

December 2011 Winthrop Poll

Questionnaire # _____

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president of the United States?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.3 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
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nikki Haley is handling her job as governor of South Carolina?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the South Carolina State Legislature is handling its job?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.6 Thinking about the current path that South Carolina is taking, do you think our state is on the right track or headed in the wrong direction?

- Right track 1
- Wrong direction 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.7 Whether you approve or disapprove of her overall performance, I'd like for you to think about your expectations for Nikki Haley's performance as governor of South Carolina. Since her inauguration as governor in early January of this year, would you say that her performance has exceeded your expectations, met your expectations, or failed to meet your expectations?

[CALLER: if exceeded or failed to meet ask, "Greatly or Somewhat?"]

- Greatly exceeded expectations 1
- Somewhat exceeded expectations 2
- Met expectations 3
- Somewhat failed to meet expectations . 4
- Greatly failed to meet expectations 5
- Not sure 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.8 How would you describe the working relationship between Governor Haley and the state legislature this past year? Good? Bad? Or neither good nor bad?

[CALLER: If they say "good" or "bad," ask....]

"very or somewhat?"

- Very good 1
- Somewhat good 2
- Neither good nor bad . 3
- Somewhat bad 4
- Very bad 5
- Don't know 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 6 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 10]

Q.9 Who would you say is more to blame for the bad relationship between them?

[CALLER: Rotate answers]

Governor Haley Or **The state legislature** Or **Both equally**

Governor 1
Legislature 2
Both equally . 3
Don't know ... 4
Refused 5

Q.10 **[CALLER: MAKE SURE TO MAXIMIZE THIS 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 use two digit code. e.g. "05" fro "five"]

Health Care	1
Social Security	2
Budget Deficit or Debt	3
Education	4
Medicare/ Medicaid	5
Taxes	6
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	7
Home foreclosures	8
Immigration	9
Price of Oil/Gas	10
Defense	11
Poverty	12
Crime	13
Foreign Policy	14
Jobs or unemployment	15
Abortion	16
Moral Values	17
Welfare	18
Iraq - War	19
Afghanistan - War	20
War - in general, not a specific war	21
Politicians/ Government	22
Environment	23
Religious values	24
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Energy issues (general, not specifically oil/gas) ...	27
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Refuse to answer	99

Q.11 **[CALLER: MAKE SURE TO MAXIMIZE THIS 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 use two digit code. e.g. "05" fro "five"]

Health Care	1
Social Security	2
Budget Deficit or Debt	3
Education	4
Medicare/ Medicaid	5
Taxes	6
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	7
Home foreclosures	8
Immigration	9
Price of Oil/Gas	10
Defense	11
Poverty	12
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Refuse to answer	99

Q.12 Although we do not yet know who his Republican opponent will be, how likely do you think it is that Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012? Very Likely, Somewhat Likely, Not Very Likely, or Not At All Likely?

- Very Likely 1
- Somewhat Likely .. 2
- Not Very Likely 3
- Not At All Likely 4
- Not Sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.13 If there were an election for president of the United States today and the only two candidates on the ballot were Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

- Obama 1
- Romney 2
- Neither/Would not vote [VOLUNTEERED] . 3
- Someone else [VOLUNTEERED] 4
- Not sure/ Don't know 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.14 If there were an election for president of the United States today and the only two candidates on the ballot were Barack Obama and Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

- Obama 1
- Gingrich 2
- Neither/Would not vote [VOLUNTEERED] . 3
- Someone else [VOLUNTEERED] 4
- Not sure/ Don't know 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-5 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 16]

Q.15 If there were an election for president of the United States today and the only two candidates on the ballot were Barack Obama and Herman Cain, who would you vote for?

- Obama 1
- Cain 2
- Neither/Would not vote [VOLUNTEERED] . 3
- Someone else [VOLUNTEERED] 4
- Not sure/ Don't know 5
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.16 If there were an election for president of the United States today and the only two candidates on the ballot were Barack Obama and Ron Paul, who would you vote for?

- Obama 1
- Paul 2
- Neither/Would not vote [VOLUNTEERED] . 3
- Someone else [VOLUNTEERED] 4
- Not sure/ Don't know 5
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- Refused 9

Q.17 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 (incl. "Tea Party") . 3
- Something else 4
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- Don't Know/ Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 19]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 20]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 4 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 23]

Q.18 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 23]

Q.19 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 21]

Q.20 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 Democratic 2
- Neither 3
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- Don't know / Refused . 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 23]

Q.21 Thinking ahead to the 2012 **Republican** Presidential Primary in South Carolina, would you say you DEFINITELY plan to vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, will PROBABLY vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, MAY OR MAY NOT vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, or Probably WILL NOT vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary?

- Definitely 1
- Probably 2
- May or May Not 3
- Probably Not 4
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- Don't know / Refused . 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 23]

Q.22 I'm going to read the titles and names of 9 people who have been mentioned as possible candidates for the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination. The names are in alphabetical order. Please listen to all the names before selecting one.

Thinking ahead to the **2012** Presidential election, who would you vote for as your **FIRST CHOICE** to be the next Republican nominee for President if the primary election were held today?

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

- Minnesota Representative Michelle Bachmann 1
- Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza Herman Cain ... 2
- Former Speaker Newt Gingrich 3
- Former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman 4
- Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson 5
- Texas Representative Ron Paul 6
- Texas governor Rick Perry 7
- Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney 8
- Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum 9
- DO NOT READ Other 10
- DO NOT READ Not sure 11
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Refused	99

Q.23 In general, would you say you approve or disapprove of the Occupy Wall Street movement or are you not familiar enough with the Occupy Wall Street movement to have an opinion?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove ... 2
- Not Familiar .. 3
- Not sure 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.24 How would you rate the condition of the national economy 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
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.25 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 3
- 4
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- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.26 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
- 6
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.27 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 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.28 Right now, do you believe that economic conditions in South Carolina are better than those of the nation as a whole, worse than those of the nation as a whole, or about the same as those of the nation as a whole?

- Better 1
- Worse 2
- Same 3
- Not Sure . 4
- 5
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.29 How would you rate your financial situation today? as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Excellent 1
- Good 2
- Only fair 3
- Poor 4
- Not Sure 5
- 6
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.30 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 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.31 Do you currently receive Social Security or Medicare benefits?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 33]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 35]

Q.32 Would you be willing to have your current Social Security or Medicare benefits reduced in order to address national budget concerns?

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 35]

Q.33 Would you be willing to have your future Social Security or Medicare benefits reduced in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.34 Would you be willing to have the retirement age at which you can receive full Social Security or Medicare benefits raised to 70 years old in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.35 Would you be willing to cut defense spending in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.36 Do you think it is possible to address national budget concerns without any tax increases on any groups, or would some tax increases be required to address national budget concerns?

- Possible to do without tax increase 1
- NOT possible to do without tax increase .. 2
- Not sure 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.37 We'd like to find out how familiar folks are with various issues in South Carolina.

Some leaders from both parties have mentioned the importance of dealing with issues related to the South Carolina public employee pension program.

How familiar are you with issues related to the South Carolina public employee pension program, would you say you are very familiar with the issues, somewhat familiar with the issues, have heard it mentioned but are not familiar with the specifics, or have not heard of the issues at all?

- Very familiar 1
- Somewhat familiar .. 2
- Heard mentioned ... 3
- Not heard 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.38 Whether you owe money or get a refund, do you currently file personal income tax returns in the state of South Carolina?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not sure . 3
- 4
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- Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 41]

Q.39 To the best of your knowledge, what is the highest marginal percentage rate for personal income tax in the state of South Carolina?

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

[CALLER: code "Don't know or Not Sure" as "98"]

[CALLER: code "Refused" as "99"]

Q.40 **[DO NOT READ THIS QUESTION!!!!]**

[CALLER: code the respondent's answer to the previous question]

Gave the answer of "7%"	1
Gave an answer UNDER 10%, but NOT 7% .	2
Gave an answer between 11% and 20%	3
Gave an answer between 21 and 35%	4
Gave an answer OVER 35%	5
Did not know/could not give answer	6
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Refused to give an answer	9

Q.41 What, if any, is your religious preference: Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, an Orthodox religion such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church, or something else?

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

- Protestant 1
- Roman Catholic 2
- Jewish 3
- Mormon 4
- Jehovah's Witness 5
- Muslim 6
- Orthodox 7
- No religious preference .. 8
- Other 9
- Don't Know/ Refused 10

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2-10, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 43]

Q.42 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.43 In general, would you say you approve or disapprove of the Tea Party movement or are you not familiar enough with the Tea Party movement to have an opinion?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove ... 2
- Not Familiar .. 3
- Not sure 4
- 5
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.44 Would you consider yourself a **MEMBER** of the **Tea Party Movement**?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not sure . 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.45 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 degree 5
- Post Graduate 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused 9

Q.46 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
- 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused 9

Q.47 What is your race or ethnicity?

- Caucasian 1
- African American 2
- Hispanic 3
- Asian 4
- Native American 5
- Multiracial 6
- Other 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused . 9

Q.48 What is your age as of your last birthday? [enter 00 for refused; anything over 99 as "99"]

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Q.49 **[CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]**

- 18 - 24 1
- 25 - 44 2
- 45 - 64 3
- 65 and over . 4
- 5
- 6
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.50 The news media has shown an interest in this survey and would like to speak to a few of the many folks who participated; would you be willing to speak to a reporter about your experience with the survey?

Yes . 1
No ... 2

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 52]

Q.51 If a reporter wishes to call you, what name and number should we give them?

**[CALLER: Include area code – use this format: FirstName
LastName (555) 555-5555]**

Q.52 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.

[code as two digit; i.e. 1 as 01, 3 as 03, etc.]

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

Q.53 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]

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Female ... 2
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Not sure . 9

Q.54 **CALLER:** Record your own race

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

Q.55 **CALLER:** Record your own sex

Male 1
Female . 2

