

CA45th PUBLIC OPINION POLL

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October 26, 2017 Tax Policy Survey

We asked registered voters in the 45th Congressional district of California their opinion about the Tax Reform plan currently before Congress. We found a strong majority opposed to the plan.

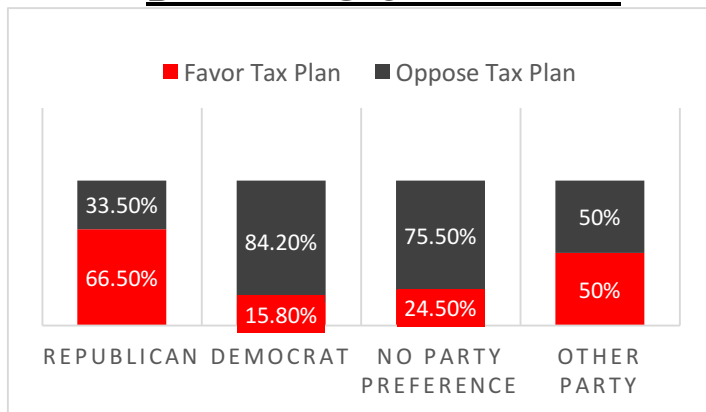
"Congress Will Soon Consider Tax Reform- Do you support or oppose the plan before Congress?" (n=601)

Oppose Tax Plan Before Congress, 60.30%



Favor Tax Plan Before Congress, 39.70%

DIFFERENCES BY PARTY?



PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR TAX REFORM PLAN?

- 60.3% of registered voters in CA-45 oppose the tax reform plan currently before Congress.
- Although 66.5% of Republicans support the plan, an overwhelming majority of Democrats (84.2%) and No Party Preference voters (75.5%) oppose the plan.

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METHODOLOGY

Using Voter registration data obtained from the Orange County Registrar of Voters (3/23/17), we drew a random sample of n=41479 registered voters. From this random sample, N=12474 had email addresses; n=11919 of these email addresses were valid. Using SurveyMonkey, we sent each registered voter one email invitation for our survey (and one follow-up email) between September 10 and October 17, 2017. The question wording for the survey reflected what was known about the tax plan as of September 10, 2017¹ and was as follows:

“Congress will soon consider tax reforms that would:

- nearly double the standard deduction to lower taxes for individuals and families who do not itemize
- reduce the corporate tax rate on businesses
- eliminate the deduction for state income and property taxes along with some other deductions (while preserving deductions for charitable donations).

Do you favor or oppose this new tax proposal?”

We received n=601 responses, for a response rate of 5%. Broken down by party registration, 33.4% of the sample were registered Republicans, 31.4% of the sample were registered Democrats, 29.1% of the sample were registered No Party Preference (NPP), and 6.0% of the sample were registered as another party. Given that our sample under represented Republicans and over represented Democrats, NPP and other Party voters, we applied weight factors of 1.19 for Republicans, .97 for Democrats, .89 for NPP, and .7 for other party voters. These weights were determined based upon overall party registration percentages which were: 39.6% Republican, 30.4% Democrat, 25.8% NPP and 4.2% other party voters.

¹ See “Ryan offers much different Tax Rate target than Trump.” *Washington Post* (9/7/17) https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/09/07/ryan-offers-much-different-tax-rate-target-than-trump/?utm_term=.f65097eb38dd (accessed 10/26/17)