

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #15956



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CA 10 Special Election -- Garamendi Favored With Half of Votes Already Cast: In a Special Election for the US House of Representatives in California's 10th Congressional District today, 10/29/09, five days until votes are counted, Democrat John Garamendi defeats Republican David Harmer, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KPIX-TV in San Francisco. Garamendi, the Lieutenant Governor of California, leads among women. Harmer, a businessman and son of a former lieutenant governor, leads among church-goers and gun-owners. Three third-party candidates combine for 6%. Half of voters tell SurveyUSA they have already voted.

Filtering: 800 registered voters were interviewed by SurveyUSA 10/26/09 through 10/28/09, using Registration Based Sample (RBS) from Aristotle in Washington DC. Of the registered voters, 581 were determined by SurveyUSA to have already voted, or to be likely to vote before the 11/03/09 deadline. The CA10 seat was vacated when sitting Democratic congresswoman Ellen Tauscher joined the Obama administration.

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581 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Already Voted?		Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Yes	No	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%																		
John Garamendi (D)	50%	44%	55%	47%	47%	51%	51%	47%	51%	50%	48%	55%	47%	51%	49%	12%	77%	35%
David Harmer (R)	40%	44%	37%	45%	37%	38%	44%	40%	41%	41%	42%	29%	39%	41%	40%	81%	15%	42%
Other	6%	7%	5%	8%	9%	8%	2%	8%	5%	5%	10%	12%	10%	7%	6%	2%	5%	18%
Undecided	4%	4%	3%	0%	7%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	0%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely And Actual Vot	100%	49%	51%	9%	23%	40%	28%	32%	68%	77%	6%	7%	10%	53%	47%	32%	52%	16%

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581 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Ideology			College Grad		Attend Religious Services			Abortion		Own a Gun?		Income		2008 Vote	
		Conser	Moder	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No	< \$50K	> \$50K	Obama	McCain
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%																	
John Garamendi (D)	50%	13%	53%	82%	51%	47%	40%	50%	60%	21%	65%	37%	58%	49%	51%	80%	5%
David Harmer (R)	40%	80%	37%	7%	40%	40%	49%	40%	32%	69%	27%	52%	34%	39%	42%	10%	92%
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Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ.