

October 2018 Winthrop Poll

1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. How often would you say that you follow what is going on in government and public affairs: Most of the time, Some of the time, Only now and then, or Hardly at all?

Most of the time 1
Some of the time 2
Only now and then .. 3
Hardly at all 4
Refused 9

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Donald Trump** is handling his job as President of the United States?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not Sure 3
Refused 9

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

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not Sure 3
Refused 9

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Henry McMaster** is handling his job as Governor of South Carolina?

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not Sure 3
Refused 9

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

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not Sure 3
Refused 9

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

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not Sure 3
Refused 9

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

[CALLER: if 'not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not Sure 3
Refused 9

8. Overall, would you say your opinion of Senator Lindsey Graham is favorable or unfavorable?

-Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

Very favorable 1
Somewhat favorable 2
Somewhat unfavorable .. 3
Very unfavorable 4
Not Sure 5
Refused 9

9. 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
Don't know/ Refused .. 9

10. 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?

Right Track 1
Wrong Direction 2
Don't Know/ Refused .. 9

11. **[CALLER MAXIMIZE YOUR 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] [CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Healthcare (people not having it)	1	
Obamacare/ Affordable Care Act (as negative)	2	
Government Shutdown		3
Default/ Debt Ceiling		4
Social Security		5
Budget Deficit or Debt	6	
Education	7	
Medicare/Medicaid	8	
Taxes	9	
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	10	
Home foreclosures		11
Roads/Bridges/Infrastructure	12	
Immigration	13	
Refugees		14
Price of Oil/Gas	15	
Defense	16	
Poverty	17	
Crime	18	
Foreign Policy		19
Jobs or unemployment		20
Abortion	21	
Moral Values	22	
Welfare	23	
Iraq	24	
Afghanistan	25	
Syria	26	
Ukraine	27	
Russia	28	
War - in general, not a specific war	29	
Politicians/ Government	30	
Environment	31	
Religious values	32	
Racism	33	
Terrorism/ISIS (in general)	34	
Energy Issues (general, not specifically oil/gas) ...	35	

Gun Control 36
Iran 37
"Fake News" 38
Donald Trump (in particular) 39
North Korea 40
"Liberals" or "Democrats" 41
"Conservatives" or "Republicans" 42
Left wing groups/ Antifa/ Violence from Left 43
Right wing/ Fascist groups 44
Other 45
Not Sure 88
Refused 99

12. **[CALLER MAXIMIZE YOUR 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] [CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Healthcare (people not having it)	1	
Obamacare/ Affordable Care Act (as negative)	2	
Government Shutdown		3
Default/ Debt Ceiling		4
Social Security		5
Budget Deficit or Debt	6	
Education	7	
Medicare/Medicaid	8	
Taxes	9	
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	10	
Home foreclosures		11
Roads/Bridges/Infrastructure	12	
Immigration	13	
Refugees		14
Price of Oil/Gas	15	
Defense	16	
Poverty	17	
Crime	18	
Foreign Policy		19
Jobs or unemployment		20
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Gun Control	36
Iran	37
"Fake News"	38
Donald Trump (in particular)	39
North Korea	40
"Liberals" or "Democrats"	41
"Conservatives" or "Republicans"	42
Left wing groups/ Antifa/ Violence from Left	43
Right wing/ Fascist groups	44
Other	45
Not Sure	88
Refused	99

13. This month, the US Senate voted to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh's appointment to the United States Supreme Court. How closely would you say you followed this story in the news? Would you say you followed it Very Closely, Somewhat Closely, Not Very Closely, or Hardly at All?

Very Closely	1
Somewhat Closely	2
Not Very Closely	3
Hardly at All	4
Don't know/ Refused ..	9

14. Overall, would you say your opinion of Brett Kavanaugh is favorable or unfavorable?

-Do you feel that way Strongly or Somewhat?

Very favorable 1
Somewhat favorable 2
Somewhat unfavorable .. 3
Very unfavorable 4
Not sure 5
Refused 9

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court?

Approve 1
Disapprove .. 2
Not sure 3
Refused 9

16. 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?

Very Good ... 1
Fairly Good .. 2
Fairly Bad 3
Very Bad 4
Not Sure 5
Refused 9

17. 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 [volunteered] .. 3
Refused 9

18. 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
Refeused 9

19. 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 [volunteered] .. 3
Refused 9

20. 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
Refused ... 9

21. 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 [Volunteered] .. 3
Refused 9

22. After each U.S. Census, the lines for each electoral district for the South Carolina State Senate and House, as well as the Congressional districts, must be redrawn to reflect the changing population and make sure each district has roughly the same number of people.

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion

[CALLER: rotate]

District lines should be redrawn in a way that is based on joining or splitting areas depending on whether people in that area tend to vote for one party or the other

OR

District lines should be redrawn in a way that is based on whether areas are part of a natural community, no matter what party the people in that area tend to vote for

Vote certain way 1
Natural community 2
Not Sure [volunteered] .. 3
Refused 9

23. After each U.S. Census, the lines for each electoral district for the South Carolina State Senate and House, as well as the Congressional districts, must be redrawn to reflect the changing population and make sure each district has roughly the same number of people.

Currently, this is done by the members of the South Carolina House and Senate.

Would you support or oppose the creation of an independent commission, with no currently elected officials, to redraw electoral district lines in South Carolina instead of it being done by current members of the South Carolina Legislature?

Support 1
Oppose 2
Not Sure [volunteered] .. 3
Refused 9

24. I am going to read a series of statements, for each one, please tell me whether you Strongly Agree, Somewhat Agree, Somewhat Disagree, or Strongly Disagree

[hit 1 to continue]

Continue .. 1

[ASK QUESTIONS 25 TO 28 IN RANDOM ORDER]

25. Women who complain about harassment often cause more problems than they solve

Would you say you feel that way strongly or somewhat

[Caller: remind respondent of answer set if necessary]

- Strongly Agree 1
- Somewhat Agree 2
- Somewhat Disagree ... 3
- Strongly Disagree 4
- Not Sure 5
- Don't Know/ Refused .. 9

26. Sexual harassment against women in the workplace is no longer a problem in the United States

Would you say you feel that way strongly or somewhat

[Caller: remind respondent of answer set if necessary]

- Strongly Agree 1
- Somewhat Agree 2
- Somewhat Disagree ... 3
- Strongly Disagree 4
- Not Sure 5
- Don't Know/ Refused .. 9

27. Most women who come forward about sexual harassment are telling the truth

Would you say you feel that way strongly or somewhat

[Caller: remind respondent of answer set if necessary]

- Strongly Agree 1
- Somewhat Agree 2
- Somewhat Disagree ... 3
- Strongly Disagree 4
- Not Sure 5
- Don't Know/ Refused .. 9

28. Innocent men have to be extra careful these days in order to not be accused of sexual harassment

Would you say you feel that way strongly or somewhat

[Caller: remind respondent of answer set if necessary]

- Strongly Agree 1
- Somewhat Agree 2
- Somewhat Disagree ... 3
- Strongly Disagree 4
- Not Sure 5
- Don't Know/ Refused .. 9

29. Do you support or oppose permitting drilling for oil off of the South Carolina coast?

Support 1
Oppose 2
Not Sure [volunteered] .. 3
Refused 9

30. Recently, you may have noticed that Climate Change has been getting some attention in the news. Climate Change, sometimes called global warming, refers to the idea that the world's *average* temperature has been increasing over the past 150 years, may be increasing more in the future, and that the world's climate may change as a result.

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion:

[CALLER: rotate answers]

Climate change is happening, but it is primarily a natural process

Climate change is happening, and humans are the primary cause

Climate change is happening, and it is an equal combination of humans and a natural process

OR

Climate change is **NOT** really happening

Is happening, natural process 1
Is happening, humans to blame 2
Is happening, equal humans & nature .. 3
Is NOT happening 4
Not Sure 5
Refused 9

31. The Winthrop Poll is developing an online panel of South Carolinians who would participate in shorter surveys sent to their email address every month or so.

Would you be interested in being added to this panel?

Yes 1
Anything other than an absolute "yes" .. 2

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 33]

32. **What is the best email address at which we may reach you?**

[CALLER: pay ****careful**** attention to spelling!!]

33. 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
- Don't Know/ Refused 9

34. **Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?**

[CALLER: CODE AS INDEPENDENT IF THEY SAY "TEA PARTY," "NO PARTY," "NEITHER," OR "NONE OF THE ABOVE"]

ONLY CODE AS SOMETHING ELSE IF THEY ACTUALLY NAME ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY]

Democrat 1
Republican 2
Independent 3
Something Else 4
Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 35]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 36]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 37]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 4, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 38]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 39]

35. **Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Democrat?**

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 39]

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

Strong 1
Not so strong .. 2
Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 39]

37. 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
Don't know/ Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 39]

38. **[CALLER: type the name of the political party they named here If they did NOT give you the name of an ACTUAL political party, go BACK and select "Independent"]**

39. [CALLER: Place the respondent on this scale based on their answer(s) to the political party questions]

- Strong Republican 1
- Not so strong Republican 2
- Independent- Leans Republican 3
- Independent- Does NOT Lean toward EITHER party .. 4
- Independent- Leans Democrat 5
- Not so strong Democrat 6
- Strong Democrat 7
- Something Else 8
- Refused/ Don't know 9

40. 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
- A few times a year 4
- Seldom 5
- Never 6
- Don't know/ Refused 9

41. 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
- Don't Know/ Refused .. 9

42. What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[CALLER: code Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopalian, AME, AME-Zion, Church of Christ, Church of God in Christ, Pentecostal, Full Gospel, and any "Non-denominational Christian Church" as "Protestant" – basically, any Christian who is non-Orthodox or non-Catholic is a Protestant]

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

Protestant	1
Roman Catholic	2
Jewish	3
Mormon	4
Jehovah's Witness	5
Muslim	6
Orthodox	7
Buddhist	8
Hindu	9
Atheist	10
Agnostic	11
Something else	12
Nothing in particular ...	13
Refused	99

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2-13 OR 99, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 44]

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

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

44. On a scale of one to ten where one represents VERY LIBERAL and ten represents VERY CONSERVATIVE where would you place YOURSELF?

[CALLER: If they say "Very Liberal" or "Very Conservative," make sure you have them clarify by saying a number 1-10]

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

1- Very Liberal	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10- Very Conservative ...	10
Don't know	88
Refused	99

45. 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
Don't know/ Refused	9

46. 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 Know/ Refused 9

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

48. [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

[CALLER: use two digit codes. e.g., "05" for

18-19	1
20-29	2
30-39	3
40-49	4
50-59	5
60-69	6
70-79	7
80-89	8
90-99	9
99 and Over ...	10
Refused	99

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

18-24	1
25-44	2
45-64	3
65 and Over ..	4
Refused	9

50. 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.

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

Under \$15,000	1
\$15,000-\$20,000	2
\$20,000-\$30,000	3
\$30,000-\$40,000	4
\$40,000-\$50,000	5
\$50,000-\$75,000	6
\$75,000-\$100,000	7
\$100,000-\$125,000	8
\$125,000-\$175,000	9
\$175,000-\$200,000	10
Over \$250,000	11
Don't Know/Refused ...	99

51. 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]

Male 1
Female 2
Not Sure .. 9

52. CALLER: When it comes to general political knowledge and understanding, would you describe this respondent as having a level of knowledge that was

Extremely High 1
Very High 2
Somewhat High 3
Neither High nor Low 4
Somewhat Low 5
Very Low 6
Extremely Low 7
I feel unable to judge this respondent's knowledge level .. 9

53. CALLER: Record your own race

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

54. CALLER: Record your own sex

Male 1

Female .. 2