

LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL ALERT

Good News Comes In Threes For U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

With about two weeks until election day, the latest Times poll found a California electorate well satisfied with the job Barbara Boxer has been doing on the state's behalf and ready to send the U.S. Senator back to Washington for yet another term—her third. Boxer leads challenger Bill Jones by more than twenty points among likely voters.

With sixteen ballot propositions vying for attention, some of them featuring well-funded ad campaigns and high-profile endorsements on either side, it isn't surprising that many voters are still making up their minds. A measure which would tax the state's rich to pay for mental health services and another that would fund stem cell research were within a tight margin of passing, with the backing of more than half of the state's likely voters but many still undecided. A measure which would limit the state's "Three Strikes" law to violent and/or serious felonies had the support of two-thirds of likely voters and may well pass handily. However, voters split on a measure which increases the telephone surcharge to fund emergency services such as 911; and with one quarter still undecided, a referendum on mandated health care for small and medium businesses could go either way.

California and Its Governor

As election day draws near, California registered voters are split over the direction of the state, 44% said it is going in the right direction and 46% said it is off on the wrong track. This both continues the trend of an increase in optimism among voters since the recall of Governor Gray Davis last year and reflects the tough fiscal reality that the state has faced since the energy crisis in 2002 drained the state's coffers.

Governor Schwarzenegger continues to be popular, enjoying a 66% approval rating among registered voters, and gathering high marks for the job he's done across party lines. Just as voters approved his out-of-the-starting-gate repeal of an illegal immigrant driver license law upon taking office, so they now approve of his recent veto of another attempt to craft such a law. More than six in 10 registered voters said they support the Governor's veto, including a 49% to 42% plurality of Democrats, and nearly six in 10 independents*.

* *"Independents" in this report refers to a combination of those who decline to state a party when registering and members of minor parties.*

U.S. Senate

About three out of five Californians considered most likely to show up at the polls on November 2nd said they continue to give Barbara Boxer the approximate twenty point lead over her rival, Bill Jones, that she has maintained since the beginning of the campaign. She leads 55% to Jones' 33% among likelies in this latest survey. Fifty-nine percent of likely voters rated her highly, and she got a thumbs up from one in five Republicans and two-thirds of Independents.

Most Californian voters see Boxer as more liberal than themselves, but she is nonetheless more in step with the average voter on such issues as the environment, abortion and gun control than is the more conservative Jones. (In a February 2004 Times poll, 56% of likely voters said that Boxer was "more liberal" than they were, and in a survey

taken two months later, voters sided with Boxer's positions over Jones on the issues of abortion and gun control. They attributed his change of heart on offshore oil drilling as mere political expediency.)

Jones has had only limited success in raising funds to mount a significant challenge for the office and he remains an enigma to many. Governor Schwarzenegger, Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), and Vice President Dick Cheney have all made appearances at fundraisers on Jones' behalf during this campaign but more than four in 10 likely voters said they didn't know enough about him to have formed a favorable or unfavorable impression at this time. This is even more remarkable since he has had a long career in public service in the state—served two terms as Secretary of State under Gray Davis, authored the famous "Three Strikes" legislation while Attorney General, and served six two-year terms in the state Assembly.

Jones does have the support of eight in 10 of his own party and three-fourths of conservative likely voters, but has not been able to augment that base of support among the crucial groups of independents and moderates who back Boxer by about three to one.

Boxer benefits greatly from her popularity among female likely voters. She did garner more votes among men than did Jones, but her eight point margin (48% to 40%) among that group was dwarfed by a mighty thirty-four point margin (61% to 27%) among women. White voters picked Boxer over Jones by only eight points, but the city's non-white voters gave her a margin of more than three to one. Boxer is most popular in the counties which border the coastline, where 59% of voters back her and only 30% pick Jones, while Jones battles to within the margin in the more conservative inland desert and agricultural regions of the state where the vote is 45% for Boxer to 41% for Jones. Other regional votes in the state:

	Boxer	Jones
Los Angeles County	55%	34%
Orange & San Diego Counties	37%	40%
Other Southern California Counties	48%	35%
Central Valley / Kern	48%	42%
Bay Area Counties	61%	27%
Other Northern California Counties	61%	30%

Ballot Measures

The Times Poll checked the status of five of the sixteen propositions which California voters will face when going to the polls on November 2nd, and found mixed results. Proposition 63, which would impose a 1% tax on personal income over \$1 million to fund mental health care leads with a slim margin; Proposition 66, an amendment to "Three Strikes" which would limit the law to violent crime is passing handily; Proposition 67, a telephone bill surcharge to fund the state's crumbling emergency and trauma system is too close to call; Proposition 71, funding for stem cell research may be passing but only barely; and Proposition 72, a referendum on whether to approve a law mandating employer provided health care for employees of small and medium companies is up in the air. Of the five, Proposition 71, the Stem Cell Research Funding bill, is the only one that most voters had an opinion on without being read the ballot description.

For each proposition, respondents were given the number and title and a very brief description, then asked if they had heard or read about the measure. They were then read the summary text from the ballot and asked if, having heard more, they would support or oppose each measure.

The proportions of those who haven't yet made themselves aware of the propositions are high enough that there is plenty of room for movement over the next two weeks. Last minute campaign advertising and backings by popular figures such as happened on Monday when Governor Schwarzenegger broke ranks with his party to endorse Proposition 71 can have an effect on the vote, and undecided voters may well make up their mind at the last minute.

Each of the propositions are detailed below, including the text which was read to respondents which was taken directly from the ballot.

Proposition 63: "The Mental Health Services Expansion, Funding, Tax on Personal Incomes Above \$1 Million Initiative Statute" *"Establishes a 1% tax on taxable personal income above \$1 million to fund expanded health services for mentally ill children, adults, and seniors. It would result in additional state revenues of about \$800 million annually by 2006-2007, with comparable annual increases in total state and county expenditures for expansion of mental health programs."*

The proposition would raise funds to expand and create new mental health services by placing a 1% surcharge on all taxable personal income exceeding \$1 million. County clinics, outreach programs for the homeless, and prescription drug programs would be among the recipients of such funds.

There are only a couple of tax increases that have historically been popular with California voters. Sin taxes – increases in taxes on liquor, cigarettes and other “sinful” pastimes – or revenue increases that apply only to the rich. Proposition 63 falls into the latter category, and as such, has some popularity.

When likely voters asked if they had heard or read enough about this proposition to have an opinion on it, 68% said they had not. When read the above ballot language, 54% of likely voters said they would vote for it, 27% said they would vote against it and 19% weren't sure. In the unlikely scenario that all of the 19% undecided came down against the measure, it would still pass, on the margin, by 54% to 46% if the election were held today.

Governor Schwarzenegger has attributed “good motives” to this proposition, but opposes it on the grounds of fiscal responsibility during California's lean financial times.

Prop 63 is strongly backed by liberals (70%) and moderates (57%) while a plurality of conservatives (44%) would vote it down.

Proposition 66: "The Limitations on Three Strikes Law, Sex Crimes, Punishment Initiative Statute" *"limits the 'Three Strikes' law to violent and/or serious felonies. It permits limited re-sentencing under new definitions and increases punishment for specified sex crimes against children. Over the long run, there will be net state savings of up to several hundred million dollars annually, primarily to the prison system, and local jail and court-related costs of potentially more than ten million dollars annually."*

This measure would amend the state's “Three Strikes and You're Out” law, which currently mandates heavy sentences for third time felons, to apply only to serious or violent felonies. It would also redefine what types of convictions count as “strikes”. Supporters of Proposition 66 estimate that about 4,000 convicts would be eligible to have their sentence reconsidered should it pass. Non violent crimes such as burglary, arson and shoplifting will no longer count.

This proposition's opposition comes from Governor Schwarzenegger, the state's Attorney General Bill Lockyer, and prison guard unions among others. Its supporters include the ACLU, the NAACP, and the California Democratic party.

The state's likely voters also support the measure, the survey found, by about three to one, with 17% still undecided. Sixty-two percent favor it, 21% oppose. Even half of the state's conservatives and 54% of Republicans would mark their ballot in favor, along with about seven in 10 liberals and moderates.

Proposition 67: "The Emergency Medical Services, Funding, Telephone Surcharge, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute" *"Increases the telephone surcharge and allocates other funds for emergency room physicians, hospital emergency rooms, community clinics, emergency personnel training and equipment, and the 911 telephone system. It increases state revenues of about \$500 million annually to reimburse physicians and hospitals for uncompensated emergency medical services and other specified purposes. It also continues \$32 million in state funding for physicians and clinics for uncompensated medical care."*

This measure would add a surcharge of up to 3% on phone bills, with the charge on residential bills capped at 50 cents a month, but no cap on either cell phone or business phone use. It would raise money to help keep trauma centers open, many of which are closed or are threatening to close under the weight of too many uninsured patients. The funds would also be used for the 911 system and training of emergency crews. The telephone companies oppose this measure, along with state taxpayer associations. It has the backing of medical organizations.

Voters aren't sure. The poll found more than half of likely voters have not heard enough about it to have an opinion, and when they heard the description, voters split 41% in favor to 43% opposed with 16% still unsure. Only majorities of independents (54%) and liberals (51%) back the initiative. Fifty-eight percent of Republicans are opposed.

Proposition 71: "The Stem Cell Research, Funding, Bonds Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute" *"Establishes the "California Institute for Regenerative Medicine" to regulate and fund stem cell research, provides the constitutional right to conduct such research, and creates an oversight committee. It also prohibits funding of human reproductive cloning research. There will be a state cost of about \$6 billion over 30 years to pay off both \$3 billion in principal and \$3 billion in interest on the bonds. State payments will average about \$200 million per year."*

Possibly the highest profile of all the initiatives, and now boasting the backing of Governor Schwarzenegger, Proposition 71 is running narrowly ahead among likeliest by 53% to 34% with 13% undecided. These figures do not take into account the Governor's endorsement which took place on the last day of the survey.

There is strong support among likely voters in the state for the arguments in favor of doing stem cell research, with nearly three-fourths agreeing with those who say "it could lead to breakthrough cures for many diseases, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's and uses only embryos that otherwise would be discarded," compared to 19% who side with "those opposed to this type of research [who] say that it crosses an ethical line by using cells from viable human embryos."

A financial argument has also been made against this particular initiative, since it allocates state funding for stem cell research at a time when California is borrowing just to stay afloat. Governor Schwarzenegger voiced such concerns himself before his public endorsement. For this reason, some fiscal conservatives might be inclined to oppose the measure even if they support the research in general and the survey did indeed find that, of those conservatives who favor stem cell research because of its possible medical benefits, about half would vote for and 44% against the measure.

Proposition 72: "The Health Care Coverage Requirements Referendum" *"A yes vote accepts, and a no vote rejects, legislation requiring health care coverage for employees, as specified, working for large and medium employers. Significant expenditures will be fully offset, mainly by employer fees, for a state program primarily to purchase private health insurance coverage. There will be significant county health program savings and significant public employer health coverage costs as well as significant net state revenue losses. Overall unknown net state and local savings or costs."*

Before he was recalled in 2002, then-Governor Gray Davis and the state Legislature passed a law mandating that businesses with 50 or more employees must provide health insurance. This ballot initiative is a referendum to take the law, which has not yet gone into effect, to the voters.

The survey found that voters are not yet convinced either way. More than half weren't familiar with the initiative, and when they were read the ballot language, a plurality of 46% said they'd be in favor of it if the election were held today, while 29% were opposed. However, since one in four still weren't sure, this measure could go either way.

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Results from the Times Poll California Poll:State politics

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Among likely voters:

LV All likely voters

Dem Democratic likely voters

I/O Independents and/or other likely voters

Rep Republican likely voters

Lib Liberal likely voters

Mod Moderate likely voters

Con Conservative likely voters

Men Male likely voters

Wom Female likely voters

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									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Right direction	44	45	31	35	68	26	41	66	50	40
Off on the wrong track	46	45	55	53	27	58	46	30	41	47
Don't know	10	10	14	12	5	16	13	4	9	13

Q2.Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Right direction	35	36	11	27	75	6	27	74	46	27
Off on the wrong track	59	58	83	66	20	92	65	18	49	67
Don't know	6	6	6	7	5	2	8	8	5	6

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q8. Now what about California's U.S. Senate race. If the November general election for U.S. Senator were being held today and the candidates were Barbara Boxer, the Democrat, Bill Jones, the Republican, James P. Gray, the Libertarian, Marsha Feinland, the Peace and Freedom candidate and Don J. Grundmann, the American Independent candidate, for whom would you vote: Boxer or Jones, or Gray, or Feinland or Grundmann? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Barbara Boxer	53	55	87	46	13	89	64	14	48	61
Bill Jones	30	33	6	16	80	3	19	74	40	27
James P. Gray	2	1	1	4	1	-	4	1	1	1
Marsha Feinland	2	2	-	10	-	3	1	-	-	3
Don J. Grundmann	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
Other	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Don't know	12	9	6	21	6	5	11	11	9	8

(IF ANY SENATE CANDIDATE IS MENTIONED)

Q9. Are you certain you're going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Certain	82	88	94	63	91	90	87	86	90	86
Might vote for somebody else	18	12	6	36	9	10	12	14	10	14
Don't know	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

(ASKED OF SPLIT SAMPLE)

Q32. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 63, which is called "The Mental Health Services Expansion, Funding, Tax on Personal Incomes Above \$1 Million Initiative Statute", having to do with increasing income tax on the top earners in the state to fund mental health services? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2004 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									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	20	20	20	23	15	23	24	14	21	19
Vote against	11	12	8	8	21	5	8	22	12	12
Don't know	69	68	72	69	64	72	68	64	67	69

(ASKED OF SPLIT SAMPLE)

Q33. As you may know, Proposition 63: "The Mental Health Services Expansion, Funding, Tax on Personal Incomes Above \$1 Million Initiative Statute" establishes a 1% tax on taxable personal income above \$1 million to fund expanded health services for mentally ill children, adults, and seniors. It would result in additional state revenues of about \$800 million annually by 2006-2007, with comparable annual increases in total state and county expenditures for expansion of mental health programs. Having heard more, if the November 2004 election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

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	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	60	54	67	57	35	70	57	34	53	56
Vote against	23	27	12	27	48	14	26	44	28	25
Don't know	17	19	21	16	17	16	17	22	19	19

Q34. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 66, called "The Limitations on 'Three Strikes Law', Sex Crimes, Punishment Initiative Statute" having to do with amending the Three Strikes Law and redefining what constitutes a serious or violent crime? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2004 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)

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	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	32	35	35	41	30	42	37	27	37	33
Vote against	17	19	12	20	27	7	14	33	25	13
Don't know	51	46	53	39	43	51	49	40	38	54

Q35. As you may know, Proposition 66: "The Limitations on Three Strikes Law, Sex Crimes, Punishment Initiative Statute" limits the "Three Strikes" law to violent and/or serious felonies. It permits limited re-sentencing under new definitions and increases punishment for specified sex crimes against children. Over the long run, there will be net state savings of up to several hundred million dollars annually, primarily to the prison system, and local jail and court-related costs of potentially more than ten million dollars annually. Having heard more, if the November 2004 election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

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	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	63	62	67	64	54	70	69	50	58	66
Vote against	20	21	14	22	31	12	17	33	28	14
Don't know	17	17	19	14	15	18	14	17	14	20

(ASKED OF SPLIT SAMPLE)

Q36. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 67, called "The Emergency Medical Services, Funding, Telephone Surcharge, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute", having to do with increasing a surcharge on telephone usage to fund emergency medical services? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2004 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									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	15	16	17	14	19	14	17	19	20	14
Vote against	26	28	20	25	38	11	31	41	29	26
Don't know	59	56	63	61	43	75	52	40	51	60

(ASKED OF SPLIT SAMPLE)

Q37. As you may know, Proposition 67: "The Emergency Medical Services, Funding, Telephone Surcharge, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute" increases the telephone surcharge and allocates other funds for emergency room physicians, hospital emergency rooms, community clinics, emergency personnel training and equipment, and the 911 telephone system. It increases state revenues of about \$500 million annually to reimburse physicians and hospitals for uncompensated emergency medical services and other specified purposes. It also continues \$32 million in state funding for physicians and clinics for uncompensated medical care. Having heard more, if the November 2004 election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	40	41	40	54	36	51	35	36	43	39
Vote against	40	43	35	33	58	26	42	58	41	44
Don't know	20	16	25	13	6	23	23	6	16	17

Q38. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 71, called "The Stem Cell Research Funding Bonds Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute," having to do with the state regulating and funding stem cell research? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2004 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									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	46	49	60	46	34	59	59	31	46	52
Vote against	20	20	8	16	40	6	15	39	22	19
Don't know	34	31	32	38	26	35	26	30	32	29

Q39. As you may know, Proposition 71: "The Stem Cell Research, Funding, Bonds Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute" establishes the "California Institute for Regenerative Medicine" to regulate and fund stem cell research, provides the constitutional right to conduct such research, and creates an oversight committee. It also prohibits funding of human reproductive cloning research. There will be a state cost of about \$6 billion over 30 years to pay off both \$3 billion in principal and \$3 billion in interest on the bonds. State payments will average about \$200 million per year. Having heard more, if the November 2004 election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	52	53	67	48	36	71	58	30	50	55
Vote against	33	34	19	33	54	13	31	58	38	31
Don't know	15	13	14	19	10	16	11	12	12	14

Q40. Have you heard, read or seen anything about Proposition 72, called "The Health Care Coverage Requirements Referendum", which is a yes or no vote on legislation having to do with companies providing health care coverage for their employees? (IF YES) From what you know, if the November 2004 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?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	26	26	31	28	19	27	30	22	22	30
Vote against	17	19	11	8	33	8	20	30	23	16
Don't know	57	55	58	64	48	65	50	48	55	54

Q41. As you may know, for Proposition 72: "The Health Care Coverage Requirements Referendum" -- a yes vote accepts, and a no vote rejects, legislation requiring health care coverage for employees, as specified, working for large and medium employers. Significant expenditures will be fully offset, mainly by employer fees, for a state program primarily to purchase private health insurance coverage. There will be significant county health program savings and significant public employer health coverage costs as well as significant net state revenue losses. Overall unknown net state and local savings or costs. Having heard more, if the November 2004 election were being held today, would you vote for or against this initiative? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Vote for	45	46	52	61	32	54	48	36	44	47
Vote against	31	29	19	14	48	14	31	43	35	24
Don't know	24	25	29	25	20	32	21	21	21	29

Q42. 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									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>66</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>66</u>
Approve strongly	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>31</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
Don't know	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

Q43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barbara Boxer is handling her job as U.S. Senator? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Likely Voters									
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Approve (Net)	<u>58</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>65</u>
Approve strongly	<u>29</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>38</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>28</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>27</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>19</u>
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

(ORDER OF THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q44. What is your impression of Barbara Boxer? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her to say?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Favorable (Net)	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>69</u>
Very favorable	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>
Somewhat favorable	<u>30</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>34</u>
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>25</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
Very unfavorable	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>17</u>
Haven't heard enough	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>2</u>	-	<u>1</u>

Q45. What is your impression of Bill Jones? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Favorable (Net)	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>29</u>
Very favorable	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
Somewhat favorable	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
Very unfavorable	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>
Haven't heard enough	<u>48</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>50</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

(ORDER OF ARGUMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q46. As you may know, shortly after Governor Schwarzenegger took office, the Legislature repealed a law that would have granted driver licenses to illegal immigrants. At the time, the governor, who had campaigned on the promise of repealing the legislation, said he would work with lawmakers to craft a compromise bill. Last month, he vetoed a new attempt to grant driver licenses to illegal immigrants. Supporters of the bill said that it would help anti-terrorism efforts to have records of illegal immigrants. Those opposed, including the governor, said that terrorists might be able to use the documents to infiltrate the country. How about you? Do you support or oppose Schwarzenegger's veto of the bill which would have made driver licenses available to illegal immigrants? (IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE) Do you (support/oppose) his veto strongly, or only somewhat?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Support (Net)	63	62	46	62	86	39	70	81	63	61
Support strongly	49	50	29	49	82	22	54	76	51	49
Support somewhat	14	12	17	13	4	17	16	5	12	12
Oppose (Net)	30	31	45	28	12	50	23	17	32	31
Oppose somewhat	9	9	13	4	6	16	5	6	8	11
Oppose strongly	21	22	32	24	6	34	18	11	24	20
Don't know	7	7	9	10	2	11	7	2	5	8

(ORDER OF ARGUMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q47. There is a type of medical research that involves using special cells, called stem cells, that are obtained from human embryos. These human embryo stem cells are then used to generate new cells and tissue that could help treat or cure many diseases. I am now going to read you two arguments pertaining to stem cell research. First, "Those opposed to this type of research say that it crosses an ethical line by using cells from viable human embryos," or "Those in favor of this research say that it could lead to breakthrough cures for many diseases, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's and this research uses only embryos that otherwise would be discarded"? Which argument do you agree with more -- those in favor of or opposed to using stem cells for research?

	Likely Voters									
	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>I/O</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Agree more with those in favor	72	74	87	77	53	88	84	52	73	75
Agree more with those opposed	20	19	6	15	39	4	11	39	19	19
Don't know	8	7	7	8	8	8	5	9	8	6

How the Poll Was Conducted

The Los Angeles Times Poll contacted 1,694 California adults by telephone October 14 through 18, 2004. That includes 1,345 registered voters, and among them, 925 that were deemed most likely to vote in the November election. Respondents intention to vote, the certainty of their vote, their interest in the campaign, whether they will be a first time voter and past voting history were used to determine their probability of voting. Telephone numbers for the overall sample were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the state. Random digit dialing techniques were used so that listed and unlisted numbers were contacted. The sample of all California adults was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education and party registration figures from the secretary of state's office. The margin of sampling error for all registered voters and likely voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.