

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #10617



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Geography: Illinois

Data Collected: 10/30/2006 - 11/01/2006

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Democrat Rod Blagojevich Re-Elected IL Governor... But Whitney Could Determine By How Much: In an election for Governor of Illinois today, 11/2/06, 5 days to the vote, Democrat incumbent Rod Blagojevich is re-elected, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KSDK-TV St. Louis. But, Blagojevich's margin of victory could be the 8 points that SurveyUSA reports here, or could be larger, depending on other factors. First among them: support for Green Party Candidate Rich Whitney, who receives 14% of the likely vote in today's SurveyUSA's poll. If Whitney's support is more of a protest by voters over how unhappy they are with having to choose between Blagojevich and Topinka, as opposed to genuine enthusiasm for Whitney and the Green Party, then some of Whitney's support may dry up before Election Day, and that support could go elsewhere, or stay home. Already, Whitney's support among Independent voters is down from 29% in a SurveyUSA KSDK-TV poll on 10/23 to 21% today. Next: some, but not all, parts of Illinois have hotly contested races for the U.S. House of Representatives. In those Congressional Districts, turnout will be higher than it will be in non-competitive U.S. House districts in Illinois. As SurveyUSA adjusts its turnout model to include more Likely Voters in its respondent pool, Blagojevich's margin of victory increases, in some scenarios by quite a bit. There is no SurveyUSA scenario in which Topinka wins. In the data SurveyUSA reports here, Blagojevich gets 45%, not materially different than his support in two previous SurveyUSA polls. Topinka today is at 37%. In two previous SurveyUSA polls she had been at 39% and 34%. SurveyUSA expects Blagojevich to finish in the mid 40s, Topinka to finish in the mid 30s. SurveyUSA does not see Blagojevich breaking 50% unless the Green vote disintegrates.

Filtering: 1,000 Illinois adults were interviewed 10/30/06 through 11/1/06. Of them, 885 were registered to vote. Of them, 434 were judged to be "likely" voters. Crosstabs reflect Likely Voters.

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434 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				Race				Party			Ideology			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.8%																		
Topinka (R)	37%	39%	35%	28%	37%	42%	37%	42%	7%	27%	30%	74%	12%	35%	74%	30%	9%	
Blagojevich (D)	45%	40%	51%	48%	47%	40%	47%	37%	90%	69%	62%	11%	74%	36%	14%	53%	64%	
Whitney (G)	14%	16%	11%	20%	10%	14%	13%	16%	0%	0%	8%	9%	13%	21%	9%	12%	24%	
Other/Undecided	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	0%	6%	1%	7%	3%	4%	3%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	51%	49%	19%	30%	30%	21%	82%	11%	5%	2%	31%	45%	21%	30%	37%	23%	

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		No Coll	Some C	College	Grad S	<\$40K	\$40K -	>\$80K	Approv	Disappr	Chicag	Suburb	Collar C	Downst	Urban	Suburb	Rural
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Blagojevich (D)	45%	59%	50%	32%	46%	51%	48%	40%	9%	66%	60%	46%	38%	41%	54%	41%	40%
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Composition of Likely Voters	100%	8%	36%	23%	33%	22%	35%	36%	33%	62%	20%	22%	20%	38%	31%	56%	13%

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Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Verona, NJ.