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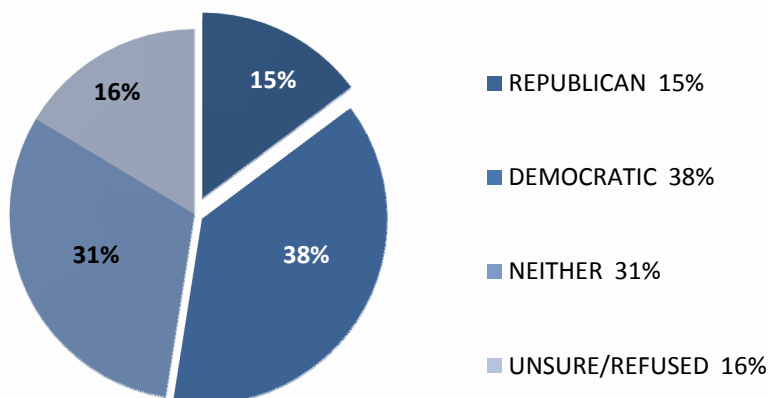
## CAPITOL WEEKLY/PROBOLSKY RESEARCH CALIFORNIA POLL - ELECTIONS

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### POLL RESULTS

#### DECLINE TO STATE VOTERS LEAN DEMOCRATIC

**38%** of voters registered as "Decline to State" would choose to vote in the Democratic Primary Election for Governor



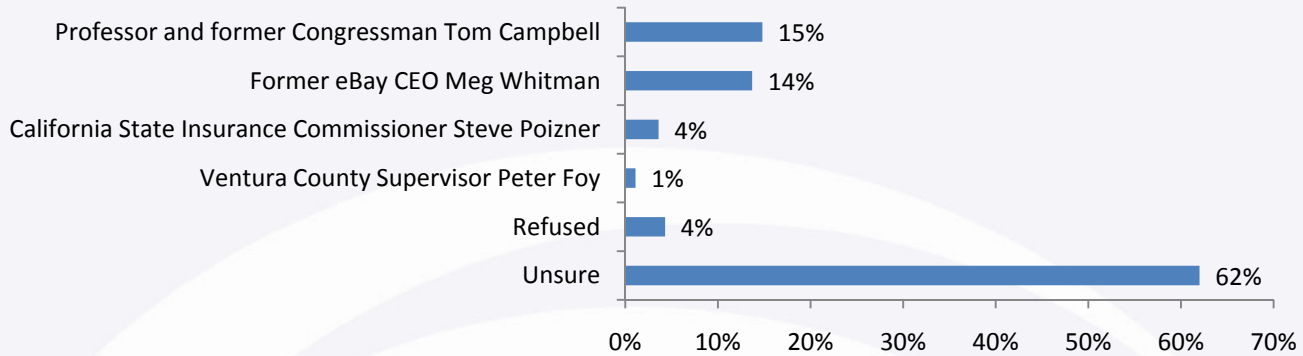
*Question: As someone who has registered to vote as Decline to State, you have the ability to choose a Republican or Democratic ballot in the 2010 Primary Election for Governor and State Legislature. If the Primary Election were held today, would you choose to vote in the Republican or Democratic Primary Election or not in either?*

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## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ARE LARGELY UNDECIDED

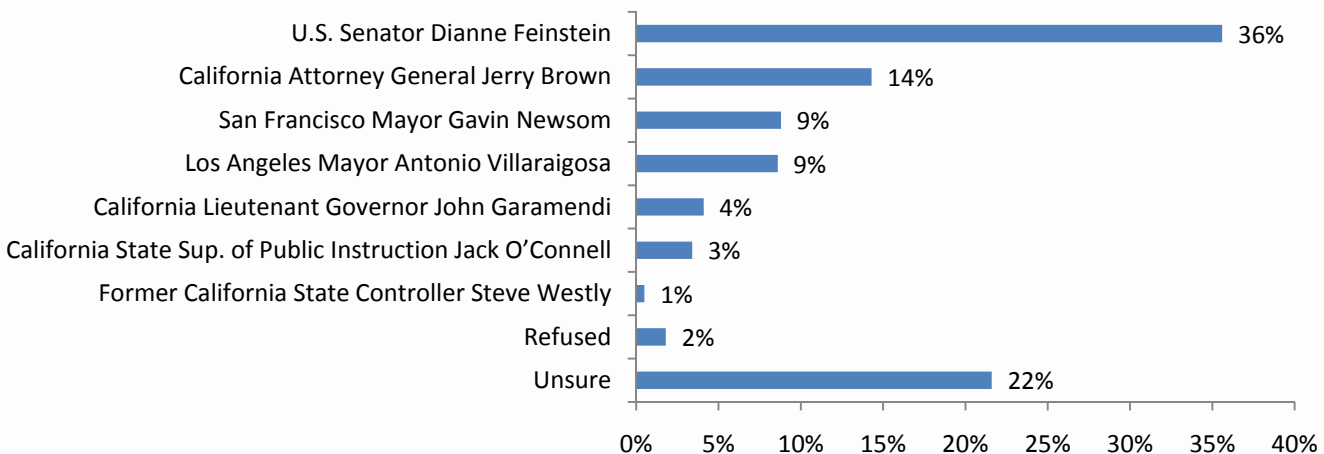
Those who would vote in a Republican Primary Election display great uncertainty about potential candidates for the 2010 Gubernatorial race; nevertheless Campbell and Whitman lead the pack



Question: In 2010, there will be an election for California's next Governor. If the Republican Primary Election for California Governor were held today, for whom would you vote?

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION VOTERS THROW THEIR WEIGHT BEHIND FEINSTEIN

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein enjoys a strong lead in comparison to other potential Democratic contenders for the 2010 California Gubernatorial race, among voters who would vote in a Democratic Primary Election



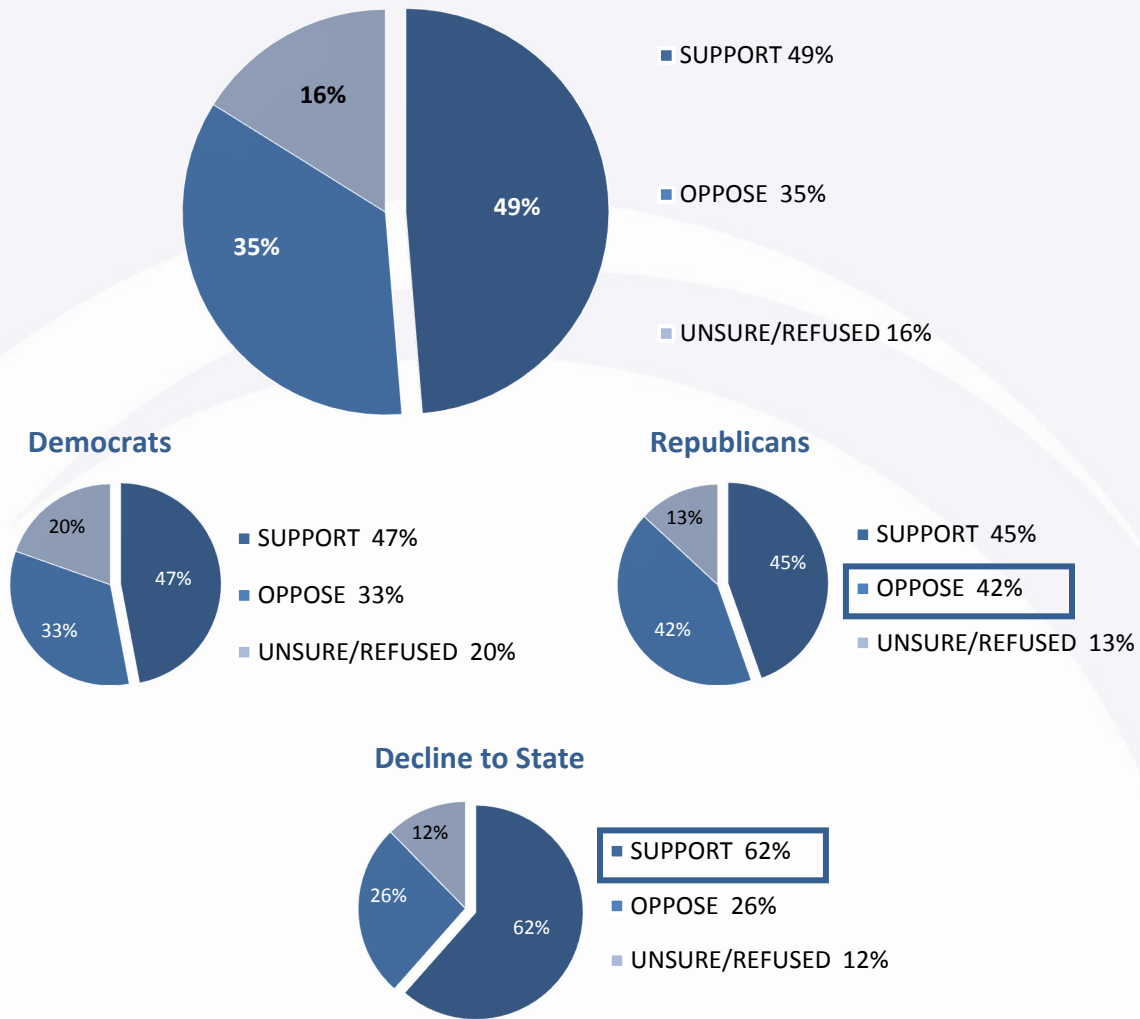
Question: In 2010, there will be an election for California's next Governor. If the Democratic Primary Election for California Governor were held today, for whom would you vote?

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## PRIMARY ELECTION SYSTEM

Nearly one-half of voters support a “top-two” Primary Election system for California



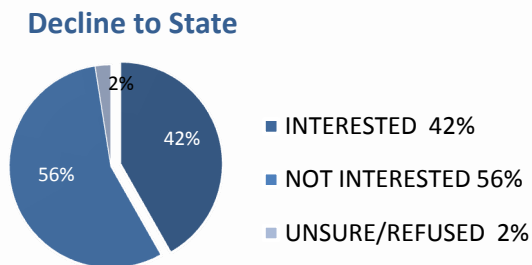
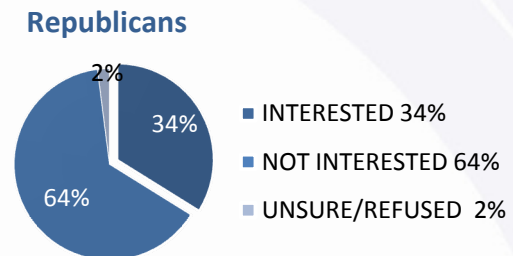
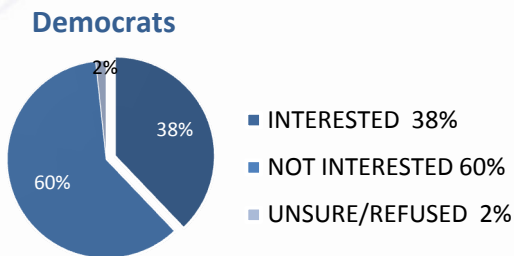
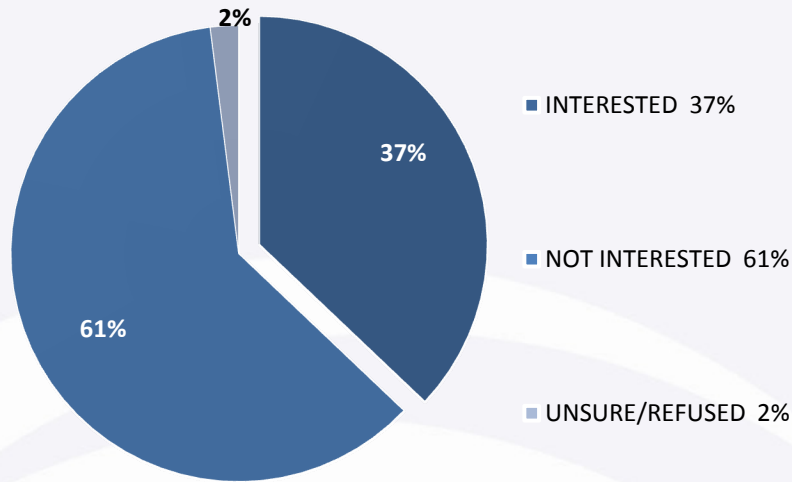
Question: Voters in California may soon vote on a proposal for a new kind of Primary Election system. Known as the "top-two" system, if the proposal passed, the two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary Election - regardless of party - would advance to the General Election. In general do you support or oppose this "top-two" Primary Election system?

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# VOTER INTEREST IN HELPING TO REDRAW CALIFORNIA'S POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

37% of voters are interested in serving on the Citizens Redistricting Commission



Question: In the recent November 2008 General Election, California voters passed Proposition 11, a measure that changes the manner in which political district boundaries (like for State Assembly and State Senate) are defined. The Proposition establishes an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission that will draw districts based on pre-defined nonpartisan rules designed to ensure fair representation. Would you be interested in serving on the Citizens Redistricting Commission?

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## METHODOLOGY

Probolsky Research LLC conducted a telephone survey of voters within the State of California. Interviews were conducted during the daytime and evening hours of Thursday, January 22 through Sunday, January 25, 2009.

The sample data is sourced from the California Voter File. The county voter files are updated an average of more than five times per year, and our California Voter File in aggregate is appended by the regular use of outside telephone matches, census data updates, assessor-homeowner matches, ethnic surname matches and postal carrier routing.

A total of 752 voters were polled. A survey of this size yields a margin of error of +/-3.7% with a 95% confidence interval. Results for specific subgroups will have lower statistical significance. Appropriate ratios were obtained such as for geographic region, gender, age group, party registration and voter type.

Interviews were conducted in English. The average survey took 6.6 minutes to complete.

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