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No hope for Whitman, Fiorina, Arnold, anyone vs. Feinstein

Raleigh, N.C. – For a time last summer, the California Senate race between Barbara Boxer and Carly Fiorina was a close one, but even in a Republican wave, Boxer ended up cruising to re-election. Her much more popular senior colleague, Dianne Feinstein, will benefit not only from greater favor with voters but also a more favorable electorate when she is up next year. Except for her first re-election race in 1994, Feinstein has never lost by fewer than 16 points. As it stands now, that trend should hold. Any Republican thrown at her gets blown out by at least 14 points.

Boxer defeated Fiorina by ten points three months ago, but Feinstein is set to double that margin to 55-35. Feinstein's closest competitor is the moderate former congressman Tom Campbell, who Fiorina outdueled in the Senate primary. But he still trails 51-37. Meg Whitman, who spent more of her own money than any candidate in history before falling to Jerry Brown for governor by 13 points, can only match Fiorina's 55-35 deficit. Steve Poizner, who Whitman beat in the gubernatorial primary, lags Feinstein, 52-34. Crusading Congressman Darrell Issa falls, 54-33. And ex-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger gets whalloped, 59-25.

Feinstein wins independents' support by 16 (against Fiorina) to an astounding 36 points (versus Schwarzenegger). She also takes 11% (Poizner) to 21% (Schwarzenegger) of the GOP, and gives up only 6% (Poizner) to 10% (Whitman and Campbell) of her own party, which allows her to build even further on Democrats' 45-32 registration advantage.

Feinstein's 50-39 approval margin puts her in the top third of the 78 senators PPP has measured in the last year. Schwarzenegger left office as the least popular governor in the country, and the public's views on him have not improved. He has a 25-65 favorability rating. None of the others except Campbell (21-18) is seen positively, but none of them comes close to that level of disfavor. At 28-50, Whitman is next least liked, followed by Fiorina's 29-48, Issa's 16-32, and Poizner's 19-32.

“Dianne Feinstein is too popular and California too Democratic, especially with Obama on the ballot, for her to be in much trouble for a fourth full term,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 892 California voters from January 28th to 30th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.3%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



California Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Barbara Boxer's job performance?

Approve..... 45% *Not sure* 8%
Disapprove..... 47%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Dianne Feinstein's job performance?

Approve..... 50% *Not sure* 11%
Disapprove..... 39%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Campbell?

Favorable..... 21%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 61%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Carly Fiorina?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 48%
Not sure 24%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Darrell Issa?

Favorable..... 16%
Unfavorable 32%
Not sure 52%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Steve Poizner?

Favorable..... 19%
Unfavorable 32%
Not sure 49%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Arnold Schwarzenegger?

Favorable..... 25%
Unfavorable 65%
Not sure 9%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Meg Whitman?

Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 22%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Tom Campbell, who would you vote for?

Dianne Feinstein 51%
Tom Campbell..... 37%
Undecided..... 12%

Q10 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Carly Fiorina, who would you vote for?

Dianne Feinstein 55%
Carly Fiorina 35%
Undecided..... 9%

Q11 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Darrell Issa, who would you vote for?

Dianne Feinstein 54%
Darrell Issa..... 33%
Undecided..... 13%

Q12 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Steve Poizner, who would you vote for?

Dianne Feinstein 52%
Steve Poizner 34%
Undecided..... 14%





Q13 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, who would you vote for?

Dianne Feinstein..... 59%
Arnold Schwarzenegger..... 25%
Undecided..... 17%

Q14 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Meg Whitman, who would you vote for?

Dianne Feinstein..... 55%
Meg Whitman..... 35%
Undecided..... 10%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 24%
Moderate..... 46%
Conservative..... 30%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q17 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 45%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 23%

Q18 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If Asian, press 4. If other, press 5.

Hispanic..... 19%
White 63%
African-American 8%
Asian..... 5%
Other..... 6%

Q19 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 30%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Boxer Approval				
Approve	45%	71%	51%	16%
Disapprove	47%	20%	40%	80%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein Approval				
Approve	50%	72%	59%	18%
Disapprove	39%	19%	27%	74%
Not sure	11%	9%	14%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Campbell Favorability				
Favorable	21%	15%	22%	24%
Unfavorable	18%	31%	15%	12%
Not sure	61%	54%	62%	64%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Fiorina Favorability				
Favorable	29%	12%	21%	55%
Unfavorable	48%	77%	49%	21%
Not sure	24%	11%	30%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Issa Favorability				
Favorable	16%	5%	14%	28%
Unfavorable	32%	60%	25%	20%
Not sure	52%	34%	61%	53%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Poizner Favorability				
Favorable	19%	7%	21%	27%
Unfavorable	32%	56%	24%	24%
Not sure	49%	37%	55%	49%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Schwarzenegger Favorability				
Favorable	25%	19%	31%	23%
Unfavorable	65%	75%	58%	68%
Not sure	9%	6%	11%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Whitman Favorability				
Favorable	28%	6%	22%	56%
Unfavorable	50%	84%	53%	19%
Not sure	22%	10%	26%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein/Campbell				
Dianne Feinstein	51%	83%	59%	14%
Tom Campbell	37%	13%	24%	76%
Undecided	12%	3%	17%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein/Fiorina				
Dianne Feinstein	55%	88%	63%	16%
Carly Fiorina	35%	9%	25%	73%
Undecided	9%	3%	12%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein/Issa				
Dianne Feinstein	54%	88%	63%	14%
Darrell Issa	33%	8%	23%	68%
Undecided	13%	5%	14%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein/Poizner				
Dianne Feinstein	52%	89%	59%	12%
Steve Poizner	34%	6%	27%	66%
Undecided	14%	5%	15%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein/Schwarzenegger				
Dianne Feinstein	59%	88%	65%	24%
Arnold Schwarzenegger	25%	8%	21%	44%
Undecided	17%	4%	14%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein/Whitman				
Dianne Feinstein	55%	86%	63%	18%
Meg Whitman	35%	10%	25%	71%
Undecided	10%	3%	12%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boxer Approval			
Approve	45%	48%	42%
Disapprove	47%	43%	52%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein Approval			
Approve	50%	52%	48%
Disapprove	39%	36%	43%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Campbell Favorability			
Favorable	21%	18%	25%
Unfavorable	18%	15%	22%
Not sure	61%	67%	54%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fiorina Favorability			
Favorable	29%	28%	30%
Unfavorable	48%	48%	48%
Not sure	24%	25%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Issa Favorability			
Favorable	16%	11%	21%
Unfavorable	32%	30%	34%
Not sure	52%	59%	45%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Poizner Favorability			
Favorable	19%	17%	22%
Unfavorable	32%	26%	38%
Not sure	49%	57%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schwarzenegger Favorability			
Favorable	25%	26%	25%
Unfavorable	65%	66%	64%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Whitman Favorability			
Favorable	28%	24%	32%
Unfavorable	50%	53%	48%
Not sure	22%	23%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein/Campbell			
Dianne Feinstein	51%	54%	49%
Tom Campbell	37%	37%	37%
Undecided	12%	9%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein/Fiorina			
Dianne Feinstein	55%	59%	51%
Carly Fiorina	35%	33%	38%
Undecided	9%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein/Issa			
Dianne Feinstein	54%	56%	53%
Darrell Issa	33%	32%	34%
Undecided	13%	12%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein/Poizner			
Dianne Feinstein	52%	54%	50%
Steve Poizner	34%	34%	34%
Undecided	14%	13%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein/Schwarzenegger			
Dianne Feinstein	59%	60%	57%
Arnold Schwarzenegger	25%	25%	24%
Undecided	17%	14%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein/Whitman			
Dianne Feinstein	55%	57%	53%
Meg Whitman	35%	35%	36%
Undecided	10%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boxer Approval				
Approve	45%	74%	11%	36%
Disapprove	47%	19%	84%	49%
Not sure	8%	7%	5%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein Approval				
Approve	50%	74%	20%	46%
Disapprove	39%	19%	70%	35%
Not sure	11%	7%	11%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Campbell Favorability				
Favorable	21%	15%	28%	24%
Unfavorable	18%	26%	8%	17%
Not sure	61%	59%	64%	59%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fiorina Favorability				
Favorable	29%	12%	56%	22%
Unfavorable	48%	65%	20%	52%
Not sure	24%	23%	23%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Issa Favorability				
Favorable	16%	8%	27%	16%
Unfavorable	32%	47%	17%	25%
Not sure	52%	46%	56%	58%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Poizner Favorability				
Favorable	19%	14%	25%	22%
Unfavorable	32%	41%	26%	22%
Not sure	49%	45%	49%	56%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Schwarzenegger Favorability				
Favorable	25%	20%	32%	27%
Unfavorable	65%	71%	62%	58%
Not sure	9%	9%	6%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Whitman Favorability				
Favorable	28%	12%	58%	19%
Unfavorable	50%	68%	19%	60%
Not sure	22%	20%	23%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein/Campbell				
Dianne Feinstein	51%	79%	15%	47%
Tom Campbell	37%	10%	79%	30%
Undecided	12%	10%	6%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein/Fiorina				
Dianne Feinstein	55%	86%	16%	51%
Carly Fiorina	35%	7%	76%	35%
Undecided	9%	8%	8%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein/Issa				
Dianne Feinstein	54%	84%	12%	55%
Darrell Issa	33%	7%	73%	28%
Undecided	13%	9%	15%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein/Poizner				
Dianne Feinstein	52%	84%	11%	48%
Steve Poizner	34%	6%	75%	31%
Undecided	14%	11%	14%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein/Schwarzenegger				
Dianne Feinstein	59%	87%	21%	56%
Arnold Schwarzenegger	25%	8%	52%	20%
Undecided	17%	5%	28%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein/Whitman				
Dianne Feinstein	55%	83%	16%	55%
Meg Whitman	35%	10%	75%	30%
Undecided	10%	8%	9%	15%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Boxer Approval						
Approve	45%	54%	41%	65%	41%	39%
Disapprove	47%	37%	52%	28%	42%	58%
Not sure	8%	9%	7%	7%	17%	2%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein Approval						
Approve	50%	59%	46%	62%	52%	39%
Disapprove	39%	35%	44%	17%	13%	50%
Not sure	11%	6%	10%	21%	35%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Campbell Favorability						
Favorable	21%	10%	27%	11%	16%	15%
Unfavorable	18%	23%	15%	20%	36%	24%
Not sure	61%	66%	59%	69%	48%	61%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Fiorina Favorability						
Favorable	29%	23%	32%	15%	13%	41%
Unfavorable	48%	50%	46%	61%	47%	40%
Not sure	24%	28%	22%	24%	39%	19%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Issa Favorability						
Favorable	16%	11%	19%	11%	7%	13%
Unfavorable	32%	37%	32%	35%	17%	20%
Not sure	52%	52%	49%	54%	76%	67%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Poizner Favorability						
Favorable	19%	18%	20%	11%	12%	39%
Unfavorable	32%	34%	32%	42%	8%	23%
Not sure	49%	47%	48%	47%	80%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Schwarzenegger Favorability						
Favorable	25%	19%	26%	21%	31%	37%
Unfavorable	65%	74%	65%	62%	38%	60%
Not sure	9%	6%	8%	17%	30%	2%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Whitman Favorability						
Favorable	28%	23%	32%	15%	20%	28%
Unfavorable	50%	55%	48%	61%	48%	50%
Not sure	22%	22%	20%	24%	32%	22%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein/Campbell						
Dianne Feinstein	51%	63%	46%	73%	46%	47%
Tom Campbell	37%	25%	43%	12%	36%	45%
Undecided	12%	11%	11%	15%	18%	9%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein/Fiorina						
Dianne Feinstein	55%	70%	50%	79%	46%	39%
Carly Fiorina	35%	19%	41%	16%	36%	52%
Undecided	9%	11%	9%	5%	18%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein/Issa						
Dianne Feinstein	54%	69%	48%	84%	46%	39%
Darrell Issa	33%	21%	38%	11%	27%	52%
Undecided	13%	10%	14%	5%	27%	9%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein/Poizner						
Dianne Feinstein	52%	66%	47%	74%	46%	39%
Steve Poizner	34%	21%	38%	14%	38%	52%
Undecided	14%	13%	15%	12%	16%	9%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein/Schwarzenegger						
Dianne Feinstein	59%	68%	53%	85%	62%	47%
Arnold Schwarzenegger	25%	17%	28%	7%	27%	43%
Undecided	17%	15%	19%	8%	12%	10%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Feinstein/Whitman						
Dianne Feinstein	55%	67%	50%	79%	55%	39%
Meg Whitman	35%	25%	41%	11%	27%	45%
Undecided	10%	7%	9%	10%	18%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Boxer Approval					
Approve	45%	40%	47%	45%	45%
Disapprove	47%	47%	46%	49%	45%
Not sure	8%	13%	7%	5%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein Approval					
Approve	50%	37%	50%	52%	55%
Disapprove	39%	40%	38%	40%	38%
Not sure	11%	23%	13%	8%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Campbell Favorability					
Favorable	21%	17%	17%	23%	26%
Unfavorable	18%	20%	18%	19%	15%
Not sure	61%	63%	65%	57%	59%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fiorina Favorability					
Favorable	29%	20%	22%	34%	33%
Unfavorable	48%	43%	49%	51%	43%
Not sure	24%	37%	29%	15%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Issa Favorability					
Favorable	16%	7%	17%	17%	18%
Unfavorable	32%	33%	31%	33%	31%
Not sure	52%	60%	53%	50%	51%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Poizner Favorability					
Favorable	19%	13%	28%	17%	16%
Unfavorable	32%	37%	32%	32%	28%
Not sure	49%	50%	40%	51%	56%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Schwarzenegger Favorability					
Favorable	25%	37%	22%	25%	24%
Unfavorable	65%	57%	68%	67%	62%
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	8%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Whitman Favorability					
Favorable	28%	27%	22%	32%	30%
Unfavorable	50%	43%	51%	53%	48%
Not sure	22%	30%	26%	15%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein/Campbell					
Dianne Feinstein	51%	55%	47%	54%	51%
Tom Campbell	37%	28%	36%	37%	44%
Undecided	12%	17%	17%	9%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein/Fiorina					
Dianne Feinstein	55%	53%	54%	57%	54%
Carly Fiorina	35%	27%	35%	37%	38%
Undecided	9%	20%	11%	6%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein/Issa					
Dianne Feinstein	54%	60%	57%	52%	51%
Darrell Issa	33%	27%	31%	36%	34%
Undecided	13%	13%	13%	11%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein/Poizner					
Dianne Feinstein	52%	53%	47%	55%	53%
Steve Poizner	34%	30%	39%	31%	32%
Undecided	14%	17%	14%	14%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein/Schwarzenegger					
Dianne Feinstein	59%	57%	63%	59%	53%
Arnold Schwarzenegger	25%	30%	24%	23%	26%
Undecided	17%	13%	14%	18%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Feinstein/Whitman					
Dianne Feinstein	55%	53%	54%	57%	53%
Meg Whitman	35%	33%	33%	35%	40%
Undecided	10%	13%	13%	8%	7%

