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## DECLINE IN HULL JOB RATING STOPS, ESTEEM FOR LEGISLATURE RISING

Phoenix, Arizona (May 7, 2001). At the outset of the year, public displeasure with Governor Jane Hull doubled over the prior year from 12 to 24 percent while favorable assessments of the job she was doing as governor slid from 47 to 36 percent. Today, however, the decline in her favorable job ratings has stopped, and in fact may have reversed a little, although at 38 percent, it is still the second lowest favorable rating to date of her performance on the job.

There has been no change, in the proportion who rate her performance as poor: 24 percent. Of note, however, is the finding that while only one in every five Republican voters has a negative attitude toward Governor Hull's performance, that figure rises to 30 percent among Democrat and Independent voters.

Legislature: Public assessment of the job performance of the state legislature is noticeably improved compared to January. Then, as many (25%) rated the legislature as doing a poor job as said it was doing a good job. Today, however, negative assessments have dropped to 17 percent while positive ratings have risen to 28 percent from 25, a net gain of 13 points since the first of the year.

U.S. Senate: Arizonans remain very pleased with their delegation in the U. S. Senate, a view that is particularly true in the case of Senator John McCain, for whom 63 percent rate his performance favorably. Additionally, Senator Jon Kyl's positive job rating has remained in the 46 to 47 percent level since last summer, while fewer than ten percent say he is doing a poor job. Seventy-one percent of Republican voters, 59 percent of Democrats and 56 percent of Independents

give a thumbs up to Senator McCain. Senator Kyl also has strong favorable ratings from Republicans (61%), but noticeably softer ratings from Independents (45%) and Democrats (33%).

The findings outlined in this report are based on interviews with a random sample of 709 adults throughout Arizona conducted in April by the Behavior Research Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. For more information you may visit [www.brcpolls.com](http://www.brcpolls.com).

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2001-II-04), is based on 709 interviews with adult heads of household throughout Arizona between April 4 and 15, 2001. 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 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3.75 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult 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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## STATISTICAL DATA

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JOB PERFORMANCE RATING: STATEWIDE

“Would you say (OFFICIAL) is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job in office?”

		Excellent\ Good	Fair	Poor/Very Poor	(Net Pos To Neg)
<b><u>Governor Jane Hull</u></b>					
<b>April</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>(+ 14)</b>
January	2001	36	29	24	(+ 12)
October	2000	47	31	12	(+ 35)
July	2000	51	29	11	(+ 40)
April	2000	41	32	13	(+ 28)
January	2000	50	30	10	(+ 40)
October	1999	55	26	8	(+ 47)
July	1999	58	23	7	(+ 51)
April	1999	58	23	5	(+ 53)
January	1999	65	20	4	(+ 61)
October	1998	57	23	3	(+ 54)
July	1998	55	27	5	(+ 50)
April	1998	57	23	5	(+ 52)
January	1998	56	20	3	(+ 53)
October	1997	45	20	4	(+ 41)
<b><u>Arizona State Legislature</u></b>					
<b>April</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>(+ 11)</b>
January	2001	25	32	25	( -0- )
October	2000	31	35	16	(+ 15)
July	2000	25	37	18	(+ 7)
January	2000	30	36	18	(+ 12)
July	1999	30	32	18	(+ 12)
January	1999	37	33	11	(+ 26)
July	1998	25	38	21	(+ 4)
January	1998	31	35	18	(+ 13)
July	1997	27	39	17	(+ 10)
January	1997	28	40	17	(+ 11)
January	1996	22	46	17	(+ 5)
January	1995	22	41	15	(+ 7)
January	1994	23	39	22	(+ 1)
January	1993	15	39	26	(- 11)
April	1992	14	37	30	(- 16)
January	1991	15	35	30	(- 15)
January	1990	25	41	21	(+ 4)

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"Would you say (OFFICIAL) is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor job in office?"

		Excellent/ Good	Fair	Poor/ Very Poor	(Net Pos To Neg)
<b>U.S. Senator John McCain</b>					
<b>April</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>(+ 55)</b>
January	2001	63	21	7	(+ 56)
October	2000	67	18	8	(+ 59)
July	2000	63	21	8	(+ 55)
April	2000	56	24	9	(+ 47)
January	2000	63	20	7	(+ 56)
October	1999	59	21	8	(+ 51)
July	1999	58	21	8	(+ 50)
April	1999	58	21	8	(+ 50)
January	1999	63	17	9	(+ 54)
January	1998	55	25	8	(+ 47)
January	1997	50	28	9	(+ 41)
January	1996	47	28	11	(+ 36)
January	1995	47	29	11	(+ 37)
January	1994	38	33	14	(+ 24)
January	1993	46	30	14	(+ 32)
January	1992	33	35	17	(+ 16)
January	1991	24	34	19	(+ 05)
January	1990	33	31	18	(+ 15)
January	1989	44	24	5	(+ 39)
<b>U.S. Senator Jon Kyl</b>					
<b>April</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>(+ 38)</b>
January	2001	47	23	9	(+ 38)
October	2000	46	26	7	(+ 39)
July	2000	39	32	7	(+ 32)
April	2000	37	26	10	(+ 27)
January	2000	40	26	8	(+ 32)
October	1999	38	26	9	(+ 29)
July	1999	43	28	8	(+ 35)
April	1999	39	27	9	(+ 30)
January	1999	42	25	8	(+ 34)
January	1998	42	28	9	(+ 33)
January	1997	36	32	8	(+ 28)
January	1996	33	31	13	(+ 20)

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