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# Jerry Brown is Ahead of Meg Whitman

**Raleigh, N.C.-**-Attorney General Jerry Brown leads Meg Whitman 46:40 in the California Governor's race.

Whitman doesn't receive high marks from Californians. 50% of Californians have an unfavorable opinion of Whitman, including 22% of Republicans. Since winning the primary, Whitman hasn't won over many Californians, during the primary 44% of voters had an unfavorable opinion of the former EBay executive.

41% of voters have a favorable opinion of Brown, including 63% of Democrats. Brown is gaining strength amongst independents; 47% of independents choose Brown over Whitman. Independents make up 20% of his supporters. Only 31% of independents support Whitman.

Californians aren't in favor of candidates donating money to their own campaigns, like billionaire Meg Whitman has during this campaign. 52% of voters think there should be some limit on the amount of money a candidate is allowed to give to their own campaign. Californians see no hope for working class candidates. 53% of voters say they don't think a working class person would be able to conduct a successful state wide campaign today. Voters may resent the millions of dollars Whitman has put into her campaign.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's approval ratings continue to drop. 71% of Californians disapprove of the Governor's job, up from 64% in May.

"California voters may be telling Meg Whitman that she can't buy this election," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 614 California voters from July 23-25. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.95%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



# **California Survey Results**

| Q1 | Arnold Schwarzenegger's job performance?  | Q7  | John McCain  |           |
|----|---|-----|--|-----------|
|    | Approve19%  |     | Barack Obama   |           |
|    | Disapprove71%   |     | Someone Else/Don't Remember  |           |
|    | Not Sure10%   | Q8  | If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate   |           |
| Q2 | Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jerry Brown?  |     | press 2. If a conservative, press 3.  Liberal  | 25%       |
|    | Favorable41% Not Sure16%  |     | Moderate   |           |
|    | Unfavorable43%  |     | Conservative   |           |
| Q3 | Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Meg Whitman?  | Q9  | If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pre   |           |
|    | Favorable30% Not Sure20%  |     |  |           |
|    | Unfavorable50%  |     | Man  |           |
| Q4 | The candidates for Governor are Republican Meg Whitman and Democrat Jerry Brown. If the election was today, who would you vote for? | Q10 | If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are Republican, press 2. If you are an indepe or identify with another party, press 3.  *Democrat** | endent    |
|    | Meg Whitman40%  |     | Republican   | 34%       |
|    | Jerry Brown46%  |     | Independent/Other  | ···· 19%  |
|    | Undecided14%  | Q11 | If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, pre-   |           |
| Q5 | Do you think there should be a legal limit on   |     | If African-American, press 3. If Asian, pre If other, press 5.   | ess 4.    |
|    | how much money a candidate can donate to his or her own campaign?   |     | Hispanic   | 20%       |
|    | Yes52%  |     | White  | ····· 61% |
|    | No33%   |     | African-American   | 8%        |
|    | Not sure15%   |     | Asian  | ···· 6%   |
| Q6 | Do you think a working-class person could successfully run for statewide or federal office in California today?                     |     | Other  | ···· 5%   |
|    | Yes31%  |     |  |           |
|    | No53%   |     |  |           |
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Q12 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

| 18 to 29 9 <sup>t</sup> | %  |
|-------------------------|----|
| 30 to 4527              | ′% |
| 46 to 6542              | %  |
| Older than 6522         | 0/ |





|                            |      | 2008 Vote      |     |                                |  |  |
|----------------------------|------|----------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                            | Base | John<br>McCain |     | Someone Else/Don't<br>Remember |  |  |
| Schwarzenegger<br>Approval |      |                |     |                                |  |  |
| Approve                    | 19%  | 18%            | 19% | 18%                            |  |  |
| Disapprove                 | 71%  | 70%            | 72% | 75%                            |  |  |
| Not Sure                   | 10%  | 12%            | 8%  | 7%                             |  |  |

|                    |      | 2008 Vote      |     |                                |  |  |
|--------------------|------|----------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                    | Base | John<br>McCain |     | Someone Else/Don't<br>Remember |  |  |
| Brown Favorability |      | •              |     |                                |  |  |
| Favorable          | 41%  | 6%             | 64% | 33%                            |  |  |
| Unfavorable        | 43%  | 82%            | 17% | 56%                            |  |  |
| Not Sure           | 16%  | 13%            | 19% | 11%                            |  |  |

|                      |      | 2008 Vo        | 2008 Vote |                                |  |  |  |
|----------------------|------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                      | Base | John<br>McCain |           | Someone Else/Don't<br>Remember |  |  |  |
| Whitman Favorability |      | ,              | ,         |                                |  |  |  |
| Favorable            | 30%  | 57%            | 12%       | 39%                            |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable          | 50%  | 22%            | 67%       | 52%                            |  |  |  |
| Not Sure             | 20%  | 21%            | 20%       | 9%                             |  |  |  |

|               |      | 2008 Vo | 2008 Vote   |     |  |  |  |
|---------------|------|---------|---|-----|--|--|--|
|               | Base |         | John Barack Someone Else/Don<br>McCain Obama Remember |     |  |  |  |
| Whitman/Brown |      |         |   |     |  |  |  |
| Meg Whitman   | 40%  | 76%     | 17%   | 46% |  |  |  |
| Jerry Brown   | 46%  | 10%     | 69%   | 34% |  |  |  |
| Undecided     | 14%  | 14%     | 14%   | 20% |  |  |  |





|                                |      | 2008 Vo        | 2008 Vote |                                |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                                | Base | John<br>McCain |           | Someone Else/Don't<br>Remember |  |  |
| Limit on Candidate's<br>Own \$ |      | ,              |           |                                |  |  |
| Yes                            | 52%  | 40%            | 61%       | 47%                            |  |  |
| No                             | 33%  | 48%            | 23%       | 37%                            |  |  |
| Not sure                       | 15%  | 12%            | 16%       | 16%                            |  |  |

|                                   |      | 2008 Vote      |     |                                |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                                   | Base | John<br>McCain |     | Someone Else/Don't<br>Remember |  |  |
| Working Class Run<br>Successfully |      | •              |     |                                |  |  |
| Yes                               | 31%  | 38%            | 27% | 31%                            |  |  |
| No                                | 53%  | 49%            | 56% | 46%                            |  |  |
| Not sure                          | 16%  | 13%            | 18% | 22%                            |  |  |

|                            |      | ldeology |          |              |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                            | Base | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |  |  |  |
| Schwarzenegger<br>Approval |      |          |          |              |  |  |  |
| Approve                    | 19%  | 16%      | 23%      | 16%          |  |  |  |
| Disapprove                 | 71%  | 75%      | 68%      | 73%          |  |  |  |
| Not Sure                   | 10%  | 9%       | 9%       | 11%          |  |  |  |

|                    |      | Ideology |          |              |  |  |
|--------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|--|--|
|                    | Base | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |  |  |
| Brown Favorability |      |          | -        |              |  |  |
| Favorable          | 41%  | 63%      | 49%      | 13%          |  |  |
| Unfavorable        | 43%  | 17%      | 32%      | 77%          |  |  |
| Not Sure           | 16%  | 20%      | 19%      | 10%          |  |  |





|                      |      | Ideology |          |              |  |  |
|----------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|--|--|
|                      | Base | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |  |  |
| Whitman Favorability |      |          |          |              |  |  |
| Favorable            | 30%  | 11%      | 24%      | 53%          |  |  |
| Unfavorable          | 50%  | 72%      | 54%      | 27%          |  |  |
| Not Sure             | 20%  | 17%      | 22%      | 20%          |  |  |

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|---------------|------|------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--|----------|--|--|
|               | Base | Liberal Moderate Conservativ |     |     |  |  |          |  |  |
| Whitman/Brown |      |                              |     |     |  |  |          |  |  |
| Meg Whitman   | 40%  | 18%                          | 30% | 70% |  |  |          |  |  |
| Jerry Brown   | 46%  | 72%                          | 52% | 17% |  |  |          |  |  |
| Undecided     | 14%  | 9%                           | 18% | 13% |  |  |          |  |  |

|                                |      | Ideology |          |              |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|--|--|
|                                | Base | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |  |  |
| Limit on Candidate's<br>Own \$ |      |          |          |              |  |  |
| Yes                            | 52%  | 70%      | 54%      | 37%          |  |  |
| No                             | 33%  | 22%      | 32%      | 42%          |  |  |
| Not sure                       | 15%  | 9%       | 14%      | 21%          |  |  |

|                                   |      | Ideology |          |              |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------|----------|--------------|--|--|
|                                   | Base | Liberal  | Moderate | Conservative |  |  |
| Working Class Run<br>Successfully |      |          |          |              |  |  |
| Yes                               | 31%  | 31%      | 26%      | 38%          |  |  |
| No                                | 53%  | 58%      | 59%      | 40%          |  |  |
| Not sure                          | 16%  | 11%      | 15%      | 22%          |  |  |





|                            |      | Gender |     |
|----------------------------|------|--------|-----|
|                            | Base | Woman  | Man |
| Schwarzenegger<br>Approval |      |        |     |
| Approve                    | 19%  | 16%    | 22% |
| Disapprove                 | 71%  | 74%    | 69% |
| Not Sure                   | 10%  | 10%    | 9%  |

|                    |      | Gender |     |  |
|--------------------|------|--------|-----|--|
|                    | Base | Woman  | Man |  |
| Brown Favorability |      |        |     |  |
| Favorable          | 41%  | 40%    | 42% |  |
| Unfavorable        | 43%  | 43%    | 43% |  |
| Not Sure           | 16%  | 17%    | 15% |  |

|                      |      | Gender |     |
|----------------------|------|--------|-----|
|                      | Base | Woman  | Man |
| Whitman Favorability |      |        |     |
| Favorable            | 30%  | 31%    | 30% |
| Unfavorable          | 50%  | 47%    | 52% |
| Not Sure             | 20%  | 22%    | 18% |

|               |      | Gender |     |
|---------------|------|--------|-----|
|               | Base | Woman  | Man |
| Whitman/Brown |      | •      |     |
| Meg Whitman   | 40%  | 39%    | 41% |
| Jerry Brown   | 46%  | 45%    | 46% |
| Undecided     | 14%  | 16%    | 12% |





|                                |      | Gender |     |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|-----|
|                                | Base | Woman  | Man |
| Limit on Candidate's<br>Own \$ |      |        |     |
| Yes                            | 52%  | 56%    | 48% |
| No                             | 33%  | 27%    | 39% |
| Not sure                       | 15%  | 17%    | 13% |

|                                   |      | Gender |     |  |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|-----|--|
|                                   | Base | Woman  | Man |  |
| Working Class Run<br>Successfully |      |        |     |  |
| Yes                               | 31%  | 31%    | 31% |  |
| No                                | 53%  | 49%    | 56% |  |
| Not sure                          | 16%  | 19%    | 13% |  |

|                            |      | Party    |            |                   |  |  |
|----------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|
|                            | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |
| Schwarzenegger<br>Approval |      |          |            |                   |  |  |
| Approve                    | 19%  | 16%      | 22%        | 20%               |  |  |
| Disapprove                 | 71%  | 76%      | 66%        | 69%               |  |  |
| Not Sure                   | 10%  | 8%       | 12%        | 11%               |  |  |

|                    |      | Party    |            |                   |  |  |
|--------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|
|                    | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |
| Brown Favorability |      |          |            |                   |  |  |
| Favorable          | 41%  | 63%      | 11%        | 40%               |  |  |
| Unfavorable        | 43%  | 20%      | 74%        | 44%               |  |  |
| Not Sure           | 16%  | 17%      | 15%        | 16%               |  |  |





|                      |      | Party    |            |                   |  |  |
|----------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|
|                      | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |
| Whitman Favorability |      |          | ,          |                   |  |  |
| Favorable            | 30%  | 13%      | 59%        | 21%               |  |  |
| Unfavorable          | 50%  | 66%      | 22%        | 61%               |  |  |
| Not Sure             | 20%  | 21%      | 19%        | 18%               |  |  |

|               |      | Party    |            |                   |  |  |
|---------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|
|               | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |
| Whitman/Brown |      |          | ,          |                   |  |  |
| Meg Whitman   | 40%  | 17%      | 76%        | 31%               |  |  |
| Jerry Brown   | 46%  | 69%      | 14%        | 47%               |  |  |
| Undecided     | 14%  | 14%      | 10%        | 22%               |  |  |

|                                |      | Party    |            |                   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |  |  |
| Limit on Candidate's<br>Own \$ |      |          |            |                   |  |  |  |  |
| Yes                            | 52%  | 60%      | 42%        | 52%               |  |  |  |  |
| No                             | 33%  | 26%      | 44%        | 30%               |  |  |  |  |
| Not sure                       | 15%  | 14%      | 14%        | 18%               |  |  |  |  |

|                                   |      | Party    |            |                   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
|                                   | Base | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |  |  |  |
| Working Class Run<br>Successfully |      |          |            |                   |  |  |  |
| Yes                               | 31%  | 27%      | 41%        | 22%               |  |  |  |
| No                                | 53%  | 51%      | 46%        | 67%               |  |  |  |
| Not sure                          | 16%  | 22%      | 13%        | 11%               |  |  |  |





|                            |      | Race     | Race  |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|------|----------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
|                            | Base | Hispanic | White | African-<br>American | Asian | Other |  |  |  |
| Schwarzenegger<br>Approval |      |          |       |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
| Approve                    | 19%  | 14%      | 21%   | 12%                  | 19%   | 26%   |  |  |  |
| Disapprove                 | 71%  | 81%      | 69%   | 76%                  | 62%   | 66%   |  |  |  |
| Not Sure                   | 10%  | 5%       | 10%   | 12%                  | 19%   | 9%    |  |  |  |

|                    |      | Race     | Race  |                      |     |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------|------|----------|-------|----------------------|-----|-------|--|--|--|
|                    | Base | Hispanic | White | African-<br>American |     | Other |  |  |  |
| Brown Favorability |      |          |       |                      |     |       |  |  |  |
| Favorable          | 41%  | 44%      | 37%   | 48%                  | 48% | 52%   |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable        | 43%  | 29%      | 51%   | 36%                  | 29% | 35%   |  |  |  |
| Not Sure           | 16%  | 27%      | 12%   | 16%                  | 24% | 13%   |  |  |  |

|                      |      | Race     |       |                      |       |       |
|----------------------|------|----------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|
|                      | Base | Hispanic | White | African-<br>American | Asian | Other |
| Whitman Favorability |      |          |       |                      |       |       |
| Favorable            | 30%  | 17%      | 37%   | 20%                  | 19%   | 30%   |
| Unfavorable          | 50%  | 58%      | 47%   | 56%                  | 38%   | 54%   |
| Not Sure             | 20%  | 26%      | 16%   | 24%                  | 43%   | 15%   |

|               |      | Race     |       |                      |     |       |  |  |
|---------------|------|----------|-------|----------------------|-----|-------|--|--|
|               | Base | Hispanic | White | African-<br>American |     | Other |  |  |
| Whitman/Brown |      |          |       |                      |     |       |  |  |
| Meg Whitman   | 40%  | 28%      | 48%   | 28%                  | 24% | 33%   |  |  |
| Jerry Brown   | 46%  | 50%      | 41%   | 60%                  | 52% | 59%   |  |  |
| Undecided     | 14%  | 22%      | 12%   | 12%                  | 24% | 9%    |  |  |





|                                |      | Race     | Race  |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------|----------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                | Base | Hispanic | White | African-<br>American | Asian | Other |  |  |  |
| Limit on Candidate's<br>Own \$ |      |          |       |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
| Yes                            | 52%  | 58%      | 54%   | 28%                  | 52%   | 50%   |  |  |  |
| No                             | 33%  | 27%      | 34%   | 48%                  | 19%   | 37%   |  |  |  |
| Not sure                       | 15%  | 15%      | 12%   | 24%                  | 29%   | 13%   |  |  |  |

|                                   |      | Race     |       |                      |       |       |  |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|--|
|                                   | Base | Hispanic | White | African-<br>American | Asian | Other |  |
| Working Class Run<br>Successfully |      |          |       |                      |       |       |  |
| Yes                               | 31%  | 28%      | 32%   | 32%                  | 24%   | 35%   |  |
| No                                | 53%  | 49%      | 57%   | 44%                  | 33%   | 57%   |  |
| Not sure                          | 16%  | 23%      | 11%   | 24%                  | 43%   | 9%    |  |

|                            |      | Age         |             |             |                  |
|----------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
|                            | Base | 18 to<br>29 | 30 to<br>45 | 46 to<br>65 | Older<br>than 65 |
| Schwarzenegger<br>Approval |      |             |             |             |                  |
| Approve                    | 19%  | 17%         | 18%         | 21%         | 17%              |
| Disapprove                 | 71%  | 69%         | 76%         | 70%         | 70%              |
| Not Sure                   | 10%  | 14%         | 7%          | 9%          | 13%              |

|                    |      | Age         |             |             |                  |
|--------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
|                    | Base | 18 to<br>29 | 30 to<br>45 | 46 to<br>65 | Older<br>than 65 |
| Brown Favorability |      |             | <u> </u>    |             |                  |
| Favorable          | 41%  | 33%         | 41%         | 49%         | 29%              |
| Unfavorable        | 43%  | 24%         | 42%         | 40%         | 58%              |
| Not Sure           | 16%  | 43%         | 17%         | 11%         | 14%              |





|                      |      | Age         |     |     |                  |  |
|----------------------|------|-------------|-----|-----|------------------|--|
|                      | Base | 18 to<br>29 |     |     | Older<br>than 65 |  |
| Whitman Favorability |      |             |     |     |                  |  |
| Favorable            | 30%  | 25%         | 23% | 32% | 39%              |  |
| Unfavorable          | 50%  | 50%         | 54% | 50% | 42%              |  |
| Not Sure             | 20%  | 25%         | 22% | 18% | 19%              |  |

|               |      | Age         |     |             |                  |  |
|---------------|------|-------------|-----|-------------|------------------|--|
|               | Base | 18 to<br>29 |     | 46 to<br>65 | Older<br>than 65 |  |
| Whitman/Brown |      |             |     | -           |                  |  |
| Meg Whitman   | 40%  | 43%         | 33% | 38%         | 51%              |  |
| Jerry Brown   | 46%  | 44%         | 46% | 50%         | 38%              |  |
| Undecided     | 14%  | 13%         | 21% | 12%         | 11%              |  |

|                                |      | Age         |     |     |                  |  |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------|-----|-----|------------------|--|
|                                | Base | 18 to<br>29 |     |     | Older<br>than 65 |  |
| Limit on Candidate's<br>Own \$ |      |             |     |     |                  |  |
| Yes                            | 52%  | 45%         | 53% | 55% | 51%              |  |
| No                             | 33%  | 43%         | 33% | 31% | 32%              |  |
| Not sure                       | 15%  | 12%         | 14% | 14% | 18%              |  |

|                                   |      | Age         |             |     |                  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-----|------------------|--|--|
|                                   | Base | 18 to<br>29 | 30 to<br>45 |     | Older<br>than 65 |  |  |
| Working Class Run<br>Successfully |      |             |             |     |                  |  |  |
| Yes                               | 31%  | 34%         | 27%         | 34% | 28%              |  |  |
| No                                | 53%  | 54%         | 56%         | 51% | 51%              |  |  |
| Not sure                          | 16%  | 12%         | 16%         | 15% | 21%              |  |  |

