

KPBS/CERC Religion & Politics Poll (n=400 San Diego County Adult Residents)

Hi this is _____ with Competitive Edge Research, a national polling firm and we're calling the good folks of San Diego County to ask your opinion on local issues. We are not selling anything. Most people find it interesting and all your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Please let me begin by asking . . .

Q1. What is your zip code?	South City	16.8%
	North City	24.3
	South Burbs	11.0
	East Burbs	13.9
	North Burbs	14.4
	North Coastal	12.3
	East Coastal	7.3

Now I'm going to ask about your thoughts on religion and politics . . .

Q2. Which of the following statements most accurately describes your view of religion? (*First three options were rotated*)

Religion Has a Largely Positive Influence on the World Today	18.6%
Religion Produces Both Good and Bad Results in the World Today	40.2
Religion Has a Largely Negative Influence on the World Today	6.1
Whether Religion Has a Positive or Negative Influence Depends on the Religion Itself	32.4
Unsure (<i>Not Read</i>)	2.7

Q3. When it comes to the role religion plays in politics and elections today, does it play . . . (*Role levels were rotated*)

Too Much of a Role	36.2%
Too Little of a Role	21.7
About Right/Unsure (<i>Not Read</i>)	42.1

Regardless of who you may support or oppose in the upcoming Presidential election . . .

Q4a. Let's say someone was running for President who you thought was qualified on the issues and was a born again Christian. Do you think you would . . . (*Split Sample A, n=108*)

Definitely	27.7%
Probably	34.7
Probably Not	20.7
Definitely Not	9.5
Unsure (<i>Not Read</i>)	7.6

. . . vote for that candidate?

Q4b. Let's say someone was running for President who you thought was qualified on the issues and was a Christian. Do you think you would . . . (*Split Sample B, n=100*)

Definitely	27.1%
Probably	51.7
Probably Not	6.6
Definitely Not	2.6
Unsure (<i>Not Read</i>)	12.0

. . . vote for that candidate?

Q4c. Let's say someone was running for President who you thought was qualified on the issues and was a Muslim. Do you think you would . . . (*Split Sample C, n=95*)

Definitely	12.1%
Probably	38.6
Probably Not	28.1
Definitely Not	11.2
Unsure (<i>Not Read</i>)	10.0

. . . vote for that candidate?

Q4d. Let's say someone was running for President who you thought was qualified on the issues and was an atheist. Do you think you would . . . (*Split Sample D, n=97*)

Definitely	28.2%
Probably	24.5
Probably Not	12.6
Definitely Not	23.8
Unsure (<i>Not Read</i>)	10.9

. . . vote for that candidate?

Q5. The first amendment of the United States Constitution says, among other things, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Do you think the doctrine of separation of church and state . . . has been taken too far, is about right, or has not been taken far enough? (*Options were rotated*)

Taken Too Far, Strongly	27.2%
Taken Too Far, Somewhat	16.0
About Right/Unsure	41.4
Not Far Enough, Somewhat	7.3
Not Far Enough, Strongly	8.0

Now I'd like to ask you a few demographic questions to make sure we have a representative sample . . .

Q6. What was your age on your last birthday?

18-24	15.2%
25-34	20.7
35-44	21.9
45-54	16.8
55-64	10.0
65-74	7.9
75+	7.6

Q7. Many people are not registered to vote. How about you? Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Yes	77.8%
No	22.2

Q8. When it comes to social issues and politics do you consider yourself to be . . .

Very Liberal	13.0%
Somewhat Liberal	27.8
Somewhat Conservative	30.5
Very Conservative	12.3
Somewhere in Between (<i>Not read</i>)	13.9
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	2.5

Q9. About how often, if at all, do you currently attend church or religious services?

More than Once a Week	9.5%
Once a Week	22.2
Once or Twice a Month	17.8
Once or Twice a Year	14.1
Less than Once or Twice Per Year	9.5
Never	26.3
Unsure/Varies Too Much to Say (<i>Not read</i>)	0.6

Q10. And please stop me when I reach the category closest to your household's total annual income . . .

Under \$20,000	11.4%
\$20 to 40,000	21.5
\$40 to 60,000	14.7
\$60 to 80,000	15.3
\$80 to 100,000	10.5
\$100 to 150,000	9.5
Over \$150,000	7.3
Refused (<i>Not Read</i>)	9.9

Q11. What is your marital status? Are you currently . . .

Married	52.7%
Single and Never Married	27.5
Divorced	12.7
Widowed	6.6
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	0.4

Thanks for your time and your opinion counts.

Q12. Gender	Male	45.4%
	Female	54.6
