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Prop 203: MARIJUANA PROPOSITION WELL AHEAD

Prop 106: HEALTH CARE MEASURE AHEAD

Prop 109: HUNTING AND FISHING PROPOSITION AHEAD BUT CLOSE

Prop 203 MARIJUANA

Phoenix, Arizona, October 13, 2010. Proposition 203 which would allow the use of marijuana for people with debilitating medical conditions and who have obtained written certification from a physician is getting a “Yes” vote from 54 percent, a “No” from 32 percent and 14 percent remained undecided as of the time of this survey. Among voters most likely to go to the polls, the numbers are similar, registering 52 percent for the measure and 33 percent opposed.

The measure enjoys strong levels of support among voters under 55 years of age but sharply divides older voters (41 % are in support and 43 % opposed). It is also more favored by voters in the urban areas of the state and especially in Pima county where it enjoys a nearly five to one lead. Sixty six percent of Democrats and 57 percent of Independents favor the legalization of medical marijuana as proposed in this voter initiative while a plurality of Republicans (48%) oppose but 40 percent support Proposition 203.

Proposition 203 also exposes a strong division among people who think of themselves as politically conservative. More specifically, right wing conservatives (9 or 10 on a ten point scale) oppose the measure by 62 to 18 percent but moderate conservatives (7 or 8 on the same scale) who rival the right wing numerically, favor the measure by 50 to 40 percent.

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Prop 106: HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

The constitutional amendment to prohibit laws or regulations requiring business or individual participation in health care insurance systems has a seven point lead within the general electorate and a more robust 13 point lead among likely voters. About three of ever ten voters remains undecided.

This constitutional amendment clearly separates Democrats and Independents from Republicans. Thus, a plurality of Democrats and Independents oppose the measure but a clear majority (52%) of Republicans favor its passage. Voters in their 35 to 54 age bracket are the most divided (35 % in favor to 36% opposed) as are rural voters (31 % in both the “yes” and “no” column.)

Prop 109: HUNTING AND FISHING

The ballot proposition to make hunting and fishing a constitutional right and give the legislature exclusive authority over hunting and fishing activities is supported by 42 percent and opposed by 35 percent of the overall electorate. About one in every four is uncommitted. On the other hand, among voters most likely to vote in this November election, the vote is closer (39% in favor and 36% opposed). This closer vote traces principally to sharper divisions in the urban counties and among both Independents and Democrats.

A plurality of Democrats, Republicans and Independents favor the measure but both Democrats and Independents are closely divided ... only one or two percentage points separate the proportion voting “Yes” from those voting “No”. On the other hand, among Republicans, the measure enjoys a wide lead of 48 percent “Yes” to only 29 percent “No”.

Voting on this measure is also more closely divided in the states urban counties. In the rural counties , it enjoys a 49 percent “Yes” to 31 percent “No” vote. A strong anchor of voters for this measure are voters under 35 years of age who support the measure by a 5 to 3 margin, possibly because they are among the most likely to be engaged in outdoor recreation activities.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2010-IV-05), is based on 555 interviews with registered voters statewide conducted between October 1 and 10, 2010. Interviewing was conducted in both English and Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on either a voter's landline or cell phone. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 4.2 percent of what they would have been had the entire voter population been surveyed. The sample distribution is 32 percent Democrats, 36 percent Republicans and 32 percent Independents. The likely voter sample includes 405 voters and has a margin of error of +/-4.9 percent. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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"Next, as you may be aware, there are a number of propositions on the ballot this year that the voters must decide. As I read some of them, please let me know if you were voting today, would you vote yes or no on each one."

"Proposition 203 would amend state statutes to allow the use of marijuana for people with debilitating medical conditions and who have obtained written certification from a physician. The proposition also establishes a regulatory system governed by the Arizona Department of Health Services for establishing licensing medical marijuana dispensaries. Would you vote yes or no on this proposition?"

PROPOSITION 203 MEDICAL MARIJUANA

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Statewide	54%	32%	14%
(Most likely voters)	52	33	15
Maricopa	56	32	12
Pima	66	15	19
Rural	43	42	15
Democrats	66	21	13
Republicans	40	48	12
Independents	57	26	17
Under 35	67	21	12
35 to 54	59	28	13
55 or older	41	43	16
Liberals	73	13	14
Moderates	64	23	13
Conservatives	50	40	10
Very conservative	18	62	20

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“Proposition 106 would amend the state constitution to prohibit laws or rules that require participation in any health care system and allows a person, employer or health care provider to forgo health insurance. It also allows a person, employer or health care provider to pay or receive payment for health care directly without penalty. Would you vote yes or no on this proposition?”

PROPOSITION 106 HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Statewide	38%	31	31
(Most likely voters)	43	30	27
Maricopa	41	31	28
Pima	42	30	28
Rural	31	31	38
Democrats	30	37	33
Republicans	52	24	24
Independents	31	33	36
Under 35	46	27	27
35 to 54	35	36	29
55 or older	36	29	35
Liberals	25	48	27
Moderates	40	26	34
Conservatives	47	26	27
Very Conservative	44	23	33

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“Proposition 109 would amend the state constitution to make hunting and fishing a constitutional right in Arizona and gives the legislature exclusive authority to regulate hunting and fishing activities. It prohibits laws that unreasonable restrict hunting and fishing of wildlife and establishes hunting and fishing as the preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. Would you vote yes or no on this proposition?”

PROPOSITION 109 HUNTING AND FISHING

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Statewide	42%	35%	23%
(Most likely voters)	39	36	25
Maricopa	43	36	21
Pima	29	34	37
Rural	49	31	20
Democrats	41	39	20
Republicans	48	29	23
Independents	37	36	27
Under 35	50	33	17
35 to 54	37	38	25
55 or older	41	34	25
Liberals	34	46	20
Moderates	45	30	25
Conservatives	43	37	20
Very Conservative	47	26	27

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