

LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL ALERT

Results from the Times National and California Exit Poll

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In the nation:

All All voters nationwide
 Bush Bush voters nationwide
 Kerry Kerry voters nationwide

In California:

CA All California voters
 Bush Bush voters in California
 Kerry Kerry voters in California

Note:

“-“ indicates a value of 0.5% or less.

QE. In the election for president, for whom did you just vote?

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
John Kerry	48	-	100
George W. Bush	51	100	-
Someone else	1	-	-
	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
John Kerry	55	-	100
George W. Bush	44	100	-
Someone else	1	-	-

QF. Do you support your presidential choice today mostly:

	-----Nation-----		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Because you like your candidate	69	83	55
Because you are voting against his opponent	31	17	45

	-----California-----		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Because you like your candidate	65	82	52
Because you are voting against his opponent	35	18	48

(QG THROUGH QK ARE ONLY ASKED OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS)

QG. In the election for U.S. Senator, for whom did you just vote:

	-----California-----		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Barbara Boxer	58	17	91
Bill Jones	38	80	4
Someone else	4	3	5

How did you just vote on the following propositions:

QH. Proposition 68 (Non-Indian casino gambling)

	-----California-----		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Voted Yes	16	13	20
Voted No	84	87	80

QI. Proposition 70 (Indian gambling)

	-----California-----		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Voted Yes	24	17	30
Voted No	76	83	70

QJ. Proposition 71 (Stem cell research)

	-----California-----		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Voted Yes	59	37	78
Voted No	41	63	22

QK. Proposition 72 (Health insurance)

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Voted Yes	49	24	70
Voted No	51	76	30

QL. What did you like most about your choice for president? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Strong leader	37	55	19
Shares my values	22	23	20
Cares about people like me	21	17	26
Has honesty/integrity	21	27	15
His overall political ideology	13	6	20
Best at keeping country safe from terrorism	13	19	6
Will build respect for U.S. around the world	13	4	23
Will strengthen nation's economy	11	3	19
More effective commander-in-chief	10	8	11
He will stand firm in the positions he takes	9	15	3
Has a plan for achieving success in Iraq	3	3	3
His military service and record at the time of Vietnam	2	1	4
He is likable	2	2	2
None of the above	4	2	6

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Strong leader	34	56	18
Has honesty/integrity	23	27	19
Shares my values	19	21	17
Will build respect for U.S. around the world	16	2	26
Cares about people like me	15	12	18
His overall political ideology	14	6	21
Best at keeping country safe from terrorism	12	22	14
More effective commander-in-chief	11	9	13
Will strengthen nation's economy	10	3	16
He will stand firm in the positions he takes	8	14	3
Has a plan for achieving success in Iraq	2	2	3
His military service and record at the time of Vietnam	2	-	3
He is likable	1	1	2
None of the above	7	4	8

QM. When did you make up your mind about how you would vote for president?

	Nation		
	All	Bush	Kerry
Today/yesterday	8	7	9
Over the weekend	2	2	2
Before the weekend	43	31	55
Always knew	47	60	34

	California		
	CA	Bush	Kerry
Today/yesterday	7	6	7
Over the weekend	2	2	2
Before the weekend	44	32	53
Always knew	47	60	38

QN. Which issues, if any, were most important to you in deciding how you would vote for president today? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Nation		
	All	Bush	Kerry
Moral/Ethical values	40	54	24
Jobs/economy	33	18	48
Terrorism/Homeland security	29	45	13
Situation in Iraq	16	11	21
Education	15	12	18
Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage	15	14	15
Taxes	9	11	7
Health care	9	5	14
Foreign affairs	5	3	8
Social Security	5	3	7
Medicare/Prescription drugs	3	2	4
None of the above	2	2	3

	California		
	CA	Bush	Kerry
Moral/Ethical values	41	56	29
Jobs/economy	29	16	39
Terrorism/Homeland security	27	48	12
Situation in Iraq	20	10	28
Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage	15	14	15
Education	13	9	17
Taxes	7	10	5
Health care	7	2	10
Foreign affairs	6	3	8
Social Security	3	2	4
Medicare/Prescription drugs	2	1	2
None of the above	4	3	5

QR. Do you think things in this country are generally:

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Going in the right direction	51	89	11
Seriously off on the wrong track	49	11	89

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Going in the right direction	47	89	13
Seriously off on the wrong track	53	11	87

QS. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Approve (Net)	53	96	8
Approve strongly	33	61	3
Approve somewhat	20	35	5
Disapprove (Net)	47	4	92
Disapprove somewhat	12	3	21
Disapprove strongly	35	1	71

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Approve (Net)	45	94	6
Approve strongly	28	61	1
Approve somewhat	17	33	4
Disapprove (Net)	55	6	94
Disapprove somewhat	13	5	19
Disapprove strongly	42	1	76

QT. Do you think the country is better off because of George W. Bush's policies and should proceed in the direction he set out, or do you think the country is not better off and needs to move in a new direction?

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Continue policies of Bush	48	92	3
Needs a new direction	52	8	97

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Continue policies of Bush	40	90	1
Needs a new direction	60	10	99

QU. Because of George W. Bush's economic policies is the country:

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Better (Net)	<u>43</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>6</u>
Much better	17	32	2
Somewhat better	26	47	4
Worse (Net)	<u>47</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>89</u>
Somewhat worse	16	6	26
Much worse	31	1	63
About the same	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Better (Net)	<u>38</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>5</u>
Much better	15	33	1
Somewhat better	23	47	4
Worse (Net)	<u>53</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>89</u>
Somewhat worse	17	6	25
Much worse	36	1	64
About the same	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>

QV. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "I don't trust George W. Bush to make the right decisions as president because he is too stubborn to admit his mistakes and change direction when necessary"?

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Agree	<u>48</u>	7	<u>90</u>
Disagree	<u>52</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>10</u>

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Agree	<u>54</u>	8	<u>90</u>
Disagree	<u>46</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>10</u>

QW. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "I don't trust John Kerry to make the right decisions as president because he changes his positions under political pressure"?

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Agree	<u>53</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>12</u>
Disagree	<u>47</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>88</u>

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Agree	<u>46</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>9</u>
Disagree	<u>54</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>91</u>

QX. Do you think the situation in Iraq was:

	Nation		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Worth it	50	86	12
Not worth it	50	14	88

	California		
	<u>CA</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
Worth it	42	86	9
Not worth it	58	14	91

How the poll was conducted

The Los Angeles Times Poll interviewed 5,154 voters who cast ballots in their general election Tuesday as they exited 136 polling places across the nation including 3,357 California voters as they exited 50 polling places across the state. Precincts were chosen based on the pattern of turnout in past general elections. The survey was a self-administered, confidential questionnaire, in English and in Spanish. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points for all voters, including California voters. For some subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Fieldwork provided by Schlesinger Associates of Edison, New Jersey and Davis Research of Calabasas, California.