

The Winthrop Poll Findings

Data on declared or potential 2008 Presidential Candidates

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This series of Questions was introduced with the following script:

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For each person or group, I'd like for you to tell me whether your opinion of them is Very Favorable, Somewhat Favorable, Neither Favorable Nor Unfavorable, Somewhat Unfavorable, or Very Unfavorable.

First we're going to ask about some people whose names have been mentioned as possible **Republican** candidates for President in 2008."

Prior to the list of Democratic names, the following introduction was made:

"Next we'd like to ask about some people whose names have been mentioned as possible **Democratic** candidates for President in 2008."

When the interviewer began the list of names, respondents were first asked, "Are you familiar with _____?" If they responded, "No," it was coded "Not Familiar" and the interviewer moved to the next candidate. If they responded yes, they were asked, "What is your opinion of _____?" They were offered the options, "Very Favorable," "Somewhat Favorable," "Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable," "Somewhat Unfavorable," "Very Unfavorable." If they responded that they didn't know or refused to respond, this was recorded as well.

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Republicans (cell entries represent the percentage of individuals who responded as indicated)

What is your opinion of Rudolph Giuliani				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	17.7	8.3	14.4	25.9
Somewhat Favorable	36.9	23.5	33.5	50.2
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	14.0	18.2	17.4	8.5
Somewhat Unfavorable	9.3	15.2	12.9	4.5
Very Unfavorable	5.9	12.1	3.9	4.0
Not Familiar	11.5	17.4	14.2	4.0
Don't Know/ Refused	4.6	5.3	3.2	3.0

What is your opinion of Tommy Thompson				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	2.0	0.0	0.6	2.5
Somewhat Favorable	8.3	6.7	8.4	11.3
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	5.9	8.2	4.5	6.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	3.5	3.7	4.5	2.0
Very Unfavorable	3.2	2.2	2.6	2.5
Not Familiar	64.5	68.7	69.5	59.6
Don't Know/ Refused	12.6	10.4	9.7	15.8

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What is your opinion of Ron Paul				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	1.2	0.0	2.6	0.5
Somewhat Favorable	3.7	3.0	2.6	3.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	2.1	3.0	2.6	1.0
Somewhat Unfavorable	1.9	3.0	1.9	0.5
Very Unfavorable	1.3	2.2	0.0	1.5
Not Familiar	75.2	76.1	77.9	74.9
Don't Know/Refused	14.5	12.7	12.3	17.7

What is your opinion of John McCain				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	15.4	9.7	13.0	16.7
Somewhat Favorable	34.7	25.4	37.7	40.4
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	11.1	14.2	14.9	6.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	13.8	16.4	12.3	16.7
Very Unfavorable	9.2	11.9	8.4	7.9
Not Familiar	12.1	17.9	11.7	7.9
Don't Know/Refused	3.7	4.5	1.9	3.4

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What is your opinion of Duncan Hunter				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	1.0	0.0	0.6	1.5
Somewhat Favorable	5.5	4.5	2.6	8.4
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	3.0	2.2	3.9	3.5
Somewhat Unfavorable	3.3	3.7	4.5	3.0
Very Unfavorable	1.2	2.2	0.6	1.0
Not Familiar	72.8	75.4	76.8	67.8
Don't Know/Refused	13.1	11.9	11.0	14.9

What is your opinion of Newt Gingrich				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	10.4	2.2	5.9	20.9
Somewhat Favorable	16.7	8.8	15.0	23.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	9.8	5.9	11.1	10.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	15.4	17.6	17.0	14.4
Very Unfavorable	20.6	33.1	21.6	11.4
Not Familiar	20.0	26.5	22.9	13.4
Don't Know/Refused	7.1	5.9	6.5	5.5

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What is your opinion of Sam Brownback				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	1.1	0.0	1.3	1.0
Somewhat Favorable	7.0	4.5	6.5	10.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	6.3	6.0	4.5	5.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	4.3	3.7	5.2	5.0
Very Unfavorable	2.9	5.2	1.9	2.0
Not Familiar	65.5	69.4	71.4	60.4
Don't Know/Refused	12.9	11.2	9.1	15.3

What is your opinion of Jim Gilmore				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	.7	0.0	0.6	0.5
Somewhat Favorable	3.1	1.5	3.2	3.0
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	4.4	1.5	4.5	5.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	2.0	2.2	3.9	0.5
Very Unfavorable	1.2	0.7	0.6	1.0
Not Familiar	74.6	79.1	74.8	73.4
Don't Know/Refused	13.9	14.9	12.3	16.3

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What is your opinion of Chuck Hagel				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	1.9	2.2	1.3	1.0
Somewhat Favorable	7.0	8.1	8.5	4.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	5.5	3.0	4.6	6.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	4.0	3.0	4.6	3.4
Very Unfavorable	4.1	0.7	1.3	7.9
Not Familiar	65.2	69.6	71.2	61.1
Don't Know/Refused	12.2	13.3	8.5	14.8

What is your opinion of Mitt Romney				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	4.4	1.5	3.2	8.4
Somewhat Favorable	17.7	14.2	17.3	25.2
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	6.5	5.2	5.8	8.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	5.9	6.0	3.2	7.4
Very Unfavorable	4.1	4.5	3.8	2.5
Not Familiar	51.6	55.2	59.0	40.6
Don't Know/Refused	9.9	13.4	7.7	6.9

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What is your opinion of George Pataki				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Somewhat Favorable	13.9	15.7	10.3	17.4
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	11.2	4.5	10.3	14.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	9.1	6.7	12.3	8.5
Very Unfavorable	3.0	0.7	2.6	3.0
Not Familiar	51.1	61.2	55.5	43.3
Don't Know/Refused	10.7	11.2	9.0	12.4

What is your opinion of Mike Huckabee				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	2.5	1.5	0.6	2.5
Somewhat Favorable	7.3	8.2	7.1	6.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	7.0	6.0	7.1	9.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	2.9	3.7	3.2	1.5
Very Unfavorable	1.4	2.2	0.6	1.0
Not Familiar	66.9	69.4	71.4	63.5
Don't Know/Refused	11.9	9.0	9.7	15.3

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What is your opinion of Tom Tancredo				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	2.2	1.5	3.2	2.5
Somewhat Favorable	2.6	1.5	1.3	2.5
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	2.9	5.2	1.3	5.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	1.2	0.0	2.6	1.0
Very Unfavorable	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.0
Not Familiar	77.8	80.0	79.9	72.1
Don't Know/Refused	12.1	10.4	10.4	15.7

Democrats (cell entries represent the percentage of individuals who responded as indicated)

What is your opinion of Dennis Kucinich				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	2.1	3.7	1.3	0.5
Somewhat Favorable	5.8	11.2	7.2	0.5
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.5
Somewhat Unfavorable	7.9	4.5	8.5	12.3
Very Unfavorable	7.5	2.2	5.2	11.8
Not Familiar	62.9	64.9	67.3	58.6
Don't Know/Refused	10.4	10.4	7.8	13.8

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What is your opinion of Mike Gravel				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	.5	0.7	0.0	0.0
Somewhat Favorable	3.1	2.2	3.2	3.4
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.5
Somewhat Unfavorable	3.1	4.5	4.5	2.0
Very Unfavorable	1.4	1.5	0.0	2.5
Not Familiar	77.0	77.6	79.4	73.4
Don't Know/Refused	12.6	11.2	10.3	16.3

What is your opinion of Chris Dodd				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	1.8	3.7	0.6	0.0
Somewhat Favorable	7.9	11.8	7.1	5.4
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	6.7	8.1	8.4	4.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	6.7	5.9	5.2	10.3
Very Unfavorable	5.6	2.9	3.2	7.9
Not Familiar	60.2	58.1	66.9	57.1
Don't Know/Refused	11.2	9.6	8.4	14.3

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What is your opinion of John Edwards				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	17.2	33.3	18.7	4.9
Somewhat Favorable	30.3	37.0	33.5	22.7
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	9.4	5.9	12.3	7.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	12.7	3.0	11.0	21.2
Very Unfavorable	15.4	3.7	11.6	28.1
Not Familiar	12.2	14.8	9.7	12.3
Don't Know/Refused	2.8	2.2	3.2	3.0

What is your opinion of Barack Obama				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	18.5	36.3	15.5	7.4
Somewhat Favorable	25.0	31.1	28.4	21.8
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	8.7	5.2	10.3	7.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	10.1	1.5	7.1	19.3
Very Unfavorable	11.6	5.2	7.1	20.8
Not Familiar	21.3	16.3	28.4	19.3
Don't Know/Refused	4.8	4.4	3.2	3.5

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What is your opinion of Wes Clark				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	4.2	9.6	2.6	2.5
Somewhat Favorable	9.6	11.9	13.0	6.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	5.9	5.9	7.8	5.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	7.8	3.7	7.1	10.4
Very Unfavorable	8.8	0.7	5.8	14.9
Not Familiar	53.7	58.5	53.9	48.5
Don't Know/Refused	10.0	9.6	9.7	11.4

What is your opinion of Hillary Clinton				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	23.7	56.6	16.2	4.9
Somewhat Favorable	18.7	25.0	26.0	9.4
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	6.3	4.4	11.7	4.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	8.7	3.7	11.0	11.3
Very Unfavorable	37.9	5.1	31.8	65.0
Not Familiar	2.7	3.7	0.6	3.0
Don't Know/Refused	2.0	1.5	2.6	1.5

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What is your opinion of Bill Richardson				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	4.8	8.1	3.3	3.0
Somewhat Favorable	11.9	14.8	12.4	10.0
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	7.7	7.4	6.5	8.5
Somewhat Unfavorable	5.8	3.0	3.3	10.4
Very Unfavorable	3.5	1.5	1.3	6.5
Not Familiar	56.4	54.8	66.0	52.7
Don't Know/Refused	10.0	10.4	7.2	9.0

What is your opinion of Joe Biden				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Very Favorable	4.4	8.1	2.6	2.5
Somewhat Favorable	10.1	16.9	7.1	6.9
Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	7.9	6.6	11.0	7.9
Somewhat Unfavorable	12.4	8.8	12.3	16.3
Very Unfavorable	9.8	3.7	6.5	16.7
Not Familiar	46.6	45.6	50.6	42.9
Don't Know/Refused	8.8	10.3	9.7	6.9

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General Politics (Approval, Right Track/Wrong Direction)

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Q.2 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. How often would you say that you follow what is going on in government and public affairs: Most of the time, Some of the time, Only now and then, or Hardly at all?

Most of the time 63.0%
Some of the time 21.3%
Only now and then 7.9%
Hardly at all 7.2%
Don't Know/Refused 6%.

Q.3 How often do you discuss politics or political issues with your friends--Often, Occasionally, or Rarely if ever?

Often 38.9%
Occasionally 39 %
Rarely if ever 21.4 %
Don't know/Refused 0.4%

Q.7 Thinking about the current path that our nation is taking, do you think our country is on the right track or headed in the wrong direction?

Right Track 27.4%
Wrong Direction 59.4%
Don't Know / Refused 13.2%

Q.8 Now, thinking about the current path that South Carolina is taking, do you think our state is on the right track or headed in the wrong direction?

Right Track 54.6%
Wrong Direction 29.0%
Don't Know / Refused 16.4%

Q.9 Do you Approve or Disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

Approve 41.3%
Disapprove 52.5%
Don't Know / Refused 6.2 %

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Q.10 Do you Approve or Disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling it's job?

Approve 28.8%
Disapprove 57.5%
Don't Know ? Refused 13.7%

Q.11 Do you Approve or Disapprove of the way Mark Sanford is handling his job as Governor of South Carolina ?

Approve 68.9%
Disapprove 18.7%
Don't Know ? Refused 12.4%

Q.12 Do you Approve or Disapprove of the way the South Carolina State Legislature is handling its job?

Approve 52.9%
Disapprove 27.9%
Don't Know / Refused 19.1%

Q.13 Next, I'm going to read some aspects of life in America today. For each one, please say whether you are -- Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, or Very dissatisfied. How about -- The size and power of the federal government?

Very satisfied 7.2%
Somewhat satisfied 37.2%
Somewhat dissatisfied 29.2%
Very dissatisfied 21.5%
Don't Know / Refused 4.9%

Q.15 How about --The size and influence of major corporations in the nation?

Very satisfied 5.0%
Somewhat satisfied 26.7%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 4.7%
Somewhat unsatisfied 29.0%
Very unsatisfied 28.8%
Don't know/Refused 5.8%

Q.16 How about --The role the U.S. plays in world affairs?

Very satisfied 7.5%
Somewhat satisfied 34.0%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 4.3%
Somewhat unsatisfied 26.7%
Very unsatisfied 24.3%
Don't Know / Refused 3.2%

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Q.26 Next, I'm going to read some aspects of life in South Carolina today. For each one, please say whether you are -- Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, or Very dissatisfied. How about -- The overall quality of life in South Carolina?

very satisfied 30.8%
Somewhat satisfied 47.1%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 3.6 %
Somewhat unsatisfied 9.9%
Very unsatisfied 6.6%
don't know/ refused 2.0%

Q.27 How about -- The quality of public education in South Carolina?

very satisfied 10.5%
Somewhat satisfied 30.9%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 2.6 %
Somewhat unsatisfied 24.8%
Very unsatisfied 27.6%
don't know/ refused 3.6%

[For the following questions, please answer whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree with each statement]

Q.32 While there are always exceptions, most people on welfare are simply lazy.

Strongly Agree 8.5%
Agree 23.5%
Neither Agree nor Disagree 8.3%
Disagree 42.5%
Strongly Disagree 14.1 %
Don't Know / Refused 3.1%

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For each person or group, I'd like for you to tell me whether your opinion of them is Very Favorable, Somewhat Favorable, Neither Favorable Nor Unfavorable, Somewhat Unfavorable, or Very Unfavorable.]

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Q.57 Now I'd like to ask you opinion of several groups. What is your opinion of Members of Congress as a whole?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 5.2%
somewhat favorable 36.6%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 13.6%
somewhat unfavorable 24.5%
very unfavorable 12.9%
not familiar 2.1%
don't know/ refused 5.1%

Q.59 What is your opinion of the NAACP?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 24.2%
somewhat favorable 30.5%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 13.3%
somewhat unfavorable 14.0%
very unfavorable 13.2%
not familiar 2.2%
don't know/ refused 2.5%

Q.61 What is your opinion of Hispanics?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 21.8%
somewhat favorable 40.3%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 19.6%
somewhat unfavorable 7.8%
very unfavorable 3.8%
not familiar 2.3%
don't know/ refused 4.3%

Q.63 What is your opinion of Whites?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 40.7%
somewhat favorable 37.8%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 17.4%
somewhat unfavorable 1.1%
very unfavorable .40%
not familiar 0.10%
don't know/ refused 2.5%

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Q.65 What is your opinion of the Confederate Flag?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 21.5%
somewhat favorable 23.8%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 21.5%
somewhat unfavorable 10%
very unfavorable 18.6%
not familiar 1.4 %
don't know/ refused 3.2%

Q.68 What is your opinion of Blacks?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 38.7%
somewhat favorable 38.0%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 19.1 %
somewhat unfavorable 1.2%
very unfavorable 0.60%
don't know/ refused 2.4%

Q.70 What is your main source for news?

television 62.9%
newspapers 17.6%
radio 4.9%
internet 11%
friends or family 2.3%
dk/r 1.3%

Q.104 How would you describe your political views: Very conservative, Conservative, Moderate, Liberal, or Very Liberal?

Very conservative 14.4%
Conservative 35.1%
Moderate 32.0 %
Liberal 10.4%
Very liberal 5.0%
Don't know/Refused 3.2%

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Economy

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Q.15 How about --The size and influence of major corporations in the nation?

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Somewhat satisfied 26.7%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 4.7%
Somewhat unsatisfied 29.0%
Very unsatisfied 28.8%
Don't know/Refused 5.8%

Q.17 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today -- as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent 8.2%
Good 35.2%
Fair 37.3%
Poor 18.6%
Don't know/Refused 0.8%

Q.18 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

Getting Better 36.3%
Getting Worse 54.1%
don't know/ refused 9.6%

Q.19 How concerned are you about the possibility of losing your job in the next year? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned...

Concerned 14.5%
somewhat concerned 9.9%
not very concerned 14.3%
not at all concerned 55%
don't know/ refused 6.3%

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Q.20 If you had to find a new job in the next year, do you believe that you would need additional education or job training?

yes 47.5%
No 47.9%
don't know/ refused 4.5%

Q.21 How would you rate your financial situation today: excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent 13%
Good 44.7%
Fair 28.9%
Poor 12.4%
don't know/ refused 1 %

Q.22 Right now do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

Better 57.5%
Worse 30.3%
don't know/ refused 12.2 %

Q.23 Do you think it is the responsibility of the government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

Yes it is the responsibility of the government 61.2%
No, it is not the responsibility of the government 32.7%
don't know/ refused 6%

Q.24 Do you currently have health insurance coverage?

Yes 87.6%
No 12.1%
don't know/ refused 0.3%

Q.25 Do you feel that your current health insurance is adequate for your needs?

yes 73.7%
No 22.5%
don't know/ refused 3.8%

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Q.28 How would you rate economic conditions in the state of South Carolina today -- as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Poor 14.6%
Fair 47.2%
Good 32.1%
Excellent 4%
don't know/ refused 2 %

Q.29 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the state of South Carolina as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

Better 50.3%
Worse 36.2%
don't know/ refused 13.5%

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Trust and Efficacy

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Q.4 How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in Washington to do what is right: Just about always, Most of the time, or only Some of the time.

Just about always 4.1%
Most of the time 24.6%
Some of the time 59.3%
Never 10.7%
Don't know/Refused 1.2%

Q.5 How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Columbia to do what is right: Just about always, Most of the time, or only Some of the time.

Just about always 4.7%
Most of the time 34.0%
Some of the time 52.6%
Never 5.3%
Don't know/Refused 3.4%

Q.6 How much of the time do you think you can trust your local government to do what is right: Just about always, Most of the time, or only Some of the time.

Just about always 6.7%
Most of the time 35.6%
Some of the time 49.1%
Never 6.2%
Don't know/Refused 2.4 %

Q.30 For the following questions, please answer whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree with each statement.

Public officials don't care much about what people like me think

Strongly Agree 22.8%
Agree 35.0%
Neither Agree nor Disagree 8.5%
Disagree 27.4%
Strongly Disagree 4.5%
don't know/ refused 1.8%

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Q.31 Sometimes government and politics seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on

Strongly Agree 17.7%
Agree 37.2%
Neither Agree nor Disagree 4.6%
Disagree 30.9%
Strongly Disagree 9.1 %
Don't Know/ Refused 0.6%

Q.33 People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

Strongly Agree 12.8%
Agree 30.4%
Neither Agree nor Disagree %5%
Disagree 40.6%
Strongly Disagree 9.9 %
Don't Know / Refused 1.2%

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Religious and Moral Issues

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Q.96 Ok, now for some different questions, at the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life, losing its influence or remaining the same?

Increasing its influence 26.4%
Losing its influence 46%
Remaining the same 25.5%
Don't know/Refused 2%

Q.97 Would you like to see organized religion have more influence on government policy in this nation, less influence, or keep its influence as it is now?

More influence 41.4%
Less influence 22.1%
Keep its influence as it is now 31.9%
Don't know/Refused 4.6%

Q.98 What percentage of your local community would you say are regular church goers?

The mean % is 54.88 %

Q.99 How important would you say religion is in your own life: Very important, Fairly important, or Not very important?

Very important 75.5%
Fairly important 17.2%
Not Very important 7%
Don't know/Refused 0.30%

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Q.100 What, if any, is your religious preference: Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, or an Orthodox religion such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church?

Protestant 76.4 %
Roman Catholic 8.4%
Jewish 0.70%
Mormon 0.40%
Jehovah's Witness 0.30%
Muslim
Orthodox
No religious preference 9.2 %
Don't know/Refused 4.6%

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 101]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 102]
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[IF THE ANSWER IS 7, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 102]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 8, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 102]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 102]

Q.101 Which protestant denomination are you? {if answered "Protestant" above}
(interviewer: if answer is under 10 code as 09,08,07, 06, etc.)

Baptist 48.3%
Methodist 13.8%
Episcopalian 4.4%
Presbyterian 8.6%
Church of Christ 1.1%
AME 0.60 %
Pentecostal 3.8%
Nazarenes 0.20%
Lutheran 2.9%
Non-Denominational 9.6%
Other 6.7%

Q.102 Do you believe that the Bible is the literal word of God and without error?

Yes 64.7%
No 30.9%
Don't Know / Refused 4.4%

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Q.103 How often do you attend your church's primary weekly worship services--every week, about 3 times a month, twice a month, once a month, every 6 weeks, every 3 months, once or twice a year, or never?

Every week 47.7 %
About 3 times a month 13.5%
Twice a month 11%
About once a month 4.7%
About every 6 weeks 1.7%
About every 3 months 2.1%
About once or twice a year 7.3%
Never 10.6%
Don't know/Refused 1.4%

Q.105 Next, we're interested in South Carolinian's views of gays and lesbians. Please remember that if you're just not comfortable answering a question, you can just let me know and we'll move on, okay? First, do you think that sexual relations between two adults of the same sex is always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

Always wrong 57.3%
Almost always wrong 4.3%
Wrong only sometimes 6.8%
Not wrong at all 19.6%
Don't Know / Refused 11.9%

Q.92 All else being equal, do you think you could vote for a Homosexual for President?

yes 40.4%
no 50.7%
not sure 8.1%
dk/r 0.90%

Q.93 All else being equal, do you think you could vote for a Homosexual for Governor?

yes 42.2%
no 48.9%
not sure 7.9%
dk/r 1.0%

Q.94 All else being equal, do you think you could vote for a Homosexual for Mayor?

yes 45.0%
no 46.4%
not sure 7.4%
dk/r 1.2%

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Q.95 All else being equal, do you think you could vote for a Homosexual for School Board?

yes 39.3%
no 51.7%
not sure 8.2%
dk/r 0.80%

Q.58 What is your opinion of Christians?

[if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 70.9%
somewhat favorable 18%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 5.7%
somewhat unfavorable 1.2%
very unfavorable 2.3%
not familiar 0.10%
don't know/ refused 1.7%

Q.60 What is your opinion of Mormons? [if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 9.8%
somewhat favorable 26.3%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 24.8%
somewhat unfavorable 10.4%
very unfavorable 11.1%
not familiar 9.7%
don't know/ refused 7.9%

Q.62 What is your opinion of Homosexuals? [if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 8.2%
somewhat favorable 18.2%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 26.3%
somewhat unfavorable 11.6%
very unfavorable 31.8%
not familiar 0.60%
don't know/ refused 3.4%

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Q.64 What is your opinion of Evangelicals? [if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 17.3%
somewhat favorable 28.2%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 18.9%
somewhat unfavorable 11.5%
very unfavorable 6.5%
not familiar 10.5%
don't know/ refused 7.1%

Q.66 What is your opinion of Muslims? [if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 6.7%
somewhat favorable 20.9 %
neither favorable nor unfavorable 28.2 %
somewhat unfavorable 15.7%
very unfavorable 16.9%
not familiar 4.1%
don't know/ refused 7.6 %

Q.67 What is your opinion of Atheists or Agnostics? [if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 5.1%
somewhat favorable 11.3 %
neither favorable nor unfavorable 23.7 %
somewhat unfavorable 17.4%
very unfavorable 32.5%
not familiar 4.3%
don't know/ refused 5.7%

Q.69 What is your opinion of Jews? [if they don't answer using the scale you described, prompt them to do so]

very favorable 29.7%
somewhat favorable 39.1%
neither favorable nor unfavorable 22.4 %
somewhat unfavorable 1.5%
very unfavorable 1.3%
not familiar 1.8%
don't know/ refused 4.1%

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[Next, I'm going to read some aspects of life in America today. For each one, please say whether you are -- Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, or Very dissatisfied.]

Q.14 How about --The moral and ethical climate in the nation?

Very satisfied 2.9%
Somewhat satisfied 21.1%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 4.4%
Somewhat unsatisfied 31.9%
Very unsatisfied 37.3%
Don't know/Refused 2.4%

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Technology

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Q.70 What is your main source for news?

television 62.9%
newspapers 17.6%
radio 4.9%
internet 11%
friends or family 2.3%
dk/r 1.3%

Q.71 Do you have regular access to the internet either at work or at home?

Yes 77%
No 22.8%
Don't Know / Refused .20 %

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 80]

[IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 80]

Q.72 About how many hours do you spend on the internet a week? [only asked if they have regular internet access]

The mean time is 10.562 hours

Q.73 A "blog," or "Web Log" is a personal journal that an individual or group keeps on-line on the internet to be read by others. Blogs may be on any topic the author chooses from politics to personal stories. Before today, had you heard of on-line blogs?

Yes (go to next question) 75.2%
No 24.6%
Don't know / Refused 0.20%

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 75]

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 76]

[IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 76]

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Q.75 Have you ever responded or replied to a blog? [only asked if they had heard of blogs and have regular internet access]

yes 21.6%
no 77.7%
I have my own blog 0.7%
dk/r

Q.76 Thinking back to the 2006 elections, did you visit any campaign websites?
[only asked if they have regular internet access]

yes 22.5%
No 76.6%
Don't know / refused 1.0%

Q.77 Donate money to a political party or candidate on-line?
[only asked if they have regular internet access]

yes 8.4%
No 90.6%
Don't know / refused 1.0%

Q.78 Sign up to volunteer on-line?

[only asked if they have regular internet access]

Yes 3.9%
No 96.1%
Don't know / refused

Q.79 In the last election, were you contacted by a political campaign or party by email? [only asked if they have regular internet access]

yes 37.1%
No 60.4%
Don't know / refused 2.5 %

The Winthrop Poll Findings

Data on voting for a woman or African American for president

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Respondents were asked:

“All else being equal, do you think you could vote for a Woman for President?”

Do you think you could vote for a Woman for President				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Yes	82.6	95.6	85.2	75.2
No	13.2	2.2	12.3	18.8
Not Sure	4.1	2.2	2.6	5.9
Refused	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

“All else being equal, do you think you could vote for an African American for President?”

Do you think you could vote for an African American for President				
	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Yes	90.2	94.1	92.3	88.7
No	4.9	2.2	5.2	4.4
Not Sure	5.0	3.7	2.6	6.9
Refused	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Do you think you could vote for a Woman for President				
		Yes	No	Not Sure
Opinion of Clinton	Very Favorable	97.0	1.2	1.8
	Somewhat Favorable	92.3	3.1	4.6
	Neither Fav Nor Unfav	83.7	7.0	9.3
	Somewhat Unfav	82.0	13.1	3.3
	Very Unfav	68.8	27.0	4.2