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**Tabulations From a Survey of California Registered Voters
About the Job Performance of Governor Schwarzenegger and the State
Legislature as well as the Direction that California is Heading**

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Introduction

This volume presents the statistical data developed from a *Field Poll* survey of registered voters in California about the job performance of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state legislature as well as the direction that California is heading. *The Field Poll* is an independent and non-partisan survey of public opinion in California established in 1945 by Mervin Field. Reports of *The Field Poll*, typically published 30-50 times per year, cover a wide range of political, and political topics. Many of California's leading media properties and news organizations publish and broadcast the results of each *Field Poll* report as feature or breaking news stories in their respective publications and broadcasts. All new and previous reports since 1995 are available to the public through its online archives at www.field.com/fieldpollonline. *The Field Poll* is owned and operated by Field Research Corporation, with headquarters in San Francisco, California.

The results contained in this report are based on a *Field Poll* survey completed among a representative sample of 1,052 registered voters statewide. In order to cover a broad range of issues, the overall sample was divided into two random subsamples of 502 voters and 550 voters on some questions. All interviewing was conducted during the period May 17-26, 2008 by telephone in English and Spanish.

Sample Frame

Voters in the survey were selected randomly from a listing of California's statewide voter registration rolls. The list used by Field provides a telephone number for about 90% of the state's registered voters. These telephone numbers come from a variety of sources, including telephone numbers included by the voter on the his/her official voter registration form, as well as through cross-referencing voter names and addresses against recent telephone directories and other telephone matching services. While the telephone numbers are primarily landline telephone numbers, these phone listings also include cell phones, whenever a cell phone number is provided by the voter when registering or in other settings accessible through telephone matching services. Thus, cell phones are not systematically excluded from the sample frame. Special procedures were used in the survey when contacting voters on their cell phones to include them into the survey sample.

Data Collection

Prior to the start of data collection, professionally-trained telephone interviewers were briefed with regard to the survey's proper calling and interviewing procedures by the Study Director. This session provided both interviewers and supervisors with an overview of the study and includes a question-by-question review of all items in the survey. Interviewers then completed all survey interviews by telephone through the computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) system. CATI controls the telephone scripts read to individual respondents by displaying the appropriate questionnaire items and their valid response code alternatives in their proper sequence on computer screens at each interviewer's booth. The interviewer then reads each question aloud to the respondent from the screen and enters each respondent's pre-coded answer category through the keyboard directly to a computer disk. All answers are automatically stored in computer memory.

In order to bring hard-to-reach respondents into the survey, up to six attempts (an initial call plus five callbacks) were made to each telephone number selected for inclusion into the sample. Callbacks were made at different times and on different days to increase the probability of finding adults available for the interview. Where possible, appointments are made at specified dates and times to maximize convenience and cooperation rates.

Data Processing

Because CATI itself provides for the direct data entry of responses by the interviewer and does not permit ineligible or invalid data entries, the data file resulting from CATI interviewing is itself virtually error-free.

Following this, a final series of data checks were performed by means of a specially designed cleaning program that scrutinizes each respondent record for internally inconsistent information. Once the data were determined to be clean and error-free, the sample was weighted slightly to align it to known estimates of the demographic and regional characteristics of the state's registered voter population. Please note that the bases shown throughout the tabulations in this report are weighted bases and differ slightly from the actual number of respondents interviewed within each subgroup.

Guide to Reading the Tables

The following is an explanation of the detailed statistical tabulations contained in this report:

- The question or questions upon which the data are based is shown at the top of each table
- Tables are percentaged vertically with the raw percentage base appearing at the top of each column.
- The data have been weighted to known parameters of the statewide registered voter population. All percentages and frequencies reported in each table are therefore weighted tabulations.
- In instances where percentages are calculated on small bases (e.g., when the unweighted base is fewer than 100 respondents) the reader is urged to interpret the data with caution, since results are subject to relatively large levels of sampling error.
- Throughout the tables an asterisk is used to denote a value of less than 1/2 of 1%. A hyphen indicates zero value. On some tables the percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple mentions.
- Bases of subgroups used in the tabulations may add to less than the total number of respondents due to some respondents not reporting that characteristic.

Subgroup Definitions

The following are some of the definitions applicable to some of the voter subgroups reported in this volume:

Area

Southern California: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Imperial, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern, and San Luis Obispo counties

Northern California: all other 48 California counties

Coastal Counties: San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Santa Clara, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties

Inland counties: all other 38 California counties

Region

Los Angeles: Los Angeles County

San Diego/Orange: San Diego County and Orange counties

Other South: San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo

SF Bay Area: San Francisco, Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo

Central Valley: Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba

Other North: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, and Tuolumne

All other subgroups are based on demographic variables or are derived from questions asked in the survey.

Estimates of Sampling Error

In any survey based on a sampling, there is some sampling error introduced into the data by the process of sampling itself. When the sample has been drawn using random processes, it is possible to apply probability principles to determine the potential range of such error. While survey samples of human populations rarely, if ever, meet all of the criteria theoretically required for the application of these principles, it is customary to use them as an approximation of error that is introduced as a result of sampling. The table below shows the range of error that is associated with samples of various sizes, assuming the use of the 95% confidence level, which is customary for most public opinion surveys. For example, if 50% of a sample of overall sample of 1,052 registered voters interviewed answered “yes” to a specific question, this statistic would have a sampling error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. This means that there is a 95% chance that had the entire population of registered voters statewide been interviewed using the same questionnaire and methods, the results of such a census would yield a result between 46.8% and 53.2%. The same procedure can be used to estimate the sample error ranges of any other statistic contained in this report.

Approximate <u>sample size</u>	<u>Approximate percentage distribution of replies to question</u>				
	<u>10%</u>	<u>30%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>90%</u>
100	+/- 6.0	+/- 9.2	+/- 10.0	+/- 9.2	+/- 6.0
200	+/- 4.3	+/- 6.5	+/- 7.1	+/- 6.5	+/- 4.3
400	+/- 3.0	+/- 4.6	+/- 5.0	+/- 4.6	+/- 3.0
500	+/- 2.7	+/- 4.1	+/- 4.5	+/- 4.1	+/- 2.7
700	+/- 2.3	+/- 3.5	+/- 3.8	+/- 3.5	+/- 2.3
1000	+/- 1.9	+/- 2.9	+/- 3.2	+/- 2.9	+/- 1.9

There are many other possible sources of error other than sampling variability in this and any other public opinion survey. Different results could occur because of differences in question wording, sequencing, the rigor with which sampling procedures were implemented, or through undetected errors or omissions in sampling, interviewing or data processing. The Field professionals working on this study did everything possible to minimize such errors.

Questions Asked

Thinking about things here in this state, do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track? (ASKED OF A RANDOM SUBSAMPLE OF VOTERS)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as Governor of California?

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the California state legislature is doing its job? (ASKED OF A RANDOM SUBSAMPLE OF VOTERS)

Tabulations

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Table 22

Q.09 Thinking about things here in this state, do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track?

Base: Registered voters (form A)

	Likelihood of Voting																		
	Region					Area					Party Regis.				Likely Voter In June Primary				
	Total	Cal	Cal	Coast	Inland	LA	San Diego/Ornge	Other South	S.F. Bay Area	Central Valley	Other North	Dem	Rep	Other	Lkly in Nov. election.	Total	Pre-cinct Voter	Absen-tee Voter	Al-ready Voted
Weighted Base	502	295	207	354	148	125	91	72	105	83	26	219	165	119	429	295	149	146	35
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Right direction	113	60	53	85	28	25	24	9	26	20	8	41	32	39	93	47	27	20	5
	22.5	20.2	25.7	24.0	18.8	20.3	26.3	13.0	25.1	23.5	31.2	18.9	19.6	33.0	21.7	15.9	17.9	13.8	14.6
Wrong track	343	212	131	234	109	87	61	60	64	55	16	153	123	67	297	217	111	107	25
	68.3	71.8	63.2	66.0	73.7	69.2	66.8	83.6	61.4	66.1	60.8	70.2	74.3	56.3	69.1	73.6	74.1	73.0	70.1
Don't know	47	24	23	36	11	13	6	2	14	9	2	24	10	13	39	31	12	19	5
	9.3	8.0	11.1	10.0	7.5	10.5	6.9	3.3	13.4	10.4	7.9	10.9	6.1	10.7	9.1	10.5	8.0	13.2	15.4

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Table 23

Q.09 Thinking about things here in this state, do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track?

Base: Registered voters (form A)

	Gender		Age					Ethnicity					Political ideology					Marital Status		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 or Older	White non- Hisp- anic	La- tino	Black	Asian/ Other	Strng serv- ative	Mod. serv- ative	Mid. of the Road	Mod. lib- eral	Strng lib- eral	Mar- ried/ Live Tgthr	Separ Divor -wed	Never Mar- ried
Weighted Base	502	234	268	81	69	113	141	99	325	92	27	64	96	59	201	64	83	319	74	105
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Right direction	113	54	59	34	17	16	34	12	77	15	5	16	12	10	55	17	19	63	11	38
	22.5	22.9	22.1	42.1	24.4	14.0	24.0	12.6	23.8	16.6	19.7	25.1	12.1	17.9	27.2	27.2	22.5	19.8	14.8	36.1
Wrong track	343	157	186	42	44	86	95	75	213	73	21	41	79	42	128	39	54	232	52	56
	68.3	67.1	69.3	52.2	64.7	76.4	67.7	75.5	65.5	79.2	77.6	63.9	82.7	72.0	63.5	61.8	65.4	72.7	70.1	53.2
Don't know	47	24	23	5	8	11	12	12	35	4	1	7	5	6	19	7	10	24	11	11
	9.3	10.1	8.6	5.8	10.9	9.7	8.3	11.9	10.8	4.1	2.7	11.0	5.1	10.1	9.3	11.0	12.1	7.6	15.1	10.7

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Table 24

Q.09 Thinking about things here in this state, do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track?

Base: Registered voters (form A)

	Education					Household Income				Religion			Born Again Christian		Union status		
	H.S. Grad-uate or less	Some Col-lege/Trade Sch'l	Col-lege Grad	Post Grad-uate Work	Less Than \$20K	\$20K -40K	\$40K -80K	More Than \$80K	Pro-tstnt /Chrs	Cath-olic	Other	None/No Pref.	Yes	No	Union Affil	Non-iated union	
Weighted Base	502	123	136	137	103	59	83	143	177	159	146	117	68	102	386	124	373
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Right direction	113	27	20	48	16	10	21	30	46	29	34	26	22	13	98	23	88
	22.5	22.3	14.9	35.0	15.8	16.4	25.7	20.6	26.2	17.9	23.4	22.1	31.8	13.0	25.5	18.3	23.7
Wrong track	343	90	101	71	78	44	54	105	116	121	102	74	37	84	246	89	251
	68.3	73.6	74.1	52.1	75.6	73.7	64.5	73.5	65.8	76.1	69.7	63.3	53.5	83.0	63.8	71.9	67.2
Don't know	47	5	15	18	9	6	8	8	14	9	10	17	10	4	41	12	34
	9.3	4.1	11.0	13.0	8.5	9.9	9.8	5.9	8.0	5.9	6.9	14.6	14.7	3.9	10.7	9.7	9.1

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Table 25

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as Governor of California?

Base: Registered voters

	Likelihood of Voting																		
	Region					Area					Party Regis.				Likely Voter In June Primary				
	Total	Cal	Cal	Coast	In-land	LA	San Di- Ornge	Other South	S.F. Bay Area	Cent- ral Val- ley	Other North	Dem	Rep	Non- Part/ Other	Nov. elec- tion.	Lkly in Total	Pre- cinct Voter June	Absen- tee Voter June	Al- ready Voted June
Weighted Base	1052	619	433	744	308	262	192	150	219	175	54	458	346	248	910	629	313	316	81
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Approve	432	244	188	313	119	107	81	52	92	70	30	147	176	110	376	242	116	126	31
	41.1	39.4	43.5	42.1	38.7	41.0	42.3	34.6	41.9	40.3	55.0	32.1	50.8	44.2	41.3	38.5	37.2	39.8	38.7
Disapprove	509	320	189	359	150	138	96	80	94	82	20	257	139	114	444	317	165	153	38
	48.4	51.8	43.7	48.3	48.8	52.6	50.3	53.2	42.9	46.6	36.7	56.0	40.1	45.9	48.8	50.5	52.6	48.4	46.4
Don't know	110	55	55	72	38	17	14	18	33	23	4	54	31	25	90	69	32	37	12
	10.5	8.8	12.8	9.6	12.5	6.4	7.4	12.2	15.2	13.1	8.3	11.8	9.1	9.9	9.9	11.0	10.2	11.8	14.8

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Table 26

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as Governor of California?

Base: Registered voters

	Gender		Age					Ethnicity					Political ideology					Marital Status		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 or Older	White non- Hispanic	La- tino	Black	Asian/ Other	Strng serv- ative	Mod. serv- ative	Mid. the Road	Mod. lib- eral	Strng lib- eral	Mar- ried/ Live Tgthr	Separ Divor- wed	Never Mar- ried
Weighted Base	1052	491	561	169	160	209	307	207	674	210	45	131	187	121	444	131	169	680	158	205
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Approve	432	229	203	80	58	80	128	87	310	66	13	46	78	62	187	57	48	270	65	94
	41.1	46.6	36.3	47.4	36.4	38.0	41.7	41.8	46.0	31.3	28.2	34.8	41.9	51.2	42.2	43.5	28.3	39.7	40.8	46.0
Disapprove	509	215	294	74	86	112	152	86	298	126	26	66	91	52	197	58	112	337	71	97
	48.4	43.8	52.4	43.7	53.5	53.4	49.6	41.6	44.2	59.9	57.7	50.5	48.5	42.7	44.4	44.6	65.9	49.5	44.9	47.3
Don't know	110	47	63	15	16	18	27	34	66	18	6	19	18	7	59	16	10	74	23	14
	10.5	9.5	11.3	8.8	10.0	8.6	8.8	16.6	9.8	8.8	14.1	14.6	9.6	6.1	13.4	11.9	5.7	10.8	14.3	6.7

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Table 27

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling his job as Governor of California?

Base: Registered voters

	Education					Household Income			Religion				Born Again Christian		Union stat		
	Total	H.S. Grad- uate or less	Some Col- lege/ Trade Sch'l	Col- lege Grad	Post Grad- uate Work	Less Than \$20K	\$20 -40K	\$40 -80K	More Than \$80K	Pro- tstnt /Chrs	Cath- olic	Other	None/ No Pref.	Yes	No	Union Affil	Non- iated union
Weighted Base	1052	235	301	267	242	108	170	302	384	342	291	236	157	212	816	260	783
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Approve	432	88	125	126	91	34	66	128	174	148	115	91	69	78	349	89	342
	41.1	37.5	41.6	47.0	37.5	31.5	39.1	42.5	45.4	43.4	39.5	38.5	43.8	36.7	42.8	34.1	43.7
Disapprove	509	127	142	115	123	62	81	139	178	152	152	118	74	109	385	156	349
	48.4	53.8	47.1	42.9	50.8	57.8	47.8	46.2	46.3	44.6	52.2	49.8	47.4	51.5	47.2	60.0	44.6
Don't know	110	20	34	27	28	12	22	34	32	41	24	28	14	25	82	15	92
	10.5	8.7	11.3	10.1	11.7	10.7	13.1	11.4	8.3	12.0	8.3	11.7	8.8	11.8	10.0	5.9	11.7

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Table 28

Q.11 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the California state legislature is doing its job?

Base: Registered voters (form A)

	Likelihood of Voting																			
	Region					Area					Party Regis.				Likely Voter In June Primary					
	North/South		Coast/Inlnd			San Di-ego/Ornge	Other South	S.F. Bay Area	Cen-tral Valley	Other North	Dem	Rep	Non-Part/Other	Nov. elec-tion.	Lkly in Pre-cinct Voter	Total June	Absen-tee Voter June	Al-ready Voted June		
	Total	Cal	Cal	Coast	In-land															
Weighted Base	502	295	207	354	148	125	91	72	105	83	26	219	165	119	429	295	149	146	35	
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Approve	149	82	67	110	40	37	27	17	33	22	13	66	32	51	128	76	42	34	7	
	29.7	27.8	32.5	30.9	26.8	29.7	30.0	23.2	31.4	26.4	51.5	30.4	19.3	43.1	29.7	25.8	28.4	23.1	20.3	
Disapprove	284	175	109	195	89	68	57	45	50	53	11	113	123	47	248	186	85	101	26	
	56.5	59.1	52.7	54.9	60.3	54.3	61.9	62.4	47.7	64.0	43.0	51.9	74.6	39.7	57.7	63.0	57.2	68.9	73.2	
Don't know	69	39	31	50	19	20	7	10	22	8	1	39	10	20	54	33	21	12	2	
	13.8	13.1	14.7	14.1	12.9	16.0	8.1	14.4	20.9	9.7	5.5	17.7	6.1	17.2	12.6	11.2	14.3	8.1	6.5	

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Table 29

Q.11 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the California state legislature is doing its job?

Base: Registered voters (form A)

	Gender		Age					Ethnicity					Political ideology					Marital Status		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 or Older	White non- Hisp- anic	La- tino	Black	Asian/ Other	Strng serv- ative	Mod. serv- ative	Mid. the Road	Mod. lib- eral	Strng lib- eral	Mar- ried/ Live Tgthr	Separ Divor -wed	Never Mar- ried
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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Approve	149	85	65	38	18	30	38	26	96	25	9	21	22	13	64	25	26	86	22	41
	29.7	36.1	24.2	47.1	26.0	26.2	27.0	26.0	29.7	27.6	31.5	32.5	23.2	21.6	31.7	38.4	31.6	27.0	29.1	39.5
Disapprove	284	128	156	33	40	66	83	62	189	49	11	37	65	40	109	27	42	187	39	55
	56.5	54.7	58.1	41.4	57.7	58.4	58.9	62.4	58.1	53.6	41.6	58.6	68.3	68.5	54.2	42.2	51.1	58.4	53.2	52.6
Don't know	69	22	48	9	11	17	20	11	40	17	7	6	8	6	28	12	14	47	13	8
	13.8	9.2	17.7	11.5	16.2	15.4	14.1	11.6	12.2	18.8	26.8	9.0	8.6	9.9	14.1	19.4	17.3	14.6	17.7	7.9

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Table 30

Q.11 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the California state legislature is doing its job?

Base: Registered voters (form A)

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	Total	H.S. Grad- or less	Some Col- lege/ Trade Sch'l	Col- lege Grad	Post Grad- uate Work	Less Than \$20K	\$20 -40K	\$40 -80K	More Than \$80K	Pro- tstnt /Chrs	Cath- olic	Other	None/ No Pref.	Yes	No	Union Affil	Non- union
Weighted Base	502	123	136	137	103	59	83	143	177	159	146	117	68	102	386	124	373
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Approve	149	37	32	51	29	13	31	35	61	37	37	43	32	24	124	40	109
	29.7	30.1	23.7	37.3	28.0	21.7	37.1	24.5	34.4	23.3	25.1	36.9	46.7	23.4	32.2	32.7	29.2
Disapprove	284	66	83	70	62	34	39	96	94	103	87	59	25	66	210	69	211
	56.5	54.1	60.8	51.1	59.7	57.4	46.4	66.8	53.0	64.9	59.6	50.6	36.9	65.3	54.3	55.4	56.5
Don't know	69	19	21	16	13	12	14	12	22	19	22	15	11	12	52	15	54
	13.8	15.8	15.5	11.6	12.3	20.9	16.5	8.7	12.7	11.9	15.3	12.6	16.4	11.3	13.5	12.0	14.3