

April 2016 Winthrop Poll

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA –

This Winthrop Poll delves into how white and black South Carolina residents view various issues differently related to politics and quality of life.

Last summer, S.C. legislators voted to remove the Confederate battle flag from the State House grounds. The decision came after nine African American church members, including the pastor who was a S.C. state Senator, were gunned down in their Charleston church in what was viewed as a racially motivated killing.

A majority of S.C. residents continue to think it was the right decision to remove the Confederate battle flag. The latest Winthrop Poll showed that 57% of whites and 87% of blacks favored the decision.

S.C. African American residents surveyed in the latest Winthrop Poll believe that racism is the most important problem facing the country.

The issue of race was mentioned by African Americans in South Carolina more often than politicians/government, jobs/unemployment and education, in that order.

Speaking about this survey, Winthrop Poll Director, Dr. Scott Huffmon, said, "In the past year or so, we have had multiple events that raised conversations about race in South Carolina. The time seemed right to take an accurate measure of where race relations in South Carolina really stand."

RACIAL ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

When it comes to placing blame on the state of race relations in South Carolina, 60% of both blacks and whites said both groups are equally to blame. And 70% of all respondents – 69% whites and 73% blacks - said both groups will need to equally change.

The Winthrop Poll asked how African Americans who seek change in America might best achieve that goal. Half of S.C. African American residents said working within the system was a better option than challenging or protesting the system (38%). However, black respondents were still notably more likely to advocate protest than whites, only 25% of whom said protest was a better option than working within the system.

African Americans residents surveyed said they feel comfortable talking with people of other races about some topics more than others. Three out of four blacks feel very comfortable discussing sports and entertainment, 47% talking about politics and 49% about racial issues.

MORE RACIAL ISSUES

The Winthrop Poll showed there were some stark differences between how blacks and whites view the Black Lives Matter movement. Known by its social media hashtag #BlackLivesMatter, the national movement has been making headlines as members protest what they see as racially motivated deaths at the hands of police. When asked on a scale from 0 ("cool") to 100 ("warm") how they felt about the Black Lives Matter Movement, the average score for African Americans was 75 while the average score for whites was 38.

Using the same scale, African Americans reported feeling 16 degrees "cooler" toward police than white respondents.

When asked to rate race relations in the United States, 41% of S.C. African Americans said it is poor. In comparison, 69% of whites rated race relations as either good or only fair. There was more hope about the

Palmetto State where 32% of African American residents rated the state's race relations as poor, while 76% of whites rated it as either good or only fair.

The Winthrop Poll asked how race relations compared in 2016 to 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago. Respondents reported improvement. Fifty-eight percent of black and white respondents both said relations were somewhat better or much better than 40 years ago. However, improvement in race relations may have slowed in the past decade as only 1 in 5 of blacks said relations are somewhat better or much better, while 1 in 4 whites said the same thing.

Fewer than half of African American residents (45%) said they were discriminated in the year because of their race or ethnicity, while only 19% of white residents felt the same way. Yet, two out of every three S.C. blacks feel like whites have a better chance of getting ahead in today's society. Sixty-three percent of white respondents said they feel like whites and blacks have an equal chance.

By an overwhelming majority (83%), S.C. African Americans believe that public schools spend too little time on the history of African Americans. Among white respondents – 29% said too little, 40% said there was the right amount, and 14% said too much.

ECONOMY

African American residents in S.C. are more optimistic as a whole that the country is headed in the right direction. Nearly 3/4 of the general population said the country is headed in the wrong direction, while only 47% of African Americans had the same opinion.

When asked about their personal financial situation, 61% of all respondents said their finances were improving, while 69% of African American residents said their situation was better.

Sixty-two percent of S.C. residents think the Palmetto State's economic conditions are getting better and a majority think the condition of the economy is fairly good.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY, AND OTHERS

President Barack Obama's approval rating in South Carolina has ticked up a little bit to 45%, but still lags behind national approval ratings of more than 50%. South Carolina African Americans stand behind the first African American president with 94% approving of his performance.

Meanwhile, Congress' approval rating by Palmetto State residents remains low at 13%, though 1/4 of African American residents approve of that government body.

Governor Nikki Haley's approval rating was strongly positive among South Carolinians at 59%. While her support among mostly Democratic African Americans is somewhat lower, more than half (51%) approve of how she is doing her job as governor.

"Support among the mostly Democratic African American population for a Republican governor may seem surprising, but it is likely that esteem for her rose among black South Carolinians because of the strong stance she took to remove the Confederate battle flag from the S.C. Statehouse grounds last year," said Huffmon.

The General Assembly received a stamp of approval from 45% of respondents, the same as in the fall of 2015. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, who ran for president on the GOP ticket, has a 41% approval rating.

The state's junior senator, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, who is more highly rated among the Republican base, has a 51% approval rating, though African American residents rate the African American senator lower at 38%.

“Racial differences in the approval ratings for our two US senators appear to fall along more standard partisan lines,” Huffmon noted.

POLL DEPARTED FROM THE ‘NORM’ IN SEVERAL WAYS

Huffmon reported that the April 2016 Winthrop Poll was unusual in several aspects. First, this poll was in the field for three weeks, instead of the standard one week. The reason, as Huffmon states on the Methodology page, “is twofold: First, since this poll focused on race relations, we felt the need to get an oversample of African American residents in S.C. The oversample contains more than twice the number of African American respondents as a typical Winthrop Poll. Second, this poll was much longer than a typical Winthrop Poll. The mean completion time was 75% longer than normal. For these reasons, the poll needed to stay in the field longer than normal. HOWEVER, this means no ‘hot button’ questions, such as the ‘bathroom bill,’ the gas tax, ethics reform, and the like. We limited ourselves to core, established topics about which opinion was unlikely to shift dramatically during the time this poll was in the field.” The poll was in the field from April 3 – 24.

The survey of the general population poll contains the opinions of 814 S.C. residents. Results which use “All Respondents” have a margin of error of approximately +/- 3.4% at the 95% confidence level. Results for “Whites Only” come from the general population poll and have a margin of error of approximately +/- 4.1% at the 95% confidence level. Results for “Blacks Only” contain African American respondents from the general population poll, combined with those from African Americans targeted “oversample” poll. Results for “Blacks Only” have a margin of error of approximately +/- 4.9% at the 95% confidence level.

Poll phone calls were made during weekday evenings, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon and evening to those with landlines and mobile devices.

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POLL FUNDING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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T1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Barack Obama** is handling his job as President of the United States?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 45 | 28 | 94 |
| Disapprove | 52 | 68 | 4 |
| Don't Know | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Congress** is handling its job?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 13 | 11 | 25 |
| Disapprove | 80 | 83 | 70 |
| Don't Know | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Nikki Haley** is handling her job as Governor of South Carolina?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 59 | 63 | 51 |
| Disapprove | 32 | 29 | 40 |
| Don't Know | 8 | 7 | 8 |
| Refused | 2 | 1 | 1 |

T4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **the South Carolina State Legislature** is handling its job?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 45 | 48 | 41 |
| Disapprove | 42 | 37 | 52 |
| Don't Know | 12 | 14 | 6 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 |

T5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Lindsey Graham** is handling his job as a United States Senator for South Carolina?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 41 | 44 | 38 |
| Disapprove | 48 | 46 | 54 |
| Don't Know | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| Refused | 2 | 1 | 2 |

T6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Tim Scott** is handling his job as a United States Senator for South Carolina?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 51 | 58 | 38 |
| Disapprove | 26 | 20 | 43 |
| Don't Know | 20 | 20 | 17 |
| Refused | 4 | 3 | 2 |

T7 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?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Right Track | 22 | 15 | 46 |
| Wrong Direction | 72 | 81 | 47 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 6 | 4 | 8 |

T8 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?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Right Track | 54 | 55 | 53 |
| Wrong Direction | 38 | 36 | 41 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 8 | 9 | 6 |

T9 What do you think is the most important problem facing the United States of America today?

| All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Economy 12% | Economy 15% | Racism 12% |
| | | [Note: this question was asked BEFORE any of the race-related questions came up] |
| Politicians/Government 10% | Politicians/Government 10% | Politicians/Government 10% |
| Terrorism 7% | Terrorism 7% | Jobs/Unemployment 8.3% |
| Jobs/Unemployment 6% | Moral Values 5% | Education 7.5% |
| | (Jobs/Unemp 4.9%) | |

T10 What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of South Carolina today?

| All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Jobs/Unemployment 12.4% | Economy 12.2% | Jobs/Unemployment 19% |
| Education 12.1% | Education 11.8% | Education 14% |
| Economy 10% | Jobs/Unemployment 10% | Racism 7% |
| | | [Note: this question was asked BEFORE any of the race-related questions came up] |
| Politicians/Government 4% | Politicians/Government 4% | Economy 6% |

T11 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?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Good | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Fairly Good | 49 | 44 | 67 |
| Fairly Bad | 33 | 36 | 22 |
| Very Bad | 14 | 17 | 4 |
| Not Sure | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 |

T12 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Getting Better | 46 | 39 | 66 |
| Getting Worse | 49 | 56 | 29 |
| Not Sure | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T13 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?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Good | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Fairly Good | 62 | 63 | 58 |
| Fairly Bad | 24 | 24 | 29 |
| Very Bad | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| Not Sure | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 0 | 1 | - |

T14 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in South Carolina are getting better or getting worse?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Getting Better | 62 | 63 | 59 |
| Getting Worse | 28 | 25 | 36 |
| Not Sure | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 |

T15 How would you rate your financial situation today? As excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 8 | 9 | 7 |

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|-----------|----|----|----|
| Good | 47 | 52 | 43 |
| Only Fair | 32 | 28 | 39 |
| Poor | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Refused | 1 | 0 | - |

T16 Right now, do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Getting Better | 61 | 60 | 69 |
| Getting Worse | 29 | 30 | 23 |
| Not Sure | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 2 |

T17 I'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people or groups who are in the news these days. I'll read the name of a person or group and I'd like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer.

Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person or group. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person or group and that you don't care too much for them. You would rate the person or group at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person.

If we come to a person or group whose name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate them. Just tell me and we'll move on to the next one.

[NOTE: the following were three items from a randomized list of 10 items]

T18 How about **the Confederate Flag**?

| All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mean: 41.0 | Mean: 48.3 | Mean: 20.1 |

T19 How about **the Police**?

| All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mean: 73.4 | Mean: 78.2 | Mean: 62.5 |

T20 How about **the Black Lives Matter movement**?

| All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mean: 47.3 | Mean: 37.7 | Mean: 75.1 |

T21 Now, we're going to talk about matters of race and race relations for a bit.

How would you rate race relations in the UNITED STATES today? Excellent, Good, Only Fair, or Poor

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Good | 18 | 21 | 13 |
| Only Fair | 45 | 48 | 44 |
| Poor | 34 | 29 | 41 |
| Don't Know/Not Sure | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 |

T22 How would you rate race relations in SOUTH CAROLINA today? Excellent, Good, Only Fair, or Poor?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Good | 29 | 34 | 15 |
| Only Fair | 43 | 42 | 50 |
| Poor | 24 | 19 | 32 |
| Don't Know/Not Sure | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 | - |

T23 Would you say that race relations in **2016** are better, worse, or about the same as they were in **2006**, ten years ago?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Much Better | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Somewhat Better | 18 | 19 | 15 |
| About the Same | 31 | 27 | 39 |
| Somewhat Worse | 23 | 25 | 24 |
| Much Worse | 19 | 21 | 15 |
| Not Sure/Don't Know | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Refused | 1 | 0 | 2 |

T24 Would you say that race relations in **2016** are better, worse, or about the same as they were in **1996**, twenty years ago?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Much Better | 20 | 20 | 18 |
| Somewhat Better | 25 | 23 | 27 |
| About the Same | 18 | 17 | 27 |
| Somewhat | 15 | 18 | 12 |

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|---------------------|----|----|----|
| Worse | | | |
| Much Worse | 15 | 17 | 11 |
| Not Sure/Don't Know | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T25 Would you say that race relations in **2016** are better, worse, or about the same as they were in **1986**, thirty years ago?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Much Better | 29 | 30 | 25 |
| Somewhat Better | 21 | 20 | 25 |
| About the Same | 14 | 13 | 22 |
| Somewhat Worse | 10 | 13 | 10 |
| Much Worse | 11 | 12 | 8 |
| Not Sure/Don't Know | 12 | 11 | 10 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 |

T26 Would you say that race relations in **2016** are better, worse, or about the same as they were in **1976**, forty years ago?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Much Better | 39 | 41 | 35 |
| Somewhat Better | 18 | 17 | 23 |
| About the Same | 11 | 11 | 16 |
| Somewhat Worse | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Much Worse | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Not Sure/Don't Know | 16 | 16 | 12 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 2 |

T27 In the past year, do you feel that you have been discriminated against because of your race or ethnicity?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Yes | 28 | 19 | 45 |
| No | 71 | 80 | 54 |

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| Not Sure | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 0 | - | 0 |

T28 How often would you say you have been discriminated against in the last year because of your race or ethnicity? Frequently, Occasionally, or Rarely?

[NOTE: Only asked of those who felt they had been discriminated against in the past year because of their race]

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Frequently | 16 | 12 | 14 |
| Occasionally | 54 | 56 | 63 |
| Rarely | 29 | 32 | 23 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 0 | - | 0 |

T29 During the past month, how often have you felt **unable to control the important things in your life**? Was it often, somewhat often, not too often, or hardly ever?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Often | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| Somewhat often | 17 | 17 | 18 |
| Not too often | 28 | 27 | 33 |
| Hardly ever | 38 | 41 | 32 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 0 | 0 |

T30 During the past month, how often have you felt **that things were going your way**? Was it often, somewhat often, not too often, or hardly ever?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Often | 36 | 36 | 35 |
| Somewhat often | 41 | 42 | 40 |
| Not too often | 15 | 15 | 17 |
| Hardly ever | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 |

T31 During the past month, how often have you felt **that you were losing hope**? Was it often, somewhat often, not too often, or hardly ever?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Often | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Somewhat often | 13 | 12 | 13 |
| Not too often | 21 | 21 | 25 |
| Hardly ever | 59 | 61 | 57 |
| Don't know | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Refused | 1 | - | - |

T32 In general, who do you think has a better chance of getting ahead in today's society

[First two answers rotated]]

White people,

Black people

OR

White people and black people have about an equal chance of getting ahead?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whites | 39 | 28 | 67 |
| Blacks | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Equal | 52 | 63 | 28 |
| Not sure | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | 3 | 1 | 3 |

T33 When Blacks in America want change, do you think they are more likely to achieve it by

[Answers rotated]

Challenging, or protesting, the system

OR

Working within the system

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Challenging/protesting system | 28 | 25 | 38 |
| Working within | 59 | 63 | 51 |

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|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| system | | | |
| Both (volunteered) | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| Not sure | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 2 |

T34 Do you feel comfortable or uncomfortable talking with people of other races about sports and entertainment?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Comfortable | 80 | 83 | 74 |
| Somewhat Comfortable | 14 | 11 | 20 |
| Somewhat Uncomfortable | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Very Uncomfortable | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Not sure | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 0 | 0 |

T35 Do you feel comfortable or uncomfortable talking with people of other races about politics?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Comfortable | 55 | 59 | 47 |
| Somewhat Comfortable | 21 | 20 | 26 |
| Somewhat Uncomfortable | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Very Uncomfortable | 8 | 5 | 12 |
| Not sure | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T36 Do you feel comfortable or uncomfortable talking with people of other races about racial issues?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Comfortable | 47 | 46 | 49 |
| Somewhat Comfortable | 27 | 29 | 25 |
| Somewhat Uncomfortable | 15 | 16 | 15 |
| Very Uncomfortable | 7 | 5 | 10 |
| Not sure | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T37 When it comes to teaching about the history of African Americans, do you think public schools do too MUCH, too LITTLE, or about the RIGHT AMOUNT?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Too MUCH | 12 | 14 | 2 |
| Too LITTLE | 43 | 29 | 83 |
| RIGHT AMOUNT | 32 | 40 | 13 |
| Don't Know | 12 | 15 | 2 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 |

T38 In 1962, the confederate battle flag was placed over the dome of the South Carolina Statehouse, where the legislature meets. It was removed from the dome in 2000 and flew at a memorial on the statehouse grounds. Last summer, it was removed completely from Statehouse grounds and sent to a museum.

Before last summer, did you approve or disapprove of the confederate battle flag flying on the SC Statehouse grounds?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 40 | 51 | 8 |
| Disapprove | 44 | 33 | 82 |
| Don't Know/Not sure | 14 | 15 | 8 |
| Refused | 2 | 1 | 2 |

T39 Last July, the South Carolina Legislature voted to completely remove the confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds. Do you think this was the RIGHT decision or the WRONG decision?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Right Decision | 63 | 57 | 87 |
| Wrong Decision | 28 | 35 | 5 |
| Don't Know/ Not sure | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Refused | 3 | 1 | 3 |

T40 If you had your personal choice, would the confederate battle flag CONTINUE to fly on South Carolina Statehouse grounds or NO LONGER fly on South Carolina Statehouse grounds

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Continue to fly | 32 | 41 | 5 |
| No longer fly | 56 | 48 | 85 |
| Doesn't matter to me/ Don't care [volunteered] | 9 | 9 | 7 |

| | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Don't know/ Not sure | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 2 |

T41 Some people say the confederate battle 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?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Racial conflict | 38 | 26 | 73 |
| Southern pride | 46 | 57 | 13 |
| Equally both [volunteered] | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Don't know/ No sure | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Refused | 3 | 2 | 3 |

T42 Do you think marriages between same-sex couples SHOULD or should NOT be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as a marriage between a man and a woman?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Should be valid | 48 | 49 | 48 |
| Should not be valid | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| Not Sure | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Refused | 4 | 4 | 4 |

T43 Now that the United States Supreme Court has struck down laws banning same-sex marriage making same-sex marriage legal in all 50 states, do you believe county clerks, or probate judges in South Carolina, should be allowed to deny a marriage license to same-sex couples if they personally oppose same-sex marriage?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Yes | 32 | 31 | 28 |
| No | 63 | 64 | 67 |
| Not Sure/Don't Know | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Refused | 4 | 3 | 2 |

T44 When it comes to problems with race relations in South Carolina, which group would you say should receive more of the blame?

[First two rotated]

Whites

Blacks

Both groups equally

OR

Neither group?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whites | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| Blacks | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| Both Equally | 59 | 60 | 61 |
| Neither | 18 | 18 | 13 |
| There are no race problems [volunteered] | 0 | 0 | - |
| Don't know | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 2 |

T45 When it comes to improving race relations in South Carolina, which group would you say needs to change more?

[First two rotated]

Whites

Blacks

Both groups equally

OR

Neither group?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whites | 11 | 9 | 19 |
| Blacks | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Both Equally | 70 | 69 | 73 |
| Neither | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| There are no race problems [volunteered] | 0 | 0 | - |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 |

I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I'd like you to tell me how worried you are about each of the following things.

[Questions for Tables T46 – T53 were asked in random order]

T46 Are you worried about not getting the healthcare you need or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 17 | 16 | 17 |
| Somewhat worried | 20 | 19 | 20 |
| Not too worried | 22 | 23 | 25 |
| Not worried at all | 41 | 43 | 38 |
| Don't know/Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 |

T46a Are you worried about not getting the healthcare you need or not? (Whites Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Whites Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 16 | 25 | 11 |
| Somewhat worried | 19 | 20 | 18 |
| Not too worried | 23 | 18 | 24 |
| Not worried at all | 43 | 37 | 47 |
| Don't know/Refused | 0 | - | 0 |

T46b Are you worried about not getting the healthcare you need or not? (Blacks Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Blacks Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 17 | 22 | 8 |
| Somewhat worried | 20 | 22 | 14 |
| Not too worried | 25 | 26 | 24 |
| Not worried at all | 38 | 30 | 54 |
| Don't know/Refused | 0 | 0 | - |

T47 Are you worried about losing your job or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 4 | 3 | 6 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|
| Somewhat worried | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Not too worried | 17 | 13 | 24 |
| Not worried at all | 46 | 49 | 43 |
| Don't have job or retired | 24 | 26 | 18 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | - | 1 |

T47a Are you worried about losing your job or not? (Whites Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Whites Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Somewhat worried | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| Not too worried | 13 | 9 | 17 |
| Not worried at all | 49 | 42 | 56 |
| Don't have job or retired | 26 | 34 | 17 |
| Don't know/Refused | - | - | - |

T47b Are you worried about losing your job or not? (Blacks Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Blacks Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Somewhat worried | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| Not too worried | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Not worried at all | 43 | 38 | 50 |
| Don't have job or retired | 18 | 18 | 14 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | - | - |

T48 Are you worried about your child not graduating from high school or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 5 | 4 | 8 |
| Somewhat worried | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Not too worried | 8 | 7 | 11 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|
| Not worried at all | 40 | 40 | 43 |
| Does not apply | 43 | 47 | 32 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T48a Are you worried about your child not graduating from high school or not? (Whites Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Whites Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Somewhat worried | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Not too worried | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| Not worried at all | 40 | 35 | 43 |
| Does not apply | 47 | 52 | 43 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | - | 1 |

T48b Are you worried about your child not graduating from high school or not? (Blacks Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Blacks Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| Somewhat worried | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| Not too worried | 11 | 13 | 5 |
| Not worried at all | 43 | 40 | 53 |
| Does not apply | 32 | 34 | 32 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 0 | - |

T49 Are you worried about your child not getting into a good college or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| Somewhat worried | 10 | 9 | 13 |
| Not too worried | 13 | 11 | 17 |
| Not worried at all | 28 | 28 | 32 |
| Does not apply | 39 | 44 | 27 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T49a Are you worried about your child not getting into a good college or not? (Whites Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Whites Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 8 | 11 | 6 |
| Somewhat worried | 9 | 7 | 12 |
| Not too worried | 11 | 11 | 13 |
| Not worried at all | 28 | 24 | 29 |
| Does not apply | 44 | 46 | 40 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | - | 1 |

T49b Are you worried about your child not getting into a good college or not? (Blacks Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Blacks Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 10 | 11 | 5 |
| Somewhat worried | 13 | 14 | 13 |
| Not too worried | 17 | 20 | 15 |
| Not worried at all | 32 | 26 | 43 |
| Does not apply | 27 | 29 | 24 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | - | - |

T50 Are you worried about not having enough money to pay your bills or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 17 | 14 | 21 |
| Somewhat worried | 23 | 25 | 23 |
| Not too worried | 24 | 24 | 26 |
| Not worried at all | 35 | 37 | 30 |
| Don't know/Refused | 0 | - | 1 |

T50a Are you worried about not having enough money to pay your bills or not? (Whites Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Whites Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 14 | 25 | 7 |
| Somewhat worried | 25 | 34 | 18 |
| Not too worried | 24 | 15 | 30 |
| Not worried at all | 37 | 26 | 46 |
| Don't know/Refused | - | - | - |

T50b Are you worried about not having enough money to pay your bills or not? (Blacks Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Blacks Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 21 | 26 | 9 |
| Somewhat worried | 23 | 25 | 19 |
| Not too worried | 26 | 21 | 35 |
| Not worried at all | 30 | 27 | 37 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 0 | - |

T51 Are you worried about being a victim of violent crime or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 8 | 6 | 12 |
| Somewhat worried | 24 | 25 | 23 |
| Not too worried | 37 | 39 | 35 |
| Not worried at all | 31 | 30 | 30 |
| Don't know/Refused | 0 | 0 | 1 |

T51a Are you worried about being a victim of violent crime or not? (Whites Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Whites Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Somewhat worried | 25 | 28 | 24 |
| Not too | 39 | 32 | 44 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|
| worried | | | |
| Not worried at all | 30 | 31 | 28 |
| Don't know/Refused | 0 | - | 0 |

T51b Are you worried about being a victim of violent crime or not? (Blacks Only by Annual Household Income)

| | Blacks Only | Under 50k/ Year | Over 50k/ Year |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Very worried | 12 | 15 | 8 |
| Somewhat worried | 23 | 22 | 24 |
| Not too worried | 35 | 33 | 38 |
| Not worried at all | 30 | 29 | 29 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T52 Are you worried about being a victim racial discrimination or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 5 | 1 | 14 |
| Somewhat worried | 17 | 11 | 35 |
| Not too worried | 29 | 28 | 28 |
| Not worried at all | 49 | 60 | 23 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 0 | - |

T53 Are you worried about being unfairly treated by the police or not?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very worried | 9 | 4 | 23 |
| Somewhat worried | 13 | 8 | 29 |
| Not too worried | 23 | 22 | 24 |
| Not worried at all | 54 | 66 | 23 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

T54 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?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| More than once a week | 20 | 18 | 23 |
| Once a week | 31 | 28 | 36 |
| Once or twice a month | 14 | 13 | 17 |
| Few times a year | 14 | 15 | 8 |
| Seldom | 15 | 16 | 14 |
| Never | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 1 | 1 | 0 |

T55 How important would you say religion is in your own life: Very important, Fairly important, or Not very important?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Important | 74 | 68 | 85 |
| Fairly Important | 14 | 17 | 10 |
| Not Very Important | 12 | 15 | 4 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 0 | 0 | 1 |

T56 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

| | All Respondents | Whites Only | Blacks Only |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Several times a day | 49 | 46 | 56 |
| Once a day | 20 | 19 | 23 |
| A few times a week | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| Once a week | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Once a month | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Seldom | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| Never | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Methodology Statement

Survey Methodology

April 2016 Winthrop Poll Focusing on Race Relations in South Carolina

The April 2016 Winthrop Poll was unusual in several aspects. First, this poll was in the field MUCH longer than a normal poll. This poll was in the field from April 3 – April 24, 2016. The reason is twofold: First, since this poll focused on race relations, we felt the need to get an oversample of African American residents in SC. The oversample contains more than twice the number of African American respondents as a typical Winthrop Poll. Second, this poll was much longer than a typical Winthrop Poll. The mean completion time was 75% longer than normal. For these reasons, the poll needed to stay in the field longer than normal. HOWEVER, this means no “hot button” questions, such as the ‘bathroom bill,’ the gas tax, ethics reform, and the like. We limited ourselves to core, established topics about which opinion was unlikely to shift dramatically during the time this poll was in the field.

The “main” poll is a General Population poll of **814** SC residents. Results which use **All Respondents** have a **margin of error of approximately +/- 3.4%** at the 95% confidence level. Results for **Whites Only** come exclusively from the “main” poll and have a **margin of error of approximately +/- 4.1%** at the 95% confidence level. Results for **Blacks Only** contain African American respondents from the “main” poll combined with those from the African American targeted “oversample” poll. Results for **Blacks Only** have a **margin of error of approximately +/- 4.9%** at the 95% confidence level. Without the oversample, the margin of error for African Americans would be +/- 7%. Margins of error are based on weighted sample size.

Phone calls were made during weekday evenings, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon and evening. Weekday daytime calls are not made to avoid oversampling those who are more likely to be at home during the day (e.g. retirees, stay-at-home-parents, etc.). Conducting weekend calls is important to avoid systematically excluding certain populations (such as those who may work 2nd or 3rd shift during the week).

The “main” survey used **(1)** Random Digit Dialing (RDD) and **(2)** Wireless phone number sampling. Both RDD and wireless samples are crucial to ensure no adult in the geographical area of interest is systematically excluded from the sample. The “oversample” survey used **(1)** RDD which was targeted to Census areas in SC with populations that were 50% African American or higher and **(2)** Wireless phone numbers targeted by race of phone owner. All samples were purchased from Survey Sampling International (SSI).

Phone numbers selected for the survey were re-dialed up to seven times in an attempt to reach a respondent. Once a household was reached, we also employed procedures to randomize within households for RDD sample. Surveys were conducted in English.

Computerized autodialers were not used in order to ensure the survey of wireless phones complied with the Telephone Consumers Protection Act and all FCC rules regarding contacting wireless telephones.

The Winthrop Poll is paid for by Winthrop University with additional support from The West Forum on Politics and Policy at Winthrop University.

Additional Explanation of RDD Methodology : (with descriptions taken from SSI website)

Samples are generated using a database of "working blocks." A block (also known as a 100-bank or a bank) is a set of 100 contiguous numbers identified by the first two digits of the last four digits of a telephone number. For example, in the telephone number 203-567-7200, "72" is the block. A block is termed to be working if some specified number of listed telephone numbers are found in that block.

Samples of random numbers distributed across all eligible blocks in proportion to their density of listed telephone households are selected. All blocks within a county are organized in ascending order by area code, exchange, and block number. Once the quota has been allocated to all counties in the frame, a sampling interval is calculated by summing the number of listed residential numbers in eligible blocks within the county and dividing that sum by the number of sampling points assigned to the county. From a random start between zero and the sampling interval, blocks are systematically selected in proportion to their density of listed households. Once a block has been selected, a two-digit number is systematically selected in the range 00-99 and is appended to the exchange and block to form a 10-digit telephone number.