

The Winthrop Poll Findings

Recently the government has committed a great deal of money to rescue large private companies on the verge of failing. Supporters see this as an investment in the stability of the economy which should help all Americans. Opponents see this as a bailout that unfairly helps a few big companies at the expense of regular people.

How about you? In general, do you support or oppose the government spending money to rescue large private companies on the verge of failing?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Support	32.4	34.7	29
Oppose	54.9	49.3	59.3
Not Sure	12.2	15.1	11.7
Refused	0.5	0.9	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Support	33.9	36.9	32
Oppose	53.5	49.8	50.6
Not Sure	11.4	12.5	16.3
Refused	1.2	0.7	1.1
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Support	39.1	39.2	29.1
Oppose	50.3	46.1	59
Not Sure	9.5	14.2	11.9
Refused	1.1	0.4	0

Barack Obama has chosen Senator Joe Biden as his Vice Presidential running mate. Has this choice made you more likely to vote for Obama, less likely to vote for Obama, or made no difference in your choice to vote for or against Obama?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
more likely	20.8	17.6	19.3
less likely	14.9	14.9	18
no difference	62.6	66.2	61.5
Don't Know/ Refused	1.7	1.4	1.2
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
more likely	25.9	21.8	24.9
less likely	15.4	15.1	14.7
no difference	56.6	60.9	57.6
Don't Know/ Refused	2.1	2.2	2.8
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
more likely	26.6	27.6	20.9
less likely	15.4	13.8	23.1
no difference	57.1	58.2	55.2
Don't Know/ Refused	0.9	0.4	0.7

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John McCain has chosen Governor Sarah Palin as his Vice Presidential running mate. Has this choice made you more likely to vote for McCain, less likely to vote for McCain, or made no difference in your choice to vote for or against McCain?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
more likely	27.9	34.7	34
less likely	22.8	20.9	20.4
no difference	48.2	44	44.4
Don't Know/ Refused	1.2	0.4	1.2
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
more likely	26.9	29.8	33.1
less likely	32.2	32	24.7
no difference	38.7	36	39.9
Don't Know/ Refused	2.2	2.2	2.2
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
more likely	24.1	26.3	33.6
less likely	35	39.2	25.4
no difference	39.8	34.1	40.3
Don't Know/ Refused	1.1	0.4	0.7

Do you think Obama's choice of Biden reflects positively on his judgment or reflects negatively on his judgment?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Positively	55.2	49.1	47.5
Negatively	27.6	28.6	33.3
Neither positively nor negatively	5.7	8	7.4
Both positively and negatively	0.5	0.4	0.6
Don't Know/ Refused	11	13.8	11.1
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Positively	61.7	61	56.2
Negatively	23.4	23.2	26.4
Neither positively nor negatively	6.6	7	6.2
Both positively and negatively	0.6	0.7	0.6
Don't Know/ Refused	7.7	8.1	10.7

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Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Positively	63	61.2	54.5
Negatively	22.7	23.7	30.6
Neither positively nor negatively	6.5	5.6	6
Both positively and negatively	0.3	0.4	0.7
Don't Know/ Refused	7.5	9.1	8.2

Do you think McCain's choice of Palin reflects positively on his judgment or reflects negatively on his judgment?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Positively	54.1	62.2	60.5
Negatively	35.7	28.4	29.6
Neither positively nor negatively	2.3	2.2	2.5
Both positively and negatively	1.2	0.9	0
Don't Know/ Refused	6.7	6.2	7.4
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Positively	46.8	47.4	55.1
Negatively	43.6	42.6	37.1
Neither positively nor negatively	5.4	5.5	5.6
Both positively and negatively	0.6	0.4	0.6
Don't Know/ Refused	3.7	4	1.7
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Positively	43.5	44.8	53
Negatively	47.3	44.8	36.6
Neither positively nor negatively	3.8	5.6	3
Both positively and negatively	0.8	0	0.7
Don't Know/ Refused	4.6	4.7	6.7

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Who do you plan to vote for in South Carolina's U.S. senate race?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Graham	31.8	38.7	31.1
Conley	9.8	7.2	10.6
Anyone Else	6.6	6.8	9.9
No one/Don't plan to vote in that race	3.7	3.2	3.1
Undecided	46.6	43.7	44.7
Refused	1.5	0.5	0.6

Who do you plan to vote for in North Carolina's U.S. senate race?

North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Dole	29.9	30.9	31.1
Hagen	25.3	23.8	19.8
Anyone Else	2.9	3.7	4
No one/Don't plan to vote in that race	2.8	1.9	3.4
Undecided	37.4	37.9	39.5
Refused	1.8	1.9	2.3

Who do you plan to vote for in Virginia's U.S. senate race?

Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Gilmore	18.2	16.9	21.6
Warner	40.4	39	33.6
Anyone else	4.2	6.5	5.2
No one/Don't plan to vote in that race	2.3	2.6	4.5
Undecided	32.6	32	34.3
Refused	2.3	3	0.7