



TO: Interested Parties

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RE: Biden and Kelly ahead by 7-points in Arizona

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Biden leads Trump by 7-points in AZ

Recent polling among likely November 2020 voters shows Joe Biden ahead of Donald Trump by a 7-point margin (52% Biden; 45% Trump) with only 10 days left in the campaign. This continues a slow improvement in the former Vice President’s numbers over the course of the past month and a half driven primarily by women, where Biden has grown his support 13-points on net since our Oct. 3 dataset.

57% of these likely voters report already casting their ballot. Among these, Biden is ahead by 20-points (59% Biden; 39% Trump). Biden trails by 10-points (43% Biden; 53% Trump) amongst those who have not yet voted.

| Arizona likely voters | 10/21-24/20 | 10/1-3/20 | 9/10-13/20 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Biden | 52% | 50% | 49% |
| Trump | 45% | 46% | 46% |
| Other | 2% | 3% | 4% |
| Undecided | 1% | 1% | 2% |

Question: If the election for President were held today, for whom would you vote [ROTATE] __ Democrat, Joe Biden, __ Republican, Donald Trump, or someone else?

Kelly leads McSally by 7-points in AZ

Recent polling among likely November 2020 voters shows Mark Kelly ahead of Martha McSally by a 7-point margin (53% Kelly; 46% McSally) with only 10 days left in the campaign. These numbers demonstrate a two-point improvement on net in the Democratic challenger’s margin since early October. The improvement is driven, as in the Presidential race, by growing support for the Democrat among women (+13 on net compared to the Oct. 3 dataset).

Among those who have already voted, Kelly is ahead by 22-points (60% Kelly; 38% McSally). Kelly trails by 14-points (42% Kelly; 56% McSally) amongst voters who self-report having not yet cast their ballot.

| Arizona likely voters | 10/21-24/20 | 10/1-3/20 | 9/10-13/20 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Mark Kelly | 53% | 50% | 50% |
| Martha McSally | 46% | 45% | 45% |
| Undecided | 2% | 5% | 5% |

Question: If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, for whom would you vote [ROTATE] __Democrat, Mark Kelly, or __Republican, Martha McSally?

Tovar, Peterson, and Mundel are ahead in the race for Arizona Corporation Commission

Democrats Anna Tovar (37%) and Bill Mundel (25%) are in the lead in the race for Arizona Corporation Commission, as is Republican Lea Marques Peterson (31%). Another one-in-five (23%) remain undecided.

Among those who have already voted, Tovar leads with 45% of the vote, followed by Peterson (31%), Mundel (28%), Stanfield (28%), O’Connor (18%), and Sloan (17%). The race is somewhat closer among those who have not yet cast a ballot with Peterson ahead with 30% of the vote, followed by Tovar (26%), O’Connor (25%), Sloan (23%), Munel (21%), and Stanfield (19%).

| Arizona likely voters | 10/21-24/20 | 10/1-3/20 | 9/10-13/20 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Tovar (Dem) | 37% | 32% | 28% |
| Peterson (Rep) | 31% | 30% | 26% |
| Mundel (Dem) | 25% | 29% | 27% |
| Stanfield (Dem) | 24% | 28% | 26% |
| O’Connor (Rep) | 21% | 31% | 29% |
| Sloan (Rep) | 20% | 31% | 27% |
| Undecided | 23% | 32% | 40% |

Question: If the election for Arizona Corporate Commission were held today, and the candidates were: [ROTATE] __Democrat, Anna Tovar __Democrat, Bill Mundell __Democrat, Shea Stanfield __Republican, Lea Marques Peterson __Republican, Eric Sloan __Republican, Jim O’Connor, for whom would you vote? You can select up to three candidates.

Proposition 208 is passing with a margin of 15-points

Arizona voters are supported of providing additional funding for public education. A majority (55%) currently say they are voting “yes” on Proposition 208, while only four-in-10 (40%) report being opposed. Undecided voters make-up only 5% of the electorate. These data track closely to survey findings from the beginning of October.

Among those who have already voted, “yes” on Prop. 208 is ahead by 21-points (59% yes; 38% no). The “yes” vote leads by seven-points among those who have not yet voted (49% yes; 42% no).

| Arizona likely voters | 10/21-24/20 | 10/1-3/20 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Yes on Prop. 208 | 55% | 55% |
| No on Prop. 208 | 40% | 37% |
| Undecided on Prop. 208 | 5% | 9% |

Question: Next I'm going to read you the language for Proposition 208 which appears on the ballot this November. It reads: "This act provides additional funding for public education by imposing an income tax surcharge of 3.5% on taxable income above \$250,000 annually for single filers and above \$500,000 annually for joint filers; dedicates the additional revenue to raise salaries for teachers and student support services personnel, mentoring and retention programs for new classroom teachers, career training and vocational education programs in high schools, and the Arizona Teachers Academy; and provides for certain reporting and accountability measures. A "yes" vote shall have the effect of adding a new income tax surcharge of 3.5% on single filers with taxable income above \$250,000 per year and joint filers with taxable income above \$500,000 per year to generate additional revenue for public education. A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining Arizona's existing income tax rates for individuals." If the election were held today would you vote "yes" or "no"?

This memo is based on a multi-modal bilingual survey of n=729 likely voters in Arizona conducted October 21-24, 2020. Interviews were conducted via email/text to web (n=229) and live calls to landlines and cell phones (n=400) using a voter file sample—74% of phone respondents were reached on their cell phone. Additionally, there was an n=100 oversample conducted among Latinx households using live calls to landlines and cell phones. The margin of error for the survey as a whole is +/- 3.6% at the 95% level of confidence. Voters were screened to be likely to participate in the November 2020 election and quotas and weights were applied based on partisan registration, age, race/ethnicity and educational attainment.

This memo makes comparisons to a poll conducted by Patinkin Research Strategies September 10-13, 2020 among n=679 likely Arizona voters which had a margin of error of +/- 3.8% at the 95% level of confidence, and to a another Patinkin Research Strategies poll conducted October 1-4, 2020 among n=604 likely Arizona voters which had a margin of error of +/-3.8% at the 95% level of confidence. Both of these polls included screens for likely November 2020 voters and quotas and weights were applied based on partisan registration, age, race/ethnicity and educational attainment.

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