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(LIKELY VOTERS n=726)

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how interested are you in this year's November elections, where "one" means you are not interested at all and "ten" means you are very interested. Choose any number between one and ten for your answer.

    4%   1-4 (low interest)
    8%   5-7 (moderate interest)
    88% 8-10 (high interest)

2. How certain are you that you will vote in this year's November election?

    100%   Absolutely certain
    --   Fairly certain
    --   Not too certain
    --   Probably not vote

3/4. Below are the candidates running in the election for the U.S House of Representatives in your district. If the election were being held today for whom would you vote? (**IF UNDECIDED**) If you had to vote at this moment, which of the two candidates would you more inclined to support? (**ORDERING OF THE CANDIDATES ROTATED**)

    50%   Josh Harder, Educator/Businessman, Democrat
    45%   Jeff Denham, Businessman/Farmer/Representative, Republican
    5%   Undecided

5. Compared to past Congressional elections in your district, is this year's November Congressional election more important to you, less important to you, or equally important as past elections?

    62%   More important
    1%   Less important
    37%   Equally important

(ORDERING OF Q6 AND Q7 ROTATED)
6. Generally speaking, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Josh Harder, Educator/Businessman, Democrat?
    19%   Favorable strongly
    28%   Favorable somewhat
    13%   Unfavorable somewhat
    22%   Unfavorable strongly
    18%   No opinion

7. Generally speaking, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jeff Denham, Businessman/Farmer/Representative, Republican?

    18%   Favorable strongly
    26%   Favorable somewhat
    17%   Unfavorable somewhat
    32%   Unfavorable strongly
     7%   No opinion

8. When considering which candidate you'll be supporting in this year's election for Congress, how important are each candidate's views in the following areas? (**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**)

	Among the most important	Important but not among most important	Not that important
a. Health care	75%	21%	3%
b. The state's new gas tax	53%	35%	11%
c. Immigration	69%	22%	8%
d. Taxes	64%	31%	5%
e. Housing costs	50%	40%	10%
f. The economy	67%	30%	2%
g. Environmental policies	55%	36%	9%
h. Trade policies	43%	50%	6%
i. Securing the nation's borders	45%	32%	22%
j. Water policies	62%	33%	4%
k. Abortion	42%	33%	24%
l. Gun laws	68%	23%	8%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

    30%   Approve strongly
    13%   Approve somewhat
     7%   Disapprove somewhat
    50%   Disapprove strongly

IF APPROVE OF TRUMP:

10a. How important is it for you to cast a vote for Congress that shows your <u>support for</u> President Trump?

    30%   Very important
    9%   Somewhat important
    4%   Not too important/ Not at all important

IF DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP:

10b. How important is it for you to cast a vote for Congress that shows your <u>opposition to</u> President Trump?

    47%   Very important
    6%   Somewhat important
    4%   Not too important/ Not at all important

11. If the Democratic Party regains control of the House after this year's congressional elections, would you favor or oppose their choosing Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House?

    11%   Favor strongly
    28%   Favor somewhat
    17%   Oppose somewhat
    44%   Oppose strongly

12. Do you favor or oppose Congress beginning impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump if Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation turns up potential criminal wrongdoing by the President?

    44%   Favor strongly
    14%   Favor somewhat
    6%   Oppose somewhat
    36%   Oppose strongly

The November election will also include a number of statewide ballot propositions. Below are the official summaries of two propositions as they will appear on the statewide ballot. Please indicate how you would vote on each if the election were being held today.

13. Proposition 6: **ELIMINATES CERTAIN ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. REQUIRES CERTAIN FUEL TAXES AND VEHICLE FEES BE APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Repeals a 2017 transportation law's taxes and fees designated for road repairs and public transportation. Fiscal Impact: Reduced ongoing revenues of $5.1 billion from state fuel and vehicle taxes that mainly would have paid for highway and road maintenance and repairs, as well as transit programs. If the election were today, how would you vote on Proposition 6?

    30%   Yes
    41%   No
    29%   Undecided

14. Proposition 10: **EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUE.** Repeals state law that currently restricts the scope of rent-control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose on residential property. Fiscal Impact: Potential net reduction in state and low revenues of tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or considerably more. If the election were today, how would you vote on Proposition 10?

    28%   Yes
    34%   No
    38%   Undecided

15. If Proposition 10 were to pass, would you support or oppose your city expanding rent controls?

    18%   Strongly support
    21%   Somewhat support
    31%   Neither support nor oppose
    13%   Somewhat oppose
    17%   Strongly oppose

About the Study

The survey was conducted in California's 10th Congressional district by the *Berkeley IGS Poll,* housed at the University of California at Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS). The results are based on the responses of 726 registered voters considered likely to vote in the November congressional elections in the district. The poll was administered online by distributing emails to stratified random samples of registered voters in English or Spanish. Data collection spanned the period September 16-23, 2018.

Once the questionnaire and email invitation scripts had been finalized, they were translated into the non-English languages and reviewed for accuracy and cultural appropriateness. They were then programmed onto Qualtrics, a survey platform frequently used by the University of California, Berkeley when distributing email invitations as part of an opinion research study. Each email invitation asked voters to participate in a short non-partisan survey conducted by IGS, and were provided a link to the IGS website where the survey was housed. Reminder emails were distributed to non-responding voters over a seven-day period. An opt out link was provided at the bottom of each invitation for voters not wishing to participate or not wanting to receive future emails from IGS about the survey.

Sample listings of registered voters with email addresses in the district were provided to IGS by Political Data, Inc., which is partnering with IGS in its pre-election polling, and are derived from information contained on the official voter registration rolls. When drawing samples of registered voters, the listings were stratified in an attempt to obtain a proper balance of survey respondents across major segments of the district's registered voter population, such as by age, gender, region, and party registration.

After the completion of data collection, the data file was forwarded to Davis Research, LLC and edited using machine-cleaning procedures to verify that the information compiled was complete and internally consistent. To protect the anonymity of survey respondents, voters' email addresses and all other personally identifiable information obtained from the voter file were purged and replaced with a unique and anonymous identification number. Post-stratification weights were applied to align the district's respondents to the population characteristics of registered voters in the district. Following this, likely voters were identified based on each voter's stated intention to vote in this year's congressional election, and factoring in their history of voting in past elections or interest in voting in this election.

The sampling error associated with the survey results are difficult to calculate precisely because of the effects of sample selection and post-stratification weighting. Nevertheless, it is likely that results from the overall likely voter sample are subject to a sampling error of +/- 5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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