

The Winthrop Poll Findings

Questions for September 2007 Winthrop/ETV Poll of African Americans in SC: HORSE RACE

Thinking about the upcoming presidential primary elections, are you more likely to vote in the Democratic presidential primary or the Republican presidential primary?

Democratic	83.1
Republican	6.9
Neither/Not Likely to Vote	6.9
Don't Know/Refused	3.1

If the Democratic presidential primary election were held today, which of these candidates would you vote for? (NAMES ROTATED)

BOTH GENDERS

Joe Biden	0.6
Hillary Clinton	30.7
Christopher Dodd	0.4
John Edwards	3.0
Mike Gravel	0.0
Dennis Kucinich	0.0
Barack Obama	35.4
Bill Richardson	0.2
Undecided/Not Sure	28.7
Refused	1.1

If the Democratic presidential primary election were held today, which of these candidates would you vote for? (NAMES ROTATED)

MALES ONLY

Joe Biden	0.5
Hillary Clinton	30.5
Christopher Dodd	0.5
John Edwards	3.4
Mike Gravel	0.0
Dennis Kucinich	0.0
Barack Obama	42.4
Bill Richardson	0.5
Undecided/Not Sure	21.7
Refused	0.5

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If the Democratic presidential primary election were held today, which of these candidates would you vote for? (NAMES ROTATED)

FEMALES ONLY

Joe Biden	0.3
Hillary Clinton	30.9
Christopher Dodd	0.3
John Edwards	2.9
Mike Gravel	0.0
Dennis Kucinich	0.0
Barack Obama	30.6
Bill Richardson	0.0
Undecided/Not Sure	33.8
Refused	1.3

If the Democratic presidential primary election were held today, which of these candidates would you vote for? [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID THEIR RACE OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND CONTRIBUTES A "GREAT DEAL" TO THEIR IDENTITY] (NAMES ROTATED)

Joe Biden	0.6
Hillary Clinton	32.0
Christopher Dodd	0.6
John Edwards	2.4
Mike Gravel	0.0
Dennis Kucinich	0.0
Barack Obama	37.6
Bill Richardson	0.3
Undecided/Not Sure	25.4
Refused	1.2

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If the Republican presidential primary election were held today, which of these candidates would you vote for? [NOTE: Only 45 individuals said they would be voting in the Republican primary. Of those, 46.5% were undecided and 20.9% chose Fred Thompson. All remaining Republicans received such a tiny fraction of positive responses, that the numbers they accrued are statistically insignificant.] *(NAMES ROTATED)*

Sam Brownback
Newt Gingrich
Rudy Giuliani
Mike Huckabee
Duncan Hunter
John McCain
Ron Paul
Mitt Romney
Tom Tancredo
Fred Thompson
Undecided/Not Sure
Refused

One of the candidates currently running for president is an African American. Regardless of how you feel about any individual candidate, do you think white Americans would be willing to vote for an African American for president?

Yes	58.6
No	31.1
Don't Know/Refused	10.4

When thinking about which party you trust more to handle the issues that you care about, which of the following best describes you?

Trust Democrats more on all issues	53.6
Trust Democrats on some, Republicans on others	31.1
Trust Republicans more on all issues	4.6
Don't Know/Refused	10.7

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Thinking about the last few elections, do you think the NATIONAL Democratic Party has taken African-American voters for granted?

Yes	56.2
No	31.7
Not Sure	11.8
Refused	0.3

Thinking about the last few elections, do you think the STATE Democratic Party in South Carolina has taken African-American voters for granted?

Yes	57.1
No	27.0
Not Sure	15.4
Refused	0.5

Do you feel that the Republican Party is currently working to attract African-American voters?

Yes	53.0
No	39.2
Not Sure	7.2
Refused	0.6

Do you think the Republican Party effort to attract African-American voters is very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective?

(Only asked of those who thought the Republican Party was working to attract African-American voters)

Very Effective	9.4
Somewhat Effective	51.8
Not Very Effective	21.3
Not At All Effective	14.3
Not Sure	2.6
Refused	0.6

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Regardless of which candidate you support, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

Democrat	66.6
Republican	3.3
Independent	19.0
Something Else	8.3
Don't Know/Refused	2.8

How would you describe your political beliefs, Very Liberal, Somewhat Liberal, Moderate, Somewhat Conservative, Very Conservative?

Very Liberal	11.9
Somewhat Liberal	19.4
Moderate	28.2
Somewhat Conservative	19.4
Very Conservative	12.1
Not Sure	7.5
Refused	1.4

Other topics: U.S. at War; State of Our Nation and State;
Education and Internet; Social Issues; Self-image; Religious; and
Crime

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I'd like to ask you if you've ever had the following experiences in your life.

Had a close friend or relative who was a victim of a violent crime?

Yes	49.4
No	50.2
Not Sure	0.5
Refused	0.0

Had a close friend or relative who was murdered? *(Only asked of those who had a friend or relative who was a victim of violent crime.)*

Yes	75.2 (or 37.1 of total respondents)
No	24.5
Not Sure	0.3
Refused	0.0

Personally been a victim of a violent crime?

Yes	15.1
No	84.1
Not Sure	0.8
Refused	0.0

As you may know, research has shown that young blacks have a higher chance than most of winding up in jail. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you think it is a big reason, small reason, or not a reason why this is true:

More blacks grow up in poverty...

Big Reason	58.5
Small Reason	20.1
Not a Reason	17.4
Not Sure	4.0
Refused	0.0

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Police are more likely to target young blacks than other groups...

Big Reason	76.7
Small Reason	14.6
Not a Reason	5.5
Not Sure	3.2
Refused	0.0

Many black parents aren't teaching their kids right from wrong...

Big Reason	49.7
Small Reason	27.0
Not a Reason	17.3
Not Sure	5.9
Refused	0.2

Schools are failing black youth...

Big Reason	38.9
Small Reason	29.7
Not a Reason	23.2
Not Sure	7.8
Refused	0.5

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How would you describe the job South Carolina public schools are doing with regard to educating the children of the state?

Excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	7.1
Good	31.9
Only Fair	38.4
Poor	16.6
Not Sure	5.4
Refused	0.6

Relative to other groups, how would you describe the job South Carolina public schools are doing with regard to educating African-American children in the state? Excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	4.0
Good	23.5
Only Fair	40.5
Poor	25.6
Not Sure	5.7
Refused	0.6

Do you feel that children who do not have Internet access at home are at a disadvantage to their classmates in school?

Yes	66.8
No	28.0
Not Sure	5.2
Refused	0.0

Do you have regular access to the Internet either at work or at home?

Yes, At Home Only	31.3
Yes, At Work Only	7.9
Yes, At Both	30.7
No	30.1

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Not Sure	0.0
Refused	0.0

Do you feel that people who have Internet access at home have greater employment opportunities than those who do not?

Yes	65.8
No	29.0
Not Sure	5.2
Refused	0.0

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

Very Important	88.4
Fairly Important	8.6
Not Very Important	2.7
Don't Know/Refused	0.3

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	74.4
Roman Catholic	1.9
Jewish	0.0
Mormon	0.2
Jehovah's Witness	2.1
Muslim	0.2
Orthodox	0.3
No Religious Preference	16.6
Don't Know/Refused	4.3

Do you believe that the Bible is the literal word of God and without error? *(Not asked of Jews, Muslims, those with no religious preference, or those who answered "Don't Know" or "Refused" to the religious preference question)*

Yes	73.9
No	17.4
Not Sure	7.6
Refused	1.0

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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? *(Not asked of those with no religious preference or those who answered "Don't Know" or "Refused" to the religious preference question)*

Every Week	57.0
About Three Times a Month	13.0
Twice a Month	12.6
About Once a Month	6.2
About Every Six Weeks	1.4
About Every Three Months	1.6
About Once or Twice a Year	4.6
Never	1.2
Don't Know/Refused	2.4

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Do you think that African Americans sometimes need to act and think "white" in order to get ahead?

Yes	26.4
No	61.9
Sometimes (<i>If Volunteered</i>)	8.8
Not Sure	2.4
Refused	0.6

Think about the things that contribute to your own individual identity. How does each of the following contribute to that individual identity? Does each contribute to your identity a great deal, somewhat, very little, or not at all.

The first is: Being an American

Great Deal	60.4
Somewhat	23.3
Very Little	6.1
Not at All	6.9
Not Sure	3.0
Refused	0.3

Being a Southerner

Great Deal	39.3
Somewhat	31.3
Very Little	8.2
Not at All	14.7
Not Sure	1.6
Do Not Consider Themselves a Southerner (<i>Volunteered</i>)	4.5
Refused	0.3

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Being a South Carolinian

Great Deal	36.2
Somewhat	32.0
Very Little	11.1
Not at All	13.0
Not Sure	1.3
Do Not Consider Themselves a South Carolinian (<i>Volunteered</i>)	6.1
Refused	0.3

Being religious

Great Deal	66.6
Somewhat	19.0
Very Little	4.2
Not at All	9.4
Not Sure	0.8
Refused	0.0

Your gender (whether you are a man or woman)

Great Deal	65.0
Somewhat	19.9
Very Little	6.1
Not at All	8.3
Not Sure	0.6
Refused	0.0

Your race or ethnic background

Great Deal	63.7
Somewhat	22.6
Very Little	4.2
Not at All	8.5
Not Sure	0.9
Refused	0.0

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We'd like to get your perception of how you think others treat you based on your race. In your day-to-day life, how often do any of the following things happen to you because of your racial background? Do they happen very often, somewhat often, once in a while or never?

Being treated with less respect than other people?

Very Often	9.9
Somewhat Often	20.0
Once in a While	40.9
Never	27.8
Not Sure	0.9
Refused	0.5

Receive poorer service than other people at restaurants and stores?

Very Often	9.3
Somewhat Often	22.0
Once in a While	34.7
Never	32.5
Not Sure	1.1
Refused	0.3

People acting as if they think you are not smart?

Very Often	14.5
Somewhat Often	24.2
Once in a While	27.5
Never	32.1
Not Sure	1.4
Refused	0.3

People acting as if they are afraid of you?

Very Often	7.9
Somewhat Often	17.6
Once in a While	16.8
Never	55.7
Not Sure	1.3

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Refused 0.8

[MALES ONLY] People acting as if they are afraid of you?

Very Often	14.9
Somewhat Often	25.1
Once in a While	20.0
Never	37.3
Not Sure	1.6
Refused	1.2

People acting as if they think you are dishonest?

Very Often	6.5
Somewhat Often	17.2
Once in a While	18.8
Never	55.5
Not Sure	1.6
Refused	0.5

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Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

Any	12.1
Certain	55.7
Illegal	28.6
Not Sure	2.5
Don't Know/Refused	1.1

I'm going to read a list of things that some people do. For each, thinking about your own values and morals, I'd like you to tell me whether you think it is acceptable or unacceptable.

The first is sex between two adults of the same sex. Is that acceptable or unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Strongly Acceptable	11.5
Somewhat Acceptable	10.3
Somewhat Unacceptable	12.1
Strongly Unacceptable	62.0
Don't Know/Not Sure	3.4
Refused	0.6

The next is marriages between blacks and whites. Is that acceptable or unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Strongly Acceptable	63.0
Somewhat Acceptable	24.0
Somewhat Unacceptable	3.1
Strongly Unacceptable	6.2
Don't Know/Not Sure	3.1
Refused	0.5

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The next is having a child without being married. Is that acceptable or unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Strongly Acceptable	24.9
Somewhat Acceptable	29.0
Somewhat Unacceptable	16.6
Strongly Unacceptable	24.4
Don't Know/Not Sure	4.9
Refused	0.3

Blacks using the "N-word" in everyday conversation? Is that acceptable or unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Strongly Acceptable	5.4
Somewhat Acceptable	7.0
Somewhat Unacceptable	12.8
Strongly Unacceptable	72.5
Don't Know/Not Sure	2.0
Refused	0.3

Whites using the "N-word" in everyday conversation? Is that acceptable or unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Strongly Acceptable	2.3
Somewhat Acceptable	3.0
Somewhat Unacceptable	4.7
Strongly Unacceptable	88.5
Don't Know/Not Sure	1.4
Refused	0.2

I need to ask you if you've ever had the following experiences in your life:

Dated someone of a different race?

Yes	40.4
No	58.5
Not Sure	0.6

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Refused	0.5
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Had a close friend of a different race?

Yes	80.0
No	19.7
Not Sure	0.3
Refused	0.0

Had a family member who was openly gay or lesbian?

Yes	47.3
No	49.7
Not Sure	3.0
Refused	0.0

Had a close friend who was openly gay or lesbian?

Yes	49.4
No	49.3
Not Sure	1.3
Refused	0.0

Now I'd like to ask a couple of questions about Rap music.

Do you believe that sexually explicit lyrics in Rap music do or do not cause males to be sexually explicit with females?

Do	73.2
Do Not	17.3
Not Sure	8.6
Refused	1.0

Do you think that violent Rap music and videos do or do not lead people to be more violent?

Do	74.6
Do Not	18.7

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Not Sure	6.0
Refused	0.6

Do you think that some Rap music does or does not have positive themes that uplift and empower people?

Does	71.5
Does Not	20.7
Not Sure	7.2
Refused	0.6

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Which of the following best represents your feelings: What happens generally to black people in this country...

Has a GREAT DEAL of Impact on What Happens in My Own Life	35.5
Has SOME Impact on What Happens in My Own Life	51.5
Has ALMOST NO Impact on What Happens in My Own Life	13.0

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	10.3
Wrong Direction	78.5
Not Sure	11.2
Refused	0.0

Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president of the United States?

Approve	7.2
Disapprove	86.8
Not Sure	4.8
Refuse	1.2

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

Approve	20.7
Disapprove	61.3
Not Sure	16.7
Refuse	1.3

On the whole, do you think it should be or should not be the

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government's responsibility to: Ensure that every American has a decent standard of living?

Definitely Should Be	55.8
Probably Should Be	23.7
Probably Should Not Be	10.7
Definitely Should Not Be	6.5
Not Sure	3.2
Refused	0.2

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

Right Track	25.9
Wrong Direction	53.8
Not Sure	19.7
Refused	0.6

I'd like for you to think about the Confederate flag. Some people believe that it is a symbol of pride in their history or heritage while others believe it is a symbol of racism or hate. What is your opinion of the Confederate flag, do you see it as...

Primarily a Symbol of Pride in History or Heritage	13.5
Primarily a Symbol of Racism or Hate	49.7
Both (Volunteered)	19.5
Neither (Volunteered)	11.3
Not Sure (Volunteered)	5.2
Refused	0.8

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Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush's handling of the war in Iraq?

Approve	6.1
Disapprove	89.6
Not Sure	3.1
Refused	1.1

Do you feel that we should set a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq?

Yes	84.1
No	9.3
Not Sure	6.0
Refused	0.6

Which of the following do you consider the most reasonable amount of time to complete a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq: *(Only asked of those who thought the U.S. should set a timetable for withdrawal)*

Six Months	58.1
One Year	24.5
Two Years	7.9
Longer Than Two Years	2.2
Not Sure <i>(Only if Volunteered)</i>	6.0
Refused	1.3

Do you believe that the war in Iraq has made America safer or created additional threats to our security?

Safer	7.3
Additional Threats	82.5
Neither <i>(Only if Volunteered)</i>	3.2
Not Sure <i>(Only if Volunteered)</i>	6.2
Refused	0.9

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Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush's handling of the war in Afghanistan?

Approve	7.9
Disapprove	83.5
Not Sure	7.4
Refused	1.3

Earlier this year, a surge of troops were sent to Iraq to bring violence under control. So far, do you feel this troop surge has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or very unsuccessful?

Very Successful	3.5
Somewhat Successful	26.3
Somewhat Unsuccessful	28.2
Very Unsuccessful	33.1
Not Sure (<i>Only if Volunteered</i>)	5.0
Mixed (<i>Only if Volunteered</i>)	1.9
Refused	1.9

Do you think African Americans are currently assuming too much of the burden of fighting the war in Iraq?

Yes	39.4
No	43.5
Not Sure	16.1
Refused	0.9