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RE: ARIZONA STATEWIDE SURVEY KEY FINDINGS
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- 1. The coronavirus has completely captured the attention of Arizona voters.** By a substantial margin, dealing with the virus is the issue of greatest concern, followed by jobs and the economy.

| | Most Important Issue | First/Second Most Important Combined |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dealing with the coronavirus | 44% | 61% |
| Jobs and the economy | 16% | 40% |
| Education | 15% | 34% |
| Immigration and border security | 12% | 25% |
| Health care | 9% | 27% |
| Spending and tax issues | 3% | 10% |

- 2. The effects of the virus have created a serious disruption for Arizonans.**

- Concern about contracting the virus is high in Arizona. Sixty-three percent (63%) are “worried” that they or someone in their immediate family will catch the virus.
- More than one in five (21%) say they have either lost a job or had their wages/salary cut because of the coronavirus.

- 3. A very engaged electorate voices strong support for Governor Ducey and his handling of the coronavirus crisis.**

More than six out of ten voters (63%) approve of the job Governor Ducey is doing as governor. Just 26% disapprove. In five years of conducting surveys in Arizona during the Ducey era, this is the strongest job approval we have measured for the Governor. His approval is buoyed by high marks from Republicans (81% approve), but also with strong ratings across the political spectrum – 53% approve among Independents and 49% among Democrats.

- His handling of the coronavirus situation earns him 71% approval. This includes 80% among Republicans, 65% among Independents, and 67% among Democrats.
- Roughly two-thirds of voters (65%) approve of the job the Governor is doing using state funds and resources to help support those who have lost their jobs, had their wages cut, or businesses that have temporarily closed.

4. Voters believe Governor Ducey has struck the right balance in his approach to dealing with the virus.

Asked about Governor Ducey’s “proposals and actions to deal with the current coronavirus situation here in Arizona,” 61% believe his approach has “been about right,” while just 8% believe he has “gone too far” and 29% say he “has not gone far enough.”

- Voters across the political spectrum are generally aligned with the Governor’s approach.

| | Gone Too Far | Not Gone Far Enough | About Right |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Republicans | 12% | 13% | 73% |
| Independents | 7% | 35% | 56% |
| Democrats | 5% | 44% | 50% |

Methodology

Public Opinion Strategies conducted a statewide telephone survey of N=600 registered voters in Arizona. The survey was conducted April 21-23, 2020 and has a margin of error of $\pm 4.00\%$. Fifty-two percent (52%) of the interviews were conducted by cell phone.