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**ARIZONA BALLOT PROPOSITIONS:
SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA;
17 TRIBES GAMBLING PROPOSAL FAVORED TO WIN**

Arizonans are ready to reaffirm previous votes on medical marijuana with support for this year's medical marijuana proposition, according to recent survey results. A majority of likely voters support Proposition 203, which would impose civil fines for possession of small amounts of marijuana, authorize the use of medical marijuana for certain medical conditions and increase maximum sentences for violent crimes committed on drugs. Two of the three gambling propositions are moving toward defeat. Only Proposition 202, backed by 17 Arizona Indian tribes, is supported by likely voters.

The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted by the Social Research Laboratory at Northern Arizona University between September 26 and 29, 2002. The survey was conducted over the telephone with 569 randomly-selected, likely voters throughout Arizona. Results are accurate within a +/- 4.2 percent margin of error at a 95 percent confidence level.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA SUPPORTED

Proposition 203, the medical marijuana proposition, is moving toward passage. Fifty-three percent of likely voters say they will vote in favor of Proposition 203 and 33 percent oppose it. Fifteen percent of likely voters are undecided. This proposition will reaffirm Arizonans' support for medical marijuana, as demonstrated in support for medical marijuana propositions in two previous elections. If passed, Proposition 203 will impose civil fines for possession of small amounts of marijuana, create a medical marijuana registry card system authorizing medicinal use of medical marijuana for certain medical conditions, and increase maximum sentences for violent crimes committed while on drugs.

VOTERS FIND GAMBLING PROPOSITIONS CONFUSING

Three gaming propositions appear on the November ballot. Much publicity has surrounded these propositions. Half of likely voters (50%) say they have heard or seen “a lot” of information about the gaming propositions and another 43 percent say they have heard or seen “some” information about these propositions. Among those familiar with the propositions, 57 percent find the three gaming propositions on the ballot to be either “very” or “somewhat” confusing.

Only one of the three gambling propositions on the ballot is headed toward passage at this moment in time. Proposition 202 is sponsored by 17 Indian tribes in Arizona. This proposition would share gambling revenues among all tribes, including those who do not host gaming facilities, and, depending on the actual size of the revenue, the proposition would share between 1 and 8 percent of net revenues with the state. Just over half of likely voters (52%) say they support Proposition 202. Thirty-one percent of likely voters oppose Proposition 202.

The two other gaming propositions are receiving more opposition than support. Proposition 200 is sponsored by the Colorado River Indian Tribes. This proposition would increase the number of gambling machines in the state, expand the types of gaming permitted, and share 3 percent of net revenues with the state. Thirty percent of likely voters support Proposition 200 and 51 percent oppose it.

Proposition 201 is sponsored by the race track industry. This proposition would allow gambling machines at horse and dog tracks off of reservation lands. It would share 40 percent of off-reservation and 8 percent of on-reservation gross revenues with the state. Twenty-two percent of likely voters support Proposition 201 and two-thirds of likely voters (65%) oppose it.

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**GRAND CANYON STATE POLL
BACKGROUND MEMO**

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The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted between September 26 and September 29, 2002. A random sample of 569 likely voters in Arizona was asked questions regarding propositions on the November 5th ballot. Survey question results are subject to a sampling error of +/- 4.2 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.

Proposition 203 would change the punishment for possession of small amounts of marijuana from possible jail time to civil fines, create a medical marijuana registry card system authorizing medicinal use of marijuana for certain medical conditions and increase the maximum sentences for violent crimes committed while on drugs. Are you likely to vote in favor of or against this proposition?

	Vote in Favor	Vote Against	Don't know	(N)
Total	53%	33%	15%	(562)

There are three gambling propositions on the ballot this year. How much have you heard or seen about these propositions: a lot, some, or nothing at all?

	A lot	Some	Nothing at all	Don't know	(N)
Total	50%	43%	5%	2%	(565)

Do you find the fact that there are three gambling propositions on the ballot to be very confusing, somewhat confusing, or not very confusing at all?

	Very confusing	Somewhat confusing	Not at all confusing	Don't know	(N)
Total	16%	41%	39%	4%	(523)

Proposition 200 is sponsored by the Colorado River Indian Tribes. This proposition would increase the number of gambling machines on reservations in Arizona, expand the types of gaming permitted, and share 3% of net revenues with the state. Are you likely to vote in favor of or against this proposition?

	Vote in Favor	Vote Against	Don't know	(N)
Total	30%	51%	19%	(559)

Proposition 201 is sponsored by the race track industry. This proposition would allow gambling machines at horse and dog tracks off of reservations. It would share 40 percent of off-reservation and 8 percent of on-reservation gross revenues with the state. Are you likely to vote in favor of or against this proposition?

	Vote in Favor	Vote Against	Don't know	(N)
Total	22%	65%	14%	(560)

Proposition 202 is sponsored by 17 tribes in Arizona. This proposition would share gambling revenues among all tribes, including those who do not host gaming facilities and, depending on the actual size of the revenue, it would also share between 1 and 8 percent of net revenues with the state. Are you likely to vote in favor of or against this proposition?

	Vote in Favor	Vote Against	Don't know	(N)
Total	52%	31%	17%	(560)