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Re: California Statewide Survey – Executive Summary
Date: June 8, 2021

Survey Summary:

Thinking ahead to the 2022 mid-term elections, the California State Legislature is considering placing an amendment to the State Constitution on the ballot to formally abolish the death penalty. If this vote were held today, how would you vote on the Constitutional amendment to abolish the death penalty for murderers in California?

	Total
Vote Yes to Abolish	43.8
Definitely	30.3
Probably	9.3
Lean	4.2
Vote No Against Abolishing	49.0
Definitely	32.0
Probably	9.5
Lean	7.5
Undecided	7.2

Now considering what you have heard, if the 2022 mid-term election were held today, how would you vote on the Constitutional amendment to abolish the death penalty in California?

	Total
Vote Yes to Abolish	40.5
Definitely	29.7
Probably	5.7
Lean	5.2
Vote No Against Abolishing	53.3
Definitely	39.8
Probably	8.3
Lean	5.2
Undecided	6.2

Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Gavin Newsom’s 2019 executive order issuing a moratorium on all death penalty executions in California?

	Total
Approve	42.3
Strongly	28.8
Somewhat	13.5
Disapprove	41.2
Somewhat	9.0
Strongly	32.2
D.K./Refused	16.5

Methodology:

This poll of 600 likely general election voters in California, was conducted from June 5th, 2021 through June 7th, 2021. All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. Thirty-three percent (33.3%) of interviews were live interviews completed on traditional landlines, 33.3% were live interviews conducted on cell-phones, and the remaining 33.3% of interviews were text-to-cell. Twelve percent (12.2%) of interviews were conducted in Spanish by Spanish-speaking interviewers. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election. This poll of 600 likely general election voters in California, has an accuracy of +/- 4.0% at a 95% confidence interval.

Key Demographics:

Gender:

	Total
Men	47.0
Women	53.0

Party:

	Total
Republican	25.3
Democrat	46.2
Ind./N.P.P./Other/Ref.	28.5

Religion:

	Total
Catholic	20.7
Protestant	30.5
Jewish	3.2
Atheist/Agnostic/Secular	24.7
Other	7.2
Refused	13.8

Race:

	Total
White	53.8
Hispanic	28.0
African American/Black	8.3
Asian	5.8
Other	1.5
Refused	2.5

Age:

	Total
18-29	15.8
30-40	17.8
41-55	23.2
56-65	17.5
Over 65	24.0
Refused	1.7
Mean	49.29