

OCTOBER 2006 IDAHO POLL RESULTS

625 likely November general election voters were interviewed statewide October 23-25, 2006 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. The margin for error is plus or minus 4%

NAME RECOGNITION:

QUESTION: I am going to list the names of a number of candidates for public office.

A. The first (next) name is _____. Do you recognize that name?

B. (IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neutral opinion of _____?

	<u>RECOGNIZE FAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE NEUTRAL</u>	<u>DON'T RECOGNIZE</u>
GOVERNOR				
C.L. "Butch" Otter	41%	27%	29%	3%
Jerry Brady	38%	14%	35%	13%
LT. GOVERNOR				
Jim Risch	30%	26%	27%	17%
Larry LaRocco	25%	16%	35%	24%
SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION				
Jana Jones	27%	6%	27%	40%
Tom Luna	24%	22%	30%	24%

*** 314 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTERS ONLY ***

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Larry Grant	34%	13%	21%	32%
Bill Sali	33%	33%	19%	15%

QUESTION: If the election for Idaho's First District Congressional seat were held today, would you vote for:

- Larry Grant, Democrat
- Bill Sali, Republican
- Paul Smith, Constitution Party
- Andy Hedden-Nicely, United Party
- Dave Olson, independent

	<u>DIST</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
SALI	39%	43%	35%	-	78%	14%
GRANT	37%	35%	39%	84%	5%	47%
OLSON	2%	2%	2%	-	-	7%
HEDDEN-NICELY	1%	-	2%	-	-	3%
SMITH	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED	21%	20%	22%	16%	17%	29%

ALL VOTERS

QUESTION: If the 2006 election for Governor were held today, would you vote for:

- Jerry Brady, Democrat
- C.L. "Butch" Otter, Republican
- Marvin Richardson, Constitution Party
- Ted Dunlap, Libertarian Party

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>	<u>TREAS VALL</u>	<u>SE ID</u>	<u>NO ID</u>
OTTER	44%	46%	42%	5%	71%	29%	41%	47%	44%
BRADY	43%	42%	44%	90%	15%	54%	46%	42%	41%
DUNLAP	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	2%
RICHARDSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED	12%	11%	13%	4%	14%	16%	12%	11%	13%

QUESTION: If the 2006 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for:

- Larry LaRocco, Democrat
- Jim Risch, Republican
- William Charles Wellisch, Constitution Party

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RISCH	45%	47%	43%	2%	77%	26%	43%	51%	39%
LAROCO	36%	33%	39%	78%	12%	42%	40%	29%	41%
WELLISCH	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	2%
UNDECIDED	18%	19%	17%	19%	11%	31%	17%	19%	18%

QUESTION: If the 2006 election for Superintendent of Public Instruction were held today, would you vote for:

- Jana Jones, Democrat
- Tom Luna, Republican

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JONES	40%	37%	43%	81%	18%	44%	40%	41%	40%
LUNA	37%	38%	36%	7%	61%	21%	36%	41%	33%
UNDECIDED	23%	25%	21%	12%	21%	35%	24%	18%	27%

QUESTION: A proposed amendment on the November ballot asks, "Shall Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 28, to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in the state?"

If you were voting today, would you vote:

- "FOR" this proposed amendment, or
- "AGAINST" this proposed amendment?

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"FOR"	59%	62%	56%	22%	81%	52%	49%	70%	56%
"AGAINST"	36%	33%	39%	73%	15%	42%	45%	27%	36%
UNDECIDED	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	3%	7%

QUESTION: A proposed initiative on the November ballot would increase K-12 education funding for local public schools by adding one percent to the state sales tax effective July 1, 2007, or by requiring the Legislature to develop an alternative by that date that would provide an equal revenue stream.

If you were voting today, would you vote:

- "FOR" this initiative, or
- "AGAINST" this initiative?

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"FOR"	45%	43%	47%	66%	39%	39%	46%	44%	45%
"AGAINST"	40%	44%	36%	26%	44%	43%	37%	45%	37%
UNDECIDED	15%	13%	17%	7%	17%	18%	17%	11%	18%

QUESTION: Another proposed initiative on the November ballot would limit eminent domain when used for economic development purposes, define land use law and permit just compensation for regulatory takings.

If you were voting today, would you vote:

- "FOR" this initiative, or
- "AGAINST" this initiative?

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"FOR"	37%	38%	36%	35%	40%	36%	31%	40%	42%
"AGAINST"	39%	39%	39%	45%	32%	41%	43%	36%	36%
UNDECIDED	24%	23%	25%	20%	28%	23%	26%	24%	22%

QUESTION: How would you rate the performance of George W. Bush as president: excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?

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EXCELLENT	18%	19%	17%	-	31%	11%	13%	21%	20%
GOOD	28%	29%	27%	2%	44%	20%	30%	29%	24%
FAIR	13%	15%	11%	7%	16%	13%	17%	11%	11%
POOR	40%	37%	43%	90%	9%	54%	40%	37%	44%
UNDECIDED	1%	-	2%	1%	-	2%	-	2%	1%

QUESTION: Do you feel things in the country are on the right track or do you feel they are on the wrong track?

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RIGHT TRACK	43%	48%	38%	5%	71%	24%	39%	45%	45%
WRONG TRACK	45%	41%	49%	88%	17%	59%	48%	45%	42%
NOT SURE	12%	11%	13%	7%	12%	17%	13%	10%	13%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the situation in Iraq?

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APPROVE	42%	46%	38%	5%	66%	30%	38%	47%	40%
DISAPPROVE	49%	46%	52%	93%	20%	63%	51%	44%	54%
NOT SURE	9%	8%	10%	2%	14%	7%	11%	9%	6%

QUESTION: Do you feel things in Idaho are on the right track or do you feel they are on the wrong track?

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RIGHT TRACK	66%	66%	66%	39%	85%	56%	61%	72%	64%
WRONG TRACK	21%	21%	21%	39%	8%	27%	27%	15%	22%
NOT SURE	13%	13%	13%	22%	7%	17%	12%	13%	14%

QUESTION: What do you consider the most important state issue facing Idaho today? (NOT READ)

K-12 Education issues/school funding	26%
Taxes/Government Spending/Budget	14%
State Economy/Jobs/Economic Development	13%
Protecting Environment/Growth & Sprawl	9%
Ethics/Honesty in Government	8%
Roads/Transportation/Highways	5%
Higher Education/Community Colleges	4%
Social Issues/Moral Issues/Family Values	4%
Agriculture/Farm Issues	3%
Health Care Issues/Cost of Health Care	3%
Law Enforcement/Crime/Prisons/Drugs	1%
Gun Rights/Gun Control	1%
Other	2%
Not Sure	7%

QUESTION: Currently, Idaho has community colleges in Coeur d'Alene and Twin Falls. Do you feel Idaho does or does not need a community college system that adds schools in Treasure Valley and Eastern Idaho?

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DOES	60%	59%	60%	68%	54%	63%	74%	57%	46%
DOES NOT	25%	30%	20%	17%	31%	22%	19%	29%	27%
NOT SURE	15%	11%	19%	15%	15%	15%	7%	14%	27%

QUESTION: Idaho currently requires local communities to use property tax revenue to pay for part of the cost of operating the state's two community colleges. Do you feel the state should be responsible for all community college funding, or do you feel local funds should continue to be used?

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STATE	39%	36%	42%	54%	31%	31%	37%	39%	42%
LOCAL	36%	45%	27%	22%	45%	41%	30%	41%	36%
NOT SURE	25%	19%	31%	24%	24%	28%	33%	20%	22%

QUESTION: Currently, a two-thirds majority vote is required to raise local property taxes to build a community college. Would you support or oppose changing this requirement to a simple majority vote?

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SUPPORT	42%	38%	46%	59%	36%	37%	47%	35%	45%
OPPOSE	45%	51%	39%	27%	51%	50%	41%	52%	41%
UNDECIDED	13%	11%	15%	14%	13%	13%	12%	13%	14%

QUESTION: In deciding which candidate to vote for in a race for Congress, which one of the following issues will be most influential?

Iraq	19%
Ethics/Honesty in Government	17%
National security/terrorism	12%
Immigration	11%
Moral issues/family values	10%
Taxes and Government spending	10%
Gas prices/the economy	9%
Healthcare	7%
Other/Not Sure (NOT READ)	5%

QUESTION: Does the Mark Foley sex scandal make you more likely to vote for a Democratic candidate for Congress, or not?

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YES	18%	19%	17%	39%	5%	25%	21%	15%
NO	73%	72%	74%	42%	89%	68%	70%	76%
NOT SURE	9%	9%	9%	19%	6%	7%	9%	9%

DEMOGRAPHICS:

- In terms of your political party identification, do you generally consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican or an independent?

Democrat	141 (23%)
Republican	307 (49%)
Independent or Other	177 (28%)

AGE:	18-34	89 (14%)
	35-49	191 (31%)
	50-64	193 (31%)
	65+	148 (24%)
	Refused	4 (1%)

SEX:	Male	308 (49%)
	Female	317 (51%)

REGION:	Treasure Valley	220 (35%)
	South/East Idaho	235 (38%)
	Northern Idaho	170 (27%)