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New Poll Showing Voters More Likely to Vote for Presidential Candidates who Support Marriage Amendments

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 11, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Yesterday, Family Research Council released the results of a commissioned national survey demonstrating the potential for significant political impact of marriage protection amendments on the November ballot in California, Florida, and Arizona.

The survey conducted by Wilson Research Strategies asked likely voters if they "would be more or less likely to vote for a presidential candidate" who supports measures on the November ballot that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The results of the poll demonstrate that marriage is an issue that many American voters care deeply about and one that could impact their choice for President.

58% of likely voters said they would be more likely to support a presidential candidate that favors state marriage protection amendments, as opposed to only 29% who said that they would be less likely to support such a candidate. Intensity is strongest among those favoring state marriage amendments. 49% of likely voters said they are much more likely to support a pro-marriage amendment candidate vs. 20% who are much less likely.

54% of Independents said they are more likely to support a candidate favoring marriage amendments.

On the other hand, 75% of Republicans and 47% of Democrats are more likely to support a candidate favoring marriage amendments.

Referring to the fact that Obama is a strong supporter of same-sex marriages, a section from the study's summary stated, "This issue, if effectively communicated, has the potential to put Obama in a difficult position vis-à-vis his Independent and soft Democrat supporters."

The full poll results can be downloaded at <http://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF08G19.pdf>

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