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JOB RATINGS FOR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE SLIP AGAIN  
REPUBLICANS APPLAUD BREWER BUT NOT LEGISLATURE  
DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS COOL TOWARD BOTH

Phoenix, Arizona, May 2, 2012. By a 53 to 9 percent margin, Arizona Republicans say Jan Brewer is doing a good job as Governor. But when registered Republican voters look at their legislature, “poor” job ratings jump to 30 percent and favorable assessments wither to only 23 percent.

Political conservatives tend to share this general view in that 45 percent applaud Governor Brewer’s performance but only 23 percent express the same view of the state legislature.

At the same time, political Independents and Democrats bring a different perspective to the table: a majority of Democrats (53%) rate Governor Brewer in the “poor” category and among Independents, a plurality (35%) do the same.

The net result is that when considering the views of all voters it is clear that the electorate does not feel like flattering itself for the people it elected to the legislature or into the Governor’s office. Overall, the governor’s job rating is 35 percent favorable, 29 percent mixed and 31 percent unfavorable.

Today, the legislature draws far worse marks with 40 percent of the overall electorate rating that body’s performance as “poor” while only 20 percent give the legislature “good” performance ratings.

These unflattering job ratings are basically shared by most voter population subgroups. For example, the proportion rating the legislature as doing a poor job is between 36 and 42 percent in the various counties; is 39 to 41 percent among women and men and is nearly as high among Caucasians (40%) as among Hispanics (45%),

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2012-II-04), is based on 511 interviews with registered voters statewide, conducted between April 9 and 17, 2012. Interviewing was conducted in both English or 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 4.4 percent of what they would have been had the entire voter population been surveyed. 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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JOB RATING ACROSS ARIZONA

	Excellent/ Good	Fair	Poor/ Very Poor	Net Pos. to Neg.
<u>GOVERNOR JAN BREWER</u>				
April 2012	35%	29%	31%	+4
January 2012	37	30	29	+8
April 2011	29	30	31	-2
January 2010	21	30	29	-8
September 2008	22	29	28	-6
<u>DETAIL APRIL 2012 FOR BREWER</u>				
Republicans	53	32	9	+44
Independents	28	32	35	-7
Democrats	22	22	53	-31
Liberals	21	23	49	-28
Moderates	31	28	34	-3
Conservatives	45	31	21	+24
Maricopa	34	33	31	+3
Pima	31	27	33	-2
Rural	38	22	30	+8
<u>ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE</u>				
April 2012	20%	30%	40%	-20
January 2012	26	35	30	-4
April 2011	16	30	35	-19
January 2010	15	28	37	-22
April 2009	15	37	35	-20
March 2007	28	39	12	+16
January 2006	30	37	14	+16
<u>DETAIL APRIL 2012 FOR LEGISLATURE</u>				
Republicans	23	36	30	-7
Independents	20	26	44	-24
Democrats	17	27	48	-31
Liberals	11	24	52	-41
Moderates	22	25	44	-22
Conservatives	23	36	32	-9
Maricopa	17	33	42	-25
Pima	19	26	36	-17
Rural	28	24	36	-8

