LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL ALERT

PROPOSITIONS 75, 76, AND 77 APPEAR TO BE LOSING; VOTERS DIVIDED ON PROPOSITION 74

The upcoming special election on November 8th is the sixth statewide election in four years for California voters. And this is the fifth time in California's history that a special election has been called. The other four years a special election were called were in 1973 by Gov. Ronald Reagan, 1979 by Gov. Jerry Brown, 1993 by Gov. Pete Wilson, and more recently, the 2003 recall election of Gray Davis called by Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante. Voter turnout varied from a high of 61% in 2003 to as low as 36% in 1993. As in every election, turnout is the key to winning or losing.

Voters are not happy that Governor Schwarzenegger has called this election – more specifically, 50% of likely voters disapprove of his calling a special election, while just a third approve. Most groups disapprove, but not surprisingly Republicans (61%) and conservatives (59%) are among a few groups that approve. In earlier polls, when voters heard how much the special election would cost – more than \$40 million -- they were overwhelmingly opposed to it, and many said they wanted the governor to call off the election. Although Californians are vote weary, this election has gotten the attention of many voters. Nearly half say they are very interested in the election and almost another half say they are somewhat interested. When the Times Poll asked this question right before the recall election in September 2003, 73% of likely voters were very interested in that election and more than 60% of the electorate turned out to vote, compared to only 38% who were very interested right before the November gubernatorial election in 2002 when Gray Davis ran against Bill Simon and only 51% of the voters came out to vote.

The governor called the special election, as he explains because he could not get legislation he favored passed through an unfriendly Democratic legislature. He says he needs the tools (Propositions 74 to 77) to help him rebuild California. He wants to cap spending saying the state should live within its means, allow redistricting to be dispensed by bipartisan retired judges and make union members opt in if they want their dues to be used toward political campaigns, as well as make it harder for teachers to acquire tenure. Many in the state are viewing this election as a prelude to the governor's election next year. If Schwarzenegger doesn't do well, that is, the four initiatives that he supports loses, he may be in a tenuous position leading up to the gubernatorial campaign. Conversely, if one or two of his initiatives passes (especially Proposition 75, the union dues for political contributions), he will have some sway going into next year. Of course, this election year is light years away from November 2006 and a lot can happen between now and then. However, the question is: Do voters look at this election as individual initiatives to vote for on its merits, or do voters look at the initiatives as a package to vote yes or no depending on how they feel toward the governor?

With the election less than a week away, three of the governor's propositions are losing (Propositions 75, 76 and 77), while Proposition 74 has the electorate splitting their vote. Interestingly, preliminary campaign spending shows that teacher's unions have spent more than \$50 million against Propositions 74, 75 and 76 (including \$8.5 million on the NO on 74 campaign). With millions being spent on Proposition 74 by the teacher's unions, the teacher tenure measure, voters still haven't made up their minds. Unions so far have spent well over \$100 million and their campaign against Proposition 75 has

profited from this large infusion of money. Proposition 75 is losing. And Schwarzenegger and his team, who have endorsed all four initiatives and spent more than \$40 million, are seeing three of their initiatives losing, and one that could go either way.

The poll's in depth look at the four propositions show that Democrats and liberals in this election are more in lock step with each other – that is voting against the package of four initiatives supported by the governor – than Republicans are in coalescing in support of the initiatives. The governor appears to be losing support among moderate Republicans, as well as independents* and moderates who are the swing voters in elections.

Job Approval Ratings

Once the Golden State's favorite leading man, Arnold Schwarzenegger no longer puts stars in voters' eyes. The man who once captured the imagination of the voters as "The Governator" who might finally put things to right in a state troubled by financial woes and energy crises is now about as unpopular as President George W. Bush and the state's legislature. Likely voters in the current poll disapprove of the job Bush is doing as president by 61% to 37%, figures that reflect a fairly consistent lack of enthusiasm for the president among a majority of voters here as measured by the Times Poll over the president's tenure in office. California's state legislature, who (according to Times Polls dating back to 1983) rarely achieve positive territory on this measure, were again given negative marks by 57% of likely voters. Schwarzenegger was given similarly low marks - 57% said they disapproved of the job he's been doing so far, compared to 40% who approved.

In Times Poll surveys taken before the special recall election in the fall of 2003, about two-thirds of California registered voters disapproved of the job that then-governor Gray Davis was doing. On election day, 61% of registered voters turned out – a record for a special election – to sweep the unpopular Davis out of office and install new governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in his place. Schwarzenegger, a registered Republican who had not held previous public office, ran on a classic outsider's platform, saying his personal fortune gave him immunity from influence by special interests and vowing to work with the mostly Democratic legislature to pull the state out of its dire financial straits.

Californians were happy to give their new movie star governor the benefit of the doubt. Over his first two years in office, Schwarzenegger's popularity stayed firmly above two-thirds in various Times polls, with voters giving the governor high marks across party and ideological lines. In a survey taken in October 2004, for example, Schwarzenegger was given majority approval by likely voters who were Democrats, independents, Republicans, moderates and conservatives. Similarly, whites, Latinos, Bush voters, Gore supporters, voters of low income and high income, men and women all gave him positive ratings. Even liberals gave a grudging 10 point plurality thumbs-up to the governor at that time. Not too bad, given that seven out of 10 liberals voted to defeat the recall, and for a candidate other than Schwarzenegger, in the previous year's election.

This most recent Times poll, however, coming less than one week before another, much less popular special election, shows that times have changed, and that "The Governator's" broad bipartisan support has all but disappeared. His job approval among all likely voters has plummeted from 69% a year ago, to 40% today, leaving mostly Republicans (71%) and conservatives (70%) to applaud him for a job well done. The percentage of all likelies who disapprove of the job he's doing has likewise risen over that period of time from 22% to 57% today. Over the past year, approval of the governor has, not surprisingly, dropped dramatically among Democrats (54% to 13%) and liberals (47% to 12%) but possibly more worryingly for the governor as he heads into election year 2006, is the fall in approval from 72% to 31% among moderates, from 67% to 38% among independents, from 73% to 50% among whites, and from 66% to 26% among Latinos. The governor has even lost about twenty points each among conservatives and members of his own party.

Gender Gap

Women are more disillusioned with Schwarzenegger than men, the survey shows. He has been somewhat less popular with women in Times polls in the past, beginning with the special election in 2003 in which the Times' exit poll showed Schwarzenegger topping his main rival, Cruz Bustamante among both sexes, but with more than twice as large a margin of victory among men. In a Times poll one year ago, though, his popularity among both sexes was high. Seventy-three percent of male likely voters and two-thirds of female voters said he was doing a good job as governor at that time.

In the current survey, the governor's approval dropped to barely even among men (47% approve to 49% disapprove) but he has truly fallen from grace among women – almost two-thirds (64%) of female likely voters gave him a negative rating in the current poll compared to 34% who give him a positive one, a complete reversal from the 66% approval to 24% disapproval found among women one year ago.

What Happened?

The answer to what happened to evaporate the governor's support may very well lie in the heat generated by the state's troubled educational system. A majority of likely voters said they are unhappy with the governor over the state of the public schools in California. There are other rumblings of trouble for the governor in the survey – some voters, across the political spectrum, said he has broken his campaign promises and some are unhappy with his leadership, including his end-run around the legislature in calling an unpopular special election.

When likely voters who said they disapprove of the job the governor is doing were asked why that was, they cited concern about the educational system in the state more often (23%) than any other reason. Education was mentioned most often by Democrats (22%), independents (26%), liberals (18%), moderates (30%), men (18%), and women (26%) who disapprove of the job he is doing. It tied as top mention with "broken election promises" among Republicans (17%) and conservatives (18%) who disapprove.

Voters also most often mentioned issues with the public school system as the most important problem facing the state and among those who did so, 78% disapproved of the job Schwarzenegger is doing as governor, and 81% disapproved of the way he's handling education.

Overall, a majority (56%) of all likely voters said they disapprove of the way the governor is handling public education in the state, and 47% characterized their disapproval as "strong". Again, moderates and women expressed a great deal of frustration with the governor on this issue – about six in 10 each said they disapproved of how he's handled public schools in the state, including at least half of each group who said they disapprove strongly. More than seven in 10 each of Democrats and liberals expressed strong disapproval. And while about six in 10 each of Republicans and conservatives backed the governor on his handling of the public schools, even those groups were not handing him overwhelming support. About four in 10 each said they approve strongly and there are also about three out of 10 in each of those groups who disapprove.

There are other issues plaguing the governor besides education. Broken campaign promises came up as the second highest reason (13%) given by likely voters who are unhappy with Schwarzenegger, followed by about one in ten each who said that he is beholden to special interests, is attacking the unions to cut their influence in the state, who are unhappy about the special election, and who say he is not a good leader. And while more than half (52%) of likely voters overall said, when asked directly, that Schwarzenegger has shown decisive leadership during his tenure in office, it is definitely a litmus test for his popularity. About seven in 10 of those who see him as a decisive leader approve of the job he's doing as governor compared to the 92% disapproval found by those who do not see him as a decisive leader.

Looking at some of the demographics for each of the four initiatives endorsed by the governor...

Proposition 74 "Public School Teachers, Waiting Period for Permanent Status, Dismissal"

The ads – for and against -- Proposition 74 have had an impact on the voters. As was mentioned before, the teacher's unions have spent millions of dollars trying to get voters to denounce this proposition. When respondents were just read the title of the initiative, 33% said they would vote for Prop 74, while 45% would vote against it and 22% said they were undecided.

But when the ballot description was read (what voters will see when they enter the voting booth): "Proposition 74 increases the probationary period for public school teachers from two to five years and modifies the process by which school boards can dismiss a teaching employee who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory performance evaluations. The fiscal impact is that it will have an unknown net effect on school districts' costs for teacher compensation, performance evaluations, and other activities," the voters were not yet convinced to vote for it. If the election were being held today, 45% of likely voters would vote for the measure and 47% would vote against it. In follow-up interviews, many voters said it is a question of fairness and why should any one be guaranteed a job. "I just don't see why you're guaranteed a job, no matter what your performance is," said Republican poll respondent Ron Wendt, 74, a retired Tulare creamery worker who voted by mail backs Proposition 74. "I was never guaranteed a job." And Los Angeles architect Janet Urman, a Democrat in another follow-up interview, said "Tenure just protects bad teachers" and she is weighing whether to support the initiative or not.

More than seven in 10 Democrats said they would vote against this measure, while less than seven in 10 Republicans would vote for it. More than half of independents who are likely to vote will also support Prop 74. A large majority of liberals are against this measure (70%), while two thirds of conservatives are for Prop 74; a slim majority of moderates are voting against the measure. More than a third of moderate Republicans are against Prop 74, while almost three in 10 moderate Democrats will vote for the measure. There appears to be a gender and educational gap: Men support the measure while women are against it (men: 50%-42%; women: 40%-52%). Voters with a college degree or more say they will vote against Prop 74, while those with less education are dividing their vote. Slightly more than half of white likely voters support Prop 74, while half of Latinos are against the initiative. A thin majority of elderly voters (65+) say they will vote against the proposition, while younger voters, 18-44, are leaning against the measure and voters between 45 and 64 are divided..

Proposition 75 "Public Employees Union Dues, Restrictions on Political Contributions, Employee Consent Requirement"

Unions have concentrated most of their money on defeating this initiative. The unions say that employees can "opt out" of paying for political campaigns they do not want to participate in. But Schwarzenegger wants union members to "opt in" to pay for campaigns. Unions are saying that this is a power grab by a Republican governor to decrease the influence of unions, and therefore, of the Democrats in state politics. Schwarzenegger said it is to protect the rights of union members. When respondents were just read the ballot title, a quarter of likely voters were undecided how they would vote, but a third (33%) would vote for the initiative and more than two in five (44%) would vote against the measure.

However, when the ballot description was read to the respondents: "Proposition 75 prohibits public employee unions from using dues for political contributions without each individual employee's prior consent. It excludes contributions benefiting charities or employees. It requires the unions to maintain and upon request report member political contributions to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The fiscal impact is probably minor state and local government implementation costs which may potentially be offset in part by revenues from fines and/or fees," 40% of the electorate said they would vote for Prop 75 and 51% would vote against it. Just 9% were undecided.

More than six out of 10 voters believe that Prop 75 is intended to decrease the influence that unions have in state politics, while 26% said the measure is intended to protect the rights of union members. Interestingly 30% of union members believe this initiative is on the ballot to protect their rights. And among that small group, an overwhelming majority are supporting the initiative. Also, nearly two out of five voters believe unions in California have too much influence, while a fifth think they have too little. More than a third (36%) believe unions exert the right amount of influence and seven in 10 of this group say they are voting against Prop 75. A surprising 25% of union members who are deemed likely to vote, think unions have too much influence and they overwhelmingly support the measure. Also, nearly half of Republicans amd 45% of conservatives do not believe the initiative would protect union members rights, but rather decrease the influence of unions around the state, compared to 38% of Republicans and 39% of conservatives who believe this proposition is intended to protect the rights of union members.

Three-quarters of Democrats, 74% of liberals, 82% of liberal Democrats and 70% of moderate Democrats are all against Prop 75, as well as 58% of moderates. Independent voters are somewhat split. In contrast, 67% of Republicans, 63% of conservatives, 51% of moderate Republicans and 73% of conservative Republicans are for the initiative. A problem for Schwarzenegger in getting the four initiatives he endorsed passed, is getting his base to solidly support the measures. But at this point, it doesn't appear he is able to do that. For example, 42% of moderate Republicans, 27% of conservatives and 26% of Republicans are all voting against Prop 75. Voters in a more affluent household are opposed to Prop 75, as are all age groups, especially the elderly. There isn't a gender or an educational gap on this initiative – both men and women, and those with different education levels -- are voting against this measure. Nearly three out of five (59%) union members are opposed to Prop 75, but a large 39% are supporting it. White voters are split, while 56% of Latinos are against the measure. This poll shows 28% of union members who are likely to vote to be Latinos, or put another way, 41% of Latino likely voters are union members.

Proposition 76 "State Spending and School Funding Limits"

When just read the ballot title, 26% of likely voters said they would vote for the measure, while 42% would vote against it and 32% were undecided.

However, when read the ballot description: "Proposition 76 limits state spending to the prior year's level, plus three previous years' average revenue growth. The measure changes minimum school funding requirements which were set by Proposition 98. It permits the governor, under specified circumstances, to reduce budget appropriations of the governor's choosing. The fiscal impact is that state spending likely will be reduced relative to current law due to additional spending limits and due to new powers granted to the governor. Reductions could apply to schools and could shift costs to other local governments," 60% of likely voters would vote against the initiative, while 31% would vote for it. Most demographic groups would vote against this proposition except 57% of Republicans, 58% of conservatives and 68% of conservative Republicans. Although half of white voters oppose the measure, 41% would vote to support it.

Proposition 77 "Redistricting Initiative Constitutional Amendment"

About a third of voters when just read the ballot title were undecided, while 28% would vote for the initiative and 40% would vote against it.

When the ballot description was read: "Proposition 77 will amend the state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. It

requires that a three-member panel of retired judges be selected by legislative leaders. The fiscal impact would be a one-time state redistricting cost totaling no more than \$1.5 million and county costs in the range of \$1 million. There are also potential reductions in future costs, but the net impact would depend on decisions by voters," 56% of voters said they would vote against this measure, while 34% would vote for it and 10% were still undecided. Most demographic groups are voting against this initiative, except for 58% of Republicans, 53% of conservatives and 65% of conservative Republicans.

All Four Initiatives

The demographic group of white men is a strong group for Schwarzenegger. They voted for all four of the initiatives. That isn't a surprise, since 49% of white men who are likely to vote are Republican. In looking at the Schwarzenegger endorsed package of the four initiatives, 22% of likely voters supported all four initiatives, while 34% voted against all of them and 44% gave a mixed vote of yes's, no's or undecideds. More than half (54%) of Democrats voted no on all four initiatives, while 42% of Republicans voted yes on all four measures. Independents and voters in other parties were more inclined to vote no on the measures – 29% voted no on all four, while 21% voted yes. Almost three-fifths of liberals voted no on all four measures, while 41% of conservatives voted yes on all of them. More than a third of moderates voted no on Props 74 through 77, as did 44% of moderate Democrats (48% had a mixed vote on the four measures). A slim majority of conservative Republicans voted yes on all the Schwarzenegger endorsed measures, while more than a fifth of moderate Republicans voted yes on all four measures, while more than a fifth of moderate Republicans voted yes on all four measures, while more than a fifth of moderate Republicans voted yes on all four measures, while about another fifth said no to all four.

Taking ads with Schwarzenegger talking about the initiatives off the air may have been a good thing, because 28% of likely voters said that they would be less likely to vote for an initiative if it was endorsed by the governor, while 17% said it would make them more likely. But a majority said it would not make a difference in their vote. At least three in 10 each of moderates and independents said it would make them less likely to vote for a measure if Schwarzenegger endorsed it. Another way voters see this election – nearly half of likely voters said that the Schwarzenegger endorsed initiatives are really a political ploy to curtail funding and limit the power of the Democrats in the state Legislature, rather than see them as a set of reforms that are needed in California. Thirty-nine percent of voters saw it as a way to set reforms. Women see it as a political ploy (54%), compared to men – who were divided on this (44% each political ploy vs. needed reforms). Majorities of moderates and independents also see it as a power grab by the governor.

On a positive note for Schwarzenegger, voters that are part of his base are more likely to favor the governor because of his vetoing the driver's license bill for illegal immigrants and vetoing a bill for gay marriage. Among his base, 65% of Republicans, 62% of conservatives, 72% of conservative Republicans and 49% of moderate Republicans said it would make them more likely to vote for the governor next year. Only a small plurality of whites (42%) said it would make them more likely. However, a third of Latinos said it would make them less likely to vote for the governor in 2006. Vetoing the gay marriage bill also helped him among his base as well, but did not do anything for him among all likely voters (31% more likely to vote for the governor, 26% less likely and 42% no difference). Nearly three out of five Republicans, 60% of conservatives and 71% of conservative Republicans said it would make them more likely to vote for the governor because he vetoed the bill that would allow same sex couples to marry.

November 2006 General Election

The two Democrats who have announced their candidacies – State Treasurer Phil Angelides and State Controller Steve Westly – are not widely known in the state. More than seven in 10 of registered voters haven't heard enough about Angelides to say whether they have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, while another 4% are undecided. The same for Westly – 82% haven't heard enough about him to form an

opinion and another 4% are undecided. However, many registered voters do not view the governor in a positive light. The governor received a 40% favorable opinion among registered voters, while 55% gave him an unfavorable rating. Just 3% are undecided. In a Times poll taken two years ago, 56% of registered voters gave the governor a favorable rating, while 38% viewed him unfavorably.

Although Angelides and Westly are virtual unknowns, they tie with Schwarzenegger in hypothetical match-ups if the election were being held today. More than a fifth say they are not sure how they would vote.

* "Independent" refers to a combination of those who decline to state a party when registering and members of minor parties.

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Results from the Times Poll California Poll: Special Election October 26-31, 2005

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

	Likely Voters												
	LV	<u>LV Dem I/O Rep Lib Mod Con Men Wom</u>											
Right direction	26	9	36	43	11	26	39	30	23				
Off on the wrong track	64	82	57	44	86	64	46	58	68				
Don't know	10	9	7	13	3	10	15	12	9				

Q2. What do you think is the most important problem facing California today? (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	Likely Voters											
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom			
Education	25	33	26	17	34	31	15	20	30			
Immigration	17	8	14	26	9	16	24	16	18			
Budget shortfall	16	10	22	19	13	16	18	19	13			
Economy	10	13	8	9	17	7	8	11	10			
Gasoline prices	8	6	10	10	4	11	9	10	6			

Q3. 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?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Approve (Net)	<u>37</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>34</u>		
Approve strongly	20	2	13	43	4	10	40	22	18		
Approve somewhat	17	7	8	32	3	18	28	19	16		
Disapprove (Net)	<u>61</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>77</u>	22	<u>93</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>65</u>		
Disapprove somewhat	11	9	21	9	8	11	13	10	11		
Disapprove strongly	50	82	56	13	85	59	16	46	54		
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	-	2	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		

Q4. 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?

	Likely Voters									
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom	
Approve (Net)	<u>40</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>34</u>	
Approve strongly	20	3	22	39	4	16	37	22	19	
Approve somewhat	20	10	15	32	8	16	33	25	15	
Disapprove (Net)	<u>57</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>64</u>	
Disapprove somewhat	17	19	25	10	24	19	9	13	20	
Disapprove strongly	41	65	38	16	62	48	17	36	44	
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	_	<u>3</u>	2	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	4	2	

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF SCHWARZENEGGER'S JOB PERFORMANCE)

Q5. Why do you approve of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as governor? Is there another reason? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)(TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Agree with him on issues	22	22	24	21	33	19	22	23	21		
Budget shortfall	13	16	9	12	8	18	11	14	11		
Strong leadership qualities	12	24	4	11	3	8	14	10	13		
Called a special election	11	12	9	10	11	13	10	12	9		
Understands the problems											
of California	9	8	13	8	24	4	9	6	12		

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO DISAPPROVE OF SCHWARZENEGGER'S JOB PERFORMANCE)

Q6. Why do you disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as governor? Is there another reason? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)(TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Mishandling education	23	22	26	17	18	30	19	18	26		
Broke election promises	13	13	9	17	11	13	18	14	11		
Beholden to special interests	11	12	11	6	13	9	11	7	14		
Called a special election	10	12	11	6	15	8	2	11	9		
Cut influence of public											
employee unions	10	8	5	17	8	10	16	15	6		

Q7. 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?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Approve (Net)	<u>35</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>30</u>		
Approve strongly	21	3	25	40	3	15	40	25	18		
Approve somewhat	14	8	14	20	12	13	17	16	13		
Disapprove (Net)	<u>56</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>60</u>		
Disapprove somewhat	9	12	4	8	9	8	11	8	10		
Disapprove strongly	47	72	45	19	73	53	21	42	50		
Don't know	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>		

Q8. Would you say Arnold Schwarzenegger has shown decisive leadership in his two years serving as governor of California, or not?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Yes, decisive leader	52	29	56	73	38	43	70	53	50		
No, not decisive leader	41	64	34	19	57	51	19	39	43		
Don't know	7	7	10	8	5	6	11	8	7		

Q9. Since Arnold Schwarzenegger's election as governor in 2003, has your opinion of him become more favorable, less favorable, or has your opinion of him remained about the same since he was elected?

	Likely Voters										
	\underline{LV}	Dem	I/O	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
More favorable	11	3	9	22	3	8	21	13	10		
Less favorable	47	65	44	28	60	57	27	44	48		
Remained the same	41	30	47	50	35	35	52	43	40		
Don't know	1	2	_	-	2	-	-	_	2		

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state Legislature is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Approve (Net)	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	15	<u>33</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>		
Approve strongly	3	6	3	1	4	1	5	2	4		
Approve somewhat	18	19	22	14	29	14	13	15	20		
Disapprove (Net)	<u>57</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>50</u>		
Disapprove somewhat	22	24	20	22	24	26	19	23	22		
Disapprove strongly	35	24	32	48	20	32	48	44	28		
Don't know	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>		

Q13. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of Arnold Schwarzenegger calling for a special statewide election next month, or haven't you heard enough about it to say? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Likely Voters									
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom	
Approve (Net)	<u>34</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>26</u>	
Approve strongly	23	6	22	43	8	15	42	30	17	
Approve somewhat	11	5	6	18	4	9	17	13	9	
Disapprove (Net)	<u>50</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>54</u>	
Disapprove somewhat	8	8	14	4	9	9	5	6	9	
Disapprove strongly	42	67	39	17	65	47	21	39	45	
Haven't heard enough	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	
Don't know	2	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	2	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	

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14. Lots of people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? So far this year, would you say you have been very interested in following the campaigns for and against the initiatives that will be on the ballot for the special election on November 8th, or somewhat interested, or somewhat uninterested, or very uninterested in following the political campaign so far this year?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Interested (Net)	<u>94</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>		
Very interested	47	44	47	50	47	42	51	46	48		
Somewhat interested	47	52	48	41	45	51	44	45	48		
Uninterested (Net)	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	5	<u>8</u>	7	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	9	<u>4</u>		
Don't know	-	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-		

(ORDER OF NEXT EIGHT QUESTIONS IS ROTATED IN SETS OF TWO)

Q17. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 74, which is called "Public School Teachers, Waiting Period for Permanent Status, Dismissal, Initiative Statute? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2005 special 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)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	33	11	34	56	13	27	53	40	27		
Vote against	45	71	35	23	67	49	25	40	50		
Don't know	22	18	31	21	20	24	22	20	23		

Q18. The ballot description says that Proposition 74 increases the probationary period for public school teachers from two to five years and modifies the process by which school boards can dismiss a teaching employee who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory performance evaluations. The fiscal impact is that it will have an unknown net effect on school districts' costs for teacher compensation, performance evaluations, and other activities. Having heard more, if the November 2005 special election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	45	19	53	69	20	42	66	50	40		
Vote against	47	73	38	25	70	51	27	42	52		
Don't know	8	8	9	6	10	7	7	8	8		

Q19. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 75, which is called the "Public Employee Union Dues, Restrictions on Political Contributions, Employee Consent Requirement Initiative Statute"? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2005 special 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)

	Likely Voters										
	\underline{LV}	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	33	12	31	58	14	25	55	39	28		
Vote against	44	68	37	20	63	47	26	41	46		
Don't know	23	20	32	22	23	28	19	20	26		

Q20. The ballot says that Proposition 75 prohibits public employee unions from using dues for political contributions without each individual employee's prior consent. It excludes contributions benefiting charities or employees. It requires the unions to maintain and upon request report member political contributions to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The fiscal impact is probably minor state and local government implementation costs which may potentially be offset in part by revenues from fines and/or fees. Having heard more, if the November 2005 special election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters										
	\underline{LV}	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	40	16	43	67	16	36	63	43	38		
Vote against	51	77	43	26	74	58	27	49	53		
Don't know	9	7	14	7	10	6	10	8	9		

Q21. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 76, which is called "State Spending and School Funding Limits, Initiative Constitutional Amendment"? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2005 special 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)

	Likely Voters										
	\underline{LV}	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	26	7	18	49	6	17	47	31	21		
Vote against	42	67	29	23	59	49	23	39	46		
Don't know	32	26	53	28	35	34	30	30	33		

Q22. The ballot says that Proposition 76 limits state spending to the prior year's level, plus three previous years' average revenue growth. The measure changes minimum school funding requirements which were set by Proposition 98. It permits the governor, under specified circumstances, to reduce budget appropriations of the governor's choosing. The fiscal impact is that state spending likely will be reduced relative to current law due to additional spending limits and due to new powers granted to the governor. Reductions could apply to schools and could shift costs to other local governments. Having heard more, if the November 2005 special election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	31	8	31	57	8	21	58	38	26		
Vote against	60	85	61	32	85	69	33	54	65		
Don't know	9	7	8	11	7	10	9	8	9		

Q23. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 77, which is called "Redistricting Initiative Constitutional Amendment"? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2005 special 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)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	I/O	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	28	9	24	52	12	22	47	37	21		
Vote against	40	58	38	22	56	46	22	36	43		
Don't know	32	33	38	26	32	32	31	27	36		

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Q24. The ballot states that Proposition 77 will amend the state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. It requires that a three-member panel of retired judges be selected by legislative leaders. The fiscal impact would be a one-time state redistricting cost totaling no more than \$1.5 million and county costs in the range of \$1 million. There are also potential reductions in future costs, but the net impact would depend on decisions by voters. Having heard more, if the November 2005 special election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
Vote for	34	14	29	58	18	26	53	41	28		
Vote against	56	78	56	33	71	65	36	50	61		
Don't know	10	8	15	9	11	9	11	9	11		

Collapse of propositions 74 to 77 (based on aided questions)

	LV
Voted no on all four initiatives	44
Voted yes on one initiative	14
Voted yes on two initiatives	11
Voted yes on three initiatives	9
Voted yes on all four initiatives	22

Q25. Generally speaking, do you think unions in California have too much influence, too little influence, or just about the right amount of influence?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	<u>Wom</u>		
Too much	37	17	27	65	11	35	59	43	33		
Too little	19	27	21	9	30	17	13	18	20		
Just right	36	47	45	21	50	39	25	34	38		
Don't know	8	9	7	5	9	9	3	5	9		

Q26. As you may know, unions use funds raised by membership dues to fund certain political causes and campaigns. Individual union members may choose to "opt out," that is, withhold their dues from these funds if they do not agree with the union's endorsements. If Proposition 75 passes, individual union members will have to "opt in", that is, specifically designate that the union may use their dues to fund political causes. With this in mind, do you think Proposition 75 is intended to protect the rights of union members or do you think Proposition 75 is intended to decrease the influence that the unions have in state politics?

	Likely Voters									
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom	
Intended to protect the										
right of Union members	26	17	26	38	19	18	39	27	26	
Intended to decrease the										
influence of unions	63	75	64	47	77	72	45	66	59	
Don't know	11	8	10	15	4	10	16	7	15	

Q37. If Arnold Schwarzenegger endorsed a particular initiative, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that initiative, or does his endorsement not affect your vote one way or the other?

	Likely Voters										
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom		
More likely	17	7	22	26	5	12	30	21	13		
Less likely	28	43	30	9	46	33	9	24	32		
No difference	52	45	47	62	45	52	57	53	51		
Don't know	3	5	1	3	4	3	4	2	4		

(ORDER OF VIEWS IS ROTATED)

Q38. As you may know, Arnold Schwarzenegger has called for a special statewide election next month because he says he could not get legislation that he favored passed by the Legislature. For that reason, he is endorsing Propositions 74 through 77 which he says will help him reform the way government is run in Sacramento. Schwarzenegger's opponents say that the governor called the special election as a way of limiting the influence of the Democrats in the Legislature as well as curtailing their funding and power base. Which comes closest to your view? Do you view the initiatives that Schwarzenegger endorses in the special election as a set of reforms that are needed in California, or do you view the initiatives that Schwarzenegger endorses in the special election as a political ploy to curtail funding and limit the power of the Democrats in the state Legislature.

	Likely Voters								
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
Needs reforms	39	15	40	67	16	30	65	44	36
Political ploy	49	76	54	18	76	56	23	44	54
Don't know	12	9	6	15	8	14	12	12	10

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q44. As you may know, Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill that would have created a special driver's license for undocumented immigrants. The license would have been different in design and color from the typical license used by legal residents. But Schwarzenegger said the bill could undermine national security. Does Governor Schwarzenegger's veto of the driver's license bill for undocumented immigrants make you more likely or less likely to vote for him for governor next year, or doesn't it affect your vote one way or the other?

	Likely Voters								
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
More likely	38	20	25	65	13	33	62	42	34
Less likely	19	30	23	8	33	16	12	15	24
No difference	41	48	48	26	52	48	25	41	40
Don't know	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	2	2

Q45. As you may also know, the California state Legislature passed a bill that would allow same sex couples to marry. Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill, saying that it conflicts with an initiative already passed in California that does not allow the state to recognize same sex marriages. Does Schwarzenegger's veto of the bill that would allow same sex couples to marry make you more likely or less likely to vote for him for governor next year, or doesn't it affect your vote one way or the other?

	Likely Voters								
	LV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
More likely	31	13	16	58	6	20	60	35	28
Less likely	26	40	31	7	52	24	7	23	28
No difference	42	45	52	34	41	54	32	41	43
Don't know	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS

(ORDER OF NEXT THREE QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q39. 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?

	Registered Voters								
	RV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
Favorable (Net)	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>	7	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Very favorable	4	7	1	3	8	4	1	5	4
Somewhat favorable	10	10	14	7	13	11	7	11	9
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	8	<u>17</u>	4	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	4	3	4	6	3	4	5	6	3
Very unfavorable	6	2	4	11	1	4	12	8	3
Haven't heard enough	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	2	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Q40. 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?

	Registered Voters								
	RV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
Favorable (Net)	<u>40</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>34</u>
Very favorable	18	7	11	36	10	13	31	20	16
Somewhat favorable	22	11	22	37	12	20	33	28	17
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>55</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>60</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	19	21	28	10	23	19	15	17	20
Very unfavorable	36	53	37	13	51	43	17	32	40
Haven't heard enough	<u>2</u>	4	_	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	2	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	3	<u>3</u>

Q41. 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?

	Registered Voters								
	RV	Dem	<u>I/O</u>	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
Favorable (Net)	9	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>
Very favorable	2	4	1	-	3	1	1	1	3
Somewhat favorable	8	10	5	7	10	7	7	5	10
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>5</u>	4	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	4	2	3	6	2	3	6	6	2
Very unfavorable	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Haven't heard enough	<u>82</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>80</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	2	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	2	4	5

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES WITHIN EACH QUESTION IS ROTATED)

Q42. If the November 2006 general election for governor of California were being held today and the candidates were: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, and California State Treasurer Phil Angelides, a Democrat, for whom would you vote: Schwarzenegger or Angelides or would you vote for someone else? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	Dem	I/O	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom	
Arnold Schwarzenegger	34	12	26	66	13	28	58	41	28	
Phil Angelides	37	62	33	10	59	39	18	35	40	
Someone else	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	
Don't know	27	25	39	21	26	32	22	23	30	

Q43. If the November 2006 general election for governor of California were being held today and the candidates were: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, and California State Controller Steve Westly, a Democrat, for whom would you vote: Schwarzenegger or Westly or would you vote for someone else? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters								
	<u>RV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	Lib	Mod	Con	Men	Wom
Arnold Schwarzenegger	33	12	21	67	12	26	57	41	26
Steve Westly	38	65	34	9	59	41	19	33	43
Someone else	2	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	2
Don't know	27	22	41	23	26	31	22	24	29

How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1,778 adults in the state of California by telephone October 26 through October 31, 2005. Among them were 1,405 registered voters, of which 940 were deemed likely to vote in the November 8th special statewide election. Likely voters were determined by a screening process which included questions on intention to vote, certainty of vote, interest in the campaign, absentee voting and past voting history. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the state, and random digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. 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 their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, education, region, and party registration figures from the California Secretary of State. The margin of sampling error for registered voters and likely voters is plus or minus three 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. 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.