



STRATEGIC MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: California Voter Survey

DATE: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

The California statewide voter survey conducted over the course of this last week polled likely voters. The survey asked questions about election issues and specifically about an initiative that would restrict state government benefits to illegal aliens. The poll conducted by Probolsky Research found that California voters support placing restrictions on government benefits illegal immigrants can receive.

It is interesting to note that most voters, if they knew that the Governor OPPOSED the ballot measure, would be either more likely to SUPPORT it or say that his position would not make any difference to them.

- ▶ More than 60% of California voters support the proposed statewide ballot initiative to restrict benefits to illegal aliens, including banning illegal aliens from obtaining California driver’s licenses.

QUESTION:

Now I am going to read to you the text of a proposed statewide ballot initiative. Please listen to the full text and then tell me whether you would vote yes or vote no on the initiative. *“The State shall not authorize or provide to any immigrant not lawfully in the United States, a driver’s license or government identification card, exemption from nonresident tuition or fees for postsecondary education, grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license; or any retirement, welfare, health, disability, public or assisted housing, postsecondary education, food assistance, unemployment benefit, or any other similar benefit to an individual, household, or family eligibility unit, unless those benefits or services are required to be provided pursuant to federal law.”* Based on what you know now, please tell me if you would vote yes or vote no on initiative?

VOTE YES	59.5%	➡➡	60.7% YES
<i>Lean Yes</i>	1.2		
VOTE NO	30.6		
<i>Lean No</i>	1.1		
Unsure	7.6		

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- ▶ Voters support the provision in the ballot measure which would hold elected and government officials personally liable for willfully violating this law.

QUESTION:

Any elected official or government official who willfully violates the provisions of the proposed initiative may be held personally liable for the costs of litigation including reasonable attorney’s fees and actual damages. Knowing this, would you be more likely or less likely to support the initiative?

MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	26.3%	→	53.2% Support
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	26.9		
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE	8.3		
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE	13.3		
MUCH MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSED	15.8		
UNSURE	9.4		

- ▶ Governor Schwarzenegger’s potential opposition to the proposed ballot measure would have little negative impact. In fact the largest percentage of voters say the governor’s position on the issue makes no difference to them.

QUESTION:

Thinking about the statewide ballot initiative, if you knew that Governor Schwarzenegger had **OPPOSED** the initiative, would you be more likely or less likely to support the initiative?

MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	15.2%
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	14.1
<u>MAKES NO DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>33.5</u>
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE	14.3
MUCH MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSED	15.2
UNSURE	7.7

The survey of registered California voters who are likely to vote was conducted Wednesday September 22 through Monday September 27, 2004. A total of 830 voters were polled. A survey of this size yields a margin of error of +/-3.5%.

The survey was conducted in English and Spanish.