The Winthrop Poll Findings

Economy

Data represent responses from 694 randomly sampled South Carolinians over the age of 18. Data using all respondents has a Margin of Error of +/- 3.72%. As is true with all survey data, subsets that do not utilize all respondents (e.g. breakdown by political party) have a slightly higher margin of error. Data were collected between Feb. 7 and Feb. 28, 2007.

[Next, I’m going to read some aspects of life in America today. For each one, please say whether you are -- Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, or Very dissatisfied.]

Q.15 How about --The size and influence of major corporations in the nation?

- Very satisfied 5.0%
- Somewhat satisfied 26.7%
- Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied 4.7%
- Somewhat unsatisfied 29.0%
- Very unsatisfied 28.8%
- Don't know/Refused 5.8%

Q.17 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today -- as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Excellent 8.2%
- Good 35.2%
- Fair 37.3%
- Poor 18.6%
- Don't know/Refused 0.8%

Q.18 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 36.3%
- Getting Worse 54.1%
- don't know/ refused 9.6%

Q.19 How concerned are you about the possibility of losing your job in the next year? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned...

- Concerned 14.5%
- somewhat concerned 9.9%
- not very concerned 14.3%
- not at all concerned 55%
- don't know/ refused 6.3%

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Q.20 If you had to find a new job in the next year, do you believe that you would need additional education or job training?

- yes 47.5%
- No 47.9%
- don't know/ refused 4.5%

Q.21 How would you rate your financial situation today: excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Excellent 13%
- Good 44.7%
- Fair 28.9%
- Poor 12.4%
- don't know/ refused 1%

Q.22 Right now do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

- Better 57.5%
- Worse 30.3%
- don't know/ refused 12.2%

Q.23 Do you think it is the responsibility of the government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

- Yes it is the responsibility of the government 61.2%
- No, it is not the responsibility of the government 32.7%
- don't know/ refused 6%

Q.24 Do you currently have health insurance coverage?

- Yes 87.6%
- No 12.1%
- don't know/ refused 0.3%

Q.25 Do you feel that your current health insurance is adequate for your needs?

- yes 73.7%
- No 22.5%
- don't know/ refused 3.8%

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Q.28 How would you rate economic conditions in the state of South Carolina today -- as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Poor 14.6%
- Fair 47.2%
- Good 32.1%
- Excellent 4%
- don't know/ refused 2%

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