

Polls

Over the years, a number of polls have been taken to determine the public opinion about my job performance, my name recognition and whether Republicans, Democrats and Independents would continue to vote for me as Sheriff of Maricopa County. Say what you will about the credibility of polls, one thing is for certain – they are interesting. Most people interested in politics are fascinated by the roller coaster ride that is called public approval. Fortunately, my polls have ranged from very good to good in the 15 years I've been Sheriff. Though my numbers go up and down, I haven't ever fallen below the 62% approval percentile in any scientifically random poll taken. Of course, poll results depend on the questions asked as well as who is asking the questions…. How much stock we want to put into the results is an individual choice. Here are the results of the scientifically random polls taken by the major pollster groups in Maricopa County:

- Aug 1995 Pollster: KAET/ASU, 84% approve job performance, 16% disapprove
- January 1996, Pollster: O’Neil Associates, 76% positive, 24% negative
- Nov 1996, Pollster: O’Neil Associates, 82% approve, 18% disapprove
- March 1997, Pollster: O’Neil Associates, 85% favorable job performance rating
- May 1997, Phoenix Magazine: 85% Favorable Rating* Sept 2001, Pollster: O’Neil Associates, 69% approval, 97% name recognition
- Jan 2002, Statewide Survey, 62% Favorable Rating, 29% Unfavorable
- May 2002, Republican Poll, 76% approval, 95% name recognition
- March 2004, Pollster: BRC, 71% Republicans favor re-election, 37% Democrats, 34% Independents
- March 2006, Pollster: BRC, 77% positive, 16% unfavorable Oct 2007, Pollster: KAET/ASU, 81% republicans statewide approve of my stance on illegal immigration, 67% democrats statewide approve*Not conducted by a pollster company