

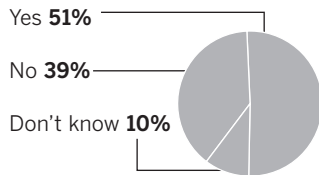
# Voters' views on the propositions and abortion

The Times Poll interviewed Californians who are deemed likely to vote in Tuesday's special election:

**Q. If the election were being held today, how would you vote on these initiatives?**

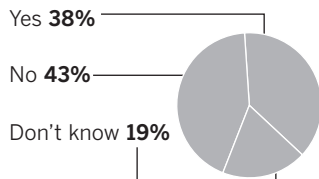
## Proposition 73:

Amends the California Constitution by defining and prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minors until 48 hours after a physician notifies the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, except in a medical emergency or with a parental waiver. It mandates reporting requirements and authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violations. Fiscal impact: potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, the courts and state administration.



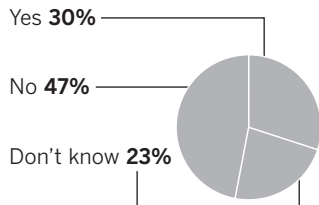
## Proposition 78:

Establishes a discount drug program for certain low- and moderate-income Californians. It authorizes the Department of Health Services to contract with participating pharmacies for discounts and with participating drug manufacturers for rebates. Fiscal impact: state costs for administration and outreach in the millions to low tens of millions of dollars annually, and costs for advance funding of rebates. There are unknown potentially significant savings for state and county health programs.



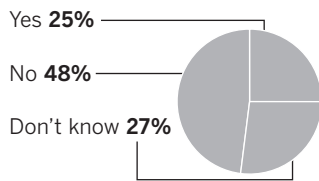
## Proposition 79:

Provides drug discounts to Californians with qualifying incomes. It is funded by state-negotiated drug manufacturer rebates and prohibits Medi-Cal contracts with manufacturers not providing Medicaid "best price." Fiscal impact: state costs for administration and outreach in the low tens of millions of dollars annually. Another fiscal impact will be state costs for advance funding for rebates and unknown potentially significant net costs or savings for Medi-Cal, along with savings for state and county health programs.

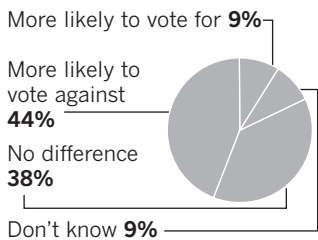


## Proposition 80:

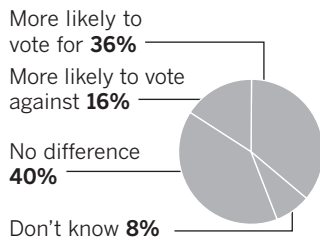
Subjects electric service providers to regulation by the California Public Utilities Commission. It restricts electricity customers' ability to switch from private utilities to other providers. It also requires all retail electric sellers to increase their renewable energy resource procurement by 2010. Fiscal impact: potential annual administrative costs ranging from negligible to \$4 million, paid by fees. There is unknown net impact on state and local costs and revenues from uncertain impact on electricity rates.



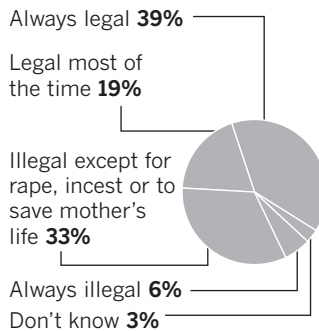
**Q. Proposition 78 is supported by many of the major pharmaceutical drug companies. Does that make you more or less likely to vote for Proposition 78?**



**Q. Proposition 79 is supported by many consumer health advocates, seniors' groups and labor unions. Does that make you more or less likely to vote for Proposition 79?**



**Q. Which comes closest to your view on abortion? Abortion should be:**



Note: All questions are asked of a split sample of likely voters except the abortion question, which is asked of all likely voters.

Poll results are also available at: [www.latimes.com/timespoll](http://www.latimes.com/timespoll)

## How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1,778 adults in California by telephone Oct. 26-31, of whom 940 were deemed likely to vote in the Nov. 8 special election. A split sample was used, so 481 likely voters were asked about Propositions 78 and 79, while 459 likely voters were asked about Propositions 73 and 80. Likely voters were determined by a screening process that included questions on intention to vote, certainty of vote, interest in the campaign, absentee voting and past voting history. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the state, and random digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Adults in the entire sample were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, education, region, and party registration figures from the secretary of state. The margin of sampling error for all likely voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for each split sample it is 5 points. For certain subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviews in all samples were conducted in both English and Spanish.

Source: Times Poll