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GOVERNOR BREWER AND STATE LEGISLATURE JOB RATINGS IMPROVE BUT REMAIN MIXED

Phoenix, Arizona, January 25, 2012. Republican Governor Jan Brewer has improved her job ratings with Arizonans compared to April of 2011 when a plurality (31%) gave her poor job ratings. Today, a plurality (37%) rate her performance favorably and poor ratings have subsided modestly to 29 percent from 31 percent. Governor Brewer's current ratings are her best since September of 2009.

Improvement in the Governor's job performance ratings traces almost entirely to favorable shifts among Republican voters as well as to a lessening of negative assessments from Independents. Democrats, however, have not changed their views toward her performance, with 52 percent flatly rating her handling of the job of Governor as "poor," while only 18 percent look favorably on her work as the state's chief executive.

It also appears that political conservatives and moderates are warming up to the governor, both showing significantly higher levels of positive assessment. For example, 47 percent of conservatives today rank her performance in office favorably compared to only 39 percent last April. Similarly, among political moderates, favorable ratings rose ten points from 26 to 36 percent. Liberals remain unimpressed, with 51 percent giving her "poor" job ratings today compared to 52 percent in April.

Things are also modestly improved as regards public attitudes toward the job being done by the state legislature. Although negative assessments still outpace favorable ones (30% to 26%), today's ratings are an improvement over April 2011 when negative assessments outpaced favorable ones by 35 percent to 16 percent. Some of the shift may trace to changes in that body's leadership after the recall of Senator Russell Pierce, seen by some as a lightning rod for assuming uncompromising positions on immigration reform policies.

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STATISTICAL DATA

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2012-I-05), is based on 553 interviews with registered voters statewide, conducted between January 5th and 9th. Interviewing was conducted in both English and Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on both landlines and cell phones. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 4.3 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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JOB RATING: ACROSS ARIZONA

	Excellent/ Good	Fair	Poor/ Very Poor	Net Pos. to Neg.
<u>GOVERNOR JAN BREWER</u>				
January 2012	37%	30%	29%	+8
April 2011	29	30	31	-2
January 2010	21	30	29	-8
September 2009	22	29	28	-6
<u>DETAIL JANUARY 2012 FOR BREWER</u>				
Republicans	51	33	14	+37
Independents	37	34	27	+10
Democrats	18	26	52	-34
Liberals	20	27	51	-31
Moderates	36	31	31	+5
Conservatives	47	31	20	+27
<u>ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE</u>				
January 2012	26%	35%	30%	-4
April 2011	16	30	35	-19
January 2010	15	28	37	-22
April 2009	15	37	35	-20
March 2007	28	39	12	+16
January 2006	30	37	14	+16
<u>DETAIL JANUARY 2012 FOR LEGISLATURE</u>				
Republicans	35	39	20	+15
Independents	27	31	37	-10
Democrats	16	35	38	-22
Liberals	22	32	36	-14
Moderates	21	37	38	-17
Conservatives	33	36	21	+12

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