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Governor's lead solid, but voters seem wary *[Chicago Final Edition]*

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PHOTO Gov. [Rod Blagojevich] (shown with Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn during a 9/11 memorial Monday) leads [Judy Baar Topinka] in a new poll. Voter skepticism Which candidate for governor would do a better job of cleaning up political corruption in Illinois state government? Blagojevich 29% Topinka 27% Both 2% Don't know 15% Neither 27% Source: Market Shares Corp. poll conducted Thursday through Sunday of 600 Illinois registered voters likely to vote on Nov. 7. The margin of error is +/-4 percentage points. Chicago Tribune GRAPHIC: Electorate skeptical on corruption issue According to a new Tribune/WGN-TV poll, Gov. Rod Blagojevich leads Republican challenger Judy Baar Topinka in the race for governor. Still, voters don't believe Blagojevich has cleaned up corruption. VOTER PREFERENCE If you were voting today and had to decide right now, would you vote for ... Blagojevich 45% Topinka 33% Rich Whitney 6% Other 1% Undecided: 15% BLAGOJEVICH JOB APPROVAL Do you approve or disapprove of the job Rod Blagojevich is doing as governor? Approve 43% Disapprove 45% No opinion 12% HEALTH CARE Who would do a better job of improving access to affordable health care? Blagojevich 50% Topinka 19% Neither 10% Don't know 20% Both 1% EDUCATION Who would do a better job of improving public school education? Blagojevich 45% Topinka 26% Neither 9% Don't know 18% Both 2% POLITICAL CORRUPTION Compared with previous administrations, how does the Blagojevich administration measure up on handling of state contracts, hiring and appointments. ... Is there more political corruption now, is there less political corruption now, or is corruption about the same as before? Same as before 55% More corruption 10% Less corruption 24% No opinion 11% Source: Market Shares Corp. poll conducted Thursday through Sunday of 600 Illinois registered voters likely to vote on Nov. 7. The margin of error is +/-4 percentage points. Chicago Tribune

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