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A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR HEADING FOR RE-ELECTION IN A VERY BLUE CALIFORNIA

With a little more than five weeks remaining until the November 7th California gubernatorial election, Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has a commanding lead, 50% to 33%, over his challenger, Democrat Phil Angelides, according to a new Los Angeles Times poll. Schwarzenegger has come out of the gate after the June primary with momentum on his side. Angelides' message doesn't seem to connect with many of the voters.

More than three-quarters of Schwarzenegger voters said they are definitely going to vote for him, while only two-thirds of Angelides voters are as sure. In addition to the certainty of each candidates' voters, Angelides came out of the June primary against his opponent, Controller Steve Westly, bruised and with hardly any money left to start his general election campaign. The incumbent Schwarzenegger, on the other hand, was unopposed and sat on the sidelines watching the Democrats attack each other. In fact, early campaign ads by Schwarzenegger used the negative words of Westly to besmirch his opponent. In most of the issues that the poll measured pitting Schwarzenegger against Angelides, the governor either outpaced his opponent or split the issue (i.e., education, immigration, budget and the environment).

The governor has bounced back from a year of low job approval ratings (he had a 51% disapproval among voters in a May Times poll) to a positive rating in the current poll. His low ratings were helped by his turning to the right to appease the conservative Republicans nationally and statewide, and the special election debacle in 2005. He alienated many union members – police, firefighters, nurses and teachers to name a few. The unions spent nearly $100 million to defeat the four initiatives that Schwarzenegger endorsed in the special election. He also angered many voters because they felt the state could not afford the $40 million it would take to put on a special election in March 2005 when the state was going to have a primary in June 2006. All of the initiatives he endorsed plus the other four on the ballot went down to a stunning defeat. At his concession speech that night, Schwarzenegger said he heard the people of California. With his new campaign team in place (that worked for George W. Bush during his two runs for president) he became the governor that voters supported during the recall election -- he moved back toward the center. For example, he started to work with the Democrats in the legislature again as he did when he first became governor, he signed a minimum wage bill, he began a discounted prescription drug program for the elderly and signed a global warming bill that was in contradiction of the views of President Bush. The governor's positive job rating jumped to a full 59% in the current survey. His favorability rating is also positive -- at about the same level as his job approval. A Times poll in October 2004 was the last time the governor had a positive job rating.

Angelides campaign, so far, has failed to resonate with the voters. More than two out of five (43%) likely voters have an *unfavorable* impression of the Democratic candidate, while 38% have a *favorable* one. Almost one in five either have not heard enough about him to form an opinion or are undecided. His failure to capture the momentum is seen in his having a hard time raising money, tepid support from organized labor, his difficulty in defining what he stands for and his misstep with the African-American community with a lackluster effort to appeal to them. Schwarzenegger has already spoken at the First AME Church in South LA, a must stop for Democrats, but Angelides has yet to do so himself. Plus two of the Democratic challenger's aides released audio recordings to the press of a private conversation Schwarzenegger had with some of his staff making discriminatory remarks about a Latina congresswoman. Angelides' campaign denied that they hacked into the governor's web site. But this was a diversion that Angelides did not need since it took him off message. Angelides has only raised $14.4 million this year

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compared to $27.6 million the governor has raised. Also, the unions have only given the Democrat about $5 million – half of which was for his primary election. (In comparison, organized labor gave $100 million for the special election.)

Angelides has come out with two separate ads linking Schwarzenegger to President Bush. So far, based on the poll results, it is not having a negative effect. It is not unreasonable for Angelides to try to link the governor with the president since Bush is not well liked in the state (he lost both presidential elections to Democratic rivals Al Gore and John Kerry in the state by about 12 points in each race). In the current survey, almost three out of five likely voters disapprove of the job the president is doing. However, when voters were asked why they had an unfavorable of Schwarzenegger, just 2% cited Schwarzenegger supported the reelection of George W. Bush. But even among those voters who had an unfavorable opinion of the president, about a quarter are still voting for the incumbent Republican governor.

Is there enough time for Angelides to turn his campaign around? Will the lack of enthusiasm by Democrats for their nominee hurt the other Democratic candidates running on the down ballot races or some of the initiatives, especially Proposition 85, the parental notification of a minor to have an abortion? Some Democratic pundits say Angelides still has time to turn it around – they cite Angelides was behind Westly by 13 points in the primary and pulled it off. Others say it will be hard because donors will look at poll numbers and question whether putting money in such a campaign would help. It all boils down to, as always, who can energize their voter base more.

View of California

California voters are more upbeat about the Golden State than they have been since 2004 -- In a September 2004 Times poll, 46% of voters thought the state was generally going in the right direction, while 44% thought it was seriously off on the wrong track. Today, among registered voters, it is 42% right direction, 45% wrong track. (Among likely voters it is 41% to 46%.) In May of this year, only 34% of voters thought the state was heading in the right direction – an eight point increase in optimism. Also in the May poll, about a quarter (24%) of registered voters mentioned gas prices as the most important problem facing the state. There were only two problems that voters thought were more important – illegal immigration and education. Gas prices, not surprisingly, was at the bottom of the list with 7% among likely voters (9% for registered voters) since prices have come down dramatically within the last few weeks. The lower prices affect how people feel about the economy and their own personal finances. In a September Times/Bloomberg national poll, 31% of adults said they had more to spend since the gas prices were lowered. Among Republican and conservative likely voters in this survey, by far and away the number one mention was illegal immigration (50% and 49% respectively), while the top mention for Democrats and liberals was education (27% and 33% respectively).

For the top two problems facing California – illegal immigration and education, Schwarzenegger is supported overwhelmingly by those voters who mentioned illegal immigration (72% to 17%) and among those who are concerned about education – voters split their support between the two candidates. Among voters who believe the state is going off on the wrong track, Angelides beats the incumbent by 14 points, while more than seven in 10 who believe the state is heading in the right direction support the governor.

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Governor's Race

If the November election were being held today, Schwarzenegger would receive 50% of the vote, compared to 33% for Angelides.

If the general election for governor of California were being held today and the candidates were Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Republican, Phil Angelides, the Democrat, Peter Camejo, the Green candidate, Janice Jordan, the Peace and Freedom candidate, Edward C. Noonan, the American Independent candidate, and Art Olivier, the Libertarian, for whom would you vote? (Includes leaners)

	LIKELY
Arnold Schwarzenegger	**50**
Phil Angelides	**33**
Peter Camejo	**4**
Art Olivier	**2**
Edward C. Noonan	**1**
Janice Jordan*	--
Someone else	**1**
Don't know	**9**

*Janice Jordan received less than 0.5% of the vote.

Nearly seven out of 10 likely voters are certain that they will vote for their candidate. Among these voters more than 3 out of five would vote for the Republican governor and more than a third would vote for his Democratic challenger. However, as mentioned before, more of Schwarzenegger's voters are more certain of their vote than Angelides' voters.

How certain are you to vote for that candidate? (among those who would vote for Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides)

	Schwarzenegger Voters	Angelides Voters
Definitely vote for candidate	77%	65%
Probably vote for candidate	22%	33%
Still considering choices	1%	2%

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Some demographics of the race:

- Angelides needs to pump up his base in order to cut Schwarzenegger's lead. Right now, just 61% of Democratic voters are supporting their candidate and just under a fifth are supporting his opponent, one in 10 are voting for a minor candidate and slightly more than one in eight are undecided. Just 50% of moderate Democrats said they would vote for Angelides, while 26% would vote for his opponent. Seven in 10 liberal Democrats support Angelides.
- However, almost nine out of 10 Republican voters are supporting their candidate, even 91% of conservative Republicans. This group has been annoyed with the governor for making deals with Democratic lawmakers on public work bonds and other matters. Four out of five moderate Republicans are also supporting their candidate.
- Independents, the swing voters of the election, support Schwarzenegger over Angelides by 18 points (49% to 31%).
- Three-fifths of white voters would vote for Schwarzenegger, while almost the same share of Latinos would vote for the Democratic candidate.
- Both men and women are supporting the governor, but men are more solidly behind him than women (57% for men, 42% for women). Nearly two out of five women support Angelides (37%).
- Union members usually loyal Democratic supporters are tepid in their support for Angelides – they give him a six point lead over his opponent.
- All income groups are supporting Schwarzenegger.
- The older voters (who are the ones who usually come out to vote) are strongly supporting the governor, while the younger voters (less than 45 years old) are split.
- Regionally, Los Angeles, a county where Democratic candidates usually have comfortable leads, voters are splitting their vote. The Bay area also a huge Democratic stronghold is only supporting Angelides by 49% to 37%, while the rest of northern California, like LA county, is divided. But the rest of southern California and Central Valley, strong Republican areas, are solid in their support of Schwarzenegger.
- In coastal communities, where voters are usually more liberal and Democratic, Angelides trails Schwarzenegger by 45% to 37%. And in the inland areas, where voters tend to be more Republican and conservative, their support for Schwarzenegger is solid – 58% to 27% for Angelides.

The poll measured the candidates' strengths on seven different issues and attributes and which one the voters thought would be better at it than the other.

Best handling public education: Voters are split on this issue. They think Angelides and Schwarzenegger would be equally successful in handling this issue. Independent voters give Schwarzenegger a 10 point advantage over his opponent on this issue, but moderate voters give a seven point advantage to Angelides. There is a slight gender gap with men who believe Schwarzenegger is the better candidate (44% to 35%) on this issue, while women believe narrowly that it would be Angelides (40% to 35%). Latinos, overwhelmingly think Angelides would be better on handling this issue (59%), while a large plurality of white voters think the governor would be best (48%).

Best handling the state's budget: Nearly half of all likely voters believe the governor would do a better job on this issue than his Democratic opponent. Just under three in 10 voters think Angelides is the better candidate in handling the budget. A large plurality of Democrats believe their candidate would be better on this issue, more than a fifth give Schwarzenegger the thumbs up. (However, 12% said both or neither candidate.) Nearly three-fifths of white voters side with Schwarzenegger on this issue, while a small plurality of Latinos are in Angelides' column. Men and women both agree that the incumbent is better on this issue, but men are much more supportive of Schwarzenegger than women (57% of men vs. 41% of women side with the governor).

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Best handling the state's environmental issues: The voters split their support on this issue. (Thirteen percent said either both or neither candidate would be better) Slightly more than half of Democratic voters give Angelides a green light on this issue, but roughly a quarter believe the governor would be better. Nearly half of independents side with Angelides on this issue, but moderates give the governor a seven point advantage (40% to 33%). More than half of Republicans (54%) support their candidate on his handling of the environment, while 17% are in the Angelides column. Men and women are both divided.

Best handling California's economy: More than half of likely voters believe the governor would be better at handling the state's economy, while just 29% think Angelides would. Interestingly, just 50% of Democrats believe that their own candidate would be better on this issue, while more than a fifth believe Schwarzenegger would. However, 12% said either both or neither of them. A majority of independents and a plurality of moderates side with the governor on this issue. Men, once again, are more solid in their support of the Republican incumbent than women are (61% vs. 44%). More union members who are likely to vote support Schwarzenegger on this issue (41%), compared to a third who think Angelides would do the better job. Voters in coastal areas also support Schwarzenegger, although more narrowly than their inland counterparts (48% vs. 60%).

Best handling immigration issues: Schwarzenegger has a 13 point lead over his Democratic challenger on the issue of immigration (43% to 30%). Independents (41%) and moderates (45%) support the governor on this issue, as do both men and women. A majority of voters living in inland communities support Schwarzenegger's commitment to solving the illegal immigration problem. There are 1,300 national guards from California stationed at the Mexican-U.S. border to help the federal border patrol contain immigrants coming into the country illegally. The governor refused Bush's request for more troops. Union members are somewhat divided on this issue, giving the edge to Angelides.

Has stronger leadership qualities: Voters, overwhelmingly, think the governor has strong leadership qualities and this may be at the heart of the problem Angelides is facing. Three-fifths of all likely voters believe Schwarzenegger has this attribute, while just a fifth think Angelides does. (This perceived lack of leadership was seen by the voters as a problem for Gray Davis while he was fighting to keep his governor's job during the recall campaign. At that time, only 28% of voters said Davis had shown decisive leadership while serving as governor of California. And the rest is history -- he was one of the only governors to be recalled.)

To make matters worse for the Democratic candidate, only three in 10 of his own party's voters believe he has this attribute compared to two out of five who think the governor has this quality. A plurality of moderate Democrats are in the governor's column, as are more than a third of liberal Democrats. Nearly six out of 10 of both independents and moderates also believe Schwarzenegger has this quality. More than two thirds of white voters are supporting the incumbent on having this attribute over the Democratic challenger, but a plurality of Latino voters support Angelides. A majority of union members believe Schwarzenegger has strong leadership qualities, while more than a quarter think Angelides does.

Has more honesty and integrity to serve as governor of California: To a lesser degree voters also believe Schwarzenegger over Angelides has more honesty and integrity by 43% to 25%. However a quarter of voters said either both or neither of them has this trait. More than a third of union members (35%), think the governor is more honest, while almost the same share believe Angelides (34%) is. Moderates (38%) and independents (43%) also give their support to Schwarzenegger on this trait, although 21% of independents and 31% of moderates say either both or neither of the candidates have more honesty and integrity.

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	Schwarzenegger	Angelides	Both/Neither
Who would do the better job handling:			
California's economy	52%	29%	12%
The state's budget	49%	29%	12%
Immigration issues	43%	30%	17%
Public education	40%	38%	12%
The environmental issues	37%	36%	13%
Who do you think has:			
Stronger leadership qualities	60%	20%	12%
More honesty and integrity	43%	25%	25

Impressions of the candidates

Arnold Schwarzenegger: Three fifths of voters have a favorable impression of the governor, while 39% have an unfavorable one. Going back about a year (right around the special election), in a Times poll conducted in October 2005, 53% of likely voters had an unfavorable impression of Schwarzenegger. His turnaround began the day after the special election. In a Times poll taken four months ago, he was at 49% favorable and 47% unfavorable. His ratings among Democrats have increased from 15% of likely voters in the 2005 poll to 36% in the current one. Also, 60% of independents rate the governor positively. Union members have a favorable opinion of the governor, as do white voters and men and women. But 61% of Latino voters rate him unfavorably.

The three top mentions as to why voters like the Republican governor, 23% cited good job as governor, 16% said he has honesty and integrity followed by 13% who said he has strong leadership qualities.

The three top mentions as to why voters dislike the governor, 17% mentioned he is not honest/lacks integrity, 15% cited poor record on education and 11% mentioned his ineffectiveness.

Phil Angelides: More voters have an unfavorable impression of the Democratic challenger than have a favorable one (43% to 38%). This includes 21% who have a *very* unfavorable opinion of Angelides, compared to just 7% who have a *very* favorable one.

Not quite 60% of Democrats have a favorable opinion, compared to 89% of Republicans who have a favorable impression of Schwarzenegger. Only 43% of moderate Democrats have a favorable opinion of their candidate (but 28% are either undecided or haven't heard enough about him). Men have a negative opinion of Angelides (50%), while women are somewhat divided as to how they think of him. Union members have a somewhat positive opinion of the Democrat – 47% to 40%.

Voters who had a favorable opinion were asked why they had a positive impression of Angelides and their top mentions were: his honesty and integrity (13%), his experience as state treasurer (12%) and he's a Democrat (12%).

Voters who had an unfavorable opinion were also asked why they disliked the Democrat and they cited: he is not honest/lacks integrity (18%), he will raise taxes (15%), weak leadership qualities (10%) and don't agree with him on issues (10%).

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Other issues

Taxes: More than a third of voters say they will be more likely to vote for Angelides for governor because if elected he promised that he would raise taxes on corporations and raise income taxes on Californians who make more than $250,000 a year. He also said he plans to cut income taxes on people making less than $100,000 a year and cut taxes on small businesses. A quarter say they would be less likely, while 39% say his stand on taxes would make no difference in their vote.

Three in 10 voters say they will be more likely to vote for Schwarzenegger because he promised that if re-elected he would not raise any taxes, 17% said less likely, while 52% say it would not factor into in their vote.

Bush job approval: Nearly three out of five (57%) likely voters disapprove of the way Bush is handling his job as president, while 42% approve. (Registered voters had the same ratings for the president.) Bush has seen an improvement in his ratings here in California as he has seen nationally. In an April Times poll conducted statewide, 31% of voters approved of the job Bush was doing, while 66% disapproved. And, in a September Times/Bloomberg national poll, it was a 44% approval rating to 54% who disapprove. Still Bush's numbers are very partisan – 86% of Democrats, 91% of liberals, 74% of moderates and 62% of independents all have negative feelings about the president. This includes 92% of liberal Democrats and 79% of moderate Democrats. For those who approve of the president's job performance – 76% are Republicans and 79% of conservatives, including 42% of moderate Republicans and 86% of conservative Republicans. Men are divided and women are strongly disapproving.

Schwarzenegger job approval: As with the governor's favorability rating climbing to very positive numbers, so too is his job rating. Nearly three out of five voters approve of the way the governor is handling his job, compared to last May, when it was 44% to 51%. Even a third of Democrats approve of his job performance (including 25% of liberal Democrats and 44% of moderate Democrats), 59% of independents, 52% of moderates, 64% of men and 54% of women. Of course, virtually all of the governor's base give him positive ratings – 90% of Republicans and 88% of conservatives, including 87% of moderate Republicans and 91% of conservative Republicans.

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Guide to Column Headings

Among likely voters:

LV	All likely voters
DEM	Registered Democrats
IND	Registered Independents
REP	Registered Republicans
LIB	Self-described Liberals
MOD	Self-described Moderates
CON	Self-described Conservatives
MEN	Males
WOM	Females

Note:

(vol.) indicates a volunteered response
'–' indicates of less than 0.5%
* indicates that some subgroups were omitted due to small bases

Q1. Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Right direction	**41**	**30**	**47**	**52**	**30**	**38**	**53**	**46**	**37**
Wrong track	**46**	**54**	**45**	**35**	**55**	**48**	**36**	**44**	**47**
Don't know	**13**	**16**	**8**	**13**	**15**	**14**	**11**	**10**	**16**

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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)

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Nothing in particular	2	–	4	3	–	4	2	2	1
Crime	6	9	5	3	8	6	4	6	6
Drugs	2	3	–	–	2	–	2	1	3
Gangs	1	1	–	1	1	–	1	–	2
Judicial system	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	1	–
Prison system	1	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	1
Businesses leaving state	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	2	1
Economy (in general)	12	15	11	10	10	13	13	11	13
Electricity/gas rates are high	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	2	3
Gasoline prices	7	9	6	7	7	9	6	5	10
Jobs, lack of/jobs leaving California	5	5	9	3	7	4	4	4	6
Inflation	3	3	8	1	4	2	3	3	3
Lack of infrastructure maintenance	3	4	1	2	3	3	2	4	1
Over regulating businesses	1	–	–	1	–	1	1	1	–
Taxes	9	2	9	16	2	5	17	11	6
Terrorism/homeland security	1	1	–	2	1	–	2	1	1
Unemployment	2	4	2	–	3	3	1	3	2
Worker's compensation	1	1	–	1	1	1	–	1	1
Affordable housing	4	5	–	3	3	8	2	3	5
Breakdown of family values	2	1	–	3	1	–	3	2	1
Education/better education/public schools	26	27	29	22	33	30	19	22	31
Environment	7	10	4	3	14	5	3	6	8
Gay rights/same sex marriage	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–
Health care	6	11	6	2	11	8	2	4	9
Homelessness/poverty	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	3
Immigration	34	21	32	50	17	33	49	36	33
Lack of community spirit	1	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	1
Over-development/too much growth	5	7	8	3	7	5	4	6	4
Racism	1	2	–	1	3	–	1	2	–
Senior citizen issues	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Welfare	1	–	–	2	–	1	1	1	1
Corruption in government	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Democrats controlling legislature	2	–	3	3	–	2	3	2	1
Government (in general)	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	3	1
Lack of leadership	1	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Political atmosphere	1	2	1	–	2	2	1	2	1
Republican governor/Arnold Schwarzenegger	3	4	2	1	6	2	–	3	2
Iraq war/situation in Iraq	1	2	2	–	3	–	–	1	1
Public transportation	1	1	–	1	2	1	1	1	1
Traffic/congestion	4	4	12	4	6	3	5	6	3
State budget deficit	3	2	5	5	2	3	4	4	3
Water shortage	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	7	5	8	9	6	9	7	8	6
Don't know	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–

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(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED WITHIN TEXT)
Q5. If the general election for governor of California were being held today and the candidates were Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Republican, Phil Angelides, the Democrat, Peter Camejo, the Green candidate, Janice Jordan, the Peace and Freedom candidate, Edward C. Noonan, the American Independent candidate, and Art Olivier, the Libertarian, for whom would you vote, Schwarzenegger, Angelides, Camejo, Jordan, Noonan, or Olivier? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**50**	**17**	**49**	**88**	**13**	**45**	**81**	**57**	**42**
Angelides	**33**	**61**	**31**	**3**	**65**	**38**	**7**	**30**	**37**
Camejo	**4**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**4**
Jordan	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Noonan	**1**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Olivier	**2**	**2**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Someone else (vol.)	**1**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Don't know	**9**	**12**	**19**	**4**	**11**	**11**	**6**	**6**	**13**

COMBINED RESPONSES FROM Q5

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**50**	**17**	**49**	**88**	**13**	**45**	**81**	**57**	**42**
Angelides	**33**	**61**	**31**	**3**	**64**	**38**	**7**	**30**	**37**
Someone else (vol.)	**8**	**10**	**1**	**5**	**12**	**6**	**6**	**7**	**8**
Don't know	**9**	**12**	**19**	**4**	**11**	**11**	**6**	**6**	**13**

(ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOSE A CANDIDATE)
Q6. How certain are you to vote for that candidate? Will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate or are you still considering your choices?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Definitely	**69**	**64**	**57**	**80**	**64**	**69**	**74**	**72**	**66**
Probably	**29**	**34**	**43**	**19**	**34**	**30**	**25**	**27**	**32**
Still considering choices	**2**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**

Thinking now about the race for governor, regardless which candidate for governor you happen to prefer right now, which candidate do you think would do the better job of handling the following issues:

(ORDER OF NEXT SEVEN QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATE NAMES WITHIN TEXT IS ROTATED)
Q22. Who do you think would do the better job of handling public education: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**40**	**17**	**40**	**68**	**13**	**34**	**66**	**44**	**35**
Angelides	**38**	**64**	**30**	**9**	**72**	**41**	**9**	**35**	**40**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**3**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**3**
Neither of them (vol.)	**9**	**7**	**10**	**10**	**4**	**9**	**13**	**7**	**11**
Don't know	**10**	**9**	**11**	**10**	**7**	**15**	**8**	**9**	**11**

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Q23. Who do you think would do the better job of handling the state's budget: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides ?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**49**	**21**	**43**	**85**	**17**	**47**	**76**	**57**	**41**
Angelides	**29**	**48**	**37**	**4**	**59**	**29**	**7**	**27**	**31**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**3**	**4**	**4**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Neither (vol.)	**9**	**12**	**7**	**6**	**8**	**12**	**7**	**6**	**13**
Don't know	**10**	**15**	**9**	**4**	**12**	**9**	**8**	**8**	**12**

Q24. Who do you think would do the better job of handling the state's environmental issues: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides ?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**37**	**23**	**26**	**54**	**16**	**40**	**51**	**39**	**35**
Angelides	**36**	**51**	**46**	**17**	**61**	**33**	**19**	**39**	**32**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**4**	**3**	**11**	**3**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**6**	**3**
Neither (vol.)	**9**	**8**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**11**	**10**	**6**	**12**
Don't know	**14**	**15**	**11**	**15**	**13**	**10**	**16**	**10**	**18**

Q25. Who do you think would do the better job of handling California's economy: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**52**	**22**	**53**	**87**	**19**	**46**	**83**	**61**	**44**
Angelides	**29**	**50**	**29**	**4**	**55**	**33**	**6**	**27**	**31**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**4**	**6**	**5**	**1**	**8**	**3**	**–**	**3**	**4**
Neither of them (vol.)	**8**	**13**	**4**	**4**	**9**	**11**	**6**	**4**	**12**
Don't know	**7**	**9**	**9**	**4**	**9**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**9**

Q26. Who do you think would do the better job of handling immigration issues in California: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**43**	**23**	**41**	**70**	**16**	**45**	**63**	**48**	**38**
Angelides	**30**	**48**	**32**	**6**	**63**	**24**	**9**	**30**	**30**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**3**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**
Neither of them (vol.)	**14**	**15**	**14**	**11**	**7**	**20**	**14**	**13**	**15**
Don't know	**10**	**10**	**9**	**11**	**10**	**8**	**11**	**6**	**14**

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Q27. Which candidate for governor do you think has stronger leadership qualities: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarzenegger	**60**	**40**	**57**	**86**	**36**	**58**	**80**	**68**	**51**
Angelides	**20**	**31**	**30**	**4**	**39**	**18**	**6**	**18**	**21**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**3**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**3**
Neither of them (vol.)	**9**	**13**	**2**	**4**	**12**	**12**	**5**	**5**	**13**
Don't know	**8**	**12**	**9**	**3**	**8**	**8**	**7**	**5**	**12**

Q28. Which candidate for governor do you think has more honesty and integrity to serve as governor of California: Arnold Schwarzenegger or Phil Angelides?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Schwarznegger	**43**	**17**	**43**	**74**	**12**	**38**	**71**	**49**	**36**
Angelides	**25**	**42**	**27**	**3**	**55**	**22**	**4**	**25**	**26**
Both/no difference (vol.)	**8**	**10**	**8**	**7**	**8**	**10**	**6**	**8**	**8**
Neither of them (vol.)	**17**	**20**	**13**	**12**	**17**	**21**	**13**	**12**	**21**
Don't know	**7**	**11**	**9**	**4**	**8**	**9**	**6**	**6**	**9**

Q29. 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?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Favorable (net)	**60**	**36**	**60**	**89**	**28**	**59**	**85**	**64**	**54**
Very favorable	**18**	**7**	**16**	**32**	**7**	**13**	**29**	**20**	**15**
Somewhat favorable	**42**	**29**	**43**	**57**	**21**	**46**	**57**	**44**	**40**
Unfavorable (net)	**39**	**63**	**38**	**10**	**70**	**40**	**14**	**34**	**45**
Somewhat unfavorable	**22**	**34**	**24**	**9**	**38**	**19**	**11**	**22**	**22**
Very unfavorable	**17**	**29**	**15**	**1**	**32**	**21**	**2**	**12**	**22**
Haven't heard enough	**–**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Don't know	**1**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**

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(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO HAVE A VERY/SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF SCHWARZENEGGER)
Q30. Why do you have a favorable impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger? Is there another reason why you have a favorable impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger?* (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No reason/just like him	**6**	**9**	**6**	**6**	**10**	**4**	**4**	**7**
Know more about him and his positions	**3**	**3**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**4**
Business experience	**5**	**3**	**5**	**–**	**6**	**5**	**7**	**2**
Cares about people like me	**7**	**4**	**9**	**7**	**5**	**8**	**6**	**8**
Celebrity/like his movies	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**2**	**–**	**2**	**1**
Conservative	**4**	**–**	**5**	**1**	**–**	**6**	**3**	**4**
Honest/has integrity	**16**	**14**	**19**	**7**	**20**	**18**	**15**	**19**
Moderate	**2**	**3**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Strong leadership qualities	**13**	**15**	**13**	**16**	**12**	**13**	**13**	**14**
Agree with him on issues	**9**	**7**	**11**	**4**	**11**	**9**	**7**	**11**
Balanced budget without raising taxes	**5**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**6**
Best choice	**4**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**5**	**2**
Bipartisan/works with Democrats in Legislature	**6**	**4**	**5**	**10**	**2**	**6**	**6**	**5**
Budget cautious/not a wasteful spender	**3**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**3**	**3**
Cell phone ban while driving, signed bill	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**
Favors death penalty	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Economy better/more jobs	**3**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**4**	**5**	**2**
Education / restored funding	**4**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**1**	**6**	**5**	**4**
Environment /good record on environment	**2**	**6**	**–**	**11**	**2**	**–**	**3**	**2**
Gay marriage bill/doesn't support gay marriage	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Global warming/greenhouse gas emissions/signed bill	**1**	**–**	**–**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**
Good job as governor	**23**	**20**	**23**	**18**	**23**	**24**	**24**	**22**
Supports, gun control	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Illegal immigrant guard on border/guest worker/path	**4**	**8**	**2**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**5**
Infrastructure bonds-supports	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Minimum wage increase bill-signed	**1**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**
Not beholden to special interests	**4**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**5**	**2**
Off shore oil drilling-opposes	**1**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**3**
Pro-choice	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Opposes partial birth abortion	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Parental consent-supports	**5**	**1**	**5**	**2**	**–**	**7**	**5**	**4**
Republican	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Stem cell research funding	**3**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**2**
Taxes	**10**	**10**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**8**	**10**	**9**
Learns from his mistakes	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Don’t know	**3**	**7**	**2**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**3**

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(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO HAVE A VERY/SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF SCHWARZENEGGER)
Q31. Why do you have an unfavorable impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger? Is there another reason why you have an unfavorable impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger?* (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	LV	DEM	LIB	MOD	MEN	WOM
No reason/just dislike him	**9**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**7**	**12**
Celebrity	**8**	**9**	**11**	**3**	**5**	**10**
Conservative	**1**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**2**	**–**
Controversial remarks about minorities (Latino/black blood)	**4**	**4**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**6**
Does not care about people like me	**5**	**5**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**5**
Doesn't understand the problems of California	**9**	**10**	**9**	**8**	**10**	**8**
Personality/arrogant	**10**	**12**	**12**	**6**	**10**	**9**
Moderate	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**
Not honest	**17**	**18**	**16**	**21**	**21**	**14**
Sexist reputation	**5**	**6**	**7**	**2**	**4**	**6**
Anti-labor unions	**4**	**4**	**4**	**5**	**5**	**2**
Beholden to special interests	**6**	**6**	**8**	**3**	**4**	**8**
Cut programs/raised fees to balance budget	**1**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**1**
Don't agree with him on issues	**5**	**3**	**6**	**4**	**6**	**4**
Opposes driver licenses for Illegal immigrants	**3**	**3**	**–**	**2**	**3**	**2**
Poor record on education	**15**	**12**	**16**	**19**	**14**	**17**
Not doing enough on the environment	**2**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**2**
Gay marriage bill/doesn't support gay marriage	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Gun control stand	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Illegal immigration/supports reforms-guest worker	**8**	**7**	**8**	**10**	**11**	**6**
Negative campaigning/ads	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Pretends to be a Democrat/too bipartisan/not a good republican	**2**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3**	**1**
Pro business/business friendly	**3**	**2**	**3**	**–**	**4**	**2**
Pro-choice	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**
Republican	**5**	**7**	**7**	**3**	**8**	**3**
Stem cell research funding	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Supported reelection of Bush	**2**	**2**	**3**	**3**	**4**	**1**
Typical politician	**3**	**4**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**5**
Ineffective/poor track record	**11**	**9**	**12**	**6**	**12**	**9**
Flip flops	**5**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**5**	**4**
Neglects state employee needs	**2**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**–**	**3**
Unqualified/not bright	**3**	**4**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**3**
Actor playing governor	**1**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**2**	**1**
Failed costly special election	**2**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**3**	**2**
Fiscally inept	**3**	**4**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**1**
Other	**7**	**6**	**6**	**8**	**9**	**6**
Don't know	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**–**	**4**

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Q32. 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?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Favorable (net)	**38**	**59**	**41**	**14**	**72**	**39**	**13**	**38**	**38**
Very favorable	**7**	**14**	**6**	**–**	**14**	**8**	**1**	**7**	**8**
Somewhat favorable	**31**	**45**	**35**	**13**	**58**	**30**	**11**	**32**	**30**
Unfavorable (net)	**43**	**19**	**40**	**70**	**12**	**39**	**68**	**50**	**35**
Somewhat unfavorable	**22**	**12**	**28**	**31**	**8**	**21**	**32**	**26**	**16**
Very unfavorable	**21**	**7**	**12**	**40**	**4**	**19**	**36**	**23**	**19**
Haven't heard enough	**17**	**20**	**17**	**13**	**14**	**20**	**17**	**10**	**24**
Don't know	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**

(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO HAVE A VERY/SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF PHIL ANGELIDES?)
Q33. Why do you have a favorable impression of Phil Angelides? Is there another reason why you have a favorable impression of Phil Angelides?* (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	LV	DEM	LIB	MOD	MEN	WOM
No reason/just like him	**22**	**19**	**13**	**31**	**25**	**20**
Business experience/ real estate development	**4**	**5**	**5**	**–**	**5**	**3**
Cares about average Californian	**9**	**10**	**11**	**5**	**7**	**11**
Experience/state treasurer	**12**	**14**	**14**	**7**	**11**	**13**
Family man	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Honest/has integrity	**13**	**16**	**15**	**10**	**14**	**12**
Moderate/liberal	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**–**
Shares the same values as I do	**4**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**5**	**4**
Strong leadership qualities	**5**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**5**	**4**
Understands the problems of California	**6**	**8**	**5**	**9**	**6**	**6**
Agree with him on issues	**10**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**10**	**10**
Best choice among candidates	**11**	**13**	**13**	**12**	**10**	**12**
Budget proposals	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Democrat	**12**	**16**	**15**	**9**	**11**	**13**
Education proposals	**8**	**7**	**8**	**8**	**11**	**5**
Endorsements	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Environmental proposals	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Gun control/favors stricter control	**1**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**1**
Labor unions/pro unions	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Not a typical politician	**3**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**3**
Tax cuts-middle class/small businesses	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Three strikes/Prop83	**1**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Immigration position	**1**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Other	**9**	**10**	**7**	**15**	**6**	**11**
Don't know	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**2**	**–**

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(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO HAVE A VERY/SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF PHIL ANGELIDES)
Q34. Why do you have an unfavorable impression of Phil Angelides? Is there another reason why you have an unfavorable impression of Phil Angelides? * (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	LV	DEM	REP	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No reason/just dislike him	**15**	**19**	**17**	**18**	**14**	**15**	**16**
Doesn't care about the average Californian	**2**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**3**
Don't know enough about him or his positions	**4**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**3**	**6**
Lacks charisma	**6**	**9**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**6**	**4**
Liberal/too liberal	**5**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**7**	**5**	**5**
Not honest/has no integrity	**18**	**19**	**17**	**13**	**21**	**17**	**20**
Weak leadership qualities	**10**	**15**	**10**	**8**	**10**	**10**	**10**
Death penalty-favors it	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Democrat	**8**	**–**	**11**	**2**	**11**	**8**	**7**
Don't agree with him on issues	**10**	**10**	**10**	**15**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Education proposals	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**–**
Environmental proposals	**5**	**9**	**2**	**8**	**4**	**5**	**4**
Flip flops on certain issues/Jessica's law	**6**	**7**	**5**	**11**	**4**	**6**	**5**
Gun control/favors strict control	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Ideas will reverse California's progress	**3**	**–**	**5**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Labor unions/pro unions/not business friendly	**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**2**
Leak of tapes with government's controversial remarks	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Negative campaigning/ads	**8**	**8**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**6**	**11**
Pro choice/supports abortion	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**
Tax plan/will raise taxes	**15**	**5**	**17**	**10**	**19**	**16**	**14**
Typical politician	**5**	**6**	**5**	**5**	**5**	**5**	**5**
Real estate development scandal	**3**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**2**	**3**	**4**
Negative track record in business and government	**2**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Immigration position	**3**	**–**	**3**	**2**	**4**	**5**	**1**
Other	**7**	**11**	**7**	**9**	**6**	**6**	**10**
Don't know	**1**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**2**	**1**	**1**

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(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ARE ROTATED)
Q35. As you may know, Phil Angelides has promised that, if elected, he would raise taxes on some corporations and raise income taxes on Californians who make more than $250,000 a year. He also plans to cut income taxes on people making less than $100,000 a year and cut taxes on small businesses. Does this make you more or less likely to vote for Angelides for governor in November, or does it make no difference in your decision one way or the other? (IF MORE/LESS LIKELY) Are you much (more/less) likely to vote for him, or only somewhat (more/less) likely?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
More likely (net)	**35**	**54**	**42**	**11**	**65**	**38**	**13**	**31**	**40**
Much more likely	**20**	**32**	**23**	**6**	**39**	**22**	**5**	**18**	**22**
Somewhat more likely	**15**	**22**	**19**	**5**	**26**	**16**	**8**	**13**	**18**
Less likely (net)	**24**	**9**	**14**	**47**	**4**	**14**	**45**	**30**	**18**
Somewhat less likely	**6**	**2**	**4**	**11**	**2**	**3**	**10**	**6**	**6**
Much less likely	**18**	**7**	**10**	**35**	**2**	**11**	**35**	**23**	**13**
No difference	**39**	**35**	**42**	**42**	**29**	**47**	**41**	**38**	**39**
Don't know	**2**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**

Q36. As you may know, Arnold Schwarzenegger has promised that, if re-elected, he would not raise any taxes. Does this make you more or less likely to vote for Schwarzenegger for governor in November, or does it make no difference in your decision one way or the other? (IF MORE/LESS LIKELY) Are you much (more/less) likely to vote for him, or only somewhat (more/less) likely?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
More likely (net)	**30**	**10**	**29**	**55**	**6**	**23**	**53**	**33**	**27**
Much more likely	**19**	**5**	**23**	**36**	**3**	**12**	**36**	**24**	**15**
Somewhat more likely	**11**	**5**	**6**	**19**	**2**	**11**	**17**	**10**	**13**
Less likely (net)	**17**	**28**	**17**	**3**	**32**	**19**	**3**	**17**	**17**
Somewhat less likely	**6**	**10**	**5**	**1**	**10**	**6**	**1**	**5**	**5**
Much less likely	**11**	**18**	**12**	**2**	**23**	**13**	**2**	**11**	**11**
No difference	**52**	**62**	**53**	**40**	**62**	**58**	**42**	**50**	**54**
Don't know	**1**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**2**

Q43. 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 state ballot measures? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, somewhat uninterested or very uninterested in following those political campaigns this year?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Interest (net)	**91**	**90**	**93**	**90**	**90**	**90**	**91**	**92**	**89**
Very interested	**31**	**31**	**21**	**36**	**29**	**28**	**35**	**33**	**30**
Somewhat interested	**59**	**59**	**72**	**54**	**61**	**62**	**56**	**59**	**59**
Uninterested (net)	**9**	**10**	**6**	**10**	**10**	**9**	**9**	**8**	**10**
Somewhat uninterested	**7**	**7**	**2**	**8**	**6**	**7**	**7**	**6**	**7**
Very uninterested	**3**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Don't know	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**1**

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(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)
Q50. 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 do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (net)	**42**	**14**	**37**	**76**	**9**	**25**	**79**	**47**	**35**
Approve strongly	**16**	**6**	**11**	**32**	**2**	**10**	**32**	**18**	**15**
Approve somewhat	**25**	**8**	**26**	**44**	**6**	**15**	**47**	**30**	**20**
Disapprove (net)	**57**	**86**	**62**	**22**	**91**	**74**	**20**	**53**	**63**
Disapprove somewhat	**9**	**7**	**14**	**10**	**5**	**13**	**8**	**9**	**8**
Disapprove strongly	**49**	**79**	**48**	**13**	**86**	**61**	**12**	**43**	**55**
Don't know	**1**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**2**

Q51. 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?

	LV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (net)	**59**	**34**	**59**	**90**	**27**	**52**	**88**	**64**	**54**
Approve strongly	**20**	**9**	**18**	**35**	**6**	**16**	**34**	**26**	**13**
Approve somewhat	**39**	**25**	**41**	**55**	**21**	**36**	**54**	**37**	**41**
Disapprove (net)	**40**	**65**	**40**	**9**	**71**	**48**	**11**	**36**	**44**
Disapprove somewhat	**21**	**34**	**27**	**7**	**37**	**26**	**7**	**20**	**23**
Disapprove strongly	**19**	**31**	**13**	**2**	**34**	**22**	**4**	**17**	**21**
Don't know	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**2**

How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1,868 adults in the state of California by telephone September 23 through 28, 2006. Among them were 1,312 registered voters, of which 989 were deemed likely to vote in the November 7th general election. 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 is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain 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. Interviews in the Latino supplemental sample were conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Van Nuys, California. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

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