# NEVADA STATEWIDE SURVEY Interview Schedule

**CONFIDENTIAL** 

Field Dates: February 15-16, 2010 N= 500 Likely Voters Project #: 10093 Margin of Error =  $\pm 4.38\%$ 

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES (CONTINUE TO QUESTION B)

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, or a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO

C. I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election in November 2010 for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Governor, and various other state and local offices, how likely would you say you are to vote in the November 2010 election? Are you... (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

<u>5/09</u>	<b>2/10</b>	
91%	88%	VERY LIKELY
9%	12%	SOMEWHAT LIKELY

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes result less than 0.5%.

<sup>^</sup> Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample...

1. In what year were you born?

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
3%	4%	18 - 24
12%	16%	25 - 34
21%	20%	35 - 44
24%	21%	45 - 54
20%	18%	55 - 64
20%	21%	65 AND ABOVE
*	*	REFUSED

- 2. Despite how you may feel now, are you registered to vote as...(**ROTATE**)
  - a Republican,
  - a Democrat,

or something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK) Would you call yourself a STRONG (Republican/Democrat) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (Republican/Democrat)?

(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK) Do you think of yourself as closer to the...(ROTATE) the Republican Party ...or... the Democratic Party?

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
24%	26%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
13%	11%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
4%	6%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
9%	8%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
5%	4%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
14%	16%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
29%	26%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
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1%	2%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
37%	37%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
43%	42%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
18%	18%	TOTAL LEAN/INDEPENDENT

3. And, would you say that things in Nevada are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>5/09</u>	<b>2/10</b>	
18%	11%	RIGHT DIRECTION
73%	80%	WRONG TRACK
8%	8%	NO OPINION ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	REFLISED (DO NOT READ)

4. And, if the election for state legislature in your district were being held today, for whom would you vote... (**ROTATE**)

the Republican candidate

.... OR ....

the Democratic candidate

...for state legislature from this district?

34% REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE 28% DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

36% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**) 2% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**) Now, thinking about a different topic..

I would like to read you a list of names of different people active in politics here in Nevada. For each one, please tell me, first whether you've heard of the person; then, if so, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If I name someone you don't know too much about, just tell me and we'll go on to the next one.

	TOTAL HRD OF	FAV	UNFAV	HRD OF/ NO OPIN	NVR HRD	REF (DNR)
The fir 5.	rst/next one is ( <b>R</b> Jim Gibbons					
	97%	29%	58%	10%	3%	*
6.	Rory Reid 79%^	23%	37%	20%	20%	1%
7.	Brian Sandova	l 37%	10%	24%	29%	_
	7170	3170	1070	2470	2570	
8.	Mike Montand 28%	on 10%	5%	13%	72%	_
9.	Harry Reid 97%	35%	58%	4%	2%	*
10.	Sue Lowden					
10.	79%^	39%	17%	22%	21%	_
11.	Danny Tarkani <b>79%</b>	an 35%	17%	26%	21%	_
12.	John Chachas					
	22%	3%	4%	15%	78%	_
13.	Sharron Angle 47%	18%	8%	21%	53%	_

continued...

	TOTAL HRD OF	FAV	UNFAV	HRD OF/ NO OPIN	NVR HRD	REF (DNR)
14.	Mark Amodei 26%	7%	5%	14%	74%	-
15.	Chad Christens 26%	sen 8%	5%	14%	74%	-

And, do you think your state legislator has performed their job well enough to deserve reelection, or do you think it's time to give a new person a chance to do a better job?

(**IF REELECT/NEW PERSON, ASK:**) And would you say DEFINITELY (re-elect/a new PERSON) or just PROBABLY (re-elect/a new person)?

- 6% DEFINITELY RE-ELECT
- 8% PROBABLY RE-ELECT
- 22% PROBABLY A NEW PERSON
- 49% DEFINITELY A NEW PERSON
- 14% DEPENDS/DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 14% TOTAL RE-ELECT
- 71% TOTAL NEW PERSON

Thinking now about issues...

17. Which ONE of the following issues should be the top priority of Nevada's Governor and State Legislature? Is it... (RANDOMIZE)

(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And which of the following is NEXT most important priority for Nevada's Governor and State Legislature? (REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)

1	st	2r	nd	Co	mb	
<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	<u>5/09</u>	<b>2/10</b>	<u>5/09</u>	<b>2/10</b>	
23%	20%	18%	20%	41%	40%	Education
6%	4%	9%	9%	14%	13%	Health Care
31%	46%	17%	20%	48%	66%	Jobs and the Economy
2%	1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	Moral Values
6%	4%	9%	8%	15%	12%	Taxes
2%	3%	5%	2%	8%	4%	Nuclear Waste and Yucca Mountain
*	1%	4%	2%	4%	2%	Transportation, Roads, and Gridlock
1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	Gas and Energy Prices
10%	6%	8%	7%	18%	13%	Illegal Immigration
5%	5%	9%	11%	14%	16%	Housing/Home Foreclosures
14%	10%	9%	13%	23%	23%	State Spending Priorities
	or					
1%	1%	5%	1%	6%	2%	The Environment?
		*	1%	*	1%	NONE OF THESE ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	*	1%	*	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	*		*	*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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Thinking now about some upcoming elections...

## (IF Q2:1-2 ASK Q18-19)

18. If the Republican primary election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...(**RANDOMIZE**)

Sue Lowden

Danny Tarkanian

Mark Amodei

Sharron Angle

Chad Christensen

...and...

John Chachas?

(**IF CHOICE, ASK:**) And, would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY for (choice)?

- 16% DEFINITELY LOWDEN
- 19% PROBABLY LOWDEN
- 13% DEFINITELY TARKANIAN
- 15% PROBABLY TARKANIAN
- 1% DEFINITELY AMODEI
- \* PROBABLY AMODEI
- 2% DEFINITELY ANGLE
- 6% PROBABLY ANGLE
- 2% DEFINITELY CHRISTENSEN
- 3% PROBABLY CHRISTENSEN
- DEFINITELY CHACHAS
- \* PROBABLY CHACHAS
- 23% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)
  - REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 35% TOTAL LOWDEN
- 28% TOTAL TARKANIAN
- 1% TOTAL AMODEI
- **8% TOTAL ANGLE**
- **4%^ TOTAL CHRISTENSEN**
- \* TOTAL CHACHAS

19. If the Republican primary election for Governor were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...(RANDOMIZE)

Jim Gibbons

Brian Sandoval

...and...

Mike Montandon?

(**IF CHOICE, ASK:**) And, would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY for (choice)?

- 17% DEFINITELY GIBBONS
- 15% PROBABLY GIBBONS
- 18% DEFINITELY SANDOVAL
- 20% PROBABLY SANDOVAL
- 5% DEFINITELY MONTANDON
- 4% PROBABLY MONTANDON
- 19% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 32% TOTAL GIBBONS
- 38% TOTAL SANDOVAL
- 9% TOTAL MONTANDON

Thinking now about the race for U.S. Senate...

#### (ASK ALL)

#### (RANDOMIZE Q20-24)

20. **(And)**, if the election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)** 

Sue Lowden, Republican Harry Reid, Democrat ...and... Jon Ashjian, Tea Party

42% SUE LOWDEN 37% HARRY REID

9% JON ASHJIAN

12% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)
\* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

21. **(And),** if the election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)** 

Danny Tarkanian, Republican Harry Reid, Democrat ...and Jon Ashjian, Tea Party

40% DANNY TARKANIAN

39% HARRY REID 11% JON ASHJIAN

11% UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)

\* REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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22. **(And)**, if the election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)** 

John Chachas, Republican Harry Reid, Democrat ...and... Jon Ashjian, Tea Party

- 21% JOHN CHACHAS 39% HARRY REID
- 22% JON ASHJIAN
- 17% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 23. **(And)**, if the election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)**

Sharron Angle, Republican Harry Reid, Democrat ...and... Jon Ashjian, Tea Party

- 32% SHARRON ANGLE
- 37% HARRY REID
- 16% JON ASHJIAN
- 14% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

24. **(And)**, if the election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)** 

Mark Amodei, Republican Harry Reid, Democrat ...and... Jon Ashjian, Tea Party

25% MARK AMODEI 40% HARRY REID 19% JON ASHJIAN

16% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

Thinking now about the race for Governor...

## (RANDOMIZE Q25-27)

25. **(And)**, if the election for Governor were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)** 

Brian Sandoval, Republican ...and... Rory Reid, Democrat

50% BRIAN SANDOVAL

34% RORY REID

15% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)
\* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

26. **(And),** if the election for Governor were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)** 

Jim Gibbons, Republican

...and...

Rory Reid, Democrat

36% JIM GIBBONS

47% RORY REID

- 14% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 3% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 27. **(And),** if the election for Governor were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...**(ROTATE)**

Mike Montandon, Republican

...and...

Rory Reid, Democrat

(**IF CHOICE, ASK:**) And, would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY for (choice)?

40% MIKE MONTANDON

40% RORY REID

19% UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)

1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

Now I would like to talk to you about the state of the economy...

28. Nevada has recently been going through a difficult time. Do you feel that (**ROTATE**) the worst is over or is the worst is still to come?

<u>5/09</u>	<b>2/10</b>	
32%	30%	WORST IS OVER
62%	64%	WORST IS STILL TO COME
5%	6%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

29. And, as you may know Nevada's unemployment rate is the highest it has been in decades. Over the next year, do you think Nevada's unemployment will... (**ROTATE TOP TWO**)

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
45%	36%	INCREASE
19%	16%	DECREASEor
35%	47%	STAY ABOUT THE SAME
1%	2%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	_	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

Thinking now about yourself...

30. Many people in Nevada have lost their jobs, lost their homes, or been forced to take pay cuts during this economic downturn. Have you or someone you know suffered from one of these? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
15%	16%	YES, SELF/LOST JOB
3%	7%	YES, SELF/LOST HOME
12%	17%	YES, SELF/PAY CUT
39%	43%	YES, SOMEONE ELSE/LOST JOB
18%	24%	YES, SOMEONE ELSE/LOST HOME
26%	31%	YES, SOMEONE ELSE/PAY CUT
29%	24%	NO
*	1%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
_	_	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
25%	31%	TOTAL SELF
<b>54%</b>	<b>56%</b>	TOTAL SOMEONE ELSE

31. As you may know, Nevada currently has a state budget shortfall...would you say the state budget shortfall is (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
62%	79%	Very serious
32%	18%	Somewhat serious
3%	1%	Not very seriousor
1%	*	Not at all serious?
_	2%	Don't know ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	*	Refused (DO NOT READ)
95%^	97%	TOTAL SERIOUS
4%	1%	TOTAL NOT SERIOUS

32. Thinking about the state taxes you pay, do you consider the overall amount of state taxes you pay to be... (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

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5/09
     2/10
17%
     22%
            TOO HIGH
65%
      54%
            ABOUT RIGHT
                         ...or...
13%
      18%
           TOO LOW
4%
      4%
           DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
            REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
 1%
      2%
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33. And, thinking some more about the budget shortfall, would you rather the Governor and State Legislature CUT SPENDING for state employee salaries and government services such as education and health care, or RAISE YOUR TAXES to avoid these cuts?

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
40%	38%	CUT SPENDING
47%	47%	RAISE YOUR TAXES
2.01	<b>-</b>	
3%	5%	BOTH/PRIMARILY CUT SPENDING ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	2%	BOTH/PRIMARILY RAISE YOUR TAXES ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
7%	6%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
3%	3%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

#### (ASK IF Q33:2)

And, if the Governor and State Legislature were to raise taxes, who do you think should be paying increased taxes? (**DO NOT READ**) (**ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**)

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
2%	1%	SMALL BUSINESSES
13%	9%	LARGE BUSINESSES
21%	17%	CASINOS
6%	12%	MINING COMPANIES
18%	16%	THE RICH
3%	4%	THE MIDDLE CLASS
53%	61%	EVERYONE
3%	3%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

35. And, if taxes are increased as part of a plan to end the budget shortfall, (**ROTATE**) do you think any tax increases should be temporary until the state's economy and budget improve, or do you think those tax increases should be permanent?

5/09 83% 13%	2/10 79% 15%	TAX INCREASES SHOULD BE TEMPORARY TAX INCREASES SHOULD BE PERMANENT
2%	3%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
2%	2%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

- 36. Some members of the Legislature say that tax increases will harm our economy but, at the same time, they are calling for an increase in fees to cover some of the budget shortfall. Do you believe that fee increases are essentially the same as tax increases?
  - 74% YES, FEE INCREASES ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS TAX INCREASES
  - 20% NO, FEE INCREASES ARE NOT ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS TAX INCREASES
  - 7% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
  - \* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

- 37. Over the past 10 years, our economy created one-hundred fifty thousand jobs, but since the beginning of the recession the economy has lost one-hundred thirty-nine thousand jobs. Do you believe that increased taxes or fees on businesses will result in additional job losses?
  - 60% YES, INCREASED TAXES OR FEES WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL JOB LOSSES
  - 33% NO, INCREASED TAXES OR FEES WILL NOT RESULT IN ADDITIONAL JOB LOSSES
  - 6% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
  - \* REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
- 38. As you may know, because of the economy, Nevada's two-year general fund budget has been cut from approximately six point eight billion dollars in 07-09 to just over six point five billion dollars for the 2009-2011 years, which is a decrease of three point seven percent. Do you believe that there is still a lot of waste, fraud, and abuse in the state budget, or do you believe that future spending cuts will hurt important programs?
  - 69% STILL A LOT OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN THE STATE BUDGET
  - 26% FUTURE SPENDING CUTS WILL HURT IMPORTANT PROGRAMS
  - 5% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
  - 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

# (SPLIT SAMPLE: ASK SAMPLE A Q39) (N=256)

39. Some people have proposed that the Nevada should institute an income tax on individuals. Would you favor or oppose instituting an income tax on individuals?

# (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK) Do you STRONGLY (FAVOR/OPPOSE) or SOMEWHAT (FAVOR/OPPOSE)?

- 6% STRONGLY FAVOR
- 10% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 16% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 63% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 5% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 16% TOTAL FAVOR
- 79% TOTAL OPPOSE

#### (SPLIT SAMPLE: ASK SAMPLE B Q40) (N=244)

40. Some people have proposed that the Nevada should institute an income tax on corporations. Would you favor or oppose instituting an income tax on corporations?

# (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK) Do you STRONGLY (FAVOR/OPPOSE) or SOMEWHAT (FAVOR/OPPOSE)?

- 25% STRONGLY FAVOR
- 18% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 12% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 37% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 7% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 43% TOTAL FAVOR
- 49% TOTAL OPPOSE

41. Which of the following statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the tax system in Nevada? (**ROTATE STATEMENTS**)

On the whole, Nevada's tax system works pretty well and the Governor and State Legislature should make only minor changes to make it work better. Nevada attracts business and jobs with the current system and the system typically generates enough taxes to meet our needs.

...OR..

Nevada's tax system is so unfair that the Governor and State Legislature should completely change it. Nevada never takes in as much as the state needs to properly fund government programs.

<u>5/09</u> 66% 31%	2/10 59% 33%	MAKE MINOR CHANGES COMPLETELY CHANGE IT
3% 1%		DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

42. Thinking some more about Nevada's tax system... (**ROTATE**)

(**SOME/OTHER**) People say that Nevada needs to significantly change its tax system to become less dependent on gaming and sales taxes and more stable because other businesses would pay more. They say every time there is a downturn in the national economy, the casinos are hurt and consumers spend less money, which ends up hurting the state budget.

...while...

(OTHER/SOME) People say that Nevada's tax system generally works well. They say times are unusually hard across the country, as forty-five other states have major budget problems too. Making all businesses pay more in taxes will only end up increasing the state's unemployment rate and budget shortfall.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
39%	43%	NEVADA NEEDS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE ITS TAX SYSTEM
56%	48%	NEVADA'S TAX SYSTEM GENERALLY WORKS WELL
4%	8%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

#### Changing topics...

43. As you may know, the State Legislature voted to override the Governor's veto of tax increases. Will you be more likely or less likely to vote for a State Legislator who voted to override the Governor's veto of tax increases, or will it make no difference to your vote?

(**IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK:**) And, is that MUCH (more/less) likely or just SOMEWHAT (more/less) likely?

- 19% MUCH MORE LIKELY
- 14% SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY
- 8% SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY
- 17% MUCH LESS LIKELY
- 39% NO DIFFERENCE
- 4% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
- 33% TOTAL MORE LIKELY
- 24%^ TOTAL LESS LIKELY

Thinking now about the salaries of some state and local employees...

44. Currently, state worker salary reductions have taken the form of a requirement that state workers take an unpaid day off each month, which reduces their income by approximately four point six percent. However, this requirement does not apply to all state workers. Would you favor or oppose the state replacing the unpaid day approach with a flat salary cut of six to eight percent that applies to all state workers?

# (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK) Do you STRONGLY (FAVOR/OPPOSE) or SOMEWHAT (FAVOR/OPPOSE)?

- 32% STRONGLY FAVOR
- 21% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 16% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 23% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 7% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 53% TOTAL FAVOR
- 39% TOTAL OPPOSE

45. As you may know, local governments are also under budget pressures and have revenue shortfalls, but many local government workers have still received raises. Would you favor or oppose local government workers being subject to salary decreases in line with what state workers are given?

# (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK) Do you STRONGLY (FAVOR/OPPOSE) or SOMEWHAT (FAVOR/OPPOSE)?

- 51% STRONGLY FAVOR
- 22% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 12% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 8% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 6% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
- 73% TOTAL FAVOR
- 20% TOTAL OPPOSE

- 46. So far, teacher salaries and benefits have seen little or no reduction during this recession. Most teachers have received cost of living adjustments and step increases during the past two years. I'm going to read you two statements, and please tell me which statement comes closest to your opinion...(ROTATE PUNCHES 1-2)
  - 40% (**SOME/OTHER**) People say that teacher development days, which are days that students are not in class but teachers are, should be reduced or eliminated to save nearly ten million dollars per day per cut.

...while...

- 13% **(SOME/OTHER)** People say teacher salaries should be reduced by the same percentage as other state workers.
- 15% Or do you agree with both of those statements
- 29% Or do you agree with neither of those statements
- 3% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**

Now, turning out attention to Governor Jim Gibbons' recent State of the State Address...

47. Did you watch Governor Jim Gibbon's State of the State Address on Monday of last week?

29% YES

70% NO

- 1% DON'T KNOW/UNSURE (**DO NOT READ**)
- REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

### (IF Q47:1 ASK Q48) (Results shown off of total base, N=500)

- 48. **(And,)** during the State of the State speech, Governor Gibbons made the case that the state must cut spending and not increase taxes to meet the budget deficit. Do you believe he made his case well or not or do you think he did not make his case well?
  - 9% YES, MADE HIS CASE WELL
  - 19% NO, DID NOT MAKE HIS CASE WELL
  - 2% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
  - REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

## (SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q49) (N=256)

- 49. Do you think the Nevada Governor understands the problems facing people like yourself, or do you think he does not understand the problems facing people like your self?
  - 40% YES, UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
  - 51% NO, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
  - 8% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
  - REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

#### (SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q50) (N=244)

- 50. Do you think your state legislators understand the problems facing people like yourself, or do you think they do not understand the problems facing people like your self?
  - 37% YES, UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
  - 58% NO, DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACING PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF
  - 5% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
  - \* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

Now, I just have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

51. And what is the last grade you completed in school? (**DO NOT READ**)

<u>5/09</u>	<b>2/10</b>		
_	1%	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (GRADES 1-8)	
4%	2%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-11)	
20%	21%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (GRADE 12)	
2%	2%	TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	
29%	31%	SOME COLLEGE	
31%	29%	GRADUATED COLLEGE	
14%	14%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL	
*	*	REFUSED	
23%	24%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS	
31%	33%	SOME COLLEGE	
45%	43%	COLLEGE+	

52. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**) conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK) And would you say you are VERY (conservative/liberal), or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

37%^ 20%	/ -	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
*	1% 1%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
11% 9%	12% 10%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL VERY LIBERAL
42%	36%	MODERATE
5/09 19% 17%	2/10 22% 19%	VERY CONSERVATIVE SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

53. And, do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
36%	34%	YES
64%	66%	NO
*	*	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

54. What is your main racial or ethnic origin? Is it ... (**READ CHOICES --- ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE**)

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
78%	77%	WHITE
8%	8%	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
2%	3%	ASIAN
	or	
8%	8%	HISPANIC
2%		SOMETHING ELSE (Specify) (DO NOT READ)
2%	_	SOMETHING ELSE (Specify) (DO NOT READ)
2%	4%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

55. Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

<u>5/09</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
48%	48%	MALE
52%	52%	<b>FEMALE</b>