

Winthrop Poll February 2012

Questionnaire # _____

Q.1 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 1
- Wrong direction 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.2 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 1
- Wrong direction 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.3 [CALLER MAXIMIZE YOUR SCREEN]

What do you think is the most important problem facing the United States of America today?

[CALLER: DO NOT READ RESPONSES!!! code whichever comes closest to their answer]

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Health Care	1
Social Security	2
Budget Deficit or Debt	3
Education	4
Medicare/ Medicaid	5
Taxes	6
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	7
Home foreclosures	8
Immigration	9
Price of Oil/Gas	10
Defense	11
Poverty	12
Crime	13
Foreign Policy	14
Jobs or unemployment	15
Abortion	16
Moral Values	17
Welfare	18
Iraq - War	19
Afghanistan - War	20
War - in general, not a specific war	21
Politicians/ Government	22
Environment	23
Religious values	24
Racism	25
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Energy issues (general, not specifically oil/gas) ...	27
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Refuse to answer	99

Q.4 [CALLER MAXIMIZE YOUR SCREEN]

What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of South Carolina

[CALLER: DO NOT READ RESPONSES!!! code whichever comes closest to their answer]

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]today?

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Social Security	2
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Immigration	9
Price of Oil/Gas	10
Defense	11
Poverty	12
Crime	13
Foreign Policy	14
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Refuse to answer	99

Q.5 Not everyone can find time to register to vote or update their registration when they move. What is your current voter registration status? Would you say you're certain that you're registered to vote and your registration is up to date, are unsure if you are registered, have registered in the past but are not sure if your status is up to date after a move, or are not registered.

- Registered/ status current 1
- Unsure 2
- Registered in past/ not sure of current status . 3
- Not registered 4
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.6 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

- Very good 1
- Fairly good 2
- Fairly bad 3
- Very bad 4
- Not Sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.7 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.8 How would you rate the condition of the economy of South Carolina these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

- Very good 1
- Fairly good 2
- Fairly bad 3
- Very bad 4
- Not Sure 5
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.9 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in South Carolina are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
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- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.10 How would you rate your financial situation today? As excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Excellent 1
- Good 2
- Only fair 3
- Poor 4
- Not Sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.11 Right now, do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
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- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.12 OK, now I'd like to ask some different kinds of questions. First, do you have internet access in your home?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
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- Refused .. 9

Q.13 Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion?

[CALLER: Rotate Answers]

Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy

OR

Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost

[CALLER: if they choose one of these options ask, "How strongly do you feel that way, VERY or SOMEWHAT?"]

- Very strong - cost too many jobs 1
- Somewhat strong - cost too many jobs .. 2
- Neither [volunteered] 3
- Somewhat strong - worth the cost 4
- Very strong - worth the cost 5
- Don't know 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.14 Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion?

[CALLER: Rotate Answers]

The government should do more to protect morality in society

OR

I worry the government is getting too involved in the issue of morality

[CALLER: if they choose one of these options ask, "How strongly do you feel that way, VERY or SOMEWHAT?"]

- Very strong - government protect morality 1
- Somewhat strong - government protect morality 2
- Neither [volunteered] 3
- Somewhat strong - government getting too involved .. 4
- Very strong - government getting too involved 5
- Don't know 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.15 I'd like you to take a moment to think about living South Carolinians who are well known across the entire country. Who would you say is the most **NATIONALLY** famous person from South Carolina who is alive today?

- Give you a name 1
- Don't know/ Can't think of any one . 2
- 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 17]

Q.16 [CALLER: type response to “most famous living South Carolinian” question here]

Q.17 I’d like to ask you about comedian, entertainer, and TV personality Stephen Colbert [pronounced “COLE – BEAR”]. Would you say that your opinion of Stephen Colbert is favorable, unfavorable, or are you not familiar enough with him to have an opinion?

[CALLER: if they say, “favorable” or “unfavorable” ask “very or somewhat?”]

- Very favorable 1
- Somewhat favorable 2
- Somewhat unfavorable 3
- Very unfavorable 4
- Don't know well enough to have opinion .. 5
- 6
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.18 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your personal life?

[CALLER: follow up with “Very or Somewhat?”]

- Very satisfied 1
- Somewhat satisfied 2
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied . 3
- Somewhat dissatisfied 4
- Very dissatisfied 5
- Not sure/ Don't know 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.19 On a different subject, would you say you **ate healthy** all day yesterday?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- Refused .. 9

Q.20 I'm going to read several statements and ask you to tell me whether each statement was often, sometimes, or never true for your household during the past 12 months

You were worried that food would run out in your household before you were able to afford to buy more. Was that statement often, sometimes, or never true for your household during the past 12 months?

- Often 1
- Sometimes . 2
- Never 3
- Not Sure 4
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.21 You felt that you couldn't afford to serve everyone balanced meals in your household because there wasn't enough money. Was that statement often, sometimes, or never true for your household during the past 12 months?

- Often 1
- Sometimes . 2
- Never 3
- Not Sure 4
- 5
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- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.22 Other than visiting friends or relatives for holidays, did you take any vacations for which you spent more than **two nights** away from home in 2011?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 24]

Q.23 I'd like for you to think about what you consider to be your "main," or "big," vacation for 2011. Did you spend this vacation in South Carolina or outside of South Carolina?

- In South Carolina . 1
- Outside SC 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
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- Refused 9

Q.24 Now I'd like for you to think ahead to your vacation plans for *Two Thousand Twelve* as compared to what you would consider a "normal," or "typical" year. As you think about vacation plans for *Two Thousand Twelve*, do you think you will be spending more money than a typical year, about the same amount of money as a typical year, or less money than a typical year?

- More 1
- Same 2
- Less 3
- Not Sure . 4
- 5
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- Refused .. 9

Q.25 Which of the following comes closest to your beliefs?

[Caller: read top to bottom one time, and bottom to top the next]

Global climate change is real and human activity contributes to it greatly

Global climate change is real and human activity contributes to it somewhat

Global climate change is real BUT human activity does NOT contribute to it

Global climate change is not really happening

Real - humans contribute greatly	1
Real - humans contribute somewhat ..	2
Real - humans do NOT contribute	3
Not Real	4
Don't know	5
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Refused	9

Q.26 I'd like for you to imagine your life **today** as a "ladder" with steps numbered from 0 to 10, where "0" represents the worst possible life and "10" represents the best possible life. Which step on the ladder would you say you are **presently** standing on?

{CALLER: enter number as two digits. e.g. "Five" = 05. Don't know/Not Sure = 88. Refused = 99}

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Q.27 Now I'd like for you to imagine your life as you think it will be 5 years from now as a "ladder" with steps numbered from 0 to 10, where "0" represents the worst possible life and "10" represents the best possible life. Which step on the ladder do you think you will be standing on **5 years from now**?

{CALLER: enter number as two digits. e.g. "Five" = 05. Don't know/Not Sure = 88. Refused = 99}

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Q.28 I'd like for you to think about yesterday. Would you say that you experienced **stress** during a lot of the day yesterday?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.29 Would you say that you experienced **worry** during a lot of the day yesterday?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.30 Would you describe yourself as a generally happy or unhappy person?

[wait for answer]

Would you say that you are generally very [happy/unhappy] or somewhat [happy/unhappy]?

- Very Happy 1
- Somewhat Happy 2
- Neither Happy nor Unhappy [volunteered] . 3
- Somewhat Unhappy 4
- Very Unhappy 5
- Not Sure 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.31 Are you the parent of a child age 18 or younger who lives in your home with you?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.32 Which comes closer to your opinion

God made mankind steward and caretaker of the earth

OR

God gave mankind dominion over the earth

[Caller: rotate answers]

[always read this last]

....or do you not believe in God or a universal spirit?

- Steward 1
- Dominion 2
- Don't believe . 3
- Don't know 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.33 During the past month, did you participate in any form of strenuous or somewhat strenuous physical exercise? Examples might include running, calisthenics, swimming, weight lifting, yoga for exercise, brisk walking for exercise, or something else.

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know/ can't remember . 3
- 4
- 5
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- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 35]

Q.34 How many times did you participate in strenuous or somewhat strenuous exercise in the last month?

[CALLER: if they give you a number of times per WEEK, multiply that number by 4]

[CALLER: code as two digits; i.e. "five" as "05" ... "88" for don't know and "99" for Refused]

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Q.35 Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

[NOTE: 5 packs = 100 cigarettes]

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know / Not sure . 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 38]

Q.36 Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

- Every day 1
- Some days 2
- Not at all 3
- Don't know / Not sure . 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 38]

Q.37 During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for one day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know / Not sure . 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.38 Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare or Indian Health Services?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know / Not sure . 3
- 4
- 5
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- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.39 Was there a time in the past 12 months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of cost?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know / Not sure . 3
- 4
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- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.40 How often do you use seat belts when you drive or ride in a car? Would you say—

[CALLER: Please read:]

- 1 Always
- 2 Nearly always
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never

[CALLER: Do not read:]

- 6 Don't know / Not sure
- 7 Never drive or ride in a car
- 9 Refused

Always	1
Nearly always	2
Sometimes	3
Seldom	4
Never	5
Don't know / Not sure	6
Never drive or ride in a car .	7
.....	8
Refused	9

Q.41 Which comes closest to your view? The Bible is the word of God, OR The Bible is a book written by men and is **NOT** the word of God.

Word of God (including "written by men, but word of God") ..	1
Men not God	2
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.....	8
Don't Know / Refused to Answer	9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 43]

Q.42 And would you say that The Bible is to be taken literally, word for word, OR not everything in The Bible should be taken literally, word for word?

- Literally, word for word 1
- NOT literally, word for word 2
- 3
- 4
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- Don't Know / Refused to Answer .. 9

Q.43 Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

- More than once a week .. 1
- Once a week 2
- Once or twice a month ... 3
- Few times a year 4
- Seldom 5
- Never 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't Know/ Refused 9

Q.44 How important would you say religion is in your own life: Very important, Fairly important, or Not very important?

- Very Important 1
- Fairly Important 2
- Not very important 3
- 4
- 5
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- Don't Know/Refused . 9

Q.45 What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

- Protestant 1
- Roman Catholic 2
- Jewish 3
- Mormon 4
- Jehovah's Witness 5
- Muslim 6
- Orthodox 7
- Buddhist 8
- Hindu 9
- Atheist 10
- Agnostic 11
- Something else 12
- Nothing in particular .. 13
- Refused 14

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2-14, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 47]

Q.46 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
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- Refused .. 9

Q.47 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

- Several times a day .. 1
- Once a day 2
- A few times a week ... 3
- Once a week 4
- A few times a month . 5
- Seldom 6
- Never 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.48 Regardless of your political party affiliation, would you describe yourself as Very Liberal, Somewhat Liberal, Exactly in the Middle, Somewhat Conservative, or Very Conservative?

- Very liberal 1
- Somewhat liberal 2
- Exact middle 3
- Somewhat conservative . 4
- Very Conservative 5
- Don't know 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.49 Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- Democrat 1
- Republican 2
- Independent (incl. "Tea Party" and "no party") . 3
- Something else 4
- 5
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- 7
- 8
- Don't Know/ Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 51]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 52]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 4 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 53]

Q.50 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?

- Strong 1
- Not so strong 2
- 3
- 4
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- 8
- Don't Know/ Refused . 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 53]

Q.51 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

- Strong 1
- Not so strong 2
- 3
- 4
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- Don't Know/ Refused . 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 53]

Q.52 Would you say that you lean more toward the Republican party, lean more toward the Democratic party, or lean toward neither party?

- Lean Republican 1
- Lean Democratic 2
- Neither 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't know / Refused . 9

Q.53 Which of the following best describes your regional identity?

[CALLER: ROTATE ANSWERS]

Non- Southern

Converted Southerner

Native Southerner

Non- Southern 1
Converted Southerner .. 2
Native Southerner 3
Not sure [volunteered] .. 4
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Refuse 9

Q.54 We're interested in how well people remember news event for the past. For the next two questions, we want to know if you recall the information from the news. First, do you recall which year the September 11th terrorist attacks occurred in?

2001 1
Any other year 2
Can't remember 3
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Refused to answer . 9

Q.55 Next, can you recall the name of the current Vice President of the United States?

Joe Biden (or "Biden") 1
Dick Cheney (or "Cheney") . 2
Any other name 3
Can't remember 4
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Refused to Answer 9

Q.56 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than High School 1
- High School graduate / GED .. 2
- Some college 3
- Two-year tech college grad 4
- Four-year college degree 5
- Post Graduate 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused 9

Q.57 Which of the following best describes your marital status: Currently married, living together with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?

- Currently married 1
- Living together with a partner . 2
- Widowed 3
- Divorced 4
- Separated 5
- Never married 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused 9

Q.58 What is your race or ethnicity?

- Caucasian 1
- African American 2
- Hispanic 3
- Asian 4
- Native American 5
- Multiracial 6
- Other 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused . 9

Q.59 What is your age as of your last birthday? [enter 00 for refused; anything over 99 as "99"]

Q.60 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

18 - 19	1
20 - 29	2
30 - 39	3
40 - 49	4
50 - 59	5
60 - 69	6
70 - 79	7
80 - 89	8
90 - 98	9
99 and over ..	10
Refused	11

Q.61 The news media has shown an interest in this survey and would like to speak to a few of the many folks who participated; would you be willing to speak to a reporter about your experience with the survey?

Yes 1
No/ Not sure/ Maybe/ Uncertain . 2

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 63]

Q.62 If a reporter wishes to call you, what name and number should we give them?

[CALLER: Include area code – use this format: First Name Last Name (555) 555-5555]

Q.63 Which of the following categories best describes your TOTAL household YEARLY income? Please stop me when I reach the correct category.

Under 15 thousand, 15 to 20 thousand, 20 to 30 thousand, 30 to 40 thousand, 40 to 50 thousand, 50 to 75 thousand, 75 to 100 thousand, 100 to 125 thousand, 125 to 175 thousand, 175 to 250 thousand, over 250 thousand.

[code as two digit; i.e. 1 as 01, 3 as 03, etc.]

Under \$15,000	1
\$15-20,000	2
\$20-30,000	3
\$30-40,000	4
\$40-50,000	5
\$50-75,000	6
\$75-100,000	7
\$100-125,000	8
\$125-175,000	9
\$175-250,000	10
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Don't Know / Refused ..	99

Q.64 That is all the information we're looking for today! Thank you very much for your assistance.

[CALLER: hang up and record sex of the respondent]

Male 1
Female ... 2
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Not sure . 9

Q.65 **CALLER:** Record your own race

Caucasian 1
African American .. 2
Hispanic 3
Asian 4
Native American ... 5
Multiracial 6
Other 7

Q.66 **CALLER:** Record your own sex

Male 1
Female . 2

