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**NAPOLITANO AND KYL FAVORED FOR REELECTION;
VOTERS BACK MINIMUM WAGE, FARM ANIMAL PROPOSITIONS;
RIVAL ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES NECK-AND-NECK;
VOTER REWARD PROGRAM UNLIKELY TO PASS**

A recent survey of likely voters in Arizona finds that Governor Napolitano remains in a strong position to be reelected in November. Senator Jon Kyl is favored to win reelection, but voters remain undecided late in the election season, according to results of the *Grand Canyon State Poll* conducted by the Social Research Laboratory at Northern Arizona University. Seventy percent or more of likely voters say they will vote to increase Arizona's minimum wage (Proposition 202), will vote in favor of humane treatment of farm animals (Proposition 204), and will vote to prevent illegal immigrants from accessing state-sponsored educational and child-care opportunities (Proposition 300).

Opposing anti-smoking propositions (201 and 206) are favored to pass, as are the ballot measures to prohibiting same-sex marriage and restricting government use of eminent domain. Likely voters are poised to reject the program to award a randomly selected voter with 1 million dollars.

The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted by the Social Research Laboratory at Northern Arizona University between October 11 and 16, 2006. The survey was conducted with 403 randomly-selected, likely Arizona voters. Survey results are valid at a +/- 4.9 percent margin of error, at a 95 percent confidence level.

CANDIDATE SUPPORT

Governor Janet Napolitano is strongly favored to win reelection against Republican challenger Len Munsil. Fifty-eight percent of likely voters say they would vote to reelect the Governor if the election was held today. Twenty-five percent of likely voters support Munsil and three percent support Barry Hess, the Libertarian candidate.

Senator Jon Kyl is favored to win reelection with a 16 percentage point lead over Democratic challenger Jim Pederson. However, the election remains fluid as Senator Kyl has less than 50 percent support and 14 percent of likely voters remain undecided. Richard Mack, the Libertarian candidate, is supported by two percent of voters.

PROPOSITION SUPPORT

Likely voters have some strong preferences when it comes to measures appearing on this year's ballot. The proposal to increase minimum wage to \$6.75 in Arizona is widely favored to win (Proposition 202). Overall, 73 percent of likely voters support this measure with 57 percent "strongly" supporting the measure.

Proposition 204, the measure to regulate living conditions for pregnant pigs and veal calves, is supported by 72 percent of likely voters with 55 percent of voters "strongly supporting" humane treatment of farm animals.

The measure to make illegal immigrants ineligible for state-supported programs such as adult education classes, literacy programs, and child care assistance is supported by 70 percent of likely voters (Proposition 300). Among likely voters, 52 percent "strongly support" these restrictions.

Other ballot measures are supported by small majorities of likely voters. Proposition 107, which would amend the Arizona constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, is supported by just over half (51%) of likely voters. Both anti-smoking measures (Proposition 201 and 206) are likely to win with 56 percent support for Proposition 201 and 55 percent support for Proposition 206. If both measures pass, the proposition with the largest number of votes prevails in areas where the proposals conflict. Fifty-three percent of likely voters would vote to limit the use of eminent domain by state and local government

(Proposition 207). Although a majority of voters support this measure, a significant percentage of voters (20%) remain undecided on this question.

Only one proposition is headed toward certain defeat: Proposition 200 which would establish a voter reward random drawing program. While thirty-four percent of likely votes support giving one million dollars to a randomly-selected voter every two years, fifty-nine percent of likely voters oppose Proposition 200.

Proposition	% Support
Prop 107: Protect Marriage Arizona	51%
Prop 200: Arizona Voter Reward Act	34%
Prop 201: Smoke-Free Arizona Act	56%
Prop 202: Minimum Wage for Working Arizonans Act	73%
Prop 204: Human Treatment of Farm Animals Act	72%
Prop 206: Arizona Non-Smoker Protection Act	55%
Prop 207: Private Property Rights Protection Act	53%
Prop 300: Public Program Eligibility	70%

Fred Solop, director of the Social Research Laboratory commented, “Voters are paying attention to the election and weighing available information. There are some very clear preferences among voters to support Governor Napolitano’s reelection bid, to increase the Arizona minimum wage, and to reject the Arizona Voter Rewards Program. At the same time, there are many ballot issues that continue to remain in question. As campaigns heat up over the next three weeks, voters will be paying more attention and finalizing their choices. The election season will continue to be interesting.”



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**GRAND CANYON STATE POLL
BACKGROUND MEMO**

Fall 2006

The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted between October 11 and 16, 2006. A random sample of 403 likely Arizona voters was asked questions regarding politics in Arizona. Survey question results are subject to a sampling error of +/-4.9 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. March 2006 *Grand Canyon State Poll* data come from a survey of 527 registered Arizona voters, with a sampling error of +/- 4.3 percent at a 95 percent confidence level.

This November, Arizonans will be voting for governor. If the election was held today, would you vote to re-elect Janet Napolitano, a Democrat, to be Governor; vote for Len Munsil, the Republican candidate; vote for Barry Hess, the Libertarian candidate, or would you vote for some other candidate? [*Order of candidates rotated*]

	N	%
Janet Napolitano	237	58%
Len Munsil	92	25%
Barry Hess	12	3%
Some other candidate	10	2%
Don't know	47	12%

This November, Arizonans will be voting for senator. If the election was held today, would you vote to re-elect Jon Kyl, a Republican, for senator; vote for Jim Pederson, the Democratic candidate; vote for Richard Mack, the Libertarian candidate; or would you vote for some other candidate? [*Order of candidates rotated*]

	N	%
Jon Kyl	188	49%
Jim Pederson	140	33%
Richard Mack	8	2%
Some other candidate	10	2%
Don't know	54	14%

In addition to voting for candidates in November, you will be able to vote on a series of ballot questions. I will read a short description of some questions that will appear on the ballot. Please tell me if you would support or oppose each question if the election was held today.

[Order of initiatives rotated.]

Proposition 107: Protect Marriage Arizona

One ballot question would amend the Arizona constitution to define marriage as only consisting of the union of one man and one woman, and prohibit the state from recognizing any legal status for unmarried persons that is similar to that of marriage. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this ballot question?

Support	Oppose
51%	42%

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/ Depends
October	44%	7%	9%	33%	7%
March	39%	13%	9%	31%	8%

Proposition 200: AZ Voter Reward Act

One ballot question would establish a voter reward random drawing program. Arizona would hold a drawing every two years with a first prize of one million dollars or more for a randomly selected voter. Voters who cast ballots in primary or general elections would be eligible to win. The money will come from the Arizona Lottery and private donations. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this ballot question?

Support	Oppose
34%	59%

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Opposed	Strongly Opposed	Don't know/ Depends
October	18%	16%	11%	48%	8%

Proposition 201: Smoke-Free Arizona Act:

One ballot initiative would prohibit smoking in enclosed public places and workplaces, and would add a cigarette tax of two cents per pack to pay for enforcement of these new restrictions. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this initiative?

Support	Oppose
56%	39%

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/Depends
October	49%	7%	9%	30%	6%
March	58%	12%	19%	4%	7%

Proposition 202: Minimum Wage for Working Arizonans Act

One initiative would raise the minimum wage in Arizona to \$6.75 per hour in 2007 and add a cost-of-living adjustment once a year after that. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this initiative?

Support	Oppose
73%	22%

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/Depends
October	57%	16%	8%	14%	5%
March	62%	19%	5%	9%	5%

Proposition 204: Human Treatment of Farm Animals Act

One ballot initiative relates to the treatment of confined farm animals. It would require that pregnant pigs and veal calves be given enough room to turn around and lie down freely in their pen. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this initiative?

Support	Oppose
72%	16%

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/Depends
October	55%	17%	9%	7%	11%
March	57%	21%	4%	9%	9%

Proposition 206: Arizona Non-Smoker Protection Act

One ballot question would prohibit smoking in enclosed public places and workplaces, with certain exceptions, including bars, bars in restaurants, clubs or pool halls, and tobacco shops. These regulations would override all city and county smoking laws. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this initiative?

	Support	Oppose			
	55%	39%			
	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/Depends
October	37%	18%	7%	32%	6%

Proposition 207: Private Property Rights Protection Act

One ballot question would limit the use of eminent domain by state and local government. Supporters say this measure would limit the government to only take property that is put to public use and provide compensation and legal costs to the owner. Opponents say this measure would severely limit government in its ability to enact and enforce regulations and would allow land owners and developers to seek compensation by claiming the value of their property or business has been harmed by zoning regulations. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this ballot question?

	Support	Oppose			
	53%	29%			
	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/Depends
October	34%	19%	11%	18%	20%

Proposition 300

One ballot question would make only citizens or legal residents of the United States eligible to participate in state subsidized adult education classes, receive in-state tuition for community college and university purposes, receive state subsidized child care assistance, and participate in state sponsored family literacy programs. If the election was held today, would you support or oppose this ballot question?

	Support	Oppose			
	70%	22%			
	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know/Depends
October	52%	18%	7%	15%	9%