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## CITIZENSHIP REQUEST FOR TOHONO O'ODHAM SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC

Phoenix, Arizona. August 8, 2001. Located west of Tucson and including lands on both sides of the U.S./Mexico international boundary, the Tohono O'Odham Indian community has been divided by an international boundary since the mid-eighteen hundreds when the northern half of their ancestral lands became a part of the United States and the southern half remained in Mexico. The tribe is now petitioning the U.S. Congress to grant citizenship to registered Tohono O'Odham members who live south of the border and thereby reunite the community and ease their freedom of movement.

Arizonans favor granting their petition by more than two to one (61% to 28%). Rural Arizonans and those in Pima County are most supportive of the idea and. While only a bare majority of Republicans favor the Tohono O'Odham's request, only 38 percent oppose and support jumps to over 70 percent within the ranks of both Democrats and Independents.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 702 adults across Arizona, conducted between July 5, 2001 and July 11, 2001 by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit [www.brcpolls.com](http://www.brcpolls.com) to read this and other recent poll results.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2001-III-12), is based on 702 interviews with adults throughout Arizona between July 5, 2001 and July 11, 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 a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of +/- 3.7 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.

This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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**BELOW: Statistical tables.**

**STATISTICAL DATA**

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*“In the mid-eighteen hundreds, some Native American tribes along the U.S. Mexico border were cut in half when their tribal lands became a part of the United States. One Arizona tribe is petitioning the U. S. Government to grant citizenship to registered members of their tribe who live south of the border, so they can freely move back and forth across the border. In general, do you favor or oppose granting U. S. citizenship to them so long as they are registered members of the tribe?”*

	FAVOR	OPPOSE	DON'T CARE/ UNSURE
Statewide	61%	28%	11%
Maricopa	57	30	13
Pima	74	23	3
Rural	62	28	10
Democrat	71	22	7
Republican	50	38	12
Independent	72	23	5

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