



**ALABAMA POLL RESULTS**

625 Alabama voters interviewed statewide by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from November 2 through November 4, 2009. Margin for error is plus or minus 4%.

**QUESTION: Cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states and a felony in about 80% of states. Alabama, however, has the weakest penalty for cockfighting in the country, with the maximum fine being \$50.**

**Would you support or oppose legislation that would increase the state penalty for illegal cockfighting?**

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
SUPPORT	75%	67%	83%	76%	73%	78%	76%	71%
OPPOSE	11%	16%	6%	7%	12%	12%	12%	9%
UNDECIDED	14%	17%	11%	17%	15%	10%	12%	20%

**QUESTION: Which of the following best describes your view about cockfighting in Alabama: (ORDER ROTATED)**

**- Cockfighting is a big industry in Alabama that supports families and is a tradition that has been around for centuries. Cockfighting should be preserved.**

**- Cockfighting is animal cruelty and its practice is associated with gambling, drugs and other illicit crimes. Cockfighting should be a felony crime in Alabama.**

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TRADITION	5%	8%	2%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%
CRUELTY	82%	72%	92%	82%	84%	78%	84%	76%
NOT SURE	13%	20%	6%	14%	11%	17%	11%	20%

**QUESTION: Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a state legislative candidate who supported increasing the penalty for cockfighting, or would it have no impact on your vote?**

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MORE LIKELY	59%	53%	65%	65%	57%	56%	61%	54%
LESS LIKELY	5%	7%	3%	2%	6%	6%	6%	3%
EFFECT/DK	36%	40%	32%	33%	37%	38%	33%	43%

**QUESTION: Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture who supported increasing the penalty for cockfighting, or would it have no impact on your vote?**

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MORE LIKELY	59%	54%	64%	58%	60%	58%	63%	46%
LESS LIKELY	6%	6%	6%	11%	2%	8%	4%	11%
EFFECT/DK	35%	40%	30%	31%	38%	34%	33%	43%