

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  
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  
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  
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  
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  
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  
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  
Refused ..... 9

Q.8 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  
Refused ..... 9

Q.9 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  
Refused ..... 9

Q.10 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  
Refused ..... 9

Q.11 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  
Refused ..... 9

[Questions 12-27: Survey for the SC Department of Revenue]

Q.28 Education is frequently mentioned as one of the most important issues facing South Carolina. I'm going to read six different ideas some have suggested to improve education in South Carolina. Please tell me which ONE of these suggestions you think would be the **BEST** way to begin to address issues regarding K through 12 Education in South Carolina?

[CALLER: if asked: K through 12 means kindergarten through high school]

[CALLER: Read aloud and Rotate items 1 – 6]

- Raising teacher pay ..... 1
- Shrinking class sizes ..... 2
- Adding more armed police officers ..... 3
- Reducing the number of standardized tests ..... 4
- Lowering administration costs ..... 5
- Providing more financial assistance to rural schools .. 6
- Something else ..... 7
- No problem with SC education (vol.) ..... 8
- Don't Know/Refused ..... 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1-6 OR 8-9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 30]

Q.29 Type response here:

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Q.30 Some local governments, especially those nearer to the South Carolina coast, have banned the use of single-use plastic bags and containers by local businesses in those areas. There is currently a bill in the South Carolina Legislature that would remove the power of local governments to enact bans such as this. If passed, those bans would no longer be in place and only the South Carolina Legislature could pass such regulations in the future. Do you think:

[CALLER: Rotate]

Local governments SHOULD be allowed to ban single-use plastics

or

Local Governments should NOT be able to ban single-use plastics

[CALLER: if asked, it is SC Senate Bill S394]

SHOULD ..... 1  
Should NOT ..... 2  
Don't know/ not sure ... 3  
Refused ..... 9

Q.31 As a way to make up for the harm caused by slavery and other forms of racial discrimination, do you think the United States should or should not pay reparations, that is, should or should not pay money to African Americans who are descendants of slaves?

SHOULD ..... 1  
Should NOT ..... 2  
Don't know/ not sure ... 3  
Refused ..... 9

[ASK QUESTIONS 32 TO 35 IN RANDOM ORDER]

Q.32 Do you favor or oppose having a national healthcare plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan? Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

Strongly Favor ..... 1  
Somewhat Favor ..... 2  
Somewhat Oppose ..... 3  
Strongly Oppose ..... 4  
Don't Know Refused ... 9

Q.33 Do you favor or oppose creating a national government administered health plan similar to Medicare that would be open to anyone, but would allow people to keep the coverage they have if they prefer? Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

Strongly Favor ..... 1  
Somewhat Favor ..... 2  
Somewhat Oppose ..... 3  
Strongly Oppose ..... 4  
Don't Know Refused ... 9

Q.34 Do you favor or oppose allowing people who don't get health insurance at work to buy insurance through their state Medicaid program instead of purchasing a private plan? Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

Strongly Favor ..... 1  
Somewhat Favor ..... 2  
Somewhat Oppose ..... 3  
Strongly Oppose ..... 4  
Don't Know Refused ... 9

Q.35 Do you favor or oppose allowing people between the ages of 50 and 64 to buy insurance through the Medicare program? Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

Strongly Favor ..... 1  
Somewhat Favor ..... 2  
Somewhat Oppose ..... 3  
Strongly Oppose ..... 4  
Don't Know Refused ... 9

Q.36 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  
Don't Know/ Refused ..... 9



Q.37 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  
Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 38]  
[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 39]  
[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 40]  
[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 4, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 41]  
[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 42]

Q.38 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?

Strong ..... 1  
Not so strong ..... 2  
Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1-2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 42]

Q.39 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

Strong ..... 1  
Not so strong .. 2  
Refused ..... 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1-2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 42]

Q.40 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
- Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 1-3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 42]

Q.41 [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"]

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Q.42 [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.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
- A few times a year ..... 4
- Seldom ..... 5
- Never ..... 6
- 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  
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?

[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" – basically, any Christian who is non-Orthodox or non-Catholic is a 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
Atheist .....	10
Agnostic .....	11
Something else .....	12
Nothing in particular ...	13
Refused .....	99

[S - IF THE ANSWER IS 2-13 OR 99, 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
Refused ....	9

Q.47 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]

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

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.48 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
Don't know/ Refused .....	9

Q.49 In Which South Carolina county do you currently reside?

[CALLER: enter as two digits, ex "05" for "five"]

[Enter 99 for Don't know or refused]

Abbeville County .....	1
Aiken County .....	2
Allendale County .....	3
Anderson County .....	4
Bamberg County .....	5
Barnwell County .....	6
Beaufort County .....	7
Berkeley County .....	8
Calhoun County .....	9
Charleston County .....	10
Cherokee County .....	11
Chester County .....	12
Chesterfield County .....	13
Clarendon County .....	14
Colleton County .....	15
Darlington County .....	16
Dillon County .....	17
Dorchester County .....	18
Edgefield County .....	19
Fairfield County .....	20
Florence County .....	21
Georgetown County .....	22
Greenville County .....	23
Greenwood County .....	24
Hampton County .....	25
Horry County .....	26
Jasper County .....	27
Kershaw County .....	28
Lancaster County .....	29
Laurens County .....	30
Lee County .....	31
Lexington County .....	32
Marion County .....	33
Marlboro County .....	34
McCormick County .....	35
Newberry County .....	36
Oconee County .....	37
Orangeburg County .....	38
Pickens County .....	39
Richland County .....	40
Saluda County .....	41
Spartanburg County .....	42
Sumter County .....	43
Union County .....	44
Williamsburg County .....	45
York County .....	46
Dont Know/ Refused .....	99

Q.50 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
- Don't Know/ Refused ..... 9

Q.51 What is your age as of your last birthday? [enter 00 for refused; anything over 99 as "99"]

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Q.52 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

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

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

Q.53 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

18-24 .....	1
25-44 .....	2
45-64 .....	3
65 and Over ..	4
Refused .....	9



Q.54 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.]

[99 for Don't Know/ Refused]

Under \$15,000 .....	1
\$15,000-\$20,000 .....	2
\$20,000-\$30,000 .....	3
\$30,000-\$40,000 .....	4
\$40,000-\$50,000 .....	5
\$50,000-\$75,000 .....	6
\$75,000-\$100,000 .....	7
\$100,000-\$125,000 .....	8
\$125,000-\$175,000 .....	9
\$175,000-\$200,000 .....	10
Over \$250,000 .....	11
Don't Know/ Refused .....	99

Q.55 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
Not Sure ...	9

Q.56 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
- I feel unable to judge this respondent's knowledge level ..... 9

Q.57 CALLER: Record your own race

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

Q.58 CALLER: Record your own sex

- Male ..... 1
- Female ... 2