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Michigan

After Iraq: Arab Americans Reassess President Bush

by Ed Sarpolus

It has been nearly three years since the last presidential election, when nearly 70% of Arab Americans voted for George W. Bush. Based on the results of a recently released

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However, the President's job rating on handling the war in Iraq was definitely better than his rating on the economy, with 45% of the Arab American respondents in Michigan giving him a positive job rating here, compared to 50% offering a negative rating. This high rating for his handling of the Iraqi war is seconded by a 63% positive job rating for

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Iowa

Gephardt, Kerry and the Democrats' Class Divide

by John Kenneth White and John Zogby

From April 25-27, 2003, Zogby International surveyed likely Iowa caucus-goers who will cast important votes next January as the presidential balloting begins. This latest round of polling contains good news for Dick Gephardt, who went from 19% in the January Zogby survey to 25% now. Conversely, Joe Lieberman had a bad four months, plummeting from 17% to 9%. The remaining candidates either had modest gains or stayed stagnant. John Kerry went from 11% to 13%; Howard Dean climbed from 2% to 6%; Bob Graham inched up from .03% to .08%. John Edwards and Al Sharpton experienced slight erosions in their support. Carol Moseley Braun, who was not included in the January survey, received just 1%.

It is early, and much will happen between now and next January when the caucuses convene. But there are distinct differences emerging between backers of the two leading contenders: Dick Gephardt and John Kerry. Among Democrats, Gephardt leads with 27% to Kerry's 14%. But when independents are asked to choose, Gephardt's support is halved to 13%; and the race is a dead heat, with Kerry at 11%.

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done is to rally the old Democratic base—i.e., blue-collars,

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California

GOVERNOR: Gray Davis (D)—Recall election

Public Policy Institute of California Statewide Survey. Sept. 9-17, 2003. Statewide:

"On October 7th, there will be a special election on whether to recall Governor Davis from office. On this ballot voters will be asked two questions: first, whether to recall the governor, and second, who to elect to replace him if he is recalled. If the governor is recalled, voters will also be asked to elect a replacement governor."

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Don't Know %
5
6
8/8-17 %
18
23
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Los Angeles Times Poll. Sep. 6-10, 2003. N=922 likely voters statewide:

"There will be a special election to recall Governor Davis on October 7th. The recall ballot measure will consist of two parts. The first part will be a YES or NO vote on whether to recall the governor. The second part will list candidates running to replace Davis if he is recalled. If the October 7th special recall election were being held today, would you vote YES to recall Governor Davis or would you vote NO, not to recall Governor Davis?"

	Yes, Recall %	No, Keep %	Don't Know %
ALL	50	47	3
Men	57	41	2
Women	43	54	3
Non-Hispanic whites	53	44	3
Latinos	53	41	6

Replacement Ballot Trial Heat:	ALL %	Dem. %	Ind. %	Rep. %
Cruz Bustamante (D)	30	57	24	4
Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)	25	10	14	45
Tom McClintock (R)	18	4	28	31
Peter Ueberroth (R)	8	8	5	9
Arianna Huffington (I)	3	3	7	1
Peter Miguel Camejo (Green)	2	2	4	-
Someone else	1	1	5	-
Wouldn't vote	8	11	7	5
Haven't heard enough (vol.)	1	1	-	2
Don't know	4	3	6	3

The Field Poll

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ALL	55	40	5
Democrats	23	73	4
Republicans	90	7	3
Non-partisans/Others	59	30	11
Men	58	38	4
Women	52	41	7

Replacement Ballot Trial Heat:

With Ueberroth supporters allocated, based on second choice:	%
Cruz Bustamante (D)	32
Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)	27
Tom McClintock (R)	14
Arianna Huffington (I)	3
Peter Miguel Camejo (Green)	2
Others	4
None	2
Undecided	16

BALLOT INITIATIVES

Public Policy Institute of California Statewide Survey. Sept. 9-17, 2003. N=1,033 likely voters statewide:

"Proposition 53 on the October 7th ballot, called the Funds Dedicated for State and Local Infrastructure Legislative Constitutional Amendment, generally dedicates up to 3% of General Fund revenues annually to fund state and local (excluding school and community college) infrastructure projects."

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"(As you know) government national a significant

were held today, would you vote YES or NO on Proposition 54?

Yes	38
No	44
Don't know	18

The Field Poll. Sept. 3-7, 2003. N=505 likely voters statewide:

"(As you know) Prop. 54 is the 'Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin' initiative. It prohibits state and local governments from classifying any person by race, ethnicity, color or national origin. Various exemptions apply. If the election were being held today, and you were voting on Proposition 54, would you vote YES or NO?"

	Yes %	No %	Opinion %
ALL	40	40	20
Men	41	41	18
Women	39	40	21