

March 2015 WINTHROP POLL

Questionnaire # _____ (1-4)

Q.1 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?

- (5)
- Most of the time 1
 - Some of the time 2
 - Only now and then 3
 - Hardly at all 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - Don't Know/Refused . 9

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Barack Obama** is handling his job as President of the United States?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

- (6)
- Approve 1
 - Disapprove 2
 - Not Sure 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - Refused 9

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Congress** is handling its job?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

(7)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Nikki Haley** is handling her job as Governor of South Carolina?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

(8)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **the South Carolina State Legislature** is handling its job?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

(9)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

Q.6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Lindsey Graham** is handling his job as a United States Senator for South Carolina?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

(10)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

Q.7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Tim Scott** is handling his job as a United States Senator for South Carolina?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

(11)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

Q.8 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?

(12)

Right Track 1
Wrong Direction 2
..... 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't Know/ Refused . 9

Q.9 Thinking about the current path that the state of South Carolina is taking, do you think South Carolina is on the right track or headed in the wrong direction?

(13)

Right Track	1
Wrong Direction	2
.....	3
.....	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Don't Know/ Refused .	9

Q.10 **[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 codes. e.g. "05" for "five"]

(14-15)

Healthcare (people not having it)	1
Obamacare/ Affordable Care Act (as negative)	2
Government Shutdown	3
Default/ Debt Ceiling	4
Social Security	5
Budget Deficit or Debt	6
Education	7
Medicare/Medicaid	8
Taxes	9
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	10
Home foreclosures	11
Immigration	12
Price of Oil/Gas	13
Defense	14
Poverty	15
Crime	16
Foreign Policy	17
Jobs or unemployment	18
Abortion	19
Moral Values	20
Welfare	21
Iraq	22
Afghanistan	23
Syria	24
Ukraine	25
Russia	26
War - in general, not a specific war	27
Politicians/ Government	28
Environment	29
Religious values	30
Racism	31
Terrorism/ISIS (in general)	32
Energy Issues (general, not specifically oil/gas)	33
Gun Control	34
Other	35
Not Sure	88
Refused to answer	99

Q.11 [CALLER MAXIMIZE YOUR SCREEN]

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

[CALLER: DO NOT READ RESPONSES!!! code whichever comes closest to their answer] [CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g. "05" for "five"]

(16-17)

Healthcare (people not having it)	1
Obamacare/ Affordable Care Act (as negative)	2
Government Shutdown	3
Default/ Debt Ceiling	4
Social Security	5
Budget Deficit or Debt	6
Education	7
Medicare/Medicaid	8
Taxes	9
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	10
Home foreclosures	11
Immigration	12
Price of Oil/Gas	13
Defense	14
Poverty	15
Crime	16
Foreign Policy	17
Jobs or unemployment	18
Abortion	19
Moral Values	20
Welfare	21
Iraq	22
Afghanistan	23
Syria	24
Ukraine	25
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War - in general, not a specific war	27
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Religious values	30
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Energy Issues (general, not specifically oil/gas)	33
Gun Control	34
Other	35
Not Sure	88
Refused to answer	99

Q.12 How would you rate the condition of the economy of the country as a whole these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

(18)

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

Q.13 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

(19)

Getting Better	1
Getting Worse	2
Not Sure	3
.....	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Refused	9

Q.14 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?

(20)

Very good	1
Fairly good	2
Fairly bad .	3
Very bad ...	4
Not sure ...	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Refused	9

Q.15 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in South Carolina are getting better or getting worse?

(21)

- Getting Better 1**
- Getting Worse 2**
- Not Sure 3**
- 4**
- 5**
- 6**
- 7**
- 8**
- Refused 9**

Q.16 How would you rate your financial situation today? As excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

(22)

- Excellent 1**
- Good 2**
- Only Fair 3**
- Poor 4**
- Not Sure 5**
- 6**
- 7**
- 8**
- Refused 9**

Q.17 Right now, do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

(23)

- Getting Better 1**
- Getting Worse 2**
- Not Sure 3**
- 4**
- 5**
- 6**
- 7**
- 8**
- Refused 9**

Q.18 Are you currently registered to vote in the state of South Carolina?

(24)

Yes 1
No 2
Don't Know 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 20]

Q.19 How certain are you that your South Carolina voter registration status is up to date, would you say you are Absolutely Certain, Pretty Sure, or Believe That It Probably Is?

(25)

Absolutely Certain .. 1
Pretty Sure 2
Probably Is 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't Know/ Refused 9

Q.20 Currently federal law forbids people who have been convicted of criminal domestic violence from owning guns. However, there is no mechanism in this law which ensures consistent enforcement across all states. Do you think the South Carolina Legislature **SHOULD** or should **NOT** pass a law to ensure full enforcement of this federal law in the state of South Carolina.

(26)

Should 1
Should NOT 2
Not Sure [volunteered] 3
Refused 4

Q.21 As of January 1, 2015, twenty nine states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages above the federal minimum wage. Do you think the state of South Carolina **SHOULD** or should **NOT** pass a law increasing the minimum wage above the federally mandated minimum.

(27)

Should 1
Should NOT 2
Not Sure [volunteered] 3
Refused 4

Q.22 In the primary elections leading up to a presidential election, South Carolina generally holds the First in the South presidential primary for both Republicans and Democrats

[CALLER: hit 1 to continue]

(28)

Continue 1

[ASK QUESTIONS 23 TO 24 IN RANDOM ORDER]

Q.23 In terms of economic impact on the state, do you view South Carolina holding the First in the South presidential primary as positive or negative for the state?

[CALLER: if they say “positive” or “negative” follow up with: “Very or Somewhat?”]

	(29)	
Very Positive	1	
Somewhat Positive	2	
Neither Positive nor Negative [volunteered]		3
Somewhat Negative	4	
Very Negative	5	
Not Sure	6	
.....	7	
.....	8	
Refused	9	

Q.24 In terms of national media attention and focus on the state, do you view South Carolina holding the First in the South presidential primary as positive or negative for the state?

[CALLER: if they say “positive” or “negative” follow up with: “Very or Somewhat?”]

	(30)	
Very Positive	1	
Somewhat Positive	2	
Neither Positive nor Negative [volunteered]		3
Somewhat Negative	4	
Very Negative	5	
Not Sure	6	
.....	7	
.....	8	
Refused	9	

Q.25 South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham says he is "testing the waters" for a possible presidential run. Do you think Lindsey Graham SHOULD or should NOT run for president in 2016?

(31)

Should 1
Should NOT 2
Not Sure [volunteered] 3
Refused 4

Q.26 There is currently a proposal in the South Carolina Legislature to increase the state gas tax by up to 10 cents a gallon. This would increase the cost of gas in the state, but a gallon of gas in South Carolina would still be cheaper than a gallon of gas in North Carolina or Georgia. The money raised would be restricted to use for infrastructure, such as repairing roads and bridges.

Would you support or oppose this proposal?

(32)

Support 1
Oppose . 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 29]

Q.27 If money to repair roads and bridges in South Carolina does not come from a new gas tax, how do you think the state should raise the money it needs, OR don't you think South Carolina needs new money for road and bridge repair?

[CALLER: DO NOT READ RESPONSES! Code as closely to their response as possible]

(33-34)

Fees on renewing/new driver's license	1	
New car registration fees	2	
License plate/car tag renewal fees	3	
Property tax increase on vehicles	4	
Toll roads	5	
A gas tax, but less than 10 cents	6	
Cut spending somewhere else	7	
Something else	8	
SC doesn't need new money for road/bridge repair	9	
Don't know/ Not sure.....		10
Refused	11	

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1-7 OR 9-11, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 29]

Q.28 [CALLER: type how they suggested to raise new money for roads. If they said they don't know or "nothing"/ we don't need more money, go back and code appropriately.]

(35-184)

Q.29 There is currently a proposal in the South Carolina legislature to allow the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control to offer the HPV vaccine to female students entering the 7th grade. The Department would also develop a brochure, which could be handed out at schools, explaining the link between HPV and cervical cancer in women. This proposal would NOT require girls to have the vaccine in order to attend school.

Would you support or oppose this proposal?

(185)

Support .. 1
Oppose .. 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused . 9

Q.30 Do you think marriages between same-sex couples SHOULD or should NOT be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as a marriage between a man and a woman?

(186)

Should be valid 1
Should not be valid . 2
Not Sure 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused to answer .. 9

Q.31 Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

[CALLER: CODE AS INDEPENDENT IF THEY SAY “TEA PARTY,” “NO PARTY,” “NEITHER,” OR “NONE OF THE ABOVE”

ONLY CODE AS SOMETHING ELSE IF THEY ACTUALLY NAME ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY]

(187)

Democrat	1
Republican	2
Independent	3
Something else	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Don't know/ Refused	9

- [S - IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 33]
- [S - IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 34]
- [S - IF THE ANSWER IS 4, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 35]
- [S - IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 36]

Q.32 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?

(188)

Strong 1
Not so strong 2
..... 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't know/ Refused 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 36]

Q.33 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

(189)

Strong 1
Not so strong 2
..... 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't know/ Refused 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 36]

Q.34 Would you say that you lean more toward the Republican party, lean more toward the Democratic party, or lean toward neither party?

(190)

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

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 36]

Q.35 [CALLER: type the name of the political party they named here If they did NOT give you the name of an ACTUAL political party, go BACK and select "Independent"]

(191-240)

Q.36 [CALLER: Place the respondent on this scale based on their answer(s) to the political party questions]

(241)

Strong Republican	1
Not so strong Republican	2
Independent - Leans Republican	3
Independent - Does NOT Lean toward EITHER party	4
Independent - Leans Democrat	5
Not so strong Democrat	6
Strong Democrat	7
Something else	8
Refused/Don't know	9

Q.37 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?

(242)

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

(243)

Very Important 1
Fairly Important 2
Not Very Important . 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't know/ Refused 9

Q.39 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?

[CALLER: code Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopalian, AME, AME-Zion, Church of Christ, Church of God in Christ, Pentecostal, Full Gospel, and any "Non-denominational Christian Church" as "Protestant"] [CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g., "05" for "five"]

(244-245)

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

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 2-14, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 41]

Q.40 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

(246)

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

Q.41 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?

(247)

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.42 In general, would you say you approve or disapprove of the Tea Party movement or are you not familiar enough with the Tea Party movement to have an opinion?

(248)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Not Familiar 3
Not Sure 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Refused 9

Q.43 Would you consider yourself a MEMBER of the Tea Party Movement?

(249)

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

Q.44 Which of the following best describes your regional identity?

[CALLER: ROTATE ANSWERS]

Non- Southern

Converted Southerner

Native Southerner

	(250)
Non-Southern	1
Converted Southerner .	2
Native Southerner	3
Not Sure [volunteered]	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Refused	9

Q.45 Regardless of how you vote, in general, would you say that you are more liberal, more conservative, or more moderate?

	(251)
Liberal	1
Conservative	2
Moderate	3
.....	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Don't know/ Refused .	9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 47]
[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 48]
[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 49]

Q.46 Would you say that you are Very or Somewhat Liberal?

(252)
Very 1
Somewhat 2
..... 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't know/ Refused . 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 49]

Q.47 Would you say that you are Very or Somewhat Conservative?

(253)
Very 1
Somewhat 2
..... 3
..... 4
..... 5
..... 6
..... 7
..... 8
Don't know/ Refused . 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 49]

Q.48 Would you say that you lean more toward Conservative, lean more toward Liberal, or lean toward neither?

(254)

Lean Conservative	1
Lean Liberal	2
Neither	3
.....	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Don't know/ Refused .	9

Q.49 [CALLER: Place the respondent on this scale based on their answer(s) to the ideology questions]

(255)

Very Conservative	1
Somewhat Conservative	2
Moderate - Leans Conservative	3
Moderate - Does NOT Lean toward EITHER	4
Moderate - Leans Liberal	5
Somewhat Liberal	6
Very Liberal	7
.....	8
Refused/ Don't know	9

Q.50 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

(256)

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

Q.51 Which of the following best describes your marital status: Currently married, living together with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?

(257)

- 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.52 What is your race or ethnicity?

(258)

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

Q.53 What is your age as of your last birthday? [enter 00 for refused; anything over 99 as "99"]

_____ (259-260)

Q.54 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category] [CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g., "05" for "five"]

(261-262)	
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.55 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

(263)	
18-24	1
25-44	2
45-64	3
65 and over .	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Refused	9

Q.56 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.

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

(264-265)

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
Over \$250,000	11
Don't Know / Refused .	99

Q.57 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]

(266)

Male	1
Female ..	2
.....	3
.....	4
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Not sure	9

Q.58 **CALLER:** When it comes to general political knowledge and understanding, would you describe this respondent as having a level of knowledge that was

- (267)
- Extremely high 1
 - Very high 2
 - Somewhat high 3
 - Neither high nor low 4
 - Somewhat low 5
 - Very low 6
 - Extremely low 7
 - 8
 - I feel unable to judge this respondent's knowledge level . 9

Q.59 **CALLER:** Record your own race

- (268)
-
- Caucasian 1
 - African American . 2
 - Hispanic 3
 - Asian 4
 - Native American .. 5
 - Multiracial 6
 - Other 7
-

Q.60 **CALLER:** Record your own sex

- (269)
-
- Male 1
 - Female 2
-

Q.61 Interviewer

_____ (270-273)

Q.62 Date

_____ (274-279)

Q.63 Call Result

_____ (280-281)