to 28%. Almost two-thirds of likely Democratic primary voters support it, while 60% of those deemed likely to vote in the Republican primary were opposed.

There was a definite gender gap in the support for this initiative, particularly among Republicans. Statewide, men narrowly divided - 45% support to 44% opposed, while women are supportive by 52% to 37%. Among the GOP, men overwhelmingly oppose the measure by 70% to 21%, while their female counterparts are virtually split (within margin) 44% to 48%. White men oppose the measure by 55 to 38% while white women are the opposite – they support it by 52% to 40%.

There are racial divides as well. White voters split 45% to 47% while Latino support ran 58% to 21% and everyone else supported it by 53% to 35%.

November Elections

The governor appears to be working his way back into the public's goodwill**.** He is not completely there yet, but it appears that his trajectory is moving slowly in a positive direction. Schwarzenegger's job rating has gotten better since the Times Poll asked voters to rate the governor last October. His favorable rating in this current poll is 51% to 47%. In October, it was 40% to 55%.

However, more than half of the voters say that the governor has not met their expectations, while 36% said he has. Roughly three-fifths of independent and moderate voters say the governor has not met their expectations. Even 49% of men feel that way (a group that is usually very supportive of the governor). This attitude that he has not met expectations should be worrisome for Schwarzenegger because it is also coming from his own base of Republicans and conservatives. Half of moderate Republicans say Schwarzenegger has not met their expectations (40% say he has), while 27% of conservative Republicans also feel disappointed about the governor's performance.

Schwarzenegger Job Approvals

The bad news for Governor Schwarzenegger is that his standing among the state's registered voters continues to be low – only 44% approve of the overall job he's been doing compared to 53% who disapprove. But there is also some good news for the governor in that his disapproval rating came down from an all-time high of 59% in a Times Poll survey taken last October. In particular, voter disapproval is less strong – 40% of registered voters last October said they "strongly" disapproved of the governor's job performance but that number has dropped to 28% today.

Schwarzenegger, once riding high on a wave of very positive – above two thirds positive – job approval in the first year of his governorship ran aground on the shoals of the unpopular 2005 special election. The October poll, taken just before the special election, found almost half of voters saying they disapproved of the governor even calling the election. The attempt by the governor to advance an agenda around the opposition of the Democrat-controlled state legislature cost him his voter honeymoon – voters turned out in small numbers for the election, turned down his initiatives, and turned away from their movie star governor.

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Table 1: Schwarzenegger job approval ratings among registered voters compared to previous Times Poll surveys

	04/06	10/05	10/04	9/04	4/04	2/04
Approve Strongly	14	19	33	29	35	31
Approve Some	30	18	33	37	34	34
Approve (net)	*(44)*	*(37)*	*(66)*	*(66)*	*(69)*	*(65)*
Disapprove Some	25	19	13	14	11	9
Disapprove Strongly	28	40	12	12	11	10
Disapprove (net)	*(53)*	*(59)*	*(25)*	*(26)*	*(22)*	*(19)*
D/Know	3	4	9	7	9	16

Schwarzenegger has made the biggest inroads toward winning back voter approval among older voters and moderates, in particular moderate Republicans, nearly two-thirds of whom give Schwarzenegger a positive rating in the current survey, up from 52% last October. Moderates overall moved from a strongly negative rating of 67% to 29% last October to a somewhat less negative 59% to 39% now. Older voters (65+) approve of the job he's doing by 56% to 42% in this survey, compared to a negative rating of 58% to 36% last October. Also, the more conservative areas of southern California – outside Los Angeles county – moved from a disapproval rating of 54% to 42% then to a 48% to 49% split now.

The governor garners highest approval among Republicans (76%), conservatives (64%), white voters (52%), men (50% approval compared to 39% among women,) white men in particular (58%), older voters 65+ (56%), as well as those living in the inland portions of the state (51%) and the areas of northern California outside the Bay area (54%).

His highest disapproval ratings come from Democrats (73%) independents (67%), liberals (69%), Latinos (62%), non-white voters (63%), women (58%) union members (59%) and those living along the coasts (57%) -- particularly LA (60%) and the Bay area (65%).

The LA area's attitude has been negative toward Schwarzenegger and continues to be so, while voters in the Bay area moved only slightly toward the governor. The Central Valley and southern California outside of Los Angeles remain split.

Rating the Governor on Education, the Economy, the Environment and Immigration

Voters are still not pleased with Schwarzenegger's handling of the public education system and are especially disappointed in his handling of immigration. The governor received higher marks on his handling of economic and environmental issues. On education, he received a negative rating of 55% to 34%, with 11% not sure. Immigration netted him a negative rating of 49% to 28%, with 23% not sure. Voters split 45% positive to 47% negative on his handling of the economy, with 8% not sure, and the governor squeaked out a 41% to 36% positive rating among voters on the environment, with 23% not sure.

California's public schools have been a sticking point for the governor ever since 2005's special election. Voters continue to rank education near the top of the biggest problems facing the state, and last October, when registered voters who disapproved of the governor's job were asked why that was, "mishandling education" topped the list at nearly one out of every four mentions. In the current survey, one in four registered voters cited education as the most important problem facing the state, and among that group, more than seven out of 10 disapproved of what the governor has been doing about it. Latino voters are very concerned about the governor's handling of education, disapproving of the job he's doing on it by 60% to 32%, while white voters gave him a closer margin of 48% disapproval to 40% approval.

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With large organized protests leading the news, a punitive immigration bill passed by the House, and an alternative bill the subject of a hotly contested debate in the Senate, immigration now easily tops the list of issues that registered voters said are most important for the state to address. The issue garnered a third of voter mentions, compared to 26% for education, and 24% for the price of gasoline.

Schwarzenegger has a mixed record on the issue of immigration, having expressed support for a private border patrol group in San Diego but also having gone on record as opposing the building of a border fence. Still, more than twice as many voters who cited immigration as the most important problem facing the state gave Schwarzenegger a negative rating on his handling of the issue than gave him a positive one. The subject is particularly hot among Latino voters - two in five named immigration as the top issue facing the state – and more than twice as many Latino voters overall gave Schwarzenegger a negative rating on immigration as gave him a positive one - 59% to 26% with 8% not sure - compared to a 45% negative to 30% positive rating among whites, one in four of whom weren't sure. Voters of other races and ethnicities disapproved by 50% to 26%, with 24% not sure.

The economy no longer hovers near the top of the list of concerns among voters, cited by only 7% in this poll, and voters are split over Schwarzenegger's handling of the issue. The governor garnered higher marks on his handling of the economy from those in the Central Valley (49%) and the portions of northern California outside the Bay Area (55%) than he did in either L.A. (39%) or the Bay Area (37%). Areas in southern California outside L.A. were split 46% to 46%.

The survey found a brighter spot for the governor – with some exceptions, pluralities of voters across the state gave Schwarzenegger positive marks for his handling of the environment. One exception were Los Angelenos who split 40% disapprove to 37% approve, while more than two in five voters in other areas approved.

Vote for Schwarzenegger:

Slightly more than three in 10 of registered voters say they will vote for Schwarzenegger in November (including just 15% who *definitely* will vote for him), while nearly half (48%) say they will not vote for him (including 36% who *definitely* won't vote for him), and 18% are still considering their choices. More than half of independent voters say they will not vote for the governor, while more than a fifth want to consider their choices and more than a fifth would vote for the incumbent. Nearly half of moderate voters (48%) also would not vote for Schwarzenegger. Almost three in 10 moderate Republicans would not vote for the governor, while 42% would; 64% of conservative Republicans would vote for Schwarzenegger, while a fifth say they are considering their options. Whites are somewhat split as to whether they will vote for the governor or not; while nearly three-fifths of Latinos will not vote for the governor. Women decidedly will not vote for Schwarzenegger, while men are somewhat divided (37%-43%). Nearly half of voters who have higher education will not support the incumbent, while nearly a third support the governor and less than a fifth are considering their choices. Not surprising, three in five union members will not support the governor. Households with income of more than $100,000 are split, while the poorer voters (less than $60,000) strongly oppose voting for the governor. The voters living in the inland part of the state are somewhat divided – 35% will vote for Schwarzenegger, while 42% won't. A fifth are still deciding. The Central Valley, a Republican leaning part of the state, are not supporting the governor (49%), while 36% say they will vote for him in November.

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Horserace:

Democratic candidates Westly and Angelides are not known commodities among registered voters. Fifty-four percent of voters haven't heard enough about Westly or are undecided to form an opinion, while 58% say that of Angelides. But 36% of voters do have a favorable impression of Westly, while 10% have an unfavorable one; 28% of voters have a positive opinion about Angelides and 14% have a negative one.

Still, if the November election were being held today, Westly would beat Schwarzenegger by nine points, but Angelides would tie with the governor. Westly would get the support of 48% of registered voters, compared to 39% for Schwarzenegger. Schwarzenegger and Angelides would each receive 43% of the vote. Some demographic differences between the two match-ups.

Schwarzenegger vs. Westly:

- 57% of registered voters who describe themselves as independents/declined-to-state support Westly over the governor (29%)
- 53% of moderates go with Westly, while 30% would support the governor
- Roughly, a quarter of moderate Republicans would vote for Westly, while 16% of moderate Democrats would vote for Schwarzenegger
- White voters give Schwarzenegger a 12 point lead over Westly; Latino voters give Westly a 29 point lead over the governor.
- Men give Schwarzenegger a 7 point advantage over Westly, while women give Westly a 22 point advantage
- Voters with higher education give Westly a 50%-38% lead

Schwarzenegger vs. Angelides:

- Angelides has a six point edge over the governor among self-described independent voters (43% to 37%)
- Moderates are somewhat divided – 45% for Angelides, 38% for Schwarzenegger
- 22% of moderate Democrats would vote for the governor, while 20% of moderate Republicans would support Angelides
- White voters give the governor a 17 point advantage over Angelides; Latinos give Angelides a 22 point lead over Schwarzenegger
- Men give the governor a 13 point lead over Angelides, while women give the Democrat a 13 point lead
- Voters with a higher education split their vote between Schwarzenegger and Angelides (43% to 46%)

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Guide to Column Headings

Among likely voters:

DEP Democratic primary voters
LIB Liberals
M/C Moderate conservatives
L/A Los Angeles County
R/S Rest of South, excluding Los Angeles
BAY Bay area: Contra Costa, Marin, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo
R/N Rest of North, excluding five counties in the Bay area

RPP Republican primary voters
L/M Liberal moderates
CON Conservatives

LV All likely voters
DEP Democratic primary voters
RPP Republican primary voters
LIB Liberals
MOD Moderates
CON Conservatives

Among registered voters:

REG All registered voters
DEM Democrats
IND Independents
REP Republican
L/D Liberal Democrats
M/D Moderate Democrats
M/R Moderate Republicans
C/R Conservative Republicans
WHT Whites
LAT Latinos

Note
***Questions are not in numerical order**
-(Vol.) indicates a voluntarily response
- '–' indicates less than 0.5%

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(ASKED OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS VOTING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY)
(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED WITHIN TEXT)
Q6. If the Democratic primary election for governor were being held today and the candidates were State Controller Steve Westly and State Treasurer Phil Angelides for whom would you vote, Westly, or Angelides or would you vote for someone else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Angelides	**20**	**21**	**20**	**22**	**23**	**19**	**17**
Westly	**33**	**29**	**38**	**34**	**26**	**31**	**39**
Someone else	**2**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**2**
Don't know	**45**	**49**	**40**	**41**	**51**	**50**	**42**

(ASKED OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS WHO MENTION A CANDIDATE)
Q7. Are you certain you're going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Certain	**43**	**43**	**42**	**40**	**38**	**63**	**38**
Might vote for somebody else	**53**	**54**	**52**	**52**	**59**	**36**	**60**
Don't know	**4**	**3**	**6**	**8**	**3**	**1**	**2**

	Westly voters	Angelides voters
Certain	**41**	**46**
Might vote for somebody else	**52**	**53**
Don't know	**7**	**1**

Q8. Why would you vote for (NAME OF CANDIDATE MENTIONED)? Is there another reason? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES)

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Education - like stand/position on education	**17**	**18**	**16**	**16**	**12**	**21**	**20**
No particular reason/just like candidate	**16**	**10**	**22**	**9**	**20**	**24**	**16**
Issues in general - like stand	**9**	**12**	**5**	**17**	**3**	**7**	**4**
Honest/trustworthy/has integrity/ethical	**9**	**5**	**14**	**17**	**7**	**4**	**4**
Name recognition	**8**	**12**	**4**	**8**	**15**	**4**	**4**

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(ASKED OF ALL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS)
(ORDER OF NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATE NAMES ARE ROTATED)
Q9. Who do you think would do the best job of handling public education: Steve Westly or Phil Angelides ?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Angelides	**18**	**14**	**21**	**20**	**18**	**12**	**17**
Westly	**31**	**27**	**36**	**29**	**33**	**33**	**31**
Both/no difference (vol)	**8**	**12**	**5**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**12**
Neither (vol)	**3**	**1**	**6**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**4**
Don't know	**40**	**46**	**32**	**40**	**38**	**48**	**36**

Q10. Who do you think would do the best job of handling the economy: Steve Westly or Phil Angelides ?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Angelides	**21**	**25**	**16**	**20**	**29**	**23**	**13**
Westly	**32**	**20**	**47**	**32**	**21**	**36**	**41**
Both/no difference (vol)	**7**	**9**	**4**	**7**	**8**	**3**	**8**
Neither (vol)	**3**	**–**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**–**	**6**
Don't know	**37**	**46**	**27**	**38**	**40**	**38**	**32**

Q11. Who do you think would do the best job of handling the state's budget: Steve Westly or Phil Angelides?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Angelides	**20**	**21**	**18**	**18**	**23**	**23**	**18**
Westly	**31**	**22**	**42**	**37**	**23**	**22**	**37**
Both/no difference (vol)	**6**	**9**	**3**	**5**	**6**	**4**	**7**
Neither (vol)	**5**	**1**	**9**	**6**	**8**	**–**	**4**
Don't know	**38**	**47**	**28**	**34**	**40**	**51**	**34**

Q12. Who do you think would do the best job of handling the state's environmental issues: Steve Westly or Phil Angelides?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Angelides	**17**	**15**	**19**	**25**	**13**	**10**	**17**
Westly	**31**	**29**	**32**	**26**	**36**	**27**	**33**
Both/no difference (vol)	**7**	**9**	**5**	**8**	**7**	**1**	**10**
Neither (vol)	**3**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**–**	**6**
Don't know	**42**	**46**	**38**	**38**	**42**	**62**	**34**

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(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED WITHIN TEXT)
Q13. Regardless of your choice for governor, which candidate do you think would have the best chance of beating Arnold Schwarzenegger in the November election: Steve Westly or Phil Angelides?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Angelides	**18**	**15**	**23**	**14**	**21**	**24**	**19**
Westly	**37**	**34**	**40**	**41**	**37**	**29**	**37**
Both/no difference (vol)	**13**	**15**	**11**	**19**	**15**	**2**	**10**
Neither (vol)	**5**	**5**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**11**
Don't know	**27**	**31**	**21**	**23**	**25**	**43**	**23**

Q24. Lots of people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? So far this year, how interested have you been in following political campaigns, such as the race for governor, other state races, and initiatives? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, somewhat uninterested or very uninterested in following those political campaigns this year?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Interested (net)	**83**	**81**	**85**	**83**	**83**	**81**	**85**
Very interested	**34**	**38**	**31**	**33**	**37**	**43**	**29**
Somewhat interested	**49**	**43**	**54**	**50**	**46**	**38**	**57**
Uninterested (net)	**16**	**19**	**12**	**13**	**17**	**19**	**15**
Somewhat uninterested	**11**	**14**	**9**	**11**	**10**	**14**	**11**
Very uninterested	**4**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**7**	**5**	**3**
Don't know	**1**	**–**	**3**	**4**	**–**	**–**	**–**

Q37. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Phil Angelides? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Favorable (net)	**52**	**58**	**44**	**47**	**52**	**55**	**54**
Very favorable	**16**	**17**	**15**	**19**	**13**	**20**	**13**
Somewhat favorable	**36**	**41**	**29**	**28**	**39**	**35**	**41**
Unfavorable (net)	**7**	**8**	**6**	**4**	**3**	**13**	**11**
Somewhat unfavorable	**6**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**11**	**10**
Very unfavorable	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**2**	**1**
Don't know (net)	**41**	**34**	**50**	**49**	**45**	**32**	**35**
Haven't heard enough	**40**	**32**	**50**	**48**	**43**	**31**	**34**

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Q38. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Steve Westly? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Favorable (net)	**58**	**58**	**60**	**59**	**55**	**56**	**61**
Very favorable	**18**	**18**	**18**	**20**	**17**	**15**	**18**
Somewhat favorable	**40**	**40**	**42**	**39**	**38**	**41**	**43**
Unfavorable (net)	**6**	**5**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**7**	**6**
Somewhat unfavorable	**6**	**5**	**5**	**6**	**4**	**7**	**5**
Very unfavorable	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**
Don't know (net)	**36**	**37**	**35**	**34**	**41**	**37**	**33**
Haven't heard enough	**35**	**35**	**35**	**34**	**40**	**37**	**32**

(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED WITHIN TEXT FOR THE NEXT 5 QUESTIONS)
Q14. If the Democratic primary election for lieutenant governor were being held today and the candidates were State Senator Liz Figueroa, State Senator Jackie Speier and State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, for whom would you vote, Figueroa, or Speier, or Garamendi, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Figueroa	**11**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**7**	**13**
Garamendi	**25**	**27**	**23**	**22**	**32**	**19**	**26**
Speier	**15**	**16**	**14**	**6**	**12**	**38**	**13**
Someone else	**1**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**–**
Don't know	**48**	**47**	**50**	**58**	**43**	**35**	**48**

Q15. If the Democratic primary election for secretary of state were being held today and the candidates were State Senator Debra Bowen and State Senator Deborah V. Ortiz, for whom would you vote, Bowen, or Ortiz, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Bowen	**13**	**11**	**15**	**18**	**16**	**5**	**11**
Ortiz	**22**	**17**	**28**	**30**	**20**	**13**	**21**
Don't know	**65**	**72**	**57**	**52**	**64**	**82**	**68**

Q16. If the Democratic primary election for controller were being held today and the candidates were State Senator Joe Dunn and Board of Equalization member John Chiang, for whom would you vote, Dunn, or Chiang, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Chiang	**17**	**12**	**22**	**15**	**16**	**26**	**13**
Dunn	**14**	**14**	**15**	**19**	**18**	**10**	**9**
Don't know	**69**	**74**	**63**	**66**	**66**	**64**	**78**

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Q17. If the Democratic primary election for attorney general were being held today and the candidates were Prosecutor and City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and Oakland mayor and attorney Jerry Brown, for whom would you vote, Delgadillo, or Brown, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Brown	**56**	**64**	**48**	**46**	**56**	**66**	**62**
Delgadillo	**23**	**15**	**30**	**40**	**21**	**16**	**8**
Someone else	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**0**
Don't know	**19**	**21**	**19**	**14**	**23**	**10**	**30**

Q18. If the Democratic primary election for insurance commissioner were being held today and the candidates were Insurance Healthcare Consultant John Kraft and Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante , for whom would you vote, Kraft, or Bustamante, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Bustamante	**59**	**61**	**57**	**62**	**62**	**57**	**55**
Kraft	**16**	**12**	**21**	**14**	**19**	**20**	**13**
Someone else	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**
Don't know	**24**	**27**	**21**	**24**	**19**	**23**	**30**

Q39. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Rocky Delgadillo ? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Favorable (net)	**24**	**22**	**26**	**43**	**21**	**9**	**13**
Very favorable	**8**	**9**	**7**	**18**	**4**	**1**	**6**
Somewhat favorable	**15**	**13**	**19**	**25**	**16**	**8**	**7**
Unfavorable (net)	**6**	**5**	**7**	**9**	**9**	**3**	**1**
Somewhat unfavorable	**5**	**4**	**7**	**7**	**8**	**3**	**1**
Very unfavorable	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Don't know (net)	**70**	**73**	**67**	**48**	**70**	**88**	**86**
Haven't heard enough	**68**	**69**	**65**	**44**	**69**	**86**	**82**

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Q40. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Jerry Brown? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Among likely voters						
	DEP	LIB	M/C	L/A	R/S	BAY	R/N
Favorable (net)	**68**	**78**	**59**	**69**	**69**	**72**	**64**
Very favorable	**29**	**36**	**22**	**29**	**30**	**33**	**25**
Somewhat favorable	**39**	**42**	**37**	**40**	**39**	**39**	**40**
Unfavorable (net)	**15**	**10**	**19**	**10**	**15**	**24**	**14**
Somewhat unfavorable	**12**	**10**	**15**	**10**	**10**	**23**	**9**
Very unfavorable	**3**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**4**
Don't know (net)	**17**	**12**	**22**	**21**	**16**	**4**	**22**
Haven't heard enough	**14**	**9**	**19**	**18**	**13**	**2**	**19**

(ASKED OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS VOTING IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS) (ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED WITHIN TEXT).
Q19. If the Republican primary election for controller were being held today and the candidates were Business Controller and Auditor Abel Maldonado and Taxpayer Organization President Tony Strickland, for whom would you vote, Maldonado, or Strickland, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among Likely Voters		
	REP	L/M	CON
Maldonado	**11**	**7**	**12**
Strickland	**18**	**26**	**16**
Someone else	**1**	**2**	**0**
Don't know	**70**	**65**	**72**

(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED WITHIN TEXT)
Q20. If the Republican primary election for treasurer were being held today and the candidates were Business Owner and Assembly member Keith Richman and State Board of Equalization Member Claude Parrish, for whom would you vote, Richman, or Parrish, or would you vote for someone else?

	Among Likely Voters		
	REP	L/M	CON
Parrish	**13**	**5**	**16**
Richman	**20**	**21**	**20**
Someone else	**1**	**2**	**0**
Don't know	**66**	**72**	**64**

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Q41. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Chuck Poochigian? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	—Among Likely Voters—		
	REP	L/M	CON
Favorable (net)	**8**	**4**	**10**
Very favorable	**3**	**1**	**4**
Somewhat favorable	**5**	**3**	**6**
Unfavorable (net)	**2**	**1**	**2**
Somewhat unfavorable	**2**	**1**	**2**
Very unfavorable	**–**	**–**	**1**
Don't know (net)	**90**	**95**	**88**
Haven't heard enough	**87**	**89**	**86**

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)
Q21. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 82, an initiative that would tax Californians with yearly incomes of over four hundred thousand dollars to fund voluntary public preschool for four-year olds? (IF YES) From what you know, if the June 2006 primary election were being held today, would you be inclined to vote for or against this initiative or don't you know enough about it yet to say?

	——Among likely voters——					
	LV	DEP	RPP	LIB	MOD	CON
Vote for	**23**	**32**	**12**	**40**	**18**	**12**
Vote against	**21**	**12**	**33**	**9**	**16**	**36**
Don't know	**56**	**56**	**55**	**51**	**66**	**52**

Q22. As you may know, Proposition 82 is the Preschool Education, Tax on Incomes Over $400,000 for Individuals and $800,000 for Couples Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. It establishes voluntary preschool education for all four-year olds. It is funded by a 1.7 percent tax on individual income over four hundred thousand dollars, and couples income of eight hundred thousand dollars. The fiscal impact would be to increase annual revenues by $2.1 billion dollars in 2007 and 2008 and would grow with the economy in future years. All revenues would be spent on the new preschool program. Having heard more, if the June 2006 primary election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative?

	——Among likely voters——					
	LV	DEP	RPP	LIB	MOD	CON
Vote for	**49**	**64**	**32**	**72**	**55**	**28**
Vote against	**40**	**23**	**60**	**19**	**37**	**59**
Don't know	**11**	**13**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**13**

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(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)
Q1. Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Right direction	**29**	**24**	**22**	**36**	**26**	**23**	**34**	**36**	**32**	**22**
Wrong track	**61**	**66**	**70**	**54**	**67**	**63**	**55**	**54**	**57**	**70**
Don't know	**10**	**10**	**8**	**10**	**7**	**14**	**11**	**10**	**11**	**8**

Q2. What do you think is the most important problem facing California today? Is there another problem you feel is almost as important? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES)

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Immigration	**33**	**25**	**27**	**44**	**21**	**29**	**45**	**44**	**35**	**40**
Education	**26**	**30**	**33**	**19**	**37**	**25**	**18**	**19**	**25**	**25**
Gas prices	**24**	**27**	**16**	**25**	**21**	**33**	**31**	**23**	**21**	**29**
Budget deficit	**8**	**4**	**10**	**12**	**4**	**3**	**15**	**11**	**9**	**6**
Economy	**7**	**9**	**7**	**5**	**12**	**7**	**2**	**6**	**8**	**7**

Q23. As you may know, Arnold Schwarzenegger is running for reelection as the Republican candidate for governor of California. Will you definitely vote for Schwarzenegger for governor in the general election in November, or will you probably vote for him, or will you probably not vote for him, or will you definitely not vote for him, or are you still considering your choices?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Vote for him (net)	**31**	**13**	**22**	**58**	**8**	**18**	**42**	**64**	**37**	**21**
Definitely vote for him	**15**	**6**	**6**	**30**	**2**	**11**	**21**	**34**	**18**	**9**
Probably vote for him	**17**	**7**	**16**	**27**	**6**	**7**	**21**	**30**	**19**	**12**
Not vote for him (net)	**48**	**74**	**53**	**18**	**82**	**66**	**28**	**14**	**40**	**59**
Probably not vote for him	**12**	**13**	**16**	**10**	**13**	**13**	**11**	**9**	**13**	**11**
Definitely not vote for him	**36**	**61**	**37**	**8**	**69**	**53**	**17**	**5**	**27**	**48**
Still considering choices	**18**	**12**	**22**	**22**	**9**	**15**	**26**	**20**	**21**	**17**
Don't know	**3**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**3**

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Q29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Approve (net)	**31**	**12**	**15**	**64**	**8**	**16**	**38**	**74**	**38**	**24**
Approve strongly	**13**	**3**	**4**	**29**	**3**	**4**	**15**	**35**	**15**	**11**
Approve somewhat	**19**	**9**	**11**	**34**	**6**	**12**	**23**	**39**	**23**	**13**
Disapprove (net)	**66**	**87**	**81**	**31**	**92**	**83**	**55**	**21**	**60**	**75**
Disapprove somewhat	**16**	**14**	**17**	**16**	**5**	**23**	**26**	**12**	**15**	**19**
Disapprove strongly	**49**	**74**	**64**	**15**	**86**	**60**	**29**	**9**	**45**	**56**
Don't know	**3**	**1**	**4**	**5**	–	**1**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**1**

Q30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as governor? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Approve (net)	**44**	**24**	**29**	**76**	**23**	**25**	**65**	**80**	**52**	**37**
Approve strongly	**14**	**6**	**8**	**25**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**29**	**17**	**9**
Approve somewhat	**30**	**17**	**21**	**50**	**16**	**18**	**51**	**50**	**35**	**28**
Disapprove (net)	**53**	**73**	**67**	**22**	**72**	**73**	**34**	**17**	**45**	**62**
Disapprove somewhat	**25**	**31**	**38**	**12**	**30**	**31**	**17**	**10**	**26**	**19**
Disapprove strongly	**28**	**43**	**29**	**11**	**42**	**42**	**17**	**8**	**19**	**43**
Don't know	**3**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**

(ORDER OF NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)
Q31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling the state's economy? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Approve (net)	**45**	**27**	**36**	**69**	**28**	**29**	**60**	**73**	**53**	**34**
Approve strongly	**15**	**8**	**8**	**27**	**9**	**8**	**12**	**33**	**17**	**11**
Approve somewhat	**30**	**19**	**28**	**42**	**19**	**21**	**48**	**40**	**36**	**23**
Disapprove (net)	**47**	**66**	**51**	**24**	**65**	**67**	**35**	**19**	**39**	**56**
Disapprove somewhat	**20**	**25**	**26**	**12**	**24**	**27**	**15**	**10**	**20**	**18**
Disapprove strongly	**27**	**41**	**26**	**12**	**41**	**40**	**20**	**8**	**19**	**38**
Don't know	**8**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**7**	**4**	**5**	**8**	**8**	**10**

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Q32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling public school education in California? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Approve (net)	**34**	**19**	**21**	**59**	**18**	**22**	**43**	**65**	**40**	**32**
Approve strongly	**12**	**6**	**9**	**22**	**6**	**5**	**13**	**25**	**14**	**7**
Approve somewhat	**23**	**14**	**12**	**37**	**12**	**17**	**30**	**40**	**26**	**25**
Disapprove (net)	**55**	**71**	**68**	**29**	**73**	**68**	**42**	**24**	**48**	**60**
Disapprove somewhat	**18**	**20**	**19**	**14**	**16**	**23**	**16**	**14**	**18**	**18**
Disapprove strongly	**37**	**51**	**49**	**15**	**57**	**45**	**26**	**10**	**30**	**42**
Don't know	**11**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**9**	**10**	**15**	**11**	**12**	**8**

Q33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling the state's environmental issues? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Approve (net)	**41**	**28**	**31**	**62**	**24**	**31**	**57**	**64**	**45**	**35**
Approve strongly	**15**	**8**	**9**	**25**	**6**	**10**	**19**	**28**	**15**	**11**
Approve somewhat	**26**	**20**	**23**	**37**	**18**	**21**	**38**	**36**	**30**	**23**
Disapprove (net)	**36**	**54**	**38**	**14**	**59**	**52**	**21**	**11**	**32**	**40**
Disapprove somewhat	**17**	**25**	**17**	**9**	**25**	**27**	**14**	**6**	**17**	**18**
Disapprove strongly	**19**	**29**	**21**	**5**	**33**	**25**	**7**	**5**	**15**	**22**
Don't know	**23**	**18**	**31**	**24**	**17**	**17**	**22**	**25**	**23**	**25**

Q34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling the state's immigration issues? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Approve (net)	**28**	**18**	**22**	**42**	**16**	**20**	**44**	**40**	**30**	**26**
Approve strongly	**10**	**6**	**8**	**17**	**5**	**7**	**11**	**19**	**10**	**11**
Approve somewhat	**18**	**12**	**15**	**25**	**11**	**13**	**33**	**21**	**20**	**16**
Disapprove (net)	**49**	**59**	**56**	**35**	**62**	**58**	**30**	**37**	**45**	**59**
Disapprove somewhat	**19**	**20**	**22**	**16**	**19**	**22**	**15**	**16**	**20**	**20**
Disapprove strongly	**30**	**39**	**34**	**19**	**43**	**36**	**15**	**21**	**25**	**38**
Don't know	**23**	**23**	**22**	**23**	**22**	**22**	**26**	**23**	**25**	**15**

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Q35. Has Arnold Schwarzenegger as governor met your expectations, or has he not met your expectations, or has Schwarzenegger exceeded your expectations?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Met expectations	**36**	**20**	**32**	**56**	**22**	**19**	**40**	**63**	**43**	**26**
Not met expectations	**53**	**68**	**59**	**33**	**65**	**71**	**50**	**27**	**47**	**63**
Exceeded expectations	**6**	**6**	**2**	**7**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**5**
Don't know	**5**	**6**	**7**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**5**	**6**

Q36. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Favorable (net)	**51**	**30**	**43**	**78**	**28**	**35**	**71**	**81**	**58**	**40**
Very favorable	**13**	**5**	**6**	**25**	**4**	**6**	**15**	**29**	**14**	**10**
Somewhat favorable	**39**	**25**	**37**	**53**	**24**	**29**	**56**	**52**	**44**	**30**
Unfavorable (net)	**47**	**69**	**55**	**20**	**72**	**64**	**28**	**17**	**40**	**59**
Somewhat unfavorable	**22**	**31**	**28**	**11**	**30**	**31**	**11**	**10**	**22**	**21**
Very unfavorable	**25**	**38**	**27**	**10**	**42**	**33**	**18**	**7**	**18**	**38**
Don't know (net)	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Haven't heard enough	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**

Q37. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Phil Angelides? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Favorable (net)	**28**	**44**	**23**	**13**	**52**	**36**	**18**	**10**	**26**	**31**
Very favorable	**6**	**12**	**3**	**1**	**15**	**10**	**1**	**1**	**4**	**9**
Somewhat favorable	**22**	**32**	**21**	**12**	**37**	**27**	**17**	**10**	**22**	**22**
Unfavorable (net)	**14**	**6**	**14**	**23**	**7**	**7**	**12**	**28**	**19**	**5**
Somewhat unfavorable	**8**	**4**	**8**	**14**	**6**	**3**	**8**	**16**	**11**	**3**
Very unfavorable	**6**	**2**	**6**	**9**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**11**	**7**	**2**
Don't know (net)	**58**	**50**	**63**	**64**	**41**	**57**	**70**	**62**	**55**	**64**
Haven't heard enough	**56**	**48**	**60**	**61**	**39**	**55**	**64**	**60**	**54**	**61**

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Q38. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Steve Westly? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Favorable (net)	**36**	**52**	**37**	**21**	**53**	**50**	**22**	**21**	**32**	**31**
Very favorable	**9**	**16**	**7**	**3**	**18**	**15**	**2**	**2**	**7**	**6**
Somewhat favorable	**27**	**36**	**30**	**19**	**36**	**35**	**20**	**19**	**25**	**25**
Unfavorable (net)	**10**	**4**	**8**	**19**	**5**	**4**	**10**	**22**	**13**	**9**
Somewhat unfavorable	**8**	**4**	**6**	**13**	**4**	**4**	**6**	**16**	**9**	**8**
Very unfavorable	**3**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**4**	**1**
Don't know (net)	**54**	**44**	**55**	**60**	**42**	**46**	**68**	**57**	**55**	**60**
Haven't heard enough	**52**	**43**	**54**	**58**	**41**	**46**	**67**	**55**	**53**	**60**

Q39. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Rocky Delgadillo ? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Favorable (net)	**14**	**20**	**15**	**8**	**22**	**20**	**7**	**9**	**9**	**25**
Very favorable	**3**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**6**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**8**
Somewhat favorable	**11**	**15**	**13**	**7**	**16**	**15**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**17**
Unfavorable (net)	**8**	**6**	**8**	**9**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**9**	**10**	**6**
Somewhat unfavorable	**5**	**4**	**6**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**6**	**4**
Very unfavorable	**3**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**2**
Don't know (net)	**78**	**74**	**77**	**83**	**73**	**74**	**86**	**82**	**81**	**69**
Haven't heard enough	**76**	**72**	**76**	**80**	**70**	**73**	**81**	**80**	**79**	**67**

Q40. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Jerry Brown? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Favorable (net)	**40**	**59**	**38**	**21**	**71**	**50**	**25**	**20**	**40**	**35**
Very favorable	**13**	**23**	**9**	**4**	**30**	**17**	**6**	**4**	**12**	**12**
Somewhat favorable	**27**	**37**	**29**	**17**	**41**	**33**	**19**	**16**	**29**	**22**
Unfavorable (net)	**27**	**12**	**19**	**49**	**10**	**14**	**43**	**51**	**34**	**18**
Somewhat unfavorable	**15**	**9**	**11**	**23**	**9**	**10**	**24**	**23**	**18**	**13**
Very unfavorable	**12**	**3**	**9**	**26**	**1**	**4**	**19**	**28**	**15**	**6**
Don't know (net)	**33**	**29**	**43**	**30**	**19**	**36**	**32**	**29**	**26**	**47**
Haven't heard enough	**31**	**26**	**40**	**29**	**17**	**33**	**31**	**28**	**24**	**44**

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Q41. Generally speaking, what is your impression of Chuck Poochigian ? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Favorable (net)	**4**	**3**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**6**	**5**	**2**
Very favorable	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Somewhat favorable	**3**	**3**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Unfavorable (net)	**2**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Somewhat unfavorable	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Very unfavorable	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**
Don't know (net)	**94**	**94**	**96**	**93**	**93**	**96**	**95**	**92**	**93**	**95**
Haven't heard enough	**91**	**91**	**94**	**90**	**89**	**94**	**91**	**90**	**91**	**92**

(ORDER OF PHRASES ROTATE)
Q42. What do you think is the best solution to the state's financial problems: should spending be reduced without raising taxes even if that means some services to the public will have to be cut, or should services to the public be kept at current levels even if that means some taxes will have to be raised, or should there be a combination of some service cuts and some tax increases?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Reduce spending without raising taxes, even if services cut	**24**	**16**	**12**	**39**	**11**	**19**	**29**	**43**	**28**	**14**
Keep service levels the same, even if taxes raised	**18**	**21**	**24**	**10**	**30**	**15**	**15**	**8**	**17**	**20**
Combo of service cuts, tax increases	**50**	**55**	**56**	**44**	**51**	**60**	**49**	**42**	**48**	**56**
Don't know	**8**	**8**	**8**	**7**	**8**	**6**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**10**

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATE NAMES ARE ROTATED)
Q43. If the November 2006 general election for governor of California were being held today and the candidates were Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Republican and Steve Westly, the Democrat, for whom would you vote, Schwarzenegger or Westly?

		Among Registered Voters								
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Schwarzenegger	**39**	**11**	**29**	**76**	**6**	**16**	**59**	**84**	**49**	**28**
Westly	**48**	**76**	**57**	**12**	**80**	**73**	**24**	**7**	**37**	**57**
Someone else (vol)	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Don't know	**12**	**12**	**14**	**10**	**11**	**11**	**17**	**6**	**12**	**15**

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Q44. If the November 2006 general election for governor of California were being held today and the candidates were Arnold Schwarzenegger,the Republican and Phil Angelides, the Democrat, for whom would you vote, Schwarzenegger or Angelides?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Schwarzenegger	**43**	**15**	**37**	**78**	**8**	**22**	**65**	**84**	**51**	**32**
Angelides	**43**	**72**	**43**	**9**	**81**	**64**	**20**	**5**	**34**	**54**
Someone else (vol)	**1**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Don't know	**13**	**11**	**20**	**10**	**8**	**13**	**15**	**8**	**13**	**13**

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATE NAMES ARE ROTATED)
Q45. If the November 2006 general election for attorney general of California were being held today and the candidates were Jerry Brown, the Democrat and Chuck Poochigian, the Republican, for whom would you vote, Brown or Poochigian or would you vote for someone else?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Brown	**49**	**75**	**54**	**17**	**78**	**72**	**24**	**14**	**43**	**57**
Poochigian	**24**	**5**	**9**	**54**	**3**	**8**	**43**	**59**	**33**	**16**
Someone else (vol)	**1**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Don't know	**26**	**18**	**37**	**28**	**15**	**20**	**32**	**27**	**23**	**26**

Q46. If the November 2006 general election for attorney general of California were being held today and the candidates were Rocky Delgadillo, the Democrat and Chuck Poochigian , the Republican, for whom would you vote, Delgadillo or Poochigian?

	Among Registered Voters									
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	L/D	M/D	M/R	C/R	WHT	LAT
Delgadillo	**35**	**59**	**37**	**6**	**63**	**54**	**10**	**5**	**25**	**54**
Poochigian	**23**	**7**	**9**	**49**	**5**	**9**	**38**	**53**	**31**	**11**
Someone else (vol)	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Don't know	**41**	**33**	**53**	**44**	**30**	**37**	**51**	**41**	**43**	**34**

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How the poll was conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1, 863 adults in the state of California by telephone April 21st through 27th, 2006. Among them were 1,399 registered voters of which 879 were deemed likely to vote on June 6th. Included are 471 likely to vote in the Democrat and 351 in the Republican primaries. Likely voters were determined by a screening process which included questions on intention to vote, certainty of vote, interest in the campaign, and past voting history. Telephone numbers were randomly selected from among a list of all exchanges in the state, allowing contact with both listed and unlisted numbers. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Additional Latino voters were contacted in a separate random sample to allow more accurate analysis of their subgroup. Adults in the entire sample were weighted slightly to conform with census proportions for sex, ethnicity, age, education, region, and the Secretary of State's report of party registration. The margin of sampling error for all adults is plus or minus 2 percentage points, for registered voters and all likely voters it is plus or minus 3 percentage points, for Democratic and Republican primary likely voters it is plus or minus 5. For certain other subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. While voters of all racial and ethnic groups were interviewed and are included as part of the overall results, some may comprise too small a subgroup of the sample to be separately reported. Interviews in all samples were conducted in both English and Spanish.

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