

Survey Questionnaire

February 2019 Winthrop Poll

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
Refused9

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
Refused9

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
Refused9

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 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
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 Direction2
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
North Korea	40
"Liberals" or "Democrats"	41
"Conservatives" or "Republicans"	42
Left wing groups/ Antifa/ Violence from Left	43
Right wing/ Fascist groups	44
Other	45
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
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Government Shutdown.....	3
Default/ Debt Ceiling.....	4
Social Security.....	5
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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
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
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
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
Refused 9

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

Excellent . 1
Good2
Only Fair . 3
Poor.....4
Not Sure . 5
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
Refused9

Q.18 Seismic testing for oil and gas in the ocean floor involves ships towing several dozen air guns which shoot pressurized blasts that form sound waves that travel through the water column to the seafloor. The echoes of those sound waves provide information about what lies beneath.

[CALLER: rotate]

Supporters say this is the most accurate way to determine where to drill for oil or gas

Opponents say the powerful soundwaves can harm marine animals and the environment.

Would you support or oppose seismic testing for oil and gas off the coast of South Carolina?

Support 1
Oppose 2
Not Sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused 9

Q.19 Do you support or oppose permitting drilling for oil off of the South Carolina coast?

Support 1
Oppose 2
Not Sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused 9

Q.20 Currently, when a person purchases a firearm, if the background check takes longer than three days to come back, the buyer may receive the firearm without a completed background check if the seller agrees. Would you support or oppose legislation that would require a completed background check before a buyer can take possession of a firearm, even if the background check takes longer than three days to come back?

Support 1
Oppose 2
Not Sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused 9

Q.21 Do you believe a woman should or should not be able to legally obtain an abortion if her doctor says the pregnancy is a threat to her health or that the fetus is not viable?

[CALLER: if they ask what viable means, say, “unlikely to survive after birth.”]

Should 1
Should NOT 2
Not sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused 9

Q.22 Do you believe a woman should or should not be able to legally obtain an abortion if the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest?

Should 1
Should NOT 2
Not Sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused 9

Q.23 Do you believe a woman should or should not be able to legally obtain an abortion if the pregnancy was unplanned and she does not feel ready or able to care for a child?

Should.....1
Should NOT2
Not Sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused9

Q.24 Would you support or oppose an increase in taxes to care for the welfare of children born because the mother was unable to obtain an abortion?

Support1
Oppose2
Not Sure [volunteered] . 3
Refused9

Q.25 In vitro fertilization is a procedure where a woman who is having difficulty becoming pregnant has some of her eggs removed. They are fertilized by sperm in the laboratory and implanted into the woman. Because it often takes multiple attempts, several eggs are fertilized and extras are frozen and stored by a clinic. After a successful pregnancy, these extra fertilized eggs, or embryos, are no longer needed.

embryos. Should they be In your opinion, what should be done with the unneeded

[CALLER: rotate first three]

Disposed of

OR

Donated for use in scientific research

OR

Kept frozen indefinitely

or do you think something else should be done with them

Disposed of..... 1
Scientific Research.....2
Frozen indefinitely3
Something else.....4
In Vitro should be illegal [vol] . 5
Not sure [volunteered]6
Refused9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-3 OR 5-6 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 27]

Q.26 What should be done with these frozen embryos

[Caller: if they give an answer that was included in the previous question, including "Don't know" and "Refused" go back and change the answer to the previous question. Otherwise, record their response here]

Q.27 Recently, you may have noticed that Climate Change has been getting some attention in the news. Climate Change, sometimes called global warming, refers to the idea that the world's *average* temperature has been increasing over the past 150 years, may be increasing more in the future, and that the world's climate may change as a result.

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion:

[CALLER: rotate answers]

Climate change is happening, but it is primarily a natural process

Climate change is happening, and humans are the primary cause

Climate change is happening, and it is an equal combination of humans

and a natural process

OR

Climate change is **NOT** really happening

Is happening, natural process..... 1
Is happening, humans to blame..... 2
Is happening, equal humans & nature .. 3
Is NOT happening 4
Not Sure 5
Refused 9

Q.28 Do you believe the state of South Carolina should or should not be taking steps to address future threats that may be caused by climate change, such as flooding due to sea level rise?

- Should.....1
- Should Not.....2
- Not Sure [volunteered] .. 3
- Refused9

Q.29 The Winthrop Poll is developing an online panel of South Carolinians who would participate in shorter surveys sent to their email address every month or so.

Would you be interested in being added to this panel?

- Yes1
- Anything other than an absolute "yes" .. 2

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 31]

Q.30 What is the best email address at which we may reach you?

[CALLER: pay ****careful**** attention to spelling!!]

Q.31 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than High School 1
- High School graduate/GED .. 2
- Some college3
- Two-year tech college grad .. 4
- Four-year college grad5
- Post Graduate6
- Don't Know/ Refused.....9

Q.32 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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 33]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 34]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 35]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 4, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 36]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 5, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 37]

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

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 37]

Q.34 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 37]

Q.35 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 Democrat2
- Neither3
- Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 37]

Q.36 [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.37 [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 Republican3
- 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 know9

Q.38 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 week2
- Once or twice a month ... 3
- A few times a year4
- Seldom5
- Never.....6
- Don't know/ Refused9

Q.39 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.40 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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2-13 OR 99, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 42]

Q.41 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

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

Q.42 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.43 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.44 What is your race or ethnicity?

- White (or Caucasian) 1
- African American (or Black) .. 2
- Hispanic.....3
- Asian4
- Native American5
- Multiracial6
- Other7
- Don't Know/ Refused9

Q.45 What is your age as of your last birthday? [enter 00 for refused; anything over 99 as "99"]

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Q.46 [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
90-99	9
99 and Over ...	10
Refused	99

Q.47 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

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

Q.48 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
\$15,000-\$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
REfused	99

Q.49 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.50 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.51 CALLER: Record your own race

African American .. 2

Hispanic 3

Asian 4

Native American ... 5

Multiracial 6

Other 7

Q.52 CALLER: Record your own sex

Male.....1

Female .. 2