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ARIZONA SCORECARD: HOW ARE PUBLIC OFFICIALS DOING?

Janet Napolitano, Attorney General of Arizona, is the most popular public official in Arizona, winning approval from more than half of Arizonans. According to recent *Grand Canyon State Poll* findings, Ms. Napolitano's support reaches across traditional party and ideological boundaries. Jane Hull, Governor of Arizona, and Betsey Bayless, Arizona Secretary of State, have lower approval ratings. Just less than half of Arizonans approve of the job the state legislature is doing.

The Social Research Laboratory of Northern Arizona University conducted the *Grand Canyon State Poll* with a random sample of 412 Arizona adults. Calling took place between September 26 and October 2, 2001. Survey results have a margin of error of +/- 5.0 percent.

HIGH MARKS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Among the three top statewide office-holders, Janet Napolitano, Arizona Attorney General, has the highest approval rating. Fifty-five percent of Arizonans approve of the job Ms. Napolitano is doing. Jane Hull, Arizona Governor, has a 44 percent approval rating in the state

and Betsey Bayless, Arizona Secretary of State, has a 39 percent approval rating. The state legislature wins the approval of 47 percent of Arizonans.

PERFORMANCE RATINGS VARY ACROSS GROUPS

Janet Napolitano has the highest approval rating among top statewide office holders in Arizona. Her overall approval rating in the state is 55 percent. Ms. Napolitano receives 50 percent or more support from most groups of people, though her approval rating dips below 50 percent among younger people. While Ms. Napolitano's support is strongest among Democrats and liberals, she receives 53 percent approval from Republicans and 50 percent approval from conservatives. Women are more likely than men to approve of the job Ms. Napolitano is doing as Attorney General (58% versus 53%, respectively). Middle-aged and higher-income people are more supportive of Ms. Napolitano than younger people and lower-income people.

Governor Jane Hull has a 44 percent approval rating in Arizona. She has an equal approval rating among Republicans and Democrats (49% and 48% approval, respectively). Governor Hull's approval rating is equal among conservatives (44%) and liberals (45%) as well. There is an eight percent gender gap between Governor Hull's approval rating with more approval from women (48%) than men (40%). Her approval rating dips to 41 percent among older people and higher-income people.

Secretary of State Betsey Bayless has a 39 percent approval rating in Arizona. Most people (52%) don't know if they approve or disapprove of the job Ms. Bayless is doing as Arizona Secretary of State. While she receives equal approval ratings from Republicans (42%) and Democrats (43%), only one-third of Independents (35%) approve of the job she's doing. Women give Secretary of State Bayless lower approval ratings than men and liberals give her lower approval ratings than conservatives.

HOW IS THE STATE LEGISLATURE DOING?

Forty-seven percent (47%) of Arizonans approve of the job the Arizona state legislature is doing. Republicans give a higher approval rating to the state legislature (51%) than do Democrats (46%) and Independents (40%). Conservatives and liberals give equal levels of approval to the state legislature (48%). Men give a higher approval rating than women to the job the state legislature is doing (49% versus 44%). Younger people (58%) have a higher approval rating for the state legislature than middle-aged (45%) and older people (40%). Lower-income people (51%) give a higher approval rating to the state legislature than higher-income people (44%).

Fred Solop, director of the *Grand Canyon State Poll*, commented, “While some Arizonans express clear opinions about elected officials in the state, many still have little knowledge of the job public officials are doing. One-quarter of Arizonans don’t know if they approve or disapprove of the job the Governor is doing and one-half aren’t able to comment on the job the Secretary of State is doing. We can expect some of these ‘don’t know’ responses to shift as poor economic conditions continue to plague the state and tough decisions have to be made.”



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**GRAND CANYON STATE POLL
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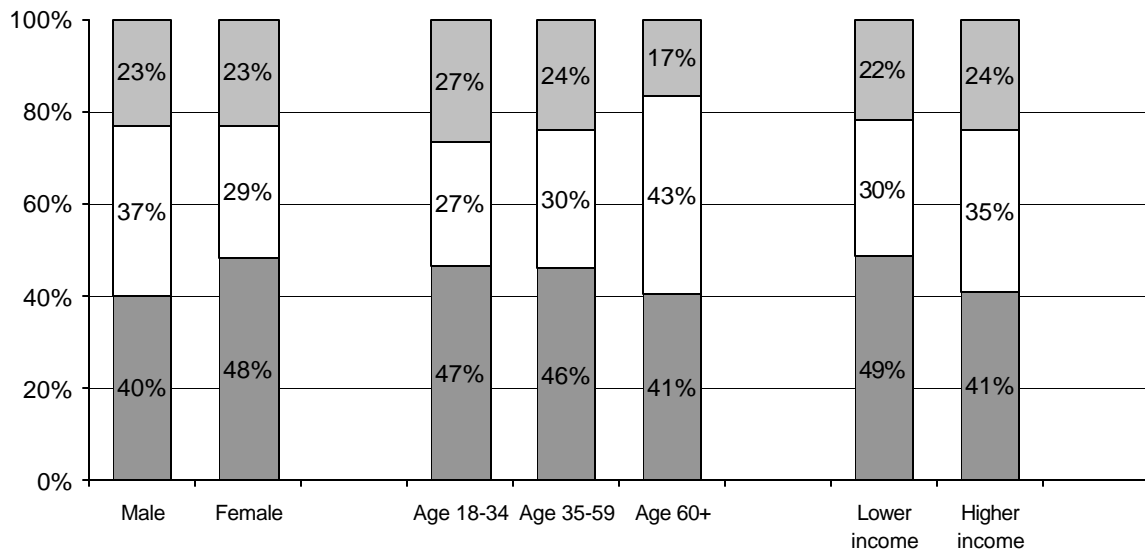
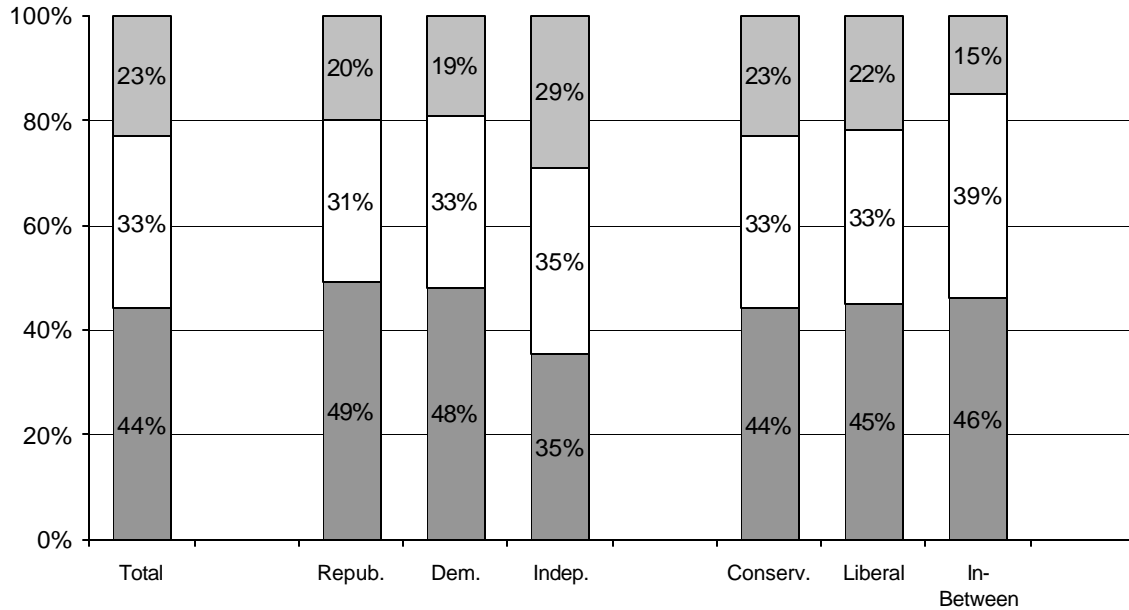
The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted between September 26 and October 2, 2001. A random sample of 412 Arizona residents was asked questions regarding the performance of national and state governmental officials. Survey question results are subject to a sampling error of +/-5.0 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. Sampling error is the probable difference in results between interviewing everyone in the population versus a scientific sample taken from the population. Sampling error does not take into account additional sources of error inherent in any study of public opinion. The data referred to in this release are presented below.

I would like to ask you some questions about politics in Arizona and the United States.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following government officials are handling their jobs?

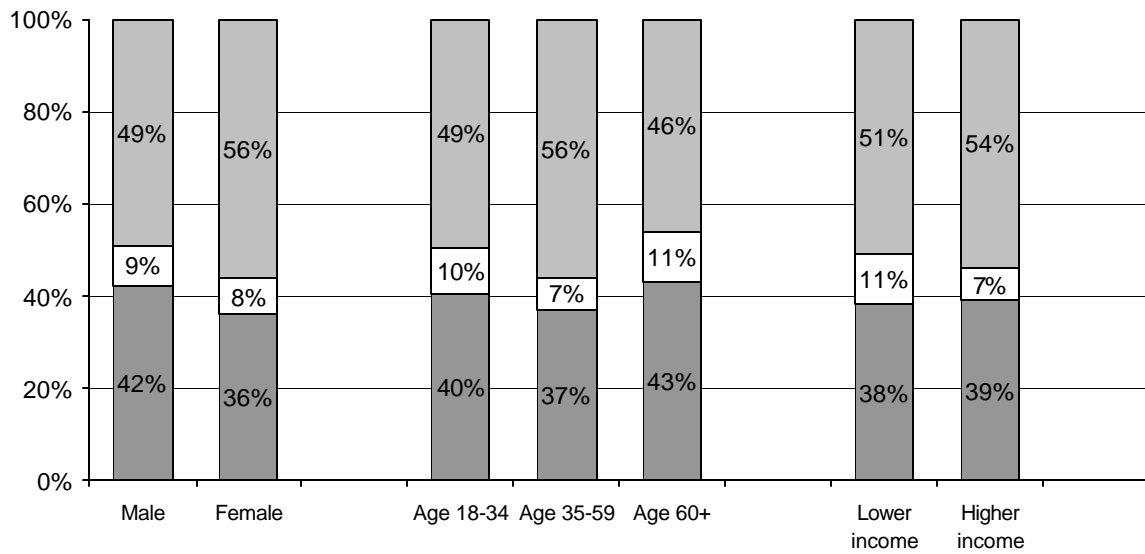
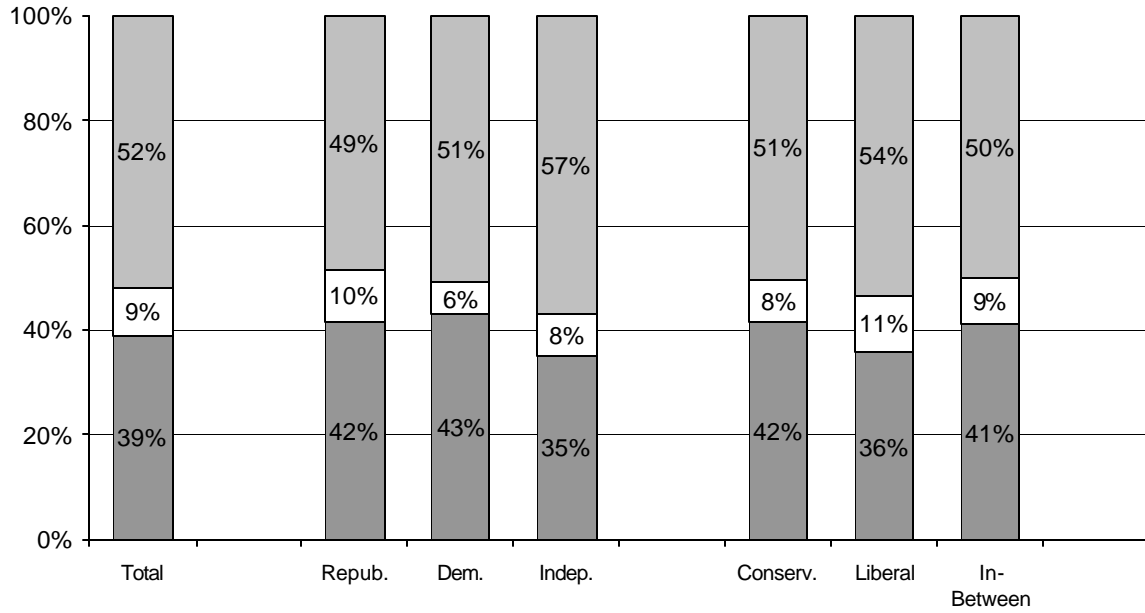
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Attorney General Janet Napolitano	55%	12%	33%	(411)
Arizona State Legislature	47%	28%	25%	(409)
Governor Jane Hull	44%	33%	23%	(409)
Secretary of State Betsey Bayless	39%	9%	52%	(411)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jane Hull is handling her job as Governor of Arizona?



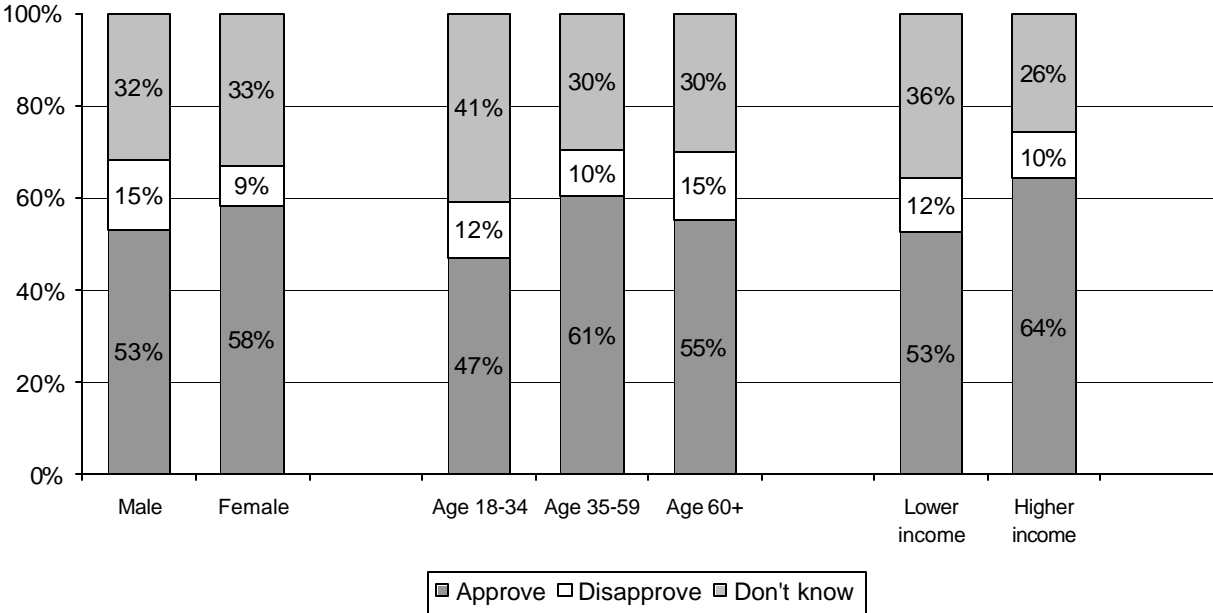
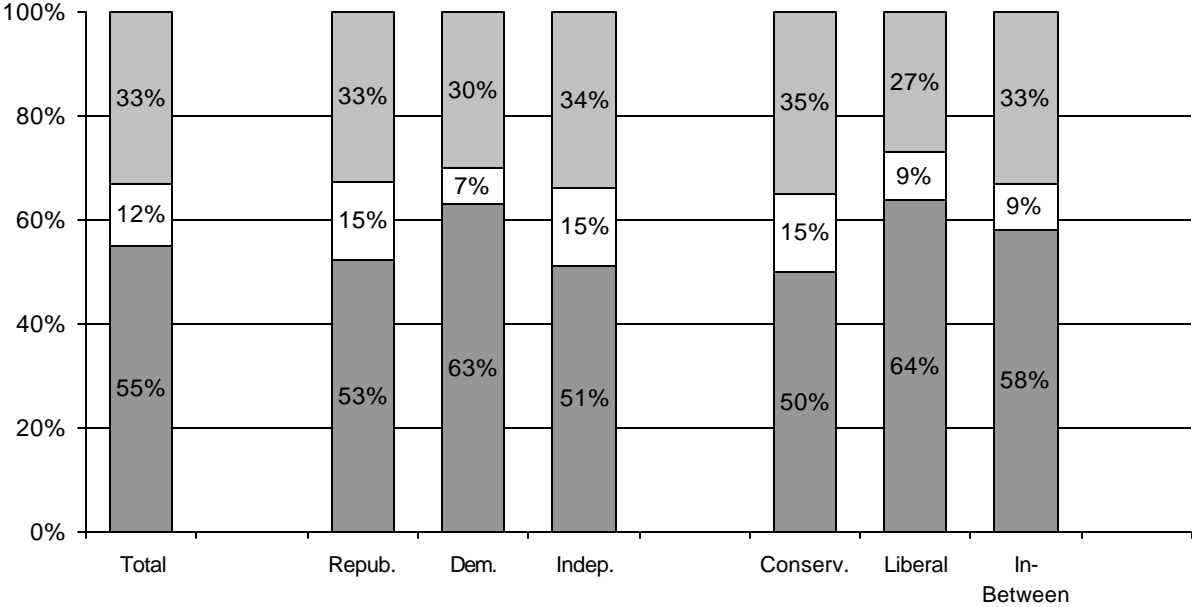
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Do you approve or disapprove of the way Betsey Bayless is handling her job as Secretary of State of Arizona?



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Do you approve or disapprove of the way Janet Napolitano is handling her job as Attorney General of Arizona?



Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Arizona state legislature is doing?

