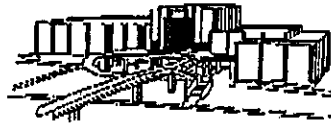


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RE: FIELD POLL OF CALIFORNIA

In case you didn't see the newspaper report of a recent poll in California about same-sex marriage, I enclose a copy. (I think Wirthlin polls are considerably more accurate, but its nice to know that even the others are seeing the same general picture - if not so clearly and in such detail.)

Best regards, Lynn

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 3 (UPI).-- A new poll indicates Californians are becoming increasingly tolerant of gay rights, though they remain opposed to same-sex marriages.

The Field Poll says today (Monday) that two-thirds of the respondents favor a law providing domestic partners with legal family benefits, but 56 percent object to laws that would allow homosexuals to marry.

The survey found the public leaning slightly in favor, 49-43 percent, of legislation mandating that California not recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

The survey also found significant differences in how various demographic groups approach the issue of homosexual marriage and domestic partnership rights.

Democrats were split evenly on the issue of same-sex marriage, 47-47 percent, while Republicans were sharply opposed, 24-72 percent. Men also opposed gay marriage, 61-35 percent more than women, who were opposed 51-40 percent.

Six percent of respondents said they identify "a lot" with the gay or lesbian community.

Pollster Mervin Field says the poll shows a huge change for California from 30 years ago, when there was far less compassion toward gays and lesbians.

The Field Poll questioned 1,045 California adults by telephone Feb. 11 to 17. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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