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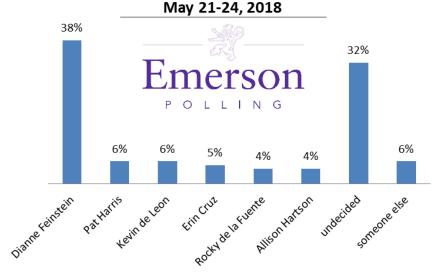
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Emerson College ePoll: Sen. Dianne Feinstein leads CA Senate race, Potential trouble ahead in the General; Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom leads Governor Race with GOP candidates in hunt for second place finish.

A new Emerson College ePoll finds Sen. Dianne Feinstein at 38% with no other candidate breaking double digits, and 32% of voters undecided. In the Governor's race, the current Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom leads with 24% of the vote, with four rivals vying for the second spot, 19% of voters undecided. The poll was conducted May 21-24 of 600 registered voters (+/-4.2 credibility interval) who were more likely than not to vote in the June 5 Primary.

## **CA 2018 US Senate Primary**

Emerson College, +/- 4.2%, n=600, MM, RV.



A deeper look into the Senate race reveals that none of Feinstein's opponents have broken out from the pack: Kevin De Leon, Pat Harris, Erin Cruz, Allison Hartson and Rocky De La Fuente are all polling between 4% and 6%.

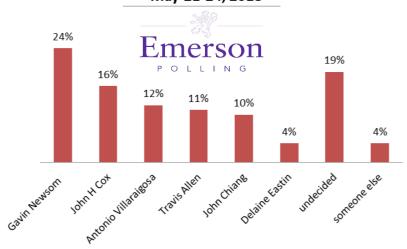
While Feinstein receives about 59% of the Democratic vote, and is in a solid position to win the primary, there is a fatigue factor. When voters were asked if Feinstein, first elected to the Senate in 1992, should be re-elected, or was it time to give someone else a chance, 36% opted to re-elect Feinstein, while 47% said it was time for someone else.

In the Governor's race, Newsom is a solid favorite for the general election - with nearly a quarter of the vote (24%). Yet, the race for second is still a toss-up with John Cox at 16%, Antonio Villaraigosa at 12%, Travis Allen at 11% and John Chiang at 10%. Nearly 1 in 5 voters are still undecided 10 days before the election.

Support of the candidates reveals distinct regional distinctions. Newsom, the former San Francisco Mayor, garners 42% of the vote in the Bay region, while former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has 19% of the vote in the LA metro region, but is unable to crack double digits north of Fresno.

## **CA 2018 Governor Primary**

Emerson College, +/- 4.2%, n=600, MM, RV. May 21-24, 2018



GOP Candidate John Cox, recently endorsed by President Trump, is receiving 39% of the Trump vote from 2016, while his Republican counterpart Travis Allen receives 19% of the Trump vote. Among Democrats, Newsom receives 35% of the Clinton vote. Clinton won CA 62% with Trump at 33% in 2016.

In a generic congressional ballot test- Democrats lead Republicans 54% to 36%. Democrats are strongest in the San Francisco Bay Area (71% to 23%; Congressional Districts 11- 21, and 23) while Republicans have their best chances to win seats in the Northern Central Valley (Republicans leads 48% to 40%; Congressional Districts 4, 8-10, 16, and 22).

Senator Kamala Harris is popular in the State with a 45% approval and 22% disapproval, Conversely, President Trump has a 33% approval and 56% disapproval in California. Part of the President's high disapproval could stem from his decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. 55% of voters disagreed with Trump's policy change, 29% agreed.

On other statewide issues, voters approve nearly 2:1 (49% to 25%) the California Energy Commission (CEC) mandate, requiring that all new house and multi-family residences of three stories or fewer must be built with solar panels beginning in 2020.

## Methodology:

The CA Emerson College ePoll was conducted May 21-24, 2018 under the Supervision of Professor Spencer Kimball. The sample consisted of registered voters who were more likely than not going to vote in the June 5th Primary, n=600, with a Credibility Interval (similar to margin of error) of +/- 4.2 percentage points. The data was weighted by 2016 presidential vote preference, region, age, ethnicity and mode based on a

registered voter model. Data was collected using both an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system of landlines only and an online panel provided by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Full methodology available at theecps.com

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## **CA Statewide, Survey Instrument**

1. To start, can you please tell me your gender?

Press 1 for male

Press 2 for female

2. With what party do you most closely align?

Press 1 for Democrat

Press 2 for Republican

Press 3 for Independent or Other

Press 4 if you are not registered to vote

3. How likely are you to vote in the 2018 primary elections on June 5?

Press 1 if you are not likely to vote

Press 2 if you are 50-50

Press 3 if you are Somewhat likely to vote

Press 4 if you are likely to vote

Press 5 if you have already voted

4. If the election for US Senate were held today, for whom would you vote or lean towards voting among the following candidates?

Press 1 for Erin Cruz (Eh-rin Cruz)

Press 2 for Dianne Feinstein (Di-an Fine-stine)

Press 3 for Rocky de la Fuente (Rocky de la Fwen-tay)

Press 4 for Pat Harris (Pat Hair-iss)

Press 5 for Allison Hartson (A-lih-suhn Heart-son)

Press 6 for Kevin de León (Kevin de Lee-own)

Press 7 for someone else

Press 8 if you are undecided

Press \* to repeat these choices

5. If the election for Governor were held today, for whom would you vote or lean towards voting among the following candidates?

Press 1 for Travis Allen (Travis Allen)

Press 2 for John Chiang (John Chee-ang)

Press 3 for John H. Cox (John H. Cox)

Press 4 for Delaine Eastin (De-laeene Eas-ten)

Press 5 for Gavin Newsom (Ga-vin New-some)

Press 6 for Antonio Villaraigosa (An-toh-nee-oh Vee-yahr-eye-goh-sah)

Press 7 for someone else

Press 8 if you are undecided

Press \* to repeat these choices

- 6. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote or lean towards voting in the district where you live?
  - Press 1 for the Democratic Party Candidate
  - Press 2 for the Republican Party Candidate
  - Press 3 for other
  - Press 4 for not sure
- 7. How excited are you to vote in the 2018 Midterm elections?
- Press 1 for very excited
- Press 2 for somewhat excited
- Press 3 for not too excited
- Press 4 for not at all excited
- 8. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?
- Press 1 for approve
- Press 2 for disapprove
- Press 3 for neutral or no opinion
- Press 4 if you have never heard of this person
- 9. What about the job Kamala Harris (Kah-mall-uh Hair-iss) is doing as U.S. Senator?
- Press 1 for approve
- Press 2 for disapprove
- Press 3 for neutral or no opinion
- Press 4 if you have never heard of this person
- 10. Do you think Dianne Feinstein should be re-elected to her U.S. Senate seat or do you think it is time to give someone else a chance?
- Press 1 for re-elect Feinstein
- Press 2 if you think it is time to give someone else a chance
- Press 3 for unsure
- Press 4 for neutral/no opinion
- 11. What is your opinion about President Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program?
- Press 1 for agree with the President's decision
- Press 2 for disagree with the President's decision
- Press 3 for neutral/no opinion
- Press 4 if you are unsure
- Press 5 if you have never heard of it

- 12. The California Energy Commission (CEC) recently voted that starting in 2020, all new house and multi-family residences of three stories or fewer, along with all major renovations, must be built with solar panels. What is your opinion on this mandate?
- Press 1 for agree
- Press 2 for disagree
- Press 3 for unsure
- Press 4 for neutral/no opinion

Press 5 if you have never heard of it

- 13. For whom did you vote in the 2016 Presidential election?
- Press 1 for Donald Trump
- Press 2 for Hillary Clinton
- Press 3 for someone else or if you did not vote
- 14. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me your ethnicity?
- Press 1 for Asian
- Press 2 for Black or African American
- Press 3 for Hispanic or Latino
- Press 4 for White
- Press 5 for other or multiple races
- 15. What is your age range?
- Press 1 for 18-34 years
- Press 2 for 35-54 years
- Press 3 for 55-74 years
- Press 4 for 75 or more years
- 16. What is the highest level of education you have attained?
- Press 1 for high school or less
- Press 2 for some college
- Press 3 for college graduate
- Press 4 for postgrad or higher
- 17. Which congressional district do you live in?

North- 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
Northern Central Valley- 4, 8, 9, 10, 16, 22,
San Fran Bay- 11, 13, 12, 14 15, 17,18, 19, 20, 21, 23
Bakersfield-Fresno- 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34
LA Metro- 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43
SoCal- 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53