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## SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE TIMES POLL CALIFORNIA SURVEY

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*(A full summary of results will be available at a later date through the Los Angeles Times Poll)*

### GUIDE TO COLUMN HEADINGS

LV	All likely voters
DEM	Registered Democrat likely voters
REP	Registered Republican likely voters
LIB	Politically liberal likely voters
MOD	Politically moderate likely voters
CON	Politically conservative likely voters
WHT	Non-Hispanic whites who are likely voters
LAT	Latinos who are likely voters

**Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Gray Davis is handling his job as governor?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Approve	31	55	7	60	31	9	26	36
Disapprove	65	38	92	35	62	90	70	60
Don't know	4	7	1	5	7	1	4	4

**Q4: There will be a special election to recall Governor Davis on October 7th. The recall ballot measure will consist of two parts. The first part will be a YES or NO vote on whether to recall the governor. The second part will list candidates running to replace Davis if he is recalled.**

**If the October 7th special recall election were being held today, would you vote YES to recall Governor Davis or would you vote NO, not to recall Governor Davis? (INCLUDES LEANERS)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Vote yes	56	27	89	21	51	89	62	49
Vote no	42	72	11	78	46	11	38	48
Don't know	2	1	—	1	3	—	—	3

(ASKED ONLY OF VOTERS WHO WILL VOTE ON RECALL)

**Q5: How certain is your vote (to recall/not to recall) Gray Davis as governor?**

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO WOULD VOTE YES) **Will you definitely vote YES to recall Governor Davis or are you still considering your options?**

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO WOULD VOTE NO) **Will you definitely vote NO not to recall Governor Davis or are you still considering your options?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Definitely vote yes	56	25	89	19	52	89	60	50
Yes: still considering	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Definitely vote no	42	72	10	78	46	10	37	47
No: still considering	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	3
Don't know	1	2	—	3	—	—	1	—

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

**Q6. You still get a chance to cast a vote for one of the replacement candidates, even if you voted NO, not to recall Governor Davis, or didn't vote on the recall at all. If the special recall election were being held today and these were the candidates, for whom would you vote: Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, a Democrat; state Senator Tom McClintock, a Republican; actor and businessman Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican; financial investment advisor Peter Miguel Camejo, a Green Party candidate; columnist and author Arianna Huffington, an independent: for whom would you vote: Bustamante or McClintock or Schwarzenegger or Camejo or Huffington or would you vote for someone else or would you not vote for any candidate?**

(INCLUDES LEANERS) (CANDIDATES ROTATED)

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Schwarzenegger	40	15	66	11	42	63	46	24
Bustamante	32	62	2	69	30	5	24	54
McClintock	15	7	27	3	12	28	16	13
Camejo	3	4	—	4	5	—	4	1
Huffington	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Someone else	1	1	—	1	3	—	1	1
Wouldn't vote	5	6	2	8	4	1	5	1
Haven't heard enough (Vol.)	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	—
Don't know	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	6

(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO CHOSE A CANDIDATE)

**Q7: 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?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Definitely	84	86	82	88	83	80	84	84
Probably	8	7	8	7	8	9	8	8
Still considering	8	7	10	5	9	11	8	8

(ASKED ONLY OF RECALL SUPPORTERS)

(Q8-Q10 ROTATED)

**Q8: If you thought that Cruz Bustamante was the most likely candidate to become the next governor if the recall passed, would you still vote in favor of the recall, or would you change your mind and vote against the recall?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	*	REP	*	MOD	CON	WHT	*
Still vote for recall	60		57		65	54	58	
Vote against recall	34		36		31	38	35	
Don't know	6		7		4	8	7	

\* Base for this question is too small to break out some subgroups.

**Combination of Q4 and Q8:**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Supported recall...								
Would still support	34	17	51	16	33	48	36	36
Would oppose	19	9	32	5	16	34	22	11
Not sure	3	1	6	-	2	7	4	2
Opposed recall	42	72	11	78	46	11	38	48
Don't know	2	1	-	1	3	-	-	3

**Q9: If you thought that Arnold Schwarzenegger was the most likely candidate to become the next governor if the recall passed, would you still vote in favor of the recall, or would you change your mind and vote against the recall?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	*	REP	*	MOD	CON	WHT	*
Still vote for recall	93		95		91	96	94	
Vote against recall	6		5		7	3	5	
Don't know	1		-		2	1	1	

\* Base for this question is too small to break out some subgroups.

**Combination of Q4 and Q9:**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Supported recall...								
Would still support	52	23	84	18	46	85	58	45
Would oppose	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
Not sure	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
Opposed recall	42	72	11	78	46	11	38	48
Don't know	2	1	-	1	3	-	-	3

**Q10: If you thought that Tom McClintock was the most likely candidate to become the next governor if the recall passed, would you still vote in favor of the recall, or would you change your mind and vote against the recall?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	*	REP	*	MOD	CON	WHT	*
Still vote for recall	88		92		87	94	89	
Vote against recall	8		7		11	4	8	
Don't know	4		1		2	2	3	

\* Base for this question is too small to break out some subgroups.

**Combination of Q4 and Q10:**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Supported recall...								
Would still support	49	19	82	13	45	84	55	43
Would oppose	5	5	6	6	6	3	5	3
Not sure	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	3
Opposed recall	42	72	11	78	45	11	38	48
Don't know	2	1	-	1	3	-	-	3

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

**Q11: If the special recall election were being held today and the only two major candidates on the ballot were Cruz Bustamante and Arnold Schwarzenegger, for whom would you vote, Bustamante or Schwarzenegger, or would you vote for someone else or would you not vote for any candidate?**

(INCLUDES LEANERS) (CANDIDATES ROTATED)

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Schwarzenegger	53	21	87	14	51	85	58	35
Bustamante	38	71	5	77	38	7	31	58
Someone else	2	-	3	1	2	4	3	2
Wouldn't vote	5	6	3	7	6	2	6	2
Haven't heard enough (Vol.)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	3

**Q12: When you make your final decision about whom to vote for in an election, are you more likely to vote for the candidate because you like his or her policies and stands on the issues, or are you more likely to vote because you think he or she can win, or is there some other reason you will take into account when you cast your vote on election day?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Issues	82	85	81	85	85	77	80	87
Can win	7	5	10	3	4	13	9	7
Experience	1	1	1	2	-	2	2	1
Party affiliation	1	2	-	2	-	-	1	1
Other reason	7	6	5	7	9	5	6	2
Don't know	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	2

**Q13: What one issue or problem in California would you say is most important for the governor to address?** (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Budget deficit	37	36	42	38	33	40	40	34
Education	23	28	16	32	22	16	25	18
Economy	19	21	17	24	17	17	18	18
Immigration	13	10	17	6	15	17	12	16
Taxes	9	5	12	4	12	11	9	5

I am now going to read you some phrases which could apply to any of the candidates in this recall election or to Governor Davis. After I read each one, please tell me, regardless of whether you support the recall or whom you plan to vote for in the election, does the statement apply more to Cruz Bustamante or Arnold Schwarzenegger or Tom McClintock or Gray Davis. (CANDIDATES ROTATED) If you think it does not apply to any of them, you can tell me that, too. First...

(QUESTION ORDER AND CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED IN Q14–Q16)

**Q14: He has the best experience for the job: Does this apply more to Cruz Bustamante, or more to Arnold Schwarzenegger, or more to Tom McClintock, or more to Gray Davis?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Bustamante	15	24	7	23	19	6	12	33
Schwarzenegger	8	1	15	–	11	10	9	6
McClintock	34	9	64	7	20	70	40	20
Davis	38	62	10	69	43	9	33	35
All of them (Vol.)	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
None of them (Vol.)	3	2	3	1	3	3	3	4
Don't know	2	2	1	–	3	2	3	1

**Q15: He will be a strong leader for the state: Does this apply more to Cruz Bustamante, or more to Arnold Schwarzenegger, or more to Tom McClintock, or more to Gray Davis?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Bustamante	16	32	2	34	17	3	11	31
Schwarzenegger	36	11	60	6	41	55	40	25
McClintock	21	14	32	10	14	36	24	14
Davis	18	33	2	39	17	3	16	19
All of them (Vol.)	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
None of them (Vol.)	7	9	2	10	8	1	7	6
Don't know	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	4

**Q16: He will reduce the influence of special interests in Sacramento: Does this apply more to Cruz Bustamante, or more to Arnold Schwarzenegger, or more to Tom McClintock, or more to Gray Davis?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Bustamante	8	14	1	15	7	2	7	11
Schwarzenegger	50	27	73	24	53	71	55	41
McClintock	14	15	17	6	17	18	12	16
Davis	8	16	–	20	6	–	6	9
All of them (Vol.)	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
None of them (Vol.)	13	19	4	28	10	3	14	14
Don't know	5	7	4	6	6	4	5	7

**Q17: Lots of people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? How interested have you been in following the recall campaign to replace Governor Davis?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Interested (Net)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Very interested	73	66	81	67	67	82	76	68
Somewhat interested	27	34	19	33	33	18	24	32

(Q24–Q27 ROTATED)

**Q24: What is your impression of Gray Davis?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Favorable	37	64	10	69	37	10	31	42
Unfavorable	62	36	89	31	62	89	68	57
Haven't heard enough	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Don't know	1	–	1	–	1	–	1	1

**Q25: What is your impression of Cruz Bustamante?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Favorable	41	70	12	72	45	12	33	62
Unfavorable	54	25	85	22	48	85	62	33
Haven't heard enough	4	5	2	6	6	2	4	2
Don't know	1	–	1	–	1	1	1	3

**Q26: What is your impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Favorable	58	30	89	25	54	87	61	57
Unfavorable	39	65	10	73	40	12	36	38
Haven't heard enough	2	3	–	–	4	1	2	2
Don't know	1	2	1	2	2	–	1	3

**Q27: What is your impression of Tom McClintock?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Favorable	62	39	88	32	54	91	69	50
Unfavorable	25	40	8	48	28	5	21	27
Haven't heard enough	11	17	3	17	16	3	10	17
Don't know	2	4	1	3	2	1	—	6

**Q28: The Legislature passed and Gov. Davis signed a bill which allows illegal immigrants to receive driver's licenses. Supporters say that the bill will make the roadways safer by requiring illegal immigrants who apply for licenses to pass driving tests and buy automobile insurance. Opponents say that the bill rewards illegal immigration and poses a threat to public safety. Based on what you just heard, do you approve or disapprove of Governor Davis signing legislation allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or only somewhat? (ORDER OF ARGUMENTS ROTATED)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Approve (Net)	31	54	8	66	27	6	26	56
Approve strongly	19	36	3	45	12	3	15	45
Approve somewhat	12	18	5	20	15	3	11	11
Disapprove (Net)	63	41	88	27	68	89	68	40
Disapprove somewhat	6	7	6	7	9	4	7	2
Disapprove strongly	57	34	82	21	59	85	61	38
Don't know	6	5	4	7	5	5	6	4

**Q29: Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports the legislation which allows illegal immigrants to receive driver's licenses, or does that not make a difference in your vote one way or the other?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
More likely	13	24	3	28	10	4	10	32
Less likely	43	22	65	13	43	68	47	27
No difference	41	51	31	57	42	27	40	37
Don't know	3	3	1	2	5	1	3	4

(ORDER OF QUESTIONS AND ARGUMENTS ROTATED IN Q30-Q31)

**Q30: Indian tribes which own and operate gambling casinos have made large contributions to Cruz Bustamante's campaign in this recall election.**

Critics say that Bustamante's acceptance of these contributions represents a conflict of interest since the tribes negotiate compacts and contracts with the governor and the state Legislature.

Bustamante says he has long championed Native American rights and that his ties to the tribes go back to before they had money to donate.

Does knowing that Bustamante has taken campaign contributions from Indian tribes make you more or less likely to vote for him for governor, or does that not make a difference one way or the other?

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
More likely	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	8
Less likely	40	20	59	23	33	60	49	18
No difference	54	73	34	71	61	33	45	74
Don't know	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	—

**Q31: Real estate developers, contractors and other donors who have business before the governor and the state Legislature have made large contributions to Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign in this recall election.**

Critics say that Schwarzenegger's acceptance of these contributions contradicts his statement that he would not accept money from special interests.

Schwarzenegger says that unlike labor unions and Indian tribes who negotiate directly with the state, his donors do not.

Does knowing that Schwarzenegger has taken campaign contributions from donors with business before the state government make you more or less likely to vote for him for governor, or does that not make a difference one way or the other?

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
More likely	4	1	5	2	5	4	4	2
Less likely	31	45	15	51	27	18	29	34
No difference	61	51	74	47	64	71	61	62
Don't know	4	3	6	—	4	7	6	2

**Q32: Tom McClintock has been under pressure from some Republican leaders to drop out of the race to consolidate the Republican vote behind Arnold Schwarzenegger. McClintock argues that he should stay in the race to give voters a choice. What do you think? Regardless of your vote, should McClintock drop out of the race to consolidate the Republican vote behind Schwarzenegger, or should he stay in the race to give voters a choice? (TWO RESPONSES ROTATED)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Drop out	36	15	61	11	33	60	39	22
Stay in	58	80	36	84	62	35	55	74
Don't know	6	5	3	5	5	5	6	4

**Q33: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Tom McClintock is too politically conservative to have a realistic chance of being elected governor”?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Agree	49	46	52	60	43	45	51	34
Disagree	32	33	33	24	31	41	29	46
Haven’t heard enough	14	16	11	13	18	11	15	15
Don’t know	5	5	4	3	8	3	5	5

(Q34–Q36 ROTATED)

**Q34: Does Cruz Bustamante have the character and integrity to be governor of California, or not?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Yes	48	71	24	77	51	23	41	65
No	45	23	68	18	43	68	51	28
Don’t know	7	6	8	5	6	9	8	7

**Q35: Does Arnold Schwarzenegger have the character and integrity to be governor of California, or not?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Yes	62	38	86	32	65	85	66	60
No	33	57	9	64	29	11	29	36
Don’t know	5	5	5	4	6	4	5	4

**Q36: Does Tom McClintock have the character and integrity to be governor of California, or not?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Yes	75	61	91	61	70	93	78	74
No	14	22	6	22	18	4	11	14
Don’t know	11	17	3	17	12	3	11	12

**Q37: Did you watch or listen to the debate (on Wednesday/last Wednesday) between the candidates running to replace Gray Davis as governor, or not? (IF NOT) Did you read any articles or hear commentary about the debate, or not?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Watched/listened to it	68	65	72	67	62	72	68	59
Read/heard about it	13	13	13	16	13	12	14	11
Didn’t watch/hear/read about it	19	22	15	17	25	16	18	30

(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO SAW/READ/HEARD/LISTENED TO DEBATE)

**Q38: Who do you think did the best job — or won — the debate: Cruz Bustamante, Tom McClintock, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Peter Camejo or Arianna Huffington, or do you think the debate was about even? (CANDIDATES ROTATED)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
McClintock	25	17	37	14	20	38	27	16
Schwarzenegger	17	3	31	2	17	30	19	16
Camejo	14	25	3	19	19	5	12	10
Bustamante	6	12	2	13	4	3	4	17
Huffington	4	7	–	9	4	–	3	6
About even	25	26	20	34	27	17	27	19
Don’t know	9	10	7	9	9	7	8	16

**Q39: Who do you think seemed more knowledgeable about the issues facing California: Cruz Bustamante, Tom McClintock, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Peter Camejo or Arianna Huffington, or do you think the debate was about even on that point? (CANDIDATES ROTATED)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
McClintock	35	19	55	12	31	58	37	29
Bustamante	23	43	2	44	25	4	14	31
Schwarzenegger	8	1	15	2	10	13	11	4
Camejo	7	12	3	14	6	2	7	11
Huffington	2	2	–	2	3	–	2	2
About even	19	18	18	20	21	16	22	18
Don’t know	6	5	7	6	4	7	7	5

**Q40: Thinking about what you saw, heard or read about the debate, did the candidates’ performances cause you to change your mind about whom you planned to vote for, or not?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Changed mind	12	11	11	11	12	12	12	7
Didn’t change mind	88	89	89	89	88	87	88	93
Don’t know	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

**Q41: Earlier this month, a panel of three judges in a federal appeals court ordered the recall election postponed. The decision was reviewed by a larger panel of judges and they overturned that ruling which put the recall election back on schedule. Does knowing this fact make you more or less likely to vote for the recall, or does it not make a difference one way or the other?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
More likely	9	3	15	4	6	16	10	10
Less likely	1	1	–	–	1	1	–	2
No difference	89	95	83	96	91	81	88	87
Don’t know	1	1	2	–	2	2	2	1

There will also be a number of initiatives on the ballot along with the recall on October 7th.

**Q42: One of them is Proposition 54, the Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Have you heard, read or seen anything about this initiative? (IF YES) From what you know, if the 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? (INCLUDES LEANERS)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Vote yes	21	10	32	6	19	35	24	18
Vote no	42	54	32	66	37	26	42	30
Haven't heard/ Don't know	37	36	36	28	44	39	34	52

**Q43: Proposition 54, the Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin Initiative Constitutional Amendment, would amend the Constitution to prohibit state and local governments from using race, ethnicity, color or national origin to classify current or prospective students, contractors or employees in public education, contracting or employment operations. This measure does not prohibit classification by sex. Exemptions include law enforcement descriptions, prisoner and undercover assignments, and actions taken to maintain federal funding. The measure would not result in a significant fiscal impact on state and local governments.**

**Having heard more, if the election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Vote yes	31	13	48	14	29	47	34	30
Vote no	54	71	38	74	57	34	48	54
Don't know	15	16	14	12	14	19	18	16

**Q44: What is your impression of Indian tribes that own gambling casinos in California?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Favorable	52	59	41	59	56	42	49	59
Unfavorable	36	23	49	26	31	48	39	29
Haven't heard enough	8	11	7	10	7	7	7	4
Don't know	4	7	3	5	6	3	5	8

**Q45: In the past year, have you or anyone in your immediate family been to an Indian casino?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Yes	36	40	34	37	42	32	33	46
No	63	59	65	62	58	68	66	53
Don't know	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	1

**Q46: The state Legislature passed and Gov. Gray Davis signed a law that gives same-sex domestic partners nearly all of the rights and responsibilities granted to married couples in the state. The new law does not allow gay marriages, but makes California the second state in the United States, behind Vermont, to grant broad legal recognition to same-sex couples. Some of the new rights and responsibilities to be granted domestic partners in California include child custody, child and spousal support obligations, the right to make funeral arrangements, community property, access to family court, mutual responsibility for debts and access to married student housing. Having heard more, do you support or oppose this new law?**

	Among Likely Voters							
	LV	DEM	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	WHT	LAT
Support	50	60	37	76	54	26	52	49
Oppose	42	28	58	15	38	67	43	30
Haven't heard enough (Vol.)	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	6
Don't know	6	9	4	6	7	5	4	15

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## NOTES

All answer frequencies are given in percentages.

Totals may exceed 100% in questions where more than one response was accepted. Totals may be less than 100% where some answer categories are not shown.

“—” indicates less than 0.5%.

The wording of some questions has been abridged.

## HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,982 Calif. adults, including 1,496 registered voters and 815 voters considered likely to turn out on Oct. 7. The survey was conducted by telephone Sept. 25–29. An additional random sample of the state was also surveyed\* over the same period and added to the sample which brought the total number of Latino likely voters in the survey to 137. The entire sample of adults was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age and education as well as to registration figures provided by the secretary of state. The margin of sampling error for likely voters is 3 percentage points in either direction; among Latinos it is 8 points.

Surveys conducted during busy campaign seasons are subject to influence by news events and can also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Telephone numbers for Times Poll samples are randomly selected from the set of all telephone exchanges in the state, which allows all Calif. residents equal chance of being contacted without regard to listed or unlisted numbers or their presence on registered voter lists. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. All racial and ethnic groups are proportionally represented in this survey, even when there may not be enough in the sample to be specifically mentioned.

\* Field work for the random Latino sample was conducted by Interviewing Services of America.