

April 2017 Winthrop Poll

Questionnaire # _____

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?

- 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 **Donald Trump** 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?"]

- 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?"]

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

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Henry McMaster** is handling his 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?"]

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?"]

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?"]

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?"]

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?

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?

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"]

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
Roads/Bridges/Infrastructure	12
Immigration	13
Refugees	14
Price of Oil/Gas	15
Defense	16
Poverty	17
Crime	18
Foreign Policy	19
Jobs or unemployment	20
Abortion	21
Moral Values	22
Welfare	23
Iraq	24
Afghanistan	25
Syria	26
Ukraine	27
Russia	28
War - in general, not a specific war	29
Politicians/ Government	30
Environment	31
Religious values	32
Racism	33
Terrorism/ISIS (in general)	34
Energy Issues (general, not specifically oil/gas)	35
Gun Control	36
Iran	37
"Fake News"	38
Donald Trump (in particular)	39
Other	40
Not Sure	88
Refused	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"]

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
Roads/Bridges/Infrastructure	12
Immigration	13
Refugees	14
Price of Oil/Gas	15
Defense	16
Poverty	17
Crime	18
Foreign Policy	19
Jobs or unemployment	20
Abortion	21
Moral Values	22
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Donald Trump (in particular)	39
Other	40
Not Sure	88
Refused	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?

- 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?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure [volunteered] ... 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?

- 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?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure [volunteered] ... 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?

- 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?

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

Q.18 Do you believe all people in South Carolina do or do not have an equal chance to *succeed* if they work equally hard?

- Do 1
- Do NOT 2
- Not Sure [volunteered] ... 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.19 Would you favor or oppose a proposal to make South Carolina community colleges and two-year technical colleges tuition free to South Carolina residents?

- Favor 1
- Oppose ... 2
- Not sure .. 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.20 Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require any organization that publicly campaigns for or against a South Carolina political candidate, or for or against a public policy, to publicly disclose their donors?

- Favor 1
- Oppose ... 2
- Not sure .. 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.21 Would you favor or oppose a proposal to allow the state of South Carolina to borrow as much as five hundred million dollars through revenue bonds to pay for repairs and maintenance projects at state-owned buildings and facilities that were deferred during the economic downturn?

- Favor 1
- Oppose ... 2
- Not sure .. 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.22 Which of the following comes closer to your beliefs about the South Carolina legislature?

[CALLER: Rotate answers]

Recent legislators who have been accused of political corruption represent "bad apples" and do not represent a broader culture that tolerates corruption.

Or

Recent legislators who have been accused of political corruption reflect a broader culture in the legislature that tolerates corruption.

- Bad Apples 1
- Culture that tolerates corruption ... 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.23 Do you think a person who was born into poverty is more likely, less likely, or equally likely to be middle class **as an adult** than a person who was born into the middle class if both of them put forth **the same amount** of effort in life?

- More likely to be in middle class 1
- Equally likely to be in middle class ... 2
- Less likely to be in middle class 3
- Not Sure [volunteered] 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.24 Do you feel that state services -- including highway troopers, social workers, mental health experts, and schools – have or have not kept pace with the growth of the state of South Carolina and its population?

Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

- Strongly have 1
- Somewhat have 2
- Somewhat have NOT ... 3
- Strongly have NOT 4
- Not sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.25 Do you feel that generations of slavery and discrimination do or do not make it difficult for Blacks to work their way out of the lower class?

Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

- Strongly DO make it difficult 1
- Somewhat DO make it difficult 2
- Somewhat do NOT make it difficult .. 3
- Strongly do NOT make it difficult 4
- Don't Know/ Not Sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.26 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 grad 5
- Post Graduate 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't know/ Refused 9

Q.27 **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]

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 29]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 30]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 4, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 31]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 32]

Q.28 **Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?**

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 32]

Q.29 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 32]

Q.30 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 Democrat 2
- Neither 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 32]

Q.31 **[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"]**

Q.32 [CALLER: Place the respondent on this scale based on their answer(s) to the political party questions]

- 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.33 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.34 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
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't know/ Refused .. 9

Q.35 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"]

- Protestant 1
- Roman Catholic 2
- Jewish 3
- Mormon 4
- Jehovah's Witness 5
- Muslim 6
- Orthodox 7
- Buddhist 8
- Hindu 9
- Athiest 10
- Agnostic 11
- Something Else 12
- Nothing in particular ... 13
- Refused 99

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2-99, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 37]

Q.36 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

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

Q.37 On a scale of one to ten where one represents VERY LIBERAL and ten represents VERY CONSERVATIVE where would you place YOURSELF?

[CALLER: If they say "Very Liberal" or "Very Conservative," make sure you have them clarify by saying a number 1-10]

1 - VERY LIBERAL	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10 - VERY CONSERVATIVE ...	10
Don't know	88
Refused	99

Q.38 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
.....	5
.....	6
.....	7
.....	8
Refused	9

Q.39 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.40 What is your race or ethnicity?

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

Q.42 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

[CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g., "05" for

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	99

Q.43 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

18-24	1
25-44	2
45-64	3
65 and over	4
Refused	99

Q.44 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.]

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.45 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
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Not Sure ... 9

Q.46 CALLER: When it comes to general political knowledge and understanding, would you describe this respondent as having a level of knowledge that was

- 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.47 CALLER: Record your own race

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

Q.48 CALLER: Record your own sex

- Male 1
- Female ... 2