

THE SUMMIT CONSULTING GROUP  
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 "Statewide Issue Poll"

**1 Hi, we're calling from Summit Research with a very brief survey about issues in the state of Arizona. This will only take a couple of minutes and your answers will be kept confidential.**

**Are you or is anyone in your household employed by the news media, an elected official or political party, or working with a political campaign? (TERM IF YES)**

Yes - Thank you for your time	0	0.00%
No	602	100.00%
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**2 Do you feel things in Arizona are going in the right direction or are they seriously on the wrong track?**

Right direction	109	18.11%
Wrong track	345	57.31%
Unsure	147	24.42%
Refused	1	0.17%
	602	100.00%

**3 In general, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the Arizona State Legislature.**

Favorable	122	20.27%
Unfavorable	365	60.63%
No opinion/DK	115	19.10%
Refused	0	0.00%
	602	100.00%

**4 Thinking about Arizona State leadership for just a moment, tell me which of the following types of candidates you would tend to favor. Candidates who have run businesses, have real world experience and who have never held political office before, or people who have extensive experience in state government?**

Run businesses	419	69.60%
Served in state government	183	30.40%
	602	100.00%

**5 When it comes to the top issues you would like to see Arizona State government address which of the following do you think is most important: (ROTATE - ROTATE)**

K-12 education funding	168	27.91%
University funding	6	1.00%
State budget deficit	129	21.43%
Illegal immigration	160	26.58%
Tax reduction	20	3.32%
Transportation	1	0.17%
Health Care	55	9.14%
Growth/Development	18	2.99%
Crime/Public safety	18	2.99%
Protecting the environment	9	1.50%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7	1.16%
Refused	11	1.83%
	602	100.00%

**6 Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or No party, or something else?**

Republican	238	39.53%
Democrat	199	33.06%
Independent or no party	139	23.09%
Something else	3	0.50%
Refused	23	3.82%
	602	100.00%

**7 Now I would like to read you a number of ballot propositions that may appear on the Arizona ballot next year. For each, tell me if you would vote for or against them if the election were held today, or if you are not sure.**

**The first is called The Health Freedom Act. Supporters say it would be a constitutional amendment and preserve and protect the rights of individuals to make their own health care and health insurance choices, rather than allow more of those decisions to become the government's. Detractors said it could prevent Arizona from moving forward to a single-payer health-care system. Would you vote for or against that proposition?**

For	324	53.82%
Against	186	30.90%
Unsure	90	14.95%
Refused	2	0.33%
	602	100.00%

**8 The next ballot measure idea would seek to return service in the Arizona State Legislature to a more citizen-driven approach rather than create nearly full-time jobs for politicians. At present, state legislators are paid \$24,000 annually, including additional compensation for mileage and daily payments while the legislature is in session. A new ballot measure may reduce compensation from \$24,000 to zero, making service in the State House and Senate an all-volunteer position. In general do you think this is a good idea, or a bad one?**

Good idea	120	19.93%
Bad idea	415	68.94%
Unsure	66	10.96%
Refused	1	0.17%
	602	100.00%

**9 The third ballot measure concept has to do with limiting the time the Arizona State Legislature meets and can spend time passing bills. At present, the legislature meets every year from approximately early January until the end of June. It then often holds "special sessions" at other times of the year. A new ballot measure would permit the legislature to meet only once every two years rather than every year. In general do you think this is a good idea, or a bad one?**

Good idea	73	12.13%
Bad idea	488	81.06%
Unsure	40	6.64%
Refused	1	0.17%
	602	100.00%

**10 The fourth would strengthen and expand Arizona's term limits laws. At present, elected officials often run for other political offices after their terms expire. They do this because they like the perks of office, or may have no other job to return to. Plus, having held one office, they can more easily win another. However, a new ballot measure would require that politicians wait at least two years before seeking another elected office in order to give more citizens a better chance at serving the public, rather than career politicians. In general, do you think that this is a good idea, or a bad one?**

Good idea	346	57.48%
Bad idea	174	28.90%
Unsure	80	13.29%
Refused	2	0.33%
	602	100.00%

11 The next involves complaints that paying state income taxes is too complicated and too costly. The solution, some say, is a flat tax that would have a single income tax rate that is easy to understand. It would still permit deductions for home mortgages and charitable contributions. Such a reform would be revenue neutral for the State of Arizona. In general do you think this is a good idea, or a bad one?

Good idea	325	53.99%
Bad idea	156	25.91%
Unsure	119	19.77%
Refused	2	0.33%
	602	100.00%

12 The last one involves a temporary one cent sales tax increase proposed by Governor Brewer . It would last for 3 years to help close the state budget deficit and would cost the average home owner about \$486 per year.The money would be used to fund state services rather than make further cuts in these areas. Would you tend to favor or oppose such a proposal?

Favor	295	49.00%
Oppose	261	43.36%
Unsure	45	7.48%
Refused	1	0.17%
	602	100.00%

13 Governor Jan Brewer will be up for re-election in November, 2010. If the election were held today please tell me if you would vote for her, or if you would vote for someone else?

Brewer	110	18.27%
Someone else	276	45.85%
Unsure/undecided	215	35.71%
Refused	1	0.17%
	602	100.00%

14 Now, staying on the topic of the race for governor, if our current governor was not a candidate, what type of candidate would you vote for if that election were held today? They are [rotate]:

- A state treasurer
- A former George W. Bush transportation secretary
- A conservative African American mayor of a prominent Arizona city
- A former Republican Party state chairman who is a practicing attorney
- An incumbent Attorney General
- A former state senate president and secretary of state
- A successful businessman with a young family

A state treasurer	30	5.83%
A former George W. Bush transportation secretary	6	1.17%
A conservative African American mayor of a prominent Arizona city	26	5.05%
A former Republican Party state chairman who is a practicing attorney	11	2.14%
An incumbent Attorney General	60	11.65%
A former state senate president and secretary of state	19	3.69%
A successful businessman with a young family	138	26.80%
Undecided	218	42.33%
Refused	7	1.36%
	515	100.00%

15 And when it comes to voting for Congress next year are you inclined to vote for the Republican, Democrat or are you not sure?

Republican	194	32.23%
Democrat	160	26.58%
Unsure	240	39.87%
Refused	8	1.33%
	602	100.00%

**16 Now just a couple of questions for demographic purposes. What is your age please?**

18-34	18	2.99%
35-44	28	4.65%
45-54	81	13.46%
55-64	145	24.09%
65 and older	307	51.00%
Refused	23	3.82%
	602	100.00%

**17 In what county do you live?**

Maricopa	362	60.13%
Pima	90	14.95%
Other North: Mohave Coconino Apache Navajo Yavapai Gila Greenlee	87	14.45%
Other South: Pinal Graham Cochise Santa Cruz Yuma LaPaz	63	10.47%
	602	100.00%

**18 Thank you for your time. That's all the questions I have.**

Male	291	48.34%
Female	311	51.66%
	602	100.00%