Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #15956

Geography: CA 10th CD RBS

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Percentages

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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			Ideology			College Grad		Attend Religious Service			Abortion		Own a Gun?	
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Yes	No	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasi	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No
John Garamendi (D)	50%	44%	55%	47%	47%	51%	51%	47%	51%	50%	48%	55%	47%	51%	49%	12%	77%	35%	13%	53%	82%	51%	47%	40%	50%	60%	21%	65%	37%	58%
David Harmer (R)	40%	44%	37%	45%	37%	38%	44%	40%	41%	41%	42%	29%	39%	41%	40%	81%	15%	42%	80%	37%	7%	40%	40%	49%	40%	32%	69%	27%	52%	34%
Other	6%	7%	5%	8%	9%	8%	2%	8%	5%	5%	10%	12%	10%	7%	6%	2%	5%	18%	4%	6%	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%
Undecided	4%	4%	3%	0%	7%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	0%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	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%	28%	43%	27%	65%	35%	39%	23%	38%	32%	66%	36%	60%

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581 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Income		2008 Vote	
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		< $50K	> $50K	Obama	McCain
John Garamendi (D)	50%	49%	51%	80%	5%
David Harmer (R)	40%	39%	42%	10%	92%
Other	6%	9%	4%	6%	2%
Undecided	4%	3%	4%	4%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely And Actual Vot	100%	22%	78%	59%	35%

Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This 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. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, the respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, 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 with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.