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SHERIFFS ACROSS ARIZONA BETTER RESPECTED BY VOTERS

Phoenix, Arizona, January 31, 2012. Public respect for County Sheriffs around the state appears to be improving after a period of low readings. This is particularly true for the sheriff of Pima County and other sheriffs outside of Maricopa county. For example, Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik's job rating from constituents rose to 36 percent favorable from 31 percent and more important, his "poor job" ratings were cut in half, falling to only 15 percent from 29 percent.

In addition, the best ratings are being registered with the state's "rural" counties where favorable job ratings rose to 49 percent from 37 percent and negative ratings subsided to 17 percent from 22 percent last May.

We also note that in the rural counties, sheriff's ratings would be significantly higher except that women living in those areas are uniquely disinclined to look favorably on their local sheriffs. More specifically, only 33 percent of women compared to 68 percent of men rate rural county sheriffs favorably. Women are also twice as likely (21%) to say their rural sheriffs are doing a poor job than are men (11%).

In Maricopa county, the controversial Joe Arpaio continues to be the least-liked sheriff, with fully a third rating his performance as "poor" or "very poor" yet at the same time, his favorable ratings have edged upward as well. Today 49 percent like Sheriff Arpaio's performance (up from 39 percent in January 2010) while 32 percent do not. Another 15 percent say he is doing only a "fair job". The proportion of Maricopa county residents who think he is doing a poor job surges to 74 percent among Hispanics, 53 percent among Democrats and 42 percent among high income families.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2012-I-07), is based on 553 interviews with registered voters statewide, conducted between January 5th to 9th 2012. Interviewing was conducted in both English and Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on both landlines and cell phones. 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 4.3 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The samples in Maricopa county total 335 with a margin of error of 5.5 percent; in Pima county the same includes 83 respondents and the margin of error of 11.0 percent and in the rural counties, the sample was 135 with a margin of error of 8.6 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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ENCLOSED: Statistical tables.

“Would you say the sheriff of your county is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job in office?”

RATINGS OF SHERIFF OF YOUR COUNTY	JANUARY 2012			NET TO POSITIVE
	EXCELLENT/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/ VERY POOR	
Pima County	36%	26%	15%	(+21)
All other counties	49	23	17	(+32)
Maricopa County	49	15	32	(+17)

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JOB RATINGS OF MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF

|                     | EXCELLENT/<br>GOOD | FAIR       | POOR/<br>VERY POOR | NET TO<br>POSITIVE |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>January 2012</b> | <b>49%</b>         | <b>15%</b> | <b>32%</b>         | <b>(+17)</b>       |
| April 2011          | 41                 | 19         | 33                 | (+ 8)              |
| July 2010           | 44                 | 13         | 34                 | (+10)              |
| January 2010        | 39                 | 20         | 34                 | (+ 5)              |
| July 2008           | 54                 | 14         | 28                 | (+26)              |
| November 2007       | 59                 | 16         | 22                 | (+37)              |
| March 2007          | 64                 | 13         | 16                 | (+48)              |

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JOB RATINGS OF PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF

	EXCELLENT/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/ VERY POOR	NET TO POSITIVE
January 2012	36%	26%	15%	(+21)
April 2011	31	22	29	(+ 2)

JOB RATINGS OF RURAL COUNTY SHERIFFS

	EXCELLENT/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/ VERY POOR	NET TO POSITIVE
January 2012	49%	23%	17%	(+32)
April 2011	37	21	22	(+15)