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***AP/Ipsos Poll: Majority of Americans Would Allow Display of
Ten Commandments in Government Buildings***

The Associated Press Poll is conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs. Between February 22-24, 2005, the AP-Ipsos poll interviewed a representative sample of 1,000 adults nationwide. The margin of error is ± 3.1 for all adults. Margin of error for subgroups may be higher.

Washington, DC, March 3, 2005 — A just-released AP/Ipsos poll shows that three in four adult Americans say the display of the Ten Commandments in government buildings such as courthouses should be allowed. Nearly a quarter (23%) say it should not be allowed.

Q. Do you believe the display of the Ten Commandments ought to be allowed on government property such as courthouses, or not?

Yes.....	76
No	23
Not sure	1

Older Americans are more favorable toward allowing the display of the Ten Commandments (85% of those age 65 and over). But young adults are mostly in favor, as well. Americans with a college degree are more opposed than those with fewer years of schooling to public displays of the Ten Commandments, but a solid majority supports allowing such a display.

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	HS or less	Some college	College degree
Yes	72%	76%	71%	77%	85%	83%	82%	64%
No	27%	21%	27%	23%	14%	16%	17%	34%
(DK/NS)	1%	3%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%

Regionally, residents of the Midwest and South are most favorable toward allowing displays of the Ten Commandments, whereas there is somewhat more – but not overwhelming – opposition to allowing displays in government buildings.

	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Yes	68%	79%	84%	67%
No	30%	20%	15%	31%
(DK/NS)	2%	1%	1%	2%

Among registered voters, nine in ten Republicans support allowing the Ten Commandments to be displayed. Six in ten Democratic registered voters agree; four in ten (39%) oppose allowing the Ten Commandments to be posted in government buildings.

Registered Voters	Republicans	Democrats
Yes	90%	60%
No	8%	39%
(DK/NS)	2%	1%

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