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CAMPAIGN 2010: THE LATEST DATA FROM SURVEY USA COVERING GOVERNOR & U.S. SENATE RACES.

Editor's note: The polling took place 5/21 to 5/23 among 612 likely GOP primary voters and 716 likely Demo primary voters. Polling included what *Calpeek* considers non-serious candidates – and we didn't include those candidates or their numbers. The Survey USA poll also included data for the GOP and Demo Attorney General primaries...

GOVERNOR – Steve Poizner(R) 27%, Meg Whitman 54%, others 10% and undecided 9%...

...What's of interest in this match up is that Whitman stomps Poizner with conservative voters: 27% for Poizner and 55% for Whitman. Given Poizner's hard line conservative message and ads on immigration and other issues, the 55% number for EMeg seems high...

...There's also a new poll by The Daily Kos, May 17-19 – taken just after the PPIC survey. It shows Whitman with a 46% to 36% lead over Poizner. The PPIC poll had Whitman leading 38% to 29%. So these two polls are fairly close and our sources think they are more reflective of what's happening than the newest Survey USA poll – in the GOP governor's primary...

...On the Demo side, Jerry Brown is at 70%, the undecided vote is 14% and other candidates 15%...

U.S. SENATE – Carly Fiorina(R) 46%, Tom Campbell 23% and Chuck DeVore 14%. Other candidates 6% and undecided 11%...

...This is a major jump upward for Fiorina as compared to the PPIC survey taken May 9-16 that showed a much tighter primary, with Fiorina leading Campbell by a margin of 25% to 23%, with DeVore at 16% and don't know at 36%. The big jump is probably due to Fiorina's two tv spots which have been up for two weeks. Campbell is now on tv with a pretty good ad...

ATTORNEY GENERAL – On the GOP side, L.A. Co. DA Steve Cooley has a slim lead over State Sen. Tom Harman, 29% to 28%, with John Eastman trailing at 14%, with 29% undecided...

...On the Democratic Party side, it's S.F. Co. DA Kamala Harris leading the pack with 25%, followed by Chris Kelly with 17%. In third is former L.A. City Atty. Rocky Delgadillo with 13%. The three Demo legislators are in single digits: Ted Lieu 7%, Pedro Nava 8% and Alberto Torrico 5%. The undecided is 22% and one other candidate, Mike Schmier, has 3%...

...In terms of geographic support, Harris has a lock on the Bay Area with 44%. Delgadillo leads in L.A. Co. with 25%, while Kelly has 17% in this same area. FYI: Kelly remains the only serious Demo with a solid tv/cable buy. His ads are just fair and he has yet to go negative on Harris on broadcast tv. Stay tuned...

U.S. TO DEPLOY TROOPS ON THE BORDER MEXICAN PRES. CALDERON'S U.S. VISIT SETS OFF A PROTEST BY CALIF. GOP CANDIDATE POIZNER.

Editor's note: Of course GOP gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner wasn't the only one criticizing Mexican Pres. Filipe Calderon's White House visit and speech to the U.S. House in which he blasted Arizona's new immigration law. Here's our commentary and analysis...

...In a speech on the House floor, U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock (R-4th CD) let go with this response to Pres. Calderon's speech: "The Mexican government has made it very clear for many years that it holds American sovereignty in contempt and Pres. Calderon's behavior as a guest of the Congress confirms and underscores this attitude."...

...After Pres. Barack Obama's White House meeting with Pres. Calderon, Obama himself denounced the new AZ law and ordered DOJ attorneys to begin a review of SB 1070 (the bill number of the new law) which probably means some kind of legal action. One day later, Pres. Obama grew some *cajones* and ordered 1,200 National Guard troops to the border to increase border security. It's not likely these soldiers will do any of the work that the Border Patrol does, but will provide "support." Demos in AZ are thrilled with the president's decision because they were getting pounded, but AZ U.S. Sen. John McCain(R) and U.S. Rep. Brian Bilbray(R-San Diego) say more troops are needed.. Bilbray is the chair of the House Immigration Reform Caucus. Bilbray is also furious that the Obama White House has again decided to postpone the implementation of the E-Verify program which requires employers to check the legal status of their workers...

...Back to Calif. politics. Poizner stepped up his attacks not only on Whitman, but on Pres. Obama too. "It's outrageous to see the President of the U.S. stand alongside Mexico's Pres. Calderon on the White House lawn to criticize Arizona's efforts to address a serious challenge that neither leader has demonstrated the fortitude to handle..." Poizner is correct and if DC news reports are accurate, don't expect any comprehensive immigration reform legislation this year. It's just too touchy for both Demos and GOPers...

...*TeamPoizner* also released a new radio attack ad which is titled, "Whitman/Calderon." It's a 60-sec. ad that says Whitman and President Calderon have the same plan to deal with illegal immigration – amnesty. The ad also features Poizner supporter Tom McClintock saying EMeg can't be trusted...

...**Polling data:** Survey USA polled San Diego residents on 6/18. To the question, "Do you agree or disagree with AZ's new law," 53% agree, 43% disagree and 4% are not sure. To the question of whether Calif. should pass a similar law: 53% say should vs. 43% say should not. Stay tuned...

ARIZONA'S NEW LAW MAY HAVE BIG UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES WHICH WILL DRIVE GOP CRAZY.
Editor's note: This is *Calpeek's* second of two stories about immigration reform. Here's our analysis & commentary...

...Over the last several weeks legal eagles have been examining AZ's new immigration law and how it interacts with current U.S. law. There are some conclusions which will drive the anti-illegal immigrant supporters up the wall...

...It gets a little technical, but in terms of criminal penalties in this new law, the *trespass provisions* were deleted from the final version of SB 1070 signed by AZ Gov. Jan Brewer(R). According to the Arizona Capitol Times and other sources, this new law actually *creates a clear state mechanism which when it meshes with current federal law whereby long term residents of AZ who have no legal presence currently, can convert their illegal status into a legal presence.*...

...The types of persons who can benefit from this new law are long term residents who have no criminal convictions and have relatives who are U.S. Citizens. This is exactly the category of person who is most likely to take advantage of a path to citizenship that has been discussed in Washington DC for years...

...A big question is if the AZ law highlights this current federal procedure, why is so much time being spent on legislatively creating a new complicated path to normalization if the Feds can administratively do this now or with some minor legislative tweaks get to the same general result under a sympathetic Obama Administration? Some Arizona Demos are calling the law, "Senator Pearce's Guest Worker Normalization" law which could help substantial numbers of AZ residents over time become U.S. citizens and voters. State Sen. Russell Pearce(R-Mesa) was the prime author of SB 1070. FYI: Pearce has another idea. He wants to deny automatic U.S. citizenship to babies born in the U.S. to parents who are in this country ille-

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...FYI: the new law, according to Forbes Magazine, has a number of provisions aimed at employers who create *job magnets* for illegal immigrants. There's a part of the AZ law which requires employers to use a Federal Employment Verification system. Problem is this system isn't considered fool-proof. Another requirement calls for extensive record keeping – this is what the Calif. Chamber of Commerce refers to as a *job killer*. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2010: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE RACES.
Editor's note: Here's an update and analysis on some key GOP U.S. House primaries...

☒ **19th CD Update** – Depending on who you talk to, it's either State Sen. Jeff Denham(R-Atwater) and former Fresno Mayor James Patterson who finish in the top two OR it is Denham vs. former 11th CD Congressman Richard Pombo in the top two spots. Denham consultant David Gilliard thinks Patterson is stronger than Pombo, especially since his base in Fresno represents 40% of the voters. Patterson is up on tv/radio. Pombo is going totally negative on Denham, but the negatives on Pombo started early and are still around. FYI: Denham just picked up the Fresno POA and the Calif. Reepublican Assembly(CRA) endorsements...

...FYI: *Team Denham* has released a new poll taken May 23-24 among 350 likely GOP primary voters. It shows Denham 31%, Patterson 23%, Pombo 14%, Larry Westerlund 9% and undecided 23%. Among absentee voters, Denham leads Patterson by a margin of 34% to 23%, with Pombo at 13%. The survey was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies...

☒ **29th CD** – High tech businessman John Colbert is a GOP candidate running against incumbent Demo U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff. Colbert is a former detective with the L.A. Co. Sheriff's Dept. and is the CEO of Guidance Software, a high-tech firm that specializes in putting criminals in prison. Colbert's platform is reducing the debt; ending pork barrel spending and earmarks. Colbert's consultants are Gilliard Blanning Assoc. and Carlos Rodriguez...

☒ **11th CD Update** – Four GOPers are battling in the primary to take on Demo U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton in November. GOP businessman David Harmer probably considers himself to be the frontrunner, but businessman and farmer Brad Goehring could make an argument that he's the frontrunner. There are two other solid GOPers in the primary. They are former U.S. Marshal Tony Amador and Elizabeth Emken, a Contra Costa businesswoman who sources say makes a good fit for the 11th CD. Amador is pushing border security as his key issue. After the visit of Mexican Pres. Calderon, Amador said, "President Obama and President Calderon seem less concerned about protecting lives and more focused on racial profiling." Harmer has been endorsed by the Calif. Republican Assembly(CRA) and former U.S. Atty General Ed Meese hosted a fundraiser for

Harman on May 19th. Goehring just got endorsed by the Atlas Political Action Committee, a pro-business PAC. He's also been endorsed by the Calif. Farm Bureau, Assemblyman Bill Berryhill, Contra Costa Sheriff Warren Rupt and San Joaquin Sheriff Steve Moore. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2010: CALIF. INITIATIVE UPDATE.

Editor's note: Included in this update are numbers from the May 9-16 PPIC survey. They have numbers on the Marijuana Initiative and the water bond, both slated for the November 2nd ballot. Here is our update & analysis...

❑ ***The Marijuana Initiative*** – The new PPIC numbers are not especially good news for the supporters. It's legalize 48% vs. should not legalize 49%, with 3% don't know. According to the PPIC analysis, Demos (56%) and independents (55%) are more likely to legalize pot than Republicans (only 34% would legalize)...

...When broken down by age group, 56% of those 18-34 favor legalization. 47% of those between 35-54 are for legalization. And 42% of those 55 and older support legalization. Men favor the legalization over women: 54% to 42%. On the question of using marijuana for medical uses, 76% of adults say it should be legal vs. 22% don't think it should be legal...

...FYI: the Calif. District Attorneys Assn. has announced its opposition to the November initiative to legalize pot. CDAAs is now part of the coalition opposed to this initiative: Public Safety First...

❑ ***The Water Bond*** – The PPIC survey shows 66% of likely Calif. voters believe the bond is important to pass this November, with 38% expressing a sense of urgency, saying the bond "is very important." Even though Calif. has had a "wet" year in 2009-10, the draught is still present...

...The San Gabriel Valley News Group (Pasadena Star News, The San Gabriel Valley Tribune and the Whittier Daily News) support the water bond. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2010: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES

Editor's note: Two weeks to go. Here's are some news items worth mentioning...

☒ Another flip flop for Steve Poizner(R) to curry favor with the Calif.'s conservatives as he has reversed his stand on AB 32. As noted by Team Whitman in a Sept. 4, 2006 email, Poizner wrote that he supported AB 32, the landmark Greenhouse Gas law signed by Gov. Arnold in 2006. AB 32 is now under siege from a coalition of business groups and conservatives and may be headed for the November ballot...

☒ President Barack Obama was in S.F. on May 25th to host a reception for U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer. The event raised another \$1.5 million dollars. An early fundraiser in L.A. on April 19th with the president netted \$3.5 million dollars for Boxer & the DCCC...

☒ S.F. Co. DA Kamala Harris has finally hit back at her most consistent Demo critic for AG – Chris Kelly. She's got a small box about Kelly on Rough & Tumble that says, "Long on exaggerations, short on experience. No law enforcement experience to be Calif.'s top cop."...

☒ The Ventura Co. Lincoln Club has endorsed GOP State Sen. George Runner for the 2nd District BOE post...

☒ What is *bubba dust*? It's what Sarah Palin sprinkles on candidates she endorses. Calpeek heard that one on one of the Sunday gab shows...

☒ Runner's GOP rival, acting BOE member Barbara Alby, has been endorsed by the Modesto & Sacramento BEE newspapers. And she's been endorsed by the Calaveras Co. GOP central committee...

☒ United Teachers Los Angeles(UTLA) has endorsed Demo Assemblyman Hector De La Torre for insurance commissioner. De La Torre is a former teacher and UTLA member. De La Torre also picked up the endorsement of Sacto Mayor Kevin Johnson...

☒ KFI Radio talk show hosts Ken & John have recommended State Sen. Sam Aanestad(R) for Lt. Governor. Ken & John also stuck it to Aanestad's GOP rival, Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado – they called Maldo a *Tax Traitor*..."

☒ Former L.A. City Atty. Rocky Delgadillo finally opened up on S.F. DA Kamala Harris for her failure to disclose, as the law requires, the arrest records of police who were witnesses in her cases. "This failure will lead to the dismissal of 80 cases and the release of criminal suspects." Delgadillo noted that the S.F. Chron reported on the "total lack of a disclosure process" in the DA's office. "This disclosure is required by the 1963 Brady Decision."...

☒ Demo AG candidate Chris Kelly is also hammering Harris over the Brady issue. The S.F. Chron reported that S.F. Police Chief George Gascon first told Harris about the Brady issues back in September of 2009...

LATEST CALIFORNIA REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Editor's note: Report on Registration released by CA Sec. of State Debra Bowen(D) on May 23rd. FYI: the number of registered voters in Calif. is 16,897,383. The info was reported 60 days prior to the June 8th primary.

| <u>Political Party</u> | <u>#Registered</u> | <u>% of total</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Democratic | 7,530,799 | 44.57% |
| Republican | 5,202,142 | 30.79% |
| DTS | 3,403,373 | 20.14% |
| Amer. Indep. | 390,375 | 2.13% |
| Green | 112,136 | 0.66% |
| Libertarian | 85,560 | 0.51% |
| Peace & Freedom | 56,189 | 0.33% |

...FYI: In April of 2006, GOP registration was at 34.6% and Demo registration was 42.7%. Stay turned...

☒ As if Harris didn't have enough problems. S.F. Judge Anne-Christine Massullo is blaming Harris for the fiasco and scandal dealing with the drug lab revelations. This scandal was before the Brady business surfaced. The S.F. Chron's headline on this story reads *Judge rips Harris' office for hiding problems*. The *L.A. Times* finally woke up and covered the flap on May 28th...

☒ GOP U.S. Senate candidate Chuck DeVore has signed the American Family Business Inst.'s "Death Tax Repeal Pledge." The pledge calls for the permanent repeal of the Federal Estate Tax...

☒ S.F. Mayor Gavin Newsom has been endorsed by the Sierra Club...

☒ L.A. Councilwoman Janice Hahn wins the endorsement of L.A. City Atty. Carmen Trutanich and L.A. Councilmembers Jose Huizar and Paul Krekorian in her primary for Lt. Governor...

☒ GOP U.S. Senate candidate Carly Fiorina's team distributed a mailer featuring quotes from Sarah Palin, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. and the Nat'l Tax-Limitation Committee. Palin and her endorsement of Fiorina is correct, but the HJTA and the NTLC endorsed Chuck DeVore, not *Miss Smarty Pants*. And both organizations want a public apology from Fiorina. Tom Campbell(R) did almost the same thing: he lifted a quote from conservative U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock to boost his campaign. McClintock supports DeVore. McC wouldn't be caught dead endorsing or saying anything positive about Campbell. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES

Editor's note: Here are a few news items of interest...

◆ **43rd AD Special Update** – Lots of new endorsements for both Demo Mike Gatto and GOPer Sunder Ramani. Ramani won the endorsement of former Gov. George Deukmejian and former Glendale Mayor Rafi Manoukian, who is a Democrat. Gatto won the endorsement of the L.A. Daily News. But the biggest news occurred two weeks ago when the second Demo in the 43rd Assembly District runoff, Chahe Keuroghelian, decided to end his active candidacy. He'll still be on the ballot. There will be two primary votes on June 8th. Don't ask, it's too confusing...

◆ **Calif. Republican Assembly Endorses Statewide** – The largest GOP grassroots organization in Calif., CRA, has endorsed the following: Steve Poizner – Governor; Sam Aanestad – Lt. Governor; Chuck DeVore – U.S. Senate; John Eastman – AG; Damon Dunn – Sec. of State; Mimi Walters – State Treasurer; Tony Strickland – Controller; Diane Lenning – Supt. of Public Inst.; George Runner – BOE #2; Michelle Steel – BOE #3; YES on 13; NO on 14; NO on 15; YES on 16 and YES on 17. There was no endorsement in the GOP primary for insurance commissioner...

◆ **EMeg, Poizner, Prop. 16 and Prop. 17 Dominate TV** – These four campaigns have made it almost impossible for other candidates to get any traction on tv. Campbell and Fiorina are now up in the U.S. Senate race; Kelly is up in the AG's race; De La Torre and Jones are up on tv in the insurance commissioner's race. But these candidates have very small tv budgets compared to those named in the headline. DeVore is up on KFI Radio...

CAMPAIGN 2010: PPIC SURVEY GOOD NEWS FOR OBAMA & BOXER, NOT SO GOOD FOR ARNOLD

Editor's note: The new Pubic Policy Inst. of Calif. survey was conducted May 9-16. Both landline phones and cell phones were used. The sample size was 1,168 likely voters. Nothing that's too shocking in the results. Here's our brief analysis & commentary...

◆ Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's numbers are still down in the dumps. His **23%** approval mark is a new low and his **65%** disapprove number is an another new high. And these numbers are across the board...

...The only thing that's worse are the numbers given to the Calif. Legislature: among all adults, it's 16% approve; 72% disapprove; and 12% don't know...

◆ President Barack Obama's numbers in Calif. are actually pretty good. His job approval rating is **59%**. But 37% disapprove and 4% don't know. Demos give Pres. Obama an 81% approval rating...

◆ U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer(D) and Dianne Feinstein ((D) both have a 50% job approval rating. 38% disapprove of Boxer's job performance, while 35% disapprove of DiFi's job performance. Among independent voters, Boxer has a job approval rating of 53%, DiFi's number is 49%. Stay tuned...

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