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Californians Not High on Pelosi

Raleigh, N.C. – Democrats may not hold onto their almost four-year-long majority in the U.S. House in the next Congress, but if they do, a bare majority of Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s fellow California residents would prefer someone else take over the gavel in a diminished Democratic caucus. 38% are fine with Pelosi, but 50% want another representative to chair.

In August, PPP polled similar questions for John Boehner in Ohio. While the overall desire for him to become Speaker among Buckeyes is less (28-44) than for Pelosi in her home state, that is largely a function of Democrats’ greater prevalence in the California electorate than Republicans’ in Ohio. Independents prefer someone else to each of them by margins of almost 2:1, 22-41 for Boehner and 29-56 for Pelosi. The most important figure, though, is that the two leaders have similar levels of support from their respective party bases, Pelosi at 62-22 and Boehner at 54-15.

Boehner is far less known in his native territory than is Pelosi in the Golden State, with a 27-31 favorability rating and 42% having no opinion. The current Speaker, meanwhile, engenders a considerably stronger reaction, at 38-48. Only 14% are not sure.

Unaffiliateds are only slightly down on Boehner personally, at 22-27, but they frown on Pelosi, 27-62. Interestingly, nonpartisans who are undecided on Boehner as a person are decidedly against him being Speaker, but for Pelosi, a small number of those with an unfavorable opinion actually prefer her to any alternative.

“Republicans everywhere are running against Nancy Pelosi and poll numbers like this show you why,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “She’s not even popular in her home state of California.”

PPP surveyed 630 likely California voters from September 14th to 16th. The margin of error is +/-3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached, and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



California Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Nancy Pelosi?

Favorable 38% *Not sure* 14%
Unfavorable 48%

Q2 Do you want Nancy Pelosi to remain Speaker of the House if Democrats retain control of Congress, or would you prefer someone else?

Pelosi 38% *Not sure* 12%
Someone else 50%

Q3 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain 36%
Barack Obama 57%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

Q4 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal 27%
Moderate 39%
Conservative 34%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man 48%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 49%
Republican 33%
Independent/Other 18%

Q7 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If Asian, press 4. If other, press 5.

Hispanic 20%
White 62%
African-American 8%
Asian 6%
Other 4%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29 11%
30 to 45 28%
46 to 65 39%
Older than 65 23%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pelosi Favorability				
Favorable	38%	2%	63%	10%
Unfavorable	48%	93%	17%	65%
Not sure	14%	5%	19%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pelosi as Speaker				
Pelosi	38%	3%	62%	23%
Someone else	50%	93%	21%	60%
Not sure	12%	4%	17%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pelosi Favorability				
Favorable	38%	71%	40%	9%
Unfavorable	48%	15%	41%	82%
Not sure	14%	14%	19%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Pelosi as Speaker				
Pelosi	38%	65%	42%	11%
Someone else	50%	20%	44%	80%
Not sure	12%	15%	14%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pelosi Favorability			
Favorable	38%	38%	37%
Unfavorable	48%	44%	52%
Not sure	14%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pelosi as Speaker			
Pelosi	38%	41%	34%
Someone else	50%	45%	56%
Not sure	12%	14%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pelosi Favorability				
Favorable	38%	62%	7%	27%
Unfavorable	48%	17%	87%	62%
Not sure	14%	21%	5%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pelosi as Speaker				
Pelosi	38%	61%	6%	29%
Someone else	50%	22%	89%	56%
Not sure	12%	17%	5%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Pelosi Favorability						
Favorable	38%	46%	33%	65%	28%	24%
Unfavorable	48%	33%	56%	19%	44%	61%
Not sure	14%	21%	11%	15%	28%	16%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Other
Pelosi as Speaker						
Pelosi	38%	46%	31%	65%	44%	25%
Someone else	50%	31%	58%	31%	44%	59%
Not sure	12%	22%	10%	4%	12%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pelosi Favorability					
Favorable	38%	42%	38%	38%	36%
Unfavorable	48%	35%	49%	47%	53%
Not sure	14%	22%	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pelosi as Speaker					
Pelosi	38%	44%	33%	40%	37%
Someone else	50%	36%	50%	49%	57%
Not sure	12%	20%	17%	11%	6%

