

August 2022 Winthrop Poll – Southern Focus Survey Questionnaire

Q1 What is your age as of your last birthday?

Q2 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 wish to say (8)

Q3 To ensure that we represent all regions, please respond with the following:

Q4 State of residence

Select one (1)

▼ Alabama (1) ... other US territory (53)

Q5 Zip code

Q6 Do you currently describe yourself as male, female, transgender, or something else?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Transgender woman (3)
- Transgender man (4)
- Something else (5)
- Don't wish to say (6)

Q7 Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

- Bisexual (1)
- Gay or Lesbian (2)
- Straight or Heterosexual (3)
- Something Else (4)
- I don't know (5)

Q8 Overall, do you consider yourself a part of the lesbian, gay, bi, or trans (LGBT+) community?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- I don't know (3)

Q9 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)

Q10 Which of the following best describes your regional identity?

- Non-Southerner (1)
- Converted Southerner (2)
- Native Southerner (3)
- Not sure (4)

Q11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Joe Biden** is handling his job as President of the United States?

- Approve (1)
- Disapprove (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Congress** is handling its job?

- Approve (1)
- Disapprove (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **the Supreme Court** is handling its job?

- Approve (1)
- Disapprove (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q14 Would you say that your view of **Donald Trump** is

- Very Favorable (1)
- Somewhat Favorable (2)
- Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable (3)
- Somewhat Unfavorable (4)
- Very Unfavorable (5)

Q15 In the past year, do you feel that you have been discriminated against because of your race or ethnicity?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not sure (3)

Display This Question (Q16):

*If In the past year, do you feel that you have been discriminated against because of your race or et...
= Yes*

Q16 How often would you say you have been discriminated against in the last year because of your race or ethnicity?

- Frequently (1)
- Occasionally (2)
- Rarely (3)

Q17 In the past year, has there been a time when you felt that you could not express your political opinions out of fear of being verbally attacked or harassed?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not sure (3)

Display This Question (Q18):

If In the past year, has there been a time when you felt that you could not express your political o... =
Yes

Q18 How often have you felt that you could not express your political opinions out of fear of being verbally attacked or harassed?

- Very frequently (1)
- Somewhat frequently (2)
- Only occasionally (3)
- Rarely (4)

Thinking about a conversation you might have with someone you don't know that well, how comfortable would you feel discussing...

Q19 The weather

- Very comfortable (1)
- Somewhat comfortable (2)
- Not at all comfortable (3)
- Not sure (4)

Q20 Politics

- Very comfortable (1)
- Somewhat comfortable (2)
- Not at all comfortable (3)
- Not sure (4)

Q21 Race relations in the United States

- Very comfortable (1)
- Somewhat comfortable (2)
- Not at all comfortable (3)
- Not sure (4)

Q22 Sports

- Very comfortable (1)
- Somewhat comfortable (2)
- Not at all comfortable (3)
- Not sure (4)

Q23 Religion

- Very comfortable (1)
- Somewhat comfortable (2)
- Not at all comfortable (3)
- Not sure (4)

As you read the following statements about churches and other religious organizations, please tell me if you **agree or disagree** with each one.

Q24 Churches and other religious organizations **focus too much on rules.**

- Agree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q25 Church and other religious organizations **are too involved with politics.**

- Agree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q26 Church and other religious organizations **bring people together and strengthen community bonds.**

- Agree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q27 Church and other religious organizations **protect and strengthen morality in society.**

- Agree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q28 Thinking about conversations you have around subjects like religion, sexuality, race, or gender, which describes you better?

- I'm **more** comfortable talking about these subjects than I used to be. (1)
- I'm **less** comfortable talking about these subjects than I used to be. (2)
- My comfort level with talking about these subjects hasn't really changed much. (3)

Q29 What is your present religion, if any? Are you...

- Protestant (non-Catholic Christian including Baptist, AME, AME Zion, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, non-denominational Christian, etc.) (1)
- Roman Catholic (2)
- Jewish (3)
- Mormon (4)
- Jehovah's Witness (5)
- Muslim (6)
- Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox (7)
- Buddhist (8)
- Hindu (9)
- atheist (10)
- agnostic (11)
- something else (12)
- spiritual, but nothing in particular (13)

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Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = Roman Catholic

Q30 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not sure (3)

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If What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = Protestant (non-Catholic Christian including Baptist, AME, AME Zion, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, non-denominational Christian, etc.)

Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = Roman Catholic

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Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox

Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = Buddhist

Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = Hindu

Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = something else

Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = spiritual, but nothing in particular

Q31 Thinking about your religion, which of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your view?

- My church or denomination should preserve its traditional beliefs and practices. (1)
- My church or denomination should adjust traditional beliefs and practices in light of new circumstances. (2)
- My church or denomination should adopt modern beliefs and practices. (3)
- Not sure (4)

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Q32 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)
- Not sure (4)

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Or What is your present religion, if any? Are you... = spiritual, but nothing in particular

Q33 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)

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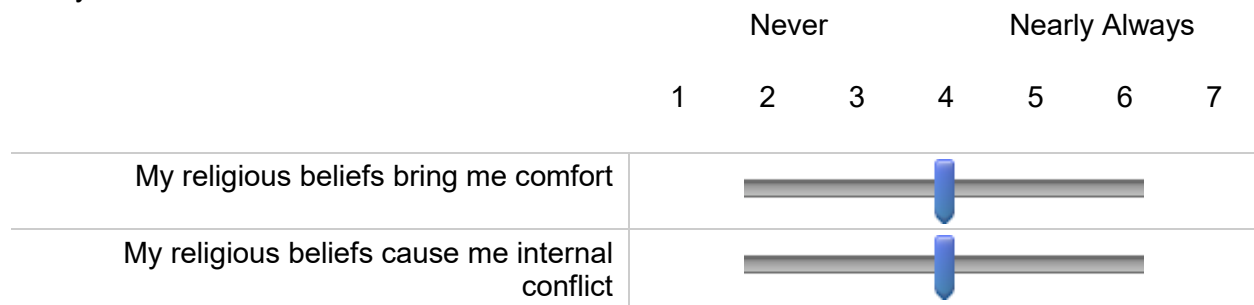
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Q34 Please tell us how well the following describe you where 1 = "Never" and 7 = "Nearly Always"



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Q35 In a sentence or two, please tell us why your religious beliefs bring you comfort and/or cause you internal conflict.

If you did not answer the previous question, simply click next.

Please tell us how much discrimination there is against each of these groups in our society today.

Q36 Black people

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q37 Hispanics

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q38 White people

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q39 Asian people

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q40 Gays and Lesbians

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q41 Women

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q42 Men

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q43 Jews

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q44 Muslims

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q45 Christians

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

Q46 Southerners

- A lot (1)
- Some (2)
- Only a little (3)
- None at all (4)

For these next questions, we want you to tell us whether you strongly disagree, disagree, are undecided, agree, or strongly agree with each statement.

Q47 The federal government should declare the United States a Christian nation.

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

Q48 The federal government should advocate Christian values.

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

Q49 The federal government should enforce strict separation of church and state.

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

Q50 The federal government should allow the display of religious symbols in public spaces.

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

Q51 The success of the United States is part of God's plan.

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

Q52 The federal government should allow prayer to be read over the intercom to all students in public schools.

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

Q53 Do you believe that the results of the 2020 Presidential election were fair and accurate?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q54 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 (3)
- Something else (4)

Display This Question (Q55):

*If Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat...
= Democrat*

Q55 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?

- Strong (1)
- Not So Strong (2)

Display This Question (Q56):

*If Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat...
= Republican*

Q56 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

- Strong (1)
- Not So Strong (2)

Display This Question (Q57):

If Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat... = Independent

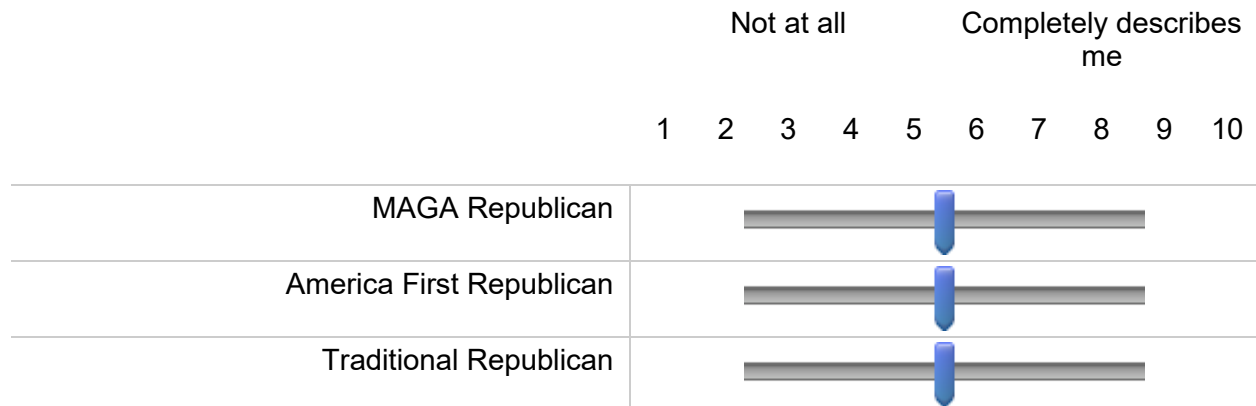
Q57 Would you say that you lean more toward the Republican party, lean more toward the Democratic party, or lean toward neither party?

- Lean Republican (1)
- Lean Democrat (2)
- Neither (3)

Display This Question (Q58):

If Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat... = Republican

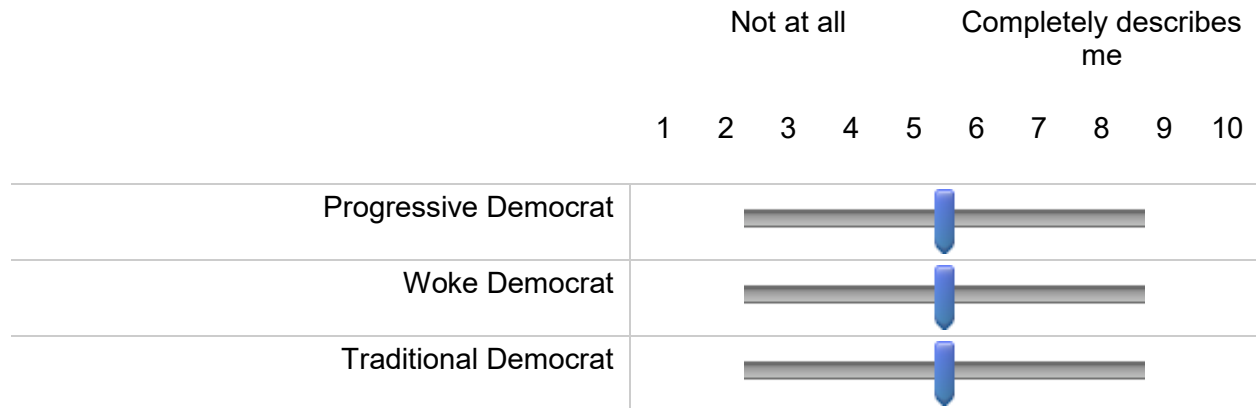
Q58 Tell us how well the following terms describe you where 1 = not at all and 10 = completely describes me.



Display This Question (Q59):

If Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat... = Democrat

Q59 Tell us how well the following terms describe you where 1 = not at all and 10 = completely describes me.



Q60 How would you rate yourself on the following scale where 1 = Extremely Liberal and 10 = Extremely Conservative



Q61 Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about what to do with monuments or memorials to Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War?

- Leave them just as they are (1)
- Leave them, but add a plaque or marker for context and historical interpretation (2)
- Move them to a museum (3)
- Remove them completely (4)
- Not sure (5)

Q62 Some people say the confederate flag reminds them of white supremacy and racial conflict. Other people say the confederate battle flag is a symbol of southern heritage and pride.

Do you think the flag is more a symbol of racial conflict or of southern pride?

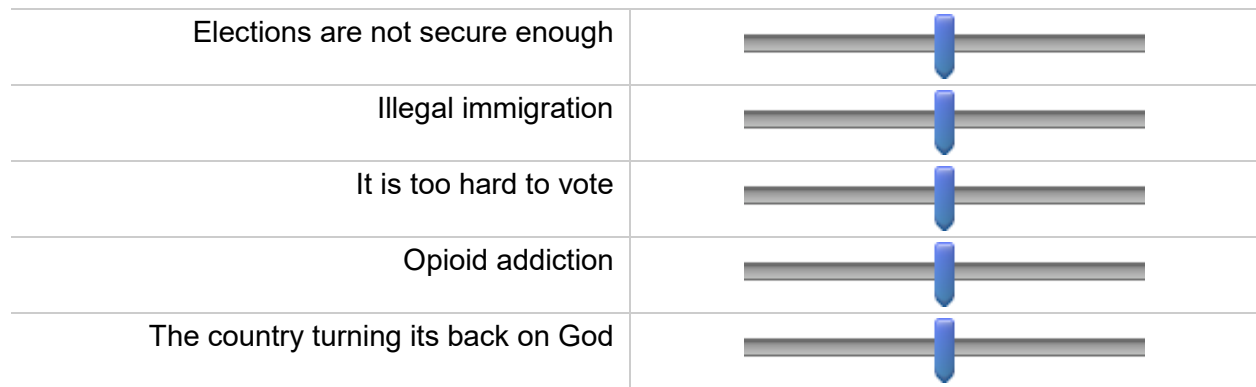
- Racial Conflict (1)
- Southern Pride (2)
- Equally Both (3)
- Not sure (4)

Q63 Do you feel that generations of slavery and discrimination do or do not make it difficult for black people to work their way out of the lower class?

- 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)
- Not sure (5)

Q64 On a scale from "1 = Not a problem" to "10 = extremely serious problem," please tell us how serious a problem you believe each of the following to be in America:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Q65 Should a woman be able to obtain a legal abortion if the pregnancy threatens the woman's life or health?

- Yes (3)
- No (4)
- Not sure (5)

Q66 Should a woman be able to obtain a legal abortion if the pregnancy is the result of rape?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q67 Should a woman be able to obtain a legal abortion if the baby is likely to be born with severe disabilities or health problems?

Yes (3)

No (4)

Not sure (5)

[Respondents randomly received EITHER Q68 OR Q69]

Q68 Should a woman be able to obtain a legal abortion if she cannot afford the child?

Yes (3)

No (4)

Not sure (5)

Q69 Should a woman be able to obtain a legal abortion if she cannot afford the child and does not want to go on welfare?

Yes (3)

No (4)

Not sure (5)

Q70 How closely have you been following the Congressional hearings concerning the events that happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2020?

Very closely (1)

Somewhat closely (2)

Not closely (3)

Not at all (4)

Q71 Do you believe Donald Trump should be charged with a crime for his involvement in the events that happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2020?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q72 Were you born in the United States?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q73 If you were born in the United States, which state or territory were you born in?
Select one (1)

▼ Alabama (1) ... other US territory (53)

Q74 What is the name of the county in your state where you **currently** live?

Q75 What is the name of the city or town where you live, or live closest to?

Q76 How long have you lived in this community? Your best estimate in years and months is fine.

- Years (1) _____
- Months (2) _____

Q77 Does the above amount constitute all of your life?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q78 Did you grow up in the United States?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q79 If you grew up in the United States, in which state or territory did you mostly grow up?
Select one (1)

▼ Alabama (1) ... other US territory (53)

Q80 Which of the following best describes the community where you grew up?

- On a farm (1)
- In the country, not on a farm (2)
- In a small city or town (under 50,000) (3)
- In a medium-sized city (50,000-100,000) (4)
- In a large city (100,000-500,000) (5)
- In a suburb of a large city (6)
- In a very large city (over 500,000) (7)
- In a suburb of a very large city (8)

Our final questions simply seek to measure how closely you follow state and national politics.

Q81 To the best of your knowledge, the U.S. House of Representatives is currently controlled by...

- Republicans (1)
- Democrats (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q82 To the best of your knowledge, your state legislature is controlled by...

- Republicans (1)
- Democrats (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q83 To the best of your knowledge, the governor of your state is a...

- Republican (1)
- Democrat (2)
- Not sure (3)

Q84 To the best of your knowledge, the president of the United States is a...

- Republican (1)
- Democrat (2)
- Not sure (3)