

The Winthrop Poll Findings

Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Approve	31.1	38.1	32.3
Disapprove	55.2	44.8	54
Don't Know/Refused	13.7	17	13.7
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Approve	23.6	24.7	24.9
Disapprove	62.8	59.8	60.5
Don't Know/Refused	13.6	15.5	14.7
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Approve	22.6	22	27.3
Disapprove	63	62.1	59.1
Don't Know/Refused	14.4	15.9	13.6

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?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Right Track	16.7	17	15.4
Wrong Direction	66.8	64.1	66.7
Don't Know/Refused	16.4	18.8	17.9
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Right Track	15.7	14	15.7
Wrong Direction	72	69.1	69.7
Don't Know/Refused	12.2	16.9	14.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Right Track	15.1	15.1	14.3
Wrong Direction	71.3	71.6	75.2
Don't Know/Refused	13.6	13.4	10.5

Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Getting Better	7.5	6.3	7.4
Getting Worse	88	88.4	85.8
Don't Know /Refused	4.5	5.4	6.8
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Getting Better	8.9	8.9	10.7
Getting Worse	84.5	86	83.1
Don't Know /Refused	6.6	5.2	6.2

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Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Getting Better	8.8	7.3	4.5
Getting Worse	86.7	88	90.2
Don't Know /Refused	4.5	4.7	5.3

How would you rate your personal financial situation today: excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Excellent	9.6	9.4	6.8
Good	43.6	53.1	46
Fair	33.8	29.5	33.5
Poor	10.9	8	11.8
Don't Know /Refused	2.1	0	1.9
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Excellent	9.4	8.1	2.8
Good	44.4	47.8	36
Fair	32.8	31.3	41
Poor	11.2	9.9	19.1
Don't Know /Refused	2.2	2.9	1.1
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Excellent	9.9	8.6	3
Good	46.2	48.1	32.1
Fair	30.6	28.8	39.6
Poor	11.7	13.7	23.9
Don't Know /Refused	1.5	0.9	1.5

Right now do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Better	22.9	24.2	26.5
Worse	54	51.1	52.5
Don't Know / Refused	23.1	24.7	21
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Better	26.6	27.3	25
Worse	51.1	47.2	54.5
Don't Know / Refused	22.3	25.5	20.5
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Better	27.5	23.6	18.6
Worse	54.1	57.2	59.7
Don't Know / Refused	18.4	19.2	21.7

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George W. Bush will be leaving office in January, no matter who is elected in November. Do you think history will view his presidency as more of a success or more of a failure?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Success	27.6	30.2	28.4
Failure	59.4	56	55.6
Both	2.9	3.6	3.7
Neither	2.9	3.6	1.9
Don't Know	7.1	6.7	10.5
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Success	22	22.4	20.8
Failure	64.4	62.9	64
Both	4.9	5.1	7.3
Neither	2.3	2.6	1.7
Don't Know	6.5	7	6.2
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Success	21.6	20.7	24.6
Failure	64.1	65.1	59.7
Both	4.8	5.2	7.5
Neither	1.7	2.2	0.7
Don't Know	7.7	6.9	7.5

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Suppose the election for U.S. president was being held today. Who would you be more likely to vote for?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	55.1	64.6	67.1
Obama	34.9	23.3	23.6
someone else	1.6	1.3	1.9
undecided	6.6	9.4	6.8
Refused	1.8	1.3	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	44.2	46.1	48.6
Obama	44.6	38.6	38.4
someone else	1.9	3	3.4
undecided	7	10.5	9
Refused	2.2	1.9	0.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	43.6	48.3	53.7
Obama	44.6	40.5	36.6
someone else	2.1	1.3	1.5
undecided	5.9	6	7.5
Refused	3.8	3.9	0.7

As of today, do you lean more toward [only asked of undecided]

South Carolina	All
McCain	24.4
Obama	8.9
someone else	2.2
undecided	62.2
Refused	2.2
North Carolina	All
McCain	25.4
Obama	18.6
someone else	8.5
undecided	47.5
Refused	0
Virginia	All
McCain	10
Obama	15
someone else	7.5
undecided	65
Refused	2.5

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Which of the following qualities is most important to you in selecting the candidate for whom you will vote?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Experience	16.2	18.2	16
Knowledge/intelligence	17.5	15.1	17.9
Honesty	28.4	32	34
Diplomatic skills	3.1	3.1	3.1
Holds positions similar to yours	3.4	2.7	1.2
Exhibits values similar to yours	23.7	20.9	18.5
not sure	7.1	8	9.3
refused	0.5	0	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Experience	16.1	15.8	19.1
Knowledge/intelligence	18.9	22.8	10.1
Honesty	26.9	26.1	33.1
Diplomatic skills	3.8	2.9	3.9
Holds positions similar to yours	6.4	6.6	4.5
Exhibits values similar to yours	20.5	21.7	21.9
not sure	6.8	3.3	6.2
refused	0.7	0.7	1.1
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Experience	16	18.5	12.8
Knowledge/intelligence	20.2	21.6	15.8
Honesty	26.2	24.1	39.8
Diplomatic skills	4.6	3.4	3
Holds positions similar to yours	5.2	6.5	6
Exhibits values similar to yours	22.2	22.4	18
not sure	5.3	3.4	4.5
refused	0.3	0	0

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What is the one issue that is most important to you in the upcoming presidential election?

South Carolina	Economy
All	43.1
White Women	42.9
Working Class Whites	36.6
North Carolina	Economy
All	48.8
White Women	46.3
Working Class Whites	44.6
Virginia	Economy
All	48.5
White Women	48.1
Working Class Whites	44.8

I'm going to read a list of issues. For each issue, I'd like for you to tell me—if you had to choose—whether you think John McCain or Barack Obama would do a better job on that issue.

The first issue is healthcare, who do you think would do better on that issue?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	45.6	51.1	53.1
Obama	42.2	32.9	29
Neither / do the same	4.9	7.1	9.9
Not Sure	6.6	8.4	7.4
refused	0.7	0.4	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	34.9	37.9	39.9
Obama	51.4	47.1	47.8
Neither / do the same	5.8	5.9	2.2
Not Sure	6.8	8.5	9.6
refused	1.1	0.7	0.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	32.4	34.8	36.6
Obama	52.6	48.9	47
Neither / do the same	7.6	7.3	9.7
Not Sure	6.3	7.7	6.7
refused	1.1	1.3	0

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How about the economy?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	50.7	58.2	58.6
Obama	38.5	29.8	28.4
neither / do the same	5.1	5.8	8
Not sure	5.2	5.8	4.9
refused	0.5	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	39	44.3	42.9
Obama	48.1	42.8	42.4
neither / do the same	6.7	5.9	5.6
Not sure	5.4	6.6	9
refused	0.8	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	38.2	40.3	40.3
Obama	48.2	43.8	46.3
neither / do the same	6.4	7.3	9.7
Not sure	5.6	6.9	3
refused	1.5	1.7	0.7

How about energy, including gas prices?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	51.8	59.1	56.8
Obama	35.1	26.2	27.2
Neither / do the same	6.1	5.3	7.4
Not sure	6.6	8.9	8.6
refused	0.5	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	42.3	43	46.1
Obama	43.9	43	37.6
Neither / do the same	6.5	4.8	5.6
Not sure	6.4	8.8	10.7
refused	1	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	40.4	44	41
Obama	42.1	40.5	38.8
Neither / do the same	8.7	6.9	11.2
Not sure	7.2	6.9	8.2
refused	1.5	1.7	0.7

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How about the situation in Iraq?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	58.9	68.9	66.7
Obama	33.1	24.9	25.9
neither / do the same	3.1	3.1	4.9
Not sure	4.4	2.7	2.5
refused	0.5	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	51.4	55.1	54.5
Obama	40.4	36	32.6
neither / do the same	3.5	3.7	5.1
Not sure	3.9	4.8	7.9
refused	0.8	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	51.7	55.6	60.4
Obama	39.8	36.2	31.3
neither / do the same	3.2	3	2.2
Not sure	3.5	3.4	4.5
refused	1.8	1.7	1.5

How about taxes?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	50.5	58.7	59.3
Obama	36.2	27.1	27.8
Neither / do the same	6.1	4.9	6.2
Not sure	6.4	8.9	5.6
refused	0.8	0.4	1.2
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	42.7	43.4	50.6
Obama	44.4	41.2	37.1
Neither / do the same	6.5	7	5.6
Not sure	5.4	8.1	6.7
refused	1	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	42.3	42.2	46.3
Obama	44.1	42.7	40.3
Neither / do the same	7.4	8.2	9
Not sure	4.7	5.2	3.7
refused	1.5	1.7	0.7

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How about illegal immigration?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	45.2	50.2	50
Obama	27.9	20.9	16.7
neither / do the same	13.6	12	17.3
not sure	12.5	16.4	15.4
refused	0.8	0.4	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	38.9	42.3	42.1
Obama	30.3	27.6	24.2
neither / do the same	14.9	10.3	15.2
not sure	14.5	19.1	18.5
refused	1.4	0.7	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	39.4	43.5	41.8
Obama	29.8	25.9	26.9
neither / do the same	13.8	12.9	14.2
not sure	15.3	15.9	16.4
refused	1.7	1.7	0.7

How about terrorism?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	62.5	73.3	70.4
Obama	27.4	17.3	17.9
neither / do the same	4.4	3.6	5.6
not sure	5.1	5.3	5.6
refused	0.7	0.4	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	56.8	60.7	64.6
Obama	32.1	29.4	22.5
neither / do the same	5.3	5.1	5.1
not sure	4.8	4.4	7.9
refused	1.1	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	55.7	57.8	64.2
Obama	30.9	26.7	21.6
neither / do the same	6.1	6.9	3.7
not sure	5.8	6.9	9.7
refused	1.4	1.7	0.7

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Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to John McCain?

The first is "Understands the problems Americans face in their daily lives."

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	42.3	50.7	51.9
Obama	44.6	36	32.1
Applies to Both Equally	3.9	4	4.3
Applies to Neither	5.6	6.2	8
Not Sure	3.1	2.7	3.1
Refused	0.5	0.4	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	29.7	31.6	37.6
Obama	54.8	53.3	48.9
Applies to Both Equally	5.7	7	5.1
Applies to Neither	7.9	6.3	6.7
Not Sure	1.4	1.5	1.7
Refused	0.5	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	27.9	28.3	30.6
Obama	55.1	51.1	51.5
Applies to Both Equally	7.9	11.2	5.2
Applies to Neither	6.9	7.7	9
Not Sure	1.2	0.9	3
Refused	1.2	0.9	0.7

Would work well with both parties to get things done in Washington.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	52.5	61.3	57.4
Obama	36.7	27.6	28.4
Applies to Both Equally	5.4	5.3	6.8
Applies to Neither	3.1	2.7	4.3
Not Sure	2	2.7	3.1
Refused	0.3	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	44.3	44.5	50.6
Obama	38.9	34.6	31.5
Applies to Both Equally	8.9	12.1	8.4
Applies to Neither	4.4	4.4	3.9
Not Sure	2.9	4	5.6

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Refused	0.7	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	46.7	49.4	50
Obama	38.3	33.5	32.8
Applies to Both Equally	8.5	12.4	7.5
Applies to Neither	2.6	2.6	5.2
Not Sure	2.4	1.3	3.7
Refused	1.4	0.9	0.7

Cares about the needs of people like you.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	41.4	50.7	51.9
Obama	40.8	31.1	30.9
Applies to Both Equally	6.7	8.9	6.8
Applies to Neither	7.1	4.9	6.8
Not Sure	3.6	4	3.7
Refused	0.3	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	32.2	35.3	38.8
Obama	50.1	47.8	45.5
Applies to Both Equally	7.1	7.4	7.3
Applies to Neither	7.2	4.8	3.9
Not Sure	2.6	4.4	4.5
Refused	0.7	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	29.6	33.9	35.1
Obama	49.9	44.2	44
Applies to Both Equally	8.9	11.6	7.5
Applies to Neither	8.1	6.9	11.9
Not Sure	2.1	2.6	0.7
Refused	1.4	0.9	0.7

Is a strong leader.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	60	70.2	71
Obama	29.9	18.2	21.6
Applies to Both Equally	4.9	4.4	1.9
Applies to Neither	2.1	2.7	1.9
Not Sure	2.6	4	3.7
Refused	0.3	0.4	0

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North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	47.7	51.1	55.6
Obama	37.2	31.3	27
Applies to Both Equally	9.6	13.2	10.7
Applies to Neither	3	2.2	2.8
Not Sure	1.9	1.8	3.9
Refused	0.7	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	46.3	52.2	55.2
Obama	35.5	30.2	28.4
Applies to Both Equally	11	11.2	6
Applies to Neither	4.1	4.3	7.5
Not Sure	2	1.3	2.2
Refused	1.1	0.9	0.7

Would stand up to special interest including those aligned with his party.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	50	60.9	61.7
Obama	34	22.7	22.8
Applies to Both Equally	3.1	4.4	4.3
Applies to Neither	7.4	4.4	6.8
Not Sure	5.1	7.1	4.3
Refused	0.3	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	42.6	45.6	45.5
Obama	40.4	36.8	39.9
Applies to Both Equally	4.6	4.8	2.8
Applies to Neither	7.4	6.6	3.9
Not Sure	4	5.5	7.3
Refused	1	0.7	0.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	45.7	47.8	50
Obama	36.9	34.5	32.8
Applies to Both Equally	6.1	7.3	5.2
Applies to Neither	6.4	6	6.7
Not Sure	3.2	3.4	4.5
Refused	1.7	0.9	0.7

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Shares your values.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	53.5	64.4	64.2
Obama	34.9	22.7	22.8
Applies to Both Equally	2.5	3.6	2.5
Applies to Neither	5.8	4	7.4
Not Sure	2.6	4.4	2.5
Refused	0.7	0.9	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	42.2	47.1	47.2
Obama	44	39.3	39.3
Applies to Both Equally	5.3	4	3.9
Applies to Neither	5.3	4.8	4.5
Not Sure	2.6	4.4	5.1
Refused	0.5	0.4	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	41	44	42.5
Obama	42.7	41.4	38.1
Applies to Both Equally	6.1	6.5	4.5
Applies to Neither	6.9	5.2	11.9
Not Sure	2.3	2.2	2.2
Refused	1.1	0.9	0.7

Has a clear plan for solving the country's problems.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	32.9	40.4	42.6
Obama	27.1	17.3	19.1
Applies to Both Equally	2.1	2.7	1.2
Applies to Neither	28.9	30.2	30.2
Not Sure	8.4	8.4	6.2
Refused	0.5	0.9	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	25.4	27.6	29.8
Obama	35	29.4	27
Applies to Both Equally	5.1	5.1	7.3
Applies to Neither	29.6	32	28.7
Not Sure	4.2	5.1	6.7
Refused	0.7	0.7	0.6

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Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	22.5	26.4	30.1
Obama	36.3	32	30.1
Applies to Both Equally	3.4	4.8	5.3
Applies to Neither	32	32.9	27.1
Not Sure	4.6	3	6.8
Refused	1.2	0.9	0.8

Is honest and trustworthy.

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	47.6	56.4	58
Obama	28.6	17.8	20.4
Applies to Both Equally	9.6	12	9.3
Applies to Neither	8.9	8	8.6
Not Sure	4.8	4.9	3.1
Refused	0.5	0.9	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	38.8	41.5	45.5
Obama	35.9	29	27.5
Applies to Both Equally	11.3	12.9	11.2
Applies to Neither	10.2	12.1	10.1
Not Sure	3	3.7	5.1
Refused	0.7	0.7	0.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
McCain	36.4	37.9	41.8
Obama	33.9	31	26.9
Applies to Both Equally	14.7	15.9	12.7
Applies to Neither	9.5	10.8	11.2
Not Sure	4.1	3.4	6.7
Refused	1.4	0.9	0.7

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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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The Winthrop Poll Findings

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

The Winthrop Poll Findings

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

The Winthrop Poll Findings

I'd like for you to think about how media cover candidates. All else being equal, do you think media coverage is more harsh for MALE candidates, more harsh for FEMALE candidates, equally harsh for BOTH, or not overly harsh for either?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
More harsh for male	4.6	3.1	3.1
More harsh for female	36.2	48	34.6
Equally harsh for both	33	28.4	34
Not overly harsh for either	17.9	14.7	20.4
Not Sure	6.3	4.9	4.9
Refused	2	0.9	3.1
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
More harsh for male	5.3	2.6	5.1
More harsh for female	33.2	39.3	36.5
Equally harsh for both	36	35.7	36.5
Not overly harsh for either	16.3	13.6	14.6
Not sure	8.2	8.8	7.3
Refused	1	0	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
More harsh for male	3.5	3.5	2.3
More harsh for female	35.2	43.3	37.6
Equally harsh for both	36.4	36.8	39.1
Not overly harsh for either	18.1	10.4	14.3
Not Sure	6.5	6.1	6.8
Refused	0.3	0	0

The Winthrop Poll Findings

How would you describe the media coverage of Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin? Would you say it has been Very Harsh, Somewhat Harsh, Neither Harsh, Neither Harsh nor Soft, Somewhat Soft, or Very Soft?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Very Harsh	31.4	39.1	35.2
Somewhat Harsh	30.8	34.7	34
Neither Harsh nor Soft	18.6	12.9	13.6
Somewhat Soft	10.1	8	11.1
Very Soft	5.2	3.6	3.7
Not Sure	2.7	1.3	1.9
Refused	1.2	0.4	0.6
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Very Harsh	29.5	29.8	33.7
Somewhat Harsh	31.8	37.9	34.3
Neither Harsh nor Soft	19.1	17.3	15.2
Somewhat Soft	8.4	6.3	5.6
Very Soft	7.3	5.5	7.9
Not Sure	3.6	3.3	3.4
Refused	0.3	0	0
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Very Harsh	27.2	27.6	27.6
Somewhat Harsh	32.6	38.8	41
Neither Harsh nor Soft	21.8	16.4	16.4
Somewhat Soft	8.2	7.8	7.5
Very Soft	7.2	6.9	5.2
Not Sure	2.3	1.7	2.2
Refused	0.6	0.9	0

The Winthrop Poll Findings

I'd like for you to compare how Sarah Palin is now being covered by the media with how Hillary Clinton was covered by the media during the primaries. Do you believe CLINTON was treated more harshly than PALIN, that PALIN was treated more harshly than CLINTON, that BOTH were treated harshly, or that NEITHER were treated particularly harshly?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Clinton treated more harshly than Palin	20	20	16
Palin treated more harshly than Clinton	34.2	40	35.2
Both treated harsh	25.4	26.7	31.5
Neither treated harsh	16	10.2	13
Not sure	2.8	2.2	3.1
Refused	1.5	0.9	1.2
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Clinton treated more harshly than Palin	24.4	26.5	20.2
Palin treated more harshly than Clinton	29.7	30.5	32.6
Both treated harsh	25.5	27.9	27.5
Neither treated harsh	15.9	11	15.2
Not sure	3.7	3.3	3.9
Refused	0.8	0.7	0.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Clinton treated more harshly than Palin	23	23.7	21.6
Palin treated more harshly than Clinton	31.1	33.2	37.3
Both treated harsh	25.3	27.6	26.9
Neither treated harsh	16.3	11.2	11.2
Not sure	4	4.3	3
Refused	0.3	0	0

The Winthrop Poll Findings

Do you favor or oppose allowing oil drilling in U.S. coastal areas now off-limits to oil exploration?

South Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Favor	73.1	74.2	77.2
Oppose	18.7	18.7	16.7
Not Sure	7.6	6.7	6.2
Refused	0.5	0.4	0
North Carolina	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Favor	67.9	69.5	71.9
Oppose	25.4	23.9	23
Not Sure	6.2	6.3	4.5
Refused	0.5	0.4	0.6
Virginia	All	White Women	Working Class Whites
Favor	70.2	65.9	75.4
Oppose	21.9	25	20.1
Not Sure	7.2	8.6	4.5
Refused	0.6	0.4	0

If all restrictions on drilling for oil in U.S. coastal areas were lifted tomorrow, what is the least amount of time you think it would take before the newly found oil would impact the price of gasoline?

	Mean answer for all respondents
South Carolina	5.65 years
North Carolina	6 years
Virginia	5.96 Years

[Please note: According to a 2007 report titled, "Impacts of Increased Access to Oil and Natural Gas Resources in the Lower 48 Federal Outer Continental Shelf" produced by the Energy Information Administration (who produce official energy stats for the U.S. Dept. of Energy), gaining drilling access to currently restricted parts of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in "the Pacific, Atlantic, and eastern Gulf regions would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil and natural gas production or prices before 2030."]