

✍ Q 4.0 **Governor, County Executive – Factors affecting vote:**

**Check each factor** that seems **especially relevant** as a reason why you voted for that candidate.

**For each race, check whenever a factor applies**

Factor	Governor	County Executive
4.1 My candidate is not too extreme	38	24
4.2 My candidate is really the “lesser of two evils”	32	17
4.3 My candidate is honest and has integrity	52	34
4.4 I strongly agree with my candidate’s issue stands	55	24
4.5 My candidate has the right experience	44	24
4.6 My candidate respects other people	45	20
4.7 I was well informed about the candidate and his/her views.	51	24
4.8 My candidate belonged to my political party	43	24

✍ Q 5.0 **County Executive Issues:** Which of the following were the **TOP TWO ISSUES** in deciding whom to support for **County Executive**?

**Check Up to TWO Issues that Apply to County Executive Candidate**

5.1 Helping seniors	24	5.6 Making govt. more efficient	30
5.2 Protecting the environment	23	5.7 Improving transportation	9
5.3 Controlling crime	25	5.8 Improving the local economy	20
5.4 Keeping taxes low	25	5.9 works well with other people	14
5.5 Improving education	45	5.10 Effectively managing growth	17

Q 6.0 **County Executive Voting Influences:** Check off a factor if it was **VERY IMPORTANT** in affecting your decision to vote for your **COUNTY EXECUTIVE** candidate

Q 6.1 The candidate or a representative came to my door to introduce him/herself	6
Q 6.2 Endorsed by a newspaper like the <i>Capital</i> or the <i>Sun</i>	6
Q 6.3 Endorsed by some person or group I respect	21
Q 6.4 Newspaper stories about candidate	21
Q 6.5 Paid ads on TV	12
Q 6.6 Paid ads in the newspapers	6
Q 6.7 Literature received in the mail	18
Q 6.8 Information from the Internet	6
Q 6.9 Candidate’s name from signs along major roads	6
Q 6.10 I saw the candidate speak at a public forum	18
Q 6.11 Conversations with friends or family	26
Q 6.13 I personally knew the candidate from church, civic/sports association, etc.	5

✍ **Demographic Information**

<b>Gender</b>	✍ Female 55%	Male 45%		
<b>Age</b>	✍ 18-29 10%	30-44 27%	45-59 37%	Over 60 26%
<b>Race</b>	✍ African-American 11%	Caucasian 86%	Hispanic or Asian 2%	Other 0%
<b>Ideology</b>	✍ Conservative 40%	Liberal 18%	Moderate 39%	Other 4%
<b>Education</b>	✍ High School degree or less 16%	Some college 31%	Bachelor’s degree 22%	Postgraduate work 31%
<b>Household Income</b>	✍ Under \$40,000 20%	\$40-59,999 16%	\$60-85,000 17%	Over \$85,000 46%

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*This exit poll is being conducted by students as part of a class project on American Government*

**Exit Poll: November 5, 2002 General Election**

*Please answer these questions by placing an "X" through the boxes best expressing your choices.*

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Q 1.0 **PARTY REGISTRATION:** Democrat 40 Republican 46 Independent 10 Other 3

✍ 1.1 **STRENGTH OF PARTY AFFILIATION:** Which of the following BEST characterizes the STRENGTH of your party affiliation

Strong Democrat 23 Weak Democrat 13 Neutral 20 Weak Republican 9 Strong Republican 35

Q 2.0 **GOVERNOR:** For whom did you vote in the race for Governor? (check one)

36 Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend (Democrat)

64 Robert Ehrlich (Republican) 0 Spear Lancaster (Libertarian) 0 Didn't vote

✍ **ISSUES:** check each of the following issues to which you gave **SERIOUS** thought prior to deciding for whom to vote for **GOVERNOR**:

2.1 Candidate's position on <b>gun control</b> 58	2.5 Candidate's likelihood to <b>raise taxes</b> 31
2.2 Candidate's position on <b>abortion</b> 42	2.6 Candidate's position on <b>affirmative action</b> 18
2.3 Candidate's position on <b>education</b> 68	2.7 Candidate's likelihood to protect the <b>environment</b> 36
2.4 Candidate's position on <b>reducing the state deficit</b> 61	2.8 Candidate's <b>experience/background</b> (or opponent's lack) 49
2.4i Candidate's position on <b>helping seniors</b> 40	2.9 <b>Other issues?</b>

Q 3.0 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** For whom did you vote in the race for County Executive?

Janet S. Owens (Democrat) 53 Philip Bissett (Republican) 45 Didn't vote 2

Q 3.2 **COUNTY COUNCIL:** For whom did you vote in the race for County Council?

Democrat 33 Republican 54 Didn't vote 13