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650 Respondents

325 Split A Respondents, 325 Split B Respondents

332 Landline Respondents, 318 Wireless Respondents

Margin of error: ± 3.8 percentage points

Arizona SiX Statewide Frequencies

Q.2 And would you prefer to take this survey in Spanish or English?

	Total
English	99
Spanish	1

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote in Arizona?

	Total
Yes	100
No (TERMINATE)	-

Q.4 Sex of respondent

	Total
Male	47
Female	53

Q.5 And thinking about the elections in November of 2020, if the election for the Arizona state legislature was held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidates or the Republican candidates in your district?

	Total
Democratic candidates	40
Lean Democratic candidates	4
Republican candidates	40
Lean Republican candidates	4
(Other candidate)	4
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided)	7
Total Democratic candidates	44
Total Republican candidates	44
Total (Other candidate)	4
 Total Democratic candidates - Total Republican candidates	 -

Q.7 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person. If you have no opinion or have never heard of that person, please say so.

	Mean	Total ID	Total Warm	Total Cool	76+	51 -	50	25 -	0 -	Can't ID
A. Donald Trump	43	99	41	52	31	10	6	7	45	1
B. Martha McSally	44	89	33	42	20	13	14	11	31	11
C. Doug Ducey	52	91	40	32	24	16	19	11	21	9

Q.8 OK now I am going to read you some issues on which members of the Arizona state legislature could focus. For each issue, please tell me if you think that should be a top priority, an important but secondary priority, a small priority, or not a priority at all for the Arizona state legislature.

	Top priority	Important but secondary priority	Small priority	Not a priority at all	(Dk/ Ref)	Total Top and important priority	Total Small priority/ Not a priority	Total Top/ important priority - Total Small/ Not a priority
A. (SPLIT A) Improving Arizona's neighborhood public schools.	68	23	3	4	2	90	8	82
B. Making health care and health insurance more affordable in Arizona.	72	20	4	2	1	93	6	86
C. Lessening the influence of money and campaign donors on Arizona's government.	46	29	15	8	3	75	23	52
D. Protecting and expanding voting access for Arizona citizens.	46	31	11	9	2	77	20	57
E. (SPLIT B) Preserving Arizona's public lands that belong to us all.	53	33	10	2	1	87	13	74
F. Keeping taxes low and balancing the state budget.	58	30	7	2	2	88	9	79
G. Reforming Arizona's criminal justice system.	33	44	15	4	4	77	19	59
H. (SPLIT A) Fixing Arizona's roads, highways, and other infrastructure.	43	41	13	3	0	84	16	68
I. Cracking down on illegal immigration.	47	24	18	9	2	71	26	45
J. (SPLIT B) Attracting more high-wage jobs to Arizona.	49	39	8	2	1	89	10	79
K. Protecting women's access to reproductive health care services.	45	27	14	9	4	72	23	49
L. (SPLIT A) Keeping Arizona's air and water clean.	65	28	7	1	0	92	8	85
M. (SPLIT B) Increasing funding for Arizona's neighborhood public schools.	66	26	5	3	-	91	9	83

Q.9 Now I'm going to ask you about some ways the Arizona state government can raise revenue to increase public investment in things like schools and health care. After I read each one, please tell me if you support or oppose that proposal.

	Strong support	Smwt support	Smwt oppose	Strong oppose	(Dk/Ref)	(No opinion/ don't care)	Total Support	Total Oppose	Supp - Opp
A. Increase income taxes on earnings above two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	40	26	11	19	2	2	66	30	36
B. Close corporate tax loopholes.	56	21	9	6	6	3	76	15	62
C. Cut back on corporate subsidies that award large tax breaks to big corporations.	42	29	12	13	2	3	70	25	45

Q.10 Switching gears a bit -- as you may know, there is currently a ban on uranium mining on certain lands located near the Grand Canyon. This ban is set to expire in fifteen years. Some people would like to pass a permanent uranium mining ban in an effort to protect the Grand Canyon and water in downstream communities. How about you, would you support or oppose a permanent uranium mining ban in the area near the Grand Canyon?

	Total
Support strongly	57
Support somewhat	15
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	10
(Don't know/refused)	6
(No opinion/don't care)	3
Total Support	72
Total Oppose	19
Total Support - Total Oppose	53

Q.11 Some people want to establish an "Arizona Public Lands Day." It would educate the public about the public lands they can visit in Arizona as well as their benefits including public lands' impact on quality of life and economic value. Do you support or oppose the establishment of an "Arizona Public Lands Day?"

	Total
Support strongly	36
Support somewhat	34
Oppose somewhat	10
Oppose strongly	9
(Don't know/refused)	4
(No opinion/don't care)	7
Total Support	70
Total Oppose	19
Total Support - Total Oppose	51

Q.12 As you may know, some elected officials have proposed taking federal lands in Arizona -- such as national forests, monuments, and national wildlife refuges -- and putting them under the control of the Arizona state government. This transfer of land would mean that Arizona would manage these lands, make all decisions about their use and future, and Arizona taxpayers would pay all associated costs including maintenance and preventing and fighting wildfires. Do you support or oppose this proposal to transfer control of federal lands in the state to the Arizona state government?

	Total
Support strongly	14
Support somewhat	16
Oppose somewhat	21
Oppose strongly	38
(Don't know/refused)	9
(No opinion/don't care)	2
Total Support	30
Total Oppose	59
Total Support - Total Oppose	-29

Q.13 When you think about the economic future of Arizona, how important do you think outdoor recreation will be to the state's economy? Outdoor recreation includes people who come to Arizona to hunt, fish, camp, and see wildlife, as well as those who manufacture and sell equipment for those activities. Would you say outdoor recreation will be very important, somewhat important, or not important at all to the state's economy in the future?

	Total
Very important	56
Somewhat important	37
Not important at all	6
(Don't know/refused)	1
Total Very/Somewhat important	93
Total Very/Somewhat important - Not important at all	88

Q.14 Next, I'm going to ask you about some proposals people have made to improve education in Arizona. I'd like you to tell me whether you think each would be a very effective, somewhat effective, slightly effective, or not at all effective way to improve education in Arizona. Do you think that would be a very effective, somewhat effective, slightly effective, or not at all effective way to improve education in Arizona?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Slightly effective	Not at all effective	(Dk/Ref)	Very/Somewhat effective	Not very/Not at all effective	Very/Somewhat effective - Not very/Not at all effective
A. Increase funding for neighborhood public schools.	64	20	7	6	2	85	14	71
B. Listen to the teachers who led the Red for Ed movement and follow their recommendations for improving our schools.	45	25	9	12	8	70	22	48
C. (SPLIT A) Require for-profit charter schools in Arizona to publish their financial information to the public so that Arizonans know how much of their tax dollars are being spent on instruction, administration, and salaries.	58	24	5	10	3	82	16	66
D. (SPLIT A) Invest in programs that help students get into college and stay on track to graduate.	57	26	10	7	1	82	16	66
E. (SPLIT B) Invest in programs that help students, particularly those of color, get into college and stay on track to graduate.	47	25	13	12	4	71	25	46
F. Increase teacher pay in Arizona to at least the national average.	76	15	3	5	1	91	8	83
G. Cut down class sizes by hiring more qualified teachers.	70	22	4	4	1	91	8	84
H. Increase the number of school counselors available to students and ensure all students have equal access to counselors across all school districts.	48	31	12	9	1	79	20	58
I. (SPLIT B) Require elected officials who make decisions about education funding to disclose any financial conflicts of interest they have, like investments in for-profit charter school operators that receive tax dollars.	66	20	7	6	2	86	13	73

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Slightly effective	Not at all effective	(Dk/Ref)	Very/Somewhat effective	Not very/Not at all effective	Very/Somewhat effective -	Not very/Not at all effective
J. Make sure schools in small towns and rural Arizona get their fair share of funding.	75	17	3	2	2	93	6	-	87

Q.15 Now I am going to read you a pair of statements and I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

(ALL UNDERFUNDED) *SOME/OTHER people say ALL Arizona school districts are underfunded and we need to increase public school funding across the board.*

(SOME UNDERFUNDED) *SOME/OTHER people say that SOME Arizona school districts, particularly those in poorer, heavily minority communities, are in particular need of equitable funding.*

Which statement, the first or second, comes closer to your own view?

	Total
All underfunded much closer	24
All underfunded somewhat closer	18
Some underfunded somewhat closer	24
Some underfunded much closer	25
(Both)	2
(Don't know/refused)	3
(Neither)	4
Total All underfunded	42
Total Some underfunded	48
Total All underfunded - Total Some underfunded	-6

Q.16 Switching gears, some people believe that it is important for the Arizona State Legislature to pursue policies that ensure fairness and protect the rights of all Arizonans. I'm going to ask you about several proposals that may be considered by the state legislature to achieve this. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each proposal.

(IF SUPPORT, FOLLOW UP) Compared to other priorities, how important do you think it is for the Arizona State Legislature to enact that proposal -- very important, somewhat important, or not important?

(IF OPPOSE, FOLLOW UP) Do you strongly oppose that or just somewhat oppose that?

	Support: very important	Support: smwt important	Support: not important	Smwt Opp	Strong Opp	(Dk/ Ref)	(Neither/ neutral)	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
A. Invest in making it easier for those who have served their time in prison to get a job and contribute to society when they are released.	56	32	3	4	3	1	1	91	7	84
B. Allow non-violent offenders to earn early prison release by holding a job in prison and completing self-improvement programs.	53	35	3	4	5	1	1	90	8	82
C. Give judges more flexibility when sentencing defendants so they can take the specific facts of the case into consideration.	49	35	2	6	4	3	2	85	10	75
D. Automatically restore the voting rights of individuals who have committed a felony once they've completed their sentences.	28	30	5	15	18	3	1	63	33	30

Q.17 Next I am going to read you a pair of statements about some of the problems associated with the state of Arizona's criminal justice system and I want you to tell me which problems associated with our criminal justice system are a bigger concern to you.

(TOO COSTLY) SOME/OTHER people say Arizona's high incarceration rate removes thousands of people from the economy and costs taxpayers more than one billion dollars each year -- preventing the state from investing in other critical priorities like education and health care, without making us any safer.

(SYSTEM UNFAIR) SOME/OTHER people say that our criminal justice system is unfair and unjust, gives judges little to no discretion in determining prison sentences, and is tilted against working people and the poor as Latinos and African Americans are arrested at much higher rates and are likely to get more jail time than white people who commit the same crimes.

Okay, which of those problems associated with the state of Arizona's criminal justice system is a bigger concern to you?

	Total
Too costly much bigger	13
Too costly somewhat bigger	27
System unfair somewhat bigger	22
System unfair much bigger	19
(Both)	8
(Don't know/refused)	4
(Neither)	8
Total Too costly	40
Total System unfair	41
Total Too costly - Total System unfair	-1

Q.18 Switching gears again, I'm now going to ask you about several proposals that may be considered by the state legislature aimed at safeguarding our democracy. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each proposal.

(IF SUPPORT, FOLLOW UP) Compared to other priorities, how important do you think it is for the Arizona State Legislature to enact that proposal -- very important, somewhat important, or not important?

(IF OPPOSE, FOLLOW UP) Do you strongly oppose that or just somewhat oppose that?

	Support: very important	Support: smwt important	Support: not important	Smwt Opp	Strong Opp	(Dk/ Ref)	(Neither/ neutral)	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
A. Expand opportunities for early voting in Arizona.	45	27	6	8	11	1	2	78	19	58
B. Ban dark money contributions that allow wealthy corporations to support politicians with unlimited donations without disclosing who they are or how much they have spent.	60	9	3	5	21	1	1	72	26	46
C. Preserve our independent redistricting committee to draw more competitive legislative and congressional districts.	33	29	4	12	8	10	4	65	21	44

Q.19 Switching gears again, some people believe that it is important for the Arizona State Legislature to pursue policies that create an economy that works for everyone. I'm going to ask you about several proposals that may be considered by the state legislature to achieve this. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each proposal.

(IF SUPPORT, FOLLOW UP) Compared to other priorities, how important do you think it is for the state legislature to enact that proposal -- very important, somewhat important, or not important?

(IF OPPOSE, FOLLOW UP) Do you strongly oppose that or just somewhat oppose that?

	Support: very important	Support: smwt important	Support: not important	Smw Opp	Strong Opp	(Dk/ Ref)	(Neither/ neutral)	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
A. Increase workplace safety regulations on Arizona employers.	43	29	5	7	9	4	3	77	17	60
B. Ensure Arizona women earn equal pay for equal work.	76	13	1	3	4	1	2	90	7	83
C. (SPLIT A) Crack down on employers that knowingly attempt to keep workers from getting paid what they earn by denying workers overtime pay.	68	14	3	4	10	1	1	84	14	70
D. (SPLIT B) Guarantee those who earn up to forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars a year time-and-a-half overtime pay when they work more than forty hours a week.	58	28	0	4	6	2	3	86	9	77
E. Provide low-income Arizona families subsidies to help them afford child care so they can work and provide for their children.	50	29	2	9	8	1	1	81	17	64
F. Invest in more renewable energy jobs in Arizona, particularly in solar.	54	26	3	6	9	1	2	83	15	68
G. Establish a paid family leave program that provides a guaranteed basic paycheck for workers who need to take up to six weeks off to bond with a new child, recover from an illness, or take care of a sick loved one, and ensures that they can return to their job when they're done.	58	22	3	6	7	2	1	83	14	69

Q.20 And, regardless of income level, do you support or oppose allowing all Arizonans to buy into Medicaid health insurance coverage, also known as AHCCCS in Arizona?

	Total
Support strongly	40
Support somewhat	30
Oppose somewhat	12
Oppose strongly	9
(Don't know/refused)	5
(No opinion/don't care)	5
Total Support	69
Total Oppose	21
Total Support - Total Oppose	48

Q.21 As you may know, Arizona law currently prohibits educators in Arizona public school classrooms from discussing homosexuality during sex education classes. Do you support or oppose repealing this law and allowing the discussion of homosexuality during sex education classes?

	Total
Support strongly	41
Support somewhat	18
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	25
(Don't know/refused)	3
(No opinion/don't care)	4
Total Support	59
Total Oppose	34
Total Support - Total Oppose	25

Q.22 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	21
Weak Democrat	12
Independent-lean Democrat	10
Independent	8
Independent-lean Republican	12
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican	26
(Don't know/Refused)	0
Democrat	33
Independent with Leaners	29
Republican	37
Democrat - Republican	-4
Democrat and Ind. Lean Dem	43
Pure Independent	8
Republican and Ind. Lean Repub	49
Democrat and Ind. Lean Dem - Republican and Ind. Lean Repub	-6

Q.25 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Total
Liberal	22
Moderate	37
Conservative	37
(Don't know/refused)	4

Q.26 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-29	14
30-39	16
40-49	16
50-64	25
65+	26
(Don't know/refused)	4

Q.27 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	1
High school graduate	12
Non-college post H.S.	3
Some college	37
College graduate	25
Post-graduate school	18
(Don't know/refused)	4
H.S. or less	13
Post H.S.	40
College Graduate	43
Not College	53

Q.28 What is your race?

	Total
White	71
Black	2
Hispanic/Latino	17
Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Other	5
(Refused)	5

Phone line type

	Total
Wireless	49
Not Wireless	51

Party Registration

	Total
Democrat	31
Other	36
Republican	34

Survey Methodology

TargetSmart designed and administered this online survey conducted by professional interviewers. The survey reached 650 adults, age 18 or older, who are registered to vote in Arizona. The survey was conducted from December 29, 2018 to January 3, 2019. The sample was randomly selected from TargetSmart's enhanced voter file. Forty percent of respondents were reached on wireless phones (49 percent weighted). Quotas were assigned to reflect the demographic distribution of registered voters in Arizona. The data were weighted by gender, age, region, race on file, party registration on file, county, and TargetSmart High School Only Score to ensure an accurate reflection of the population. The overall margin of error is +/- 3.8%. The margin of error for subgroups is larger and varies. Percentage totals may not add up precisely due to rounding.