



To: Interested Parties
From: DCCC
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RE: DCCC Polling Memo — CA-45 is a Toss-Up Race

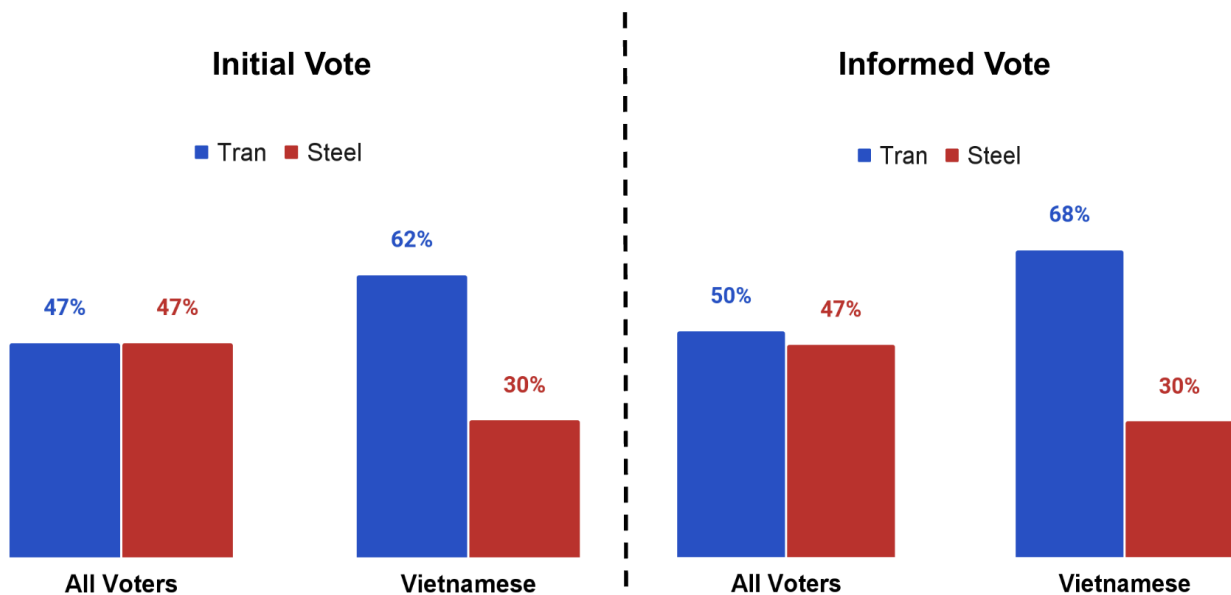
NOT MADE OF STEEL:

Tran Moves Race With Vulnerable Two-Term Incumbent To Toss-Up Territory

According to recent polling commissioned by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and conducted by Normington, Petts and Associates, Red-to-Blue Democratic candidate Derek Tran has a clear path to unseating two-term Republican Congresswoman Michelle Steel in California’s 45th Congressional District – and **the race is undeniably in toss-up territory.**

Prior to any messaging on the race or the candidates, Tran is tied with the incumbent at 47% in the initial vote, with tremendous baseline support among Vietnamese voters at 62%.

After providing short, balanced profiles on both Tran and Steel, Tran secures the lead – garnering 50% of the vote to Steel’s 47%, and gaining even more ground among Vietnamese voters at 68%.





Steel's anti-abortion record is salient in this district: after hearing about her votes to restrict abortion and reproductive care, including co-sponsoring a bill that would have restricted IVF treatments, **51% of respondents reported they were less likely to vote for Steel**, with **41% of respondents much less likely** to vote for her. This message was especially salient among Vietnamese voters, with **61% of Vietnamese voters** responding that this would make them **less likely** to vote for Steel – and **50% much less likely**. This issue also performed well among younger voters, women, and Hispanic voters.

When respondents hear of Steel's history of corruption and shady dealings in public office, **46% of all voters** reported they were **less likely (33% much less likely) to vote for her**. Among AAPI voters, 52% were less likely (38% much less likely) to support Steel, and **63% of Vietnamese respondents less likely to vote for Steel**.

Methodology: *These results are based on a survey of 500 likely 2024 general election voters in California's 45th congressional district, conducted by Normington, Petts & Associates from July 29-31st, 2024 via landlines, mobile phones and text to web. The overall margin of error is +/- 4.4 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval.*