The Winthrop Poll Findings

Trust and Efficacy

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.

Q.4 How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in Washington to do what is right: Just about always, Most of the time, or only Some of the time.

Just about always 4.1%
Most of the time 24.6%
Some of the time 59.3%
Never 10.7%
Don't know/Refused 1.2%

Q.5 How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Columbia to do what is right: Just about always, Most of the time, or only Some of the time.

Just about always 4.7%
Most of the time 34.0%
Some of the time 52.6%
Never 5.3%
Don't know/Refused 3.4%

Q.6 How much of the time do you think you can trust your local government to do what is right: Just about always, Most of the time, or only Some of the time.

Just about always 6.7%
Most of the time 35.6%
Some of the time 49.1%
Never 6.2%
Don't know/Refused 2.4%

Q.30 For the following questions, please answer whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree with each statement.

Public officials don't care much about what people like me think

Strongly Agree 22.8%
Agree 35.0%
Neither Agree nor Disagree 8.5%
Disagree 27.4%
Strongly Disagree 4.5%
don't know/ refused 1.8%

For further information on the Winthrop Poll, please contact Dr. Scott Huffman at 803/323-4669.
Q.31 Sometimes government and politics seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on

Strongly Agree 17.7%
Agree 37.2%
Neither Agree nor Disagree 4.6%
Disagree 30.9%
Strongly Disagree 9.1%
Don't Know/ Refused 0.6%

Q.33 People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

Strongly Agree 12.8%
Agree 30.4%
Neither Agree nor Disagree 5%
Disagree 40.6%
Strongly Disagree 9.9%
Don't Know / Refused 1.2%