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# **The Simon Poll**

## **Illinois Statewide**

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## **Poll Description**

### **Motivation**

The mission of the non-partisan Paul Simon Public Policy Institute polling is to provide citizens, policy-makers, and academic researchers with objective information about trends and issues facing society.

### **Sample and Geographic Coverage**

The 2014 Simon Poll interviewed 1,006 registered voters across Illinois.

### **Polling Method**

Live telephone interviews. Cell phone interviews accounted for 30 percent of the sample. A Spanish language version of the questionnaire and a Spanish-speaking interviewer were made available.

### **Margin of Error**

Plus or minus 3 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. The margin for error will be larger for demographic, geographic and response subgroups.

### **Date**

Poll conducted from September 23 to October 15, 2014.

### **Polling Agency**

Customer Research International of San Marcos, Texas<sup>1</sup>.

### **Funding Source**

The survey was paid for with non-tax dollars from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's endowment fund.

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<sup>1</sup> Customer Research International reports no Illinois political clients.

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## Data Descriptions and Frequencies

### Introduction and Screening

[VAR: id]

Remarks: Identification number for each respondent. Is not capable of identifying individual.

[VAR: area]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Chicago City	1	200
Chicago Suburbs	2	503
Downstate	3	303

[VAR: type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Landline	1	702
Cell Phone	2	304

*Hello. This is \_\_\_\_\_ calling for The Public Policy Institute. First, I want you to know that I'm not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a study to find out what voters think about some public policy questions important to Illinois. And, your phone number was selected at random to participate.*

**S1.** Have I reached you on your cell phone? (IF NEEDED: By cell phone we mean a wireless phone that is mobile and usable outside of your neighborhood.)

[VAR: cell]

**S2.** Is this a safe time to talk with you now or are you driving?

[VAR: safe]

**S3.** According to our research procedure, I need to speak to the youngest (male/female) who is registered to vote. May I speak to that person, please?

[VAR: spk\_youngest]

**S5.** Are you registered to vote in the state of Illinois?

[VAR: reg\_voter]

**S6.** Gender

[VAR: gender]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Male	1	502
Female	2	504

Remarks: The interviewer did not ask, they recorded according to what they thought.

## **General Outlook**

1. First, we'd like to know what you think about the direction of the United States of America. Generally speaking, do you think things in our country are going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdirusa]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	326
Wrong direction	2	575
Don't know	9	105

**Remarks:** If the participant was unsure, the interviewer probed, “well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?”

2. And what about the direction of the State of Illinois? Generally speaking, are things in Illinois going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdiril]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	236
Wrong direction	2	688
Don't know	9	82

**Remarks:** If the participant was unsure, the interviewer probed, “well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?”

3. And how are things going in your city or area of the state? In general, are things in your city or area going in the right direction, or in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdirlocal]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	530
Wrong direction	2	382
Don't Know	9	94

**Remarks:** If the participant was unsure, the interviewer probed, “well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?”

4. Regardless of what you think about how things are going in your part of the state, please tell me what you think about the overall quality of life in your area. Taking everything into account, would you say the overall quality of life in your area is...?

[VAR: qlife]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	152
Good	2	418
Average	3	312
Not so good	4	73
Poor	5	51

**Election Behavior**

5. As you may know, statewide elections in Illinois will be held this November. Thinking ahead, are you certain to vote in the elections, is there a small chance you might not get a chance to vote, or will you probably not vote in the November elections?

[VAR: gen14\_vote]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Certain to vote	1	853
Small chance might not vote	2	81
Probably not vote	3	48
Other/Don't know	9	24

Remarks: Used in constructing gen14\_likelyvoter

6. We are interested in how well local election officials communicate with voters about the location of polling places in Illinois. Thinking about your polling place for the upcoming elections, do you know its exact location, are you pretty sure of its location, or are you unsure of where your polling place is?

[VAR: gen14\_poll]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Know its exact location	1	781
Pretty sure of location	2	127
Unsure of location	3	91
Don't know	9	7

Remarks: Used in constructing gen14\_likelyvoter

[VAR: gen14\_likelyvoter]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Likely voter	1	691
Not likely	2	127

Remarks: Constructed from gen14\_vote and gen14\_poll. Respondents were deemed to be a likely voter if they responded "certain to vote" in gen14\_vote and "know its exact location" in gen14\_poll. All other combinations of responses were deemed not likely to vote.

7. Thinking about the upcoming elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual about voting, or less enthusiastic?

[VAR: gen14\_enthus]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More enthusiastic	1	357
Less enthusiastic	2	407
About the same as usual	8	212
Other/Don't Know	9	30

8. As you know, members of the US House of Representatives are on the ballot this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for the [ROTATE] Republican candidate for Congress, or the [ROTATE] Democratic candidate?

[VAR: gen14\_house]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Democratic Candidate	1	423
Lean Democratic	2	46
Lean Republican	3	44
Republican candidate	4	289
Someone else	8	19
Don't Know	9	185

Remarks: If the respondent was unsure, the interviewer probed “well, which way are you leaning?”

[VAR: gen14\_house\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent offered a name other than those listed then their response was written in.

[VAR: gen14\_house\_col]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Democratic plus leans	1	469
Republican plus leans	2	333
Another party	3	19
Don't Know	9	185

Remarks: Collapse of gen14\_house.

9. And if the election for governor was being held today, would you vote for . . . (randomize candidates)

[VAR: gen14\_gov]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
The Republican candidate, Bruce Rauner	1	348
Lean Rauner	2	40
The Democratic candidate, Pat Quinn	3	379
Lean Quinn	4	35
The Libertarian candidate, Chad Grim	5	38
Lean Grim	6	7
Someone else	8	9
Don't Know	9	150

Remarks: If the respondent was unsure, the interviewer probed “well, which way are you leaning?”

[VAR: gen14\_gov\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent offered a name other than those listed then their response was written in.

[VAR: gen14\_gov\_col]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Rauner plus leans	1	388
Quinn plus leans	2	414
Grimm plus leans	3	45
Don't Know	9	9

Remarks: Collapse of gen14\_gov.

**10.** And if the election for U.S. Senator from Illinois was being held today, would you vote for . .  
*.(randomize candidates)*

[VAR: gen14\_ussen]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
The Republican candidate, Jim Oberweis	1	300
Lean Oberweis	2	25
The Democratic candidate, Dick Durbin	3	463
Lean Durbin	4	29
The Libertarian candidate, Sharon Hansen	5	39
Lean Hansen	6	10
Someone else	8	2
Don't Know	9	138

Remarks: If the respondent was unsure, the interviewer probed "well, which way are you leaning?"

[VAR: gen14\_ussen\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent offered a name other than those listed then their response was written in.

[VAR: gen14\_ussen\_col]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Oberweis plus leans	1	325
Durbin plus leans	2	492
Hansen plus leans	3	49
Someone else	8	2
Don't Know	9	138

Remarks: Collapse of gen14\_ussen.

- 11.** Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would prohibit discrimination in registration and voting based on race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income?

[VAR: gen14\_voter]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	440
Favor	2	269
Oppose	3	96
Strongly oppose	4	106
Don't know	9	95

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

- 12.** Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would strengthen the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights by increasing victims' access to proceedings and increasing protections against harassment?

[VAR: gen14\_victim]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	372
Favor	2	331
Oppose	3	97
Strongly oppose	4	49
Don't know	9	157

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

- 13.** Would you favor or oppose an advisory proposal to raise the minimum wage for all adults in Illinois 18 and over from \$8.25 an hour to \$10 an hour?

[VAR: gen14\_minwage]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	456
Favor	2	259
Oppose	3	126
Strongly oppose	4	115
Don't know	9	50

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

14. Would you favor or oppose an advisory proposal to require all health insurance plans in Illinois to cover prescription birth control?

[VAR: gen14\_insbcb]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	368
Favor	2	255
Oppose	3	135
Strongly oppose	4	159
Don't know	9	89

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

15. Would you favor or oppose an advisory proposal to add a 3 percent tax on all income above \$1 million a year to provide additional funding to public schools

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[VAR: gen14\_miltax]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	425
Favor	2	255
Oppose	3	128
Strongly oppose	4	150
Don't know	9	48

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

### **Illinois Political Reform**

*Section Introduction: We also are interested in your opinions on political reform in Illinois. I'm going to read you some proposals that some people have offered. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that idea. Next, we'd like to ask you two questions about the state legislative redistricting process in Illinois.*

*(rotate)*

16. One proposal for improving the state legislative redistricting process would have the Illinois Supreme Court add a neutral person to the redistricting panel in case of a partisan tie. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: redist\_neutral]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	272
Somewhat favor	2	444
Somewhat oppose	3	113
Strongly oppose	4	50
Don't know	9	127

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

- 17.** Other people have proposed a constitutional amendment that would have legislative district maps created and recommended by a commission that is independent of the elected representatives. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: redist\_commis]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	299
Somewhat favor	2	347
Somewhat oppose	3	115
Strongly oppose	4	75
Don't know	9	170

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

- 18.** A proposal to place limits on the amount that people could contribute to judicial campaigns, such as those for the Illinois Supreme Court. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: cf\_lim\_judg]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	372
Favor	2	337
Oppose	3	131
Strongly oppose	4	81
Don't know	9	85

Remarks: If the respondent agreed/disagreed, the interviewer asked if they strongly agreed/disagreed.

- 19.** A proposal to eliminate contributions to judicial races by providing public funding for all candidates who qualify for it. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: cf\_pub\_judg]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	191
Agree	2	348
Disagree	3	213
Strongly disagree	4	151
Don't know	9	103

Remarks: If the respondent agreed/disagreed, the interviewer asked if they strongly agreed/disagreed.



## **Tea Party Sequence**

*Section Introduction: We have a couple of questions about the so-called “Tea Party” political movement.*

- 20.** From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don’t you have an opinion either way?

[VAR: app\_teapar]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	113
Agree	2	96
Disagree	3	77
Strongly disagree	4	309
No opinion on Tea Party	8	371
Don’t know	9	40

Remarks: If the respondent agreed/disagreed, the interviewer asked if they strongly agreed/disagreed.

- 21.** And would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate that was affiliated with the Tea Party movement?

[VAR: vote\_teapar]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Much more	1	85
Somewhat more	2	118
Neither more or less	3	166
Somewhat less	4	113
Much less	5	377
Don’t know	9	147

Remarks: If the respondent more likely/less likely, the interviewer asked if it was much more/less likely or just somewhat more/less likely.

## **Education Sequence**

*Section Introduction: We are interested in your opinions on a few education policy proposals . . .*

- 22.** Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require all Illinois high school students to take and pass a civics or government course in order to graduate?

[VAR: ed\_hscivics]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	569
Somewhat favor	2	230
Somewhat oppose	3	87
Strongly oppose	4	78
Other/Don’t know	9	42

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

- 23.** Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require all Illinois high school students to complete a community service project in order to graduate?

[VAR: ed\_hskom]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	454
Somewhat favor	2	228
Somewhat oppose	3	154
Strongly oppose	4	122
Other/Don't know	9	48

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

- 24.** Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require all Illinois middle school students to complete a community service project in order to graduate?

[VAR: ed\_mscom]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	340
Somewhat favor	2	226
Somewhat oppose	3	221
Strongly oppose	4	172
Other/Don't know	9	47

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

## **Guns and Society**

*Section Introduction: Next, a few questions about guns and society . . .*

- 25A.** What do you think is more important? Protecting the right to own guns, or controlling gun ownership?

[VAR: gun\_rts1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Protecting the right to own guns	1	188
Controlling ownership	2	285
Other/Don't know	9	32
Missing	IAP	501

**25B.** What do you think is more important? Protecting the right to own guns, or controlling gun ownership?

[VAR: gun\_rts2]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Protecting the right to own guns	1	178
Controlling ownership	2	286
Other/Don't know	9	37
Missing	IAP	505

[VAR: gun\_own]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Protecting the right to own guns	1	366
Controlling ownership	2	571
Other/Don't know	9	69

Remarks: Collapse of gun\_rts1 and gun\_rts2.

**26.** Now that Illinois has passed a law allowing registered, trained citizens to carry loaded handguns in public, do you feel more safe or less safe?

[VAR: gun\_conceal\_safe]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More safe	1	295
Less safe	2	521
Neither more nor less/about the same	8	156
Other/Don't know	9	34

**27.** Some have proposed a law requiring that convicted felons who have been found guilty of illegally carrying firearms would have to serve at least 85 percent of their sentence. Some people (ROTATE)

a) support the law because they say it would make our laws more of a deterrent against violent gun crimes, and would take some of the most dangerous people off the streets and some people

b) oppose the law because they say it would cost too much to house more people in already overcrowded prisons, and they worry that some law-abiding people might be imprisoned by this stricter law.

Which comes closer to your opinion, that

[VAR: gun\_85percent]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Convicted felons should serve at least 85 percent . . .	1	649
We should not impose mandatory minimum sentences . . .	2	254
Other/Don't know	9	103

**28.**Some have proposed that the mandatory minimum sentence for those convicted of a felony involving a firearm should be increased from two years to three years. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: gun\_bigmin]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	370
Somewhat favor	2	302
Somewhat oppose	3	161
Strongly oppose	4	65
Other/Don't know	9	108

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

### **Illinois State Budget**

**29.**The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 3 billion dollars. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that.

[VAR: fix\_deficit\_il14b]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
We can only fix the problem by taking in more revenue...	1	157
We can fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency..	2	434
So large it can only be solved by a combination...	3	323
Haven't thought much about it	8	49
Other/Don't know	9	43

**30.**Do you favor or oppose a proposal to make permanent the temporary state income tax increase passed in 2011?

[VAR: tax\_temp\_inc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	122
Somewhat favor	2	200
Somewhat oppose	3	236
Strongly oppose	4	328
Other/Don't know	9	120

Remarks: If the respondent favored/opposed, the interviewer asked if they strongly favored/opposed.

## **Police and Public Policy**

*Section introduction:* Next we have a few questions about the police and public policy

**31.**Should the racial makeup of a community's police department be similar to the racial makeup of that community as a whole, or isn't it necessary?

[VAR: cops\_makeup]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes, should be similar	1	481
No, not necessary	2	463
Don't know/Refused	9	62

**32.**How would you rate your local police department on police protection?

[VAR: cops\_protect]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	322
Good	2	410
Fair	3	153
Poor	4	53
Very poor	5	39
Don't know/Refused	9	29

[VAR: cops\_pro1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent or good	1	732
Fair, poor, or very poor	2	245
Other/Don't know	9	29

Remarks: Collapse of cops\_protect.

**33.**How would you rate your local police department on the ability to respond quickly to calls for help and assistance?

[VAR: cops\_rate]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	359
Good	2	361
Fair	3	126
Poor	4	53
Very poor	5	36
Don't know/Refused	9	71

[VAR: cops\_rate1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent or good	1	720
Fair, poor, or very poor	2	215
Other/Don't know	9	71

Remarks: Collapse of cops\_rate.*Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements:***34.**My local police department demographically represents people like me.

[VAR: cops\_match]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	322
Agree	2	261
Neither agree or disagree	3	47
Disagree	4	93
Strongly disagree	5	111
Other/Don't know	9	172

Remarks: If the respondent agreed/disagreed, the interviewer asked if they strongly agreed/disagreed.

[VAR: cops\_mat1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Agree	2	583
Neither agree or disagree	3	47
Disagree	4	204
Other/Don't know	9	172

Remarks: Collapse of cops\_match.**35.**My local police department responds to the needs of all members of the community.

[VAR: cops\_respond]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	478
Agree	2	290
Neither agree or disagree	3	28
Disagree	4	61
Strongly disagree	5	67
Other/Don't know	9	82

Remarks: If the respondent agreed/disagreed, the interviewer asked if they strongly agreed/disagreed.

[VAR: cops\_resp1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Agree	1	768
Neither agree or disagree	2	28
Disagree	3	128
Other/Don't know	9	82

Remarks: Collapse of cops\_respond.

**36.**Should local police forces have military weapons and vehicles, such as assault rifles and tanks, or should these kinds of weapons be reserved only for the military and National Guard?

[VAR: cops\_mil]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Police forces should have military weapons and vehicles	1	280
Should be reserved only for military and National Guard	2	642
Other/Don't know	9	84

## **Social Issues**

*Section Introduction: And now just a couple of questions on social issues.*

**37.**Do you think abortions should be legal under all circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

[VAR: abort\_leg]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Legal under any circumstances	1	390
Legal under certain circumstances	2	402
Illegal under all circumstances	3	151
Don't know/Refused	9	63

**38.**Which of the following three statements comes closest to your position on the legal rights of gay and lesbian couples in Illinois?: Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry; Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions, which would give them some legal rights; OR There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples?

[VAR: lg\_coup\_rts]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Allowed to legally marry	1	565
Allowed to form civil unions	2	213
No legal recognition of relationships	3	160
Don't know/Refused	9	68

### **Economic Situation**

**39.**Next, we are interested in how people are doing financially in Illinois. Overall, and speaking generally, would you say your family's economic situation is better than it was a year ago, worse than it was a year ago, or about the same?

[VAR: betteroff\_now]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Better	1	189
Worse	2	246
About the same	3	564
Other/Don't know	9	7

**40.**And what about in the coming year? Overall, and speaking generally, do you expect your family's economic situation next year will be better than it has been this year, worse than it has been this year, or about the same as this year?

[VAR: betteroff\_1yr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Better	1	269
Worse	2	142
About the same	3	568
Other/Don't know	9	27

### **News and Media Consumption**

**41.**How often do you watch the local news, daily, a few times a week, a few times a month or never?

[VAR: betteroff\_1yr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Daily	1	637
A few times a week	2	185
A few times a month	3	92
Never	4	89
Other/Don't know	9	3



## **Demographics**

*Section Introduction: Now I have a few questions for classification purposes...*

### **42. What is the last level of education you have completed?**

[VAR: education]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Less than high school	1	26
High school	2	193
Some college	3	204
Associate's degree	4	105
Bachelor's degree	5	247
Graduate or professional degree	6	222
Other/Don't know/Refused	9	9

### **43. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself . . .**

[VAR: ideo\_leans]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very liberal	1	127
Somewhat liberal	2	229
Moderate	3	276
Somewhat conservative	4	218
Very conservative	5	104
Other/Don't know/Refused	9	52

[VAR: ideology]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Liberal	1	356
Moderate	2	276
Conservative	3	322
Other/Don't know/Refused	9	52

Remarks: collapse of ideo\_leans

**44.** Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

[VAR: party\_leans]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strong Democrat	1	270
Not so strong Democrat	2	89
Independent leaning Democrat	3	119
Pure Independent	4	166
Independent leaning Republican	5	84
Not so strong republican	6	77
Strong Republican	7	108
Something else	8	34
Other/Don't know	9	59

Remarks: If the respondent said that they were a Republican/Democrat, the interviewer probed “would you call yourself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?” If the respondent said that they were an independent, the interviewer probed “do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic party?”

[VAR: partyaff]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Democrat	1	478
Pure Independent	2	166
Republican	3	269
Something else	8	34
Other/Don't know	9	59

Remarks: Collapse of party\_leans. Independents identifying with a party are grouped with that party.

**45.** Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired or not currently employed?

[VAR: employ\_time]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Full-time	1	418
Part-time	2	114
Retired	3	338
Not employed	4	118
Other/Don't know/Refused	9	18

Remarks: If the respondent said that they were “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q46. If the respondent said that they were “retired” (3), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q47. If they were “not employed” or “other/don't know/refused” (9), the interviewer skipped to R01.

**46.** Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

[VAR: employ\_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Private	1	264
Non-Profit	2	55
Government	3	91
Self-employed	4	97
Other/Don't know/Refused	9	25
Not applicable	IAP	474

Remarks: Only asked if response to Q55 was full-time (1) or part-time (2).

**47.** Are you retired from a private company or business, a non-profit organization, a governmental agency or were you self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

[VAR: retired\_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Private	1	163
Non-Profit	2	21
Government	3	87
Self-employed	4	43
Other/Don't know/Refused	9	24
Not applicable	IAP	668

Remarks: Only asked if response to Q55 was retired (3).

### **Religious Behavior**

**R01.** Lots of things come up that keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Apart from occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals, how often do you go to religious services?

[VAR: relig\_often]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Every week	1	307
Almost every week	2	88
Once or twice a month	3	152
A few times a year	4	229
Never	5	206
Refused	9	24

Remarks: If the respondent said that they attend “every week” (1), “almost every week” (2), or “once or twice a month” (3), the interviewer asked them QR02A. If the respondent said they attend “a few times a year” (4), “never” (5), or refused to answer (9), the interviewer skipped to QR02B.

**R02A.** Do you attend a place of worship that is Christian or some other religion?

[VAR: relig\_1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	470
Some other religion	2	63
Don't know	8	7
Refused	9	7
Not applicable	IAP	459

Remarks: if the respondent said "Christian" (1), the interviewer proceeded to R02B. If the respondent said anything else, the interviewer skipped to Q58.

**R02B.** Do you consider yourself Christian, some other religion, or no religion?

[VAR: relig\_2]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	265
Some other religion	2	74
No religion	3	101
Don't know	8	3
Refused	9	16
Not applicable	IAP	547

Remarks: If the respondent said they were "Christian" (1), the interviewer asked them QR06. If they said anything else, the interviewer skipped to Q58.

[VAR: religion]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	735
Some other religion	2	137
No religion	3	101
Don't know	8	10
Refused	9	23

Remarks: Collapse of relig\_1 and relig\_2

**R06.** Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

[VAR: born\_again1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes (just yes, not born again or evangelical)	1	37
Yes, born-again	2	95
Yes, Evangelical	3	28
Yes, both	4	15
No	5	549
Don't know	8	9
Refused	9	2
Not applicable	IAP	271

[VAR: born\_again]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Born again and/or evangelical	1	175
Neither	2	549
Don't know	9	2
Not applicable	IAP	280

Remarks: Collapse of born\_again1**Demographics****49.**To make sure all parts of Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code?

[VAR: zip]

Remarks: If RS refused, zip code entered as 1900.

**50.**For classification purposes, I need to know the year of your birth.

[VAR: birth\_yr]

Remarks: If RS refused, birth year entered as 1900.

[VAR: age\_cat]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
18-24	1	50
25-29	2	42
30-34	3	35
35-39	4	59
40-44	5	66
45-49	6	72
50-54	7	97
55-59	8	107
60-64	9	96
65-69	10	112
70-74	11	78
75-79	12	69
80+	13	73
Refused	99	50

Remarks: Birth year reclassified.

**51.**For statistical purposes only, we'd like to know your racial or ethnic group.

[VAR: rac\_eth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
White	1	709
Black	2	146
Asian	3	17
Hispanic	4	46
Multiracial	5	20
Other	8	21
Refused	9	47

Remarks: Interviewer was instructed to say, “most people consider themselves either white, black, Asian, or Hispanic” only if necessary, otherwise they did not read the list.

[VAR: rac\_eth\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent said that they considered themselves part of another race (8), the interviewer wrote in their response.

**52.**How would you describe your neighborhood racially?

[VAR: neighborhood]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Almost all black	1	44
Mostly black	2	48
About an equal number of blacks and whites	3	78
Almost all non-white Hispanic	4	9
Mostly non-white Hispanic	5	17
About an equal number of non-white Hispanics and whites	6	55
Mostly white	7	361
Almost all white	8	215
None of these responses describe your neighborhood	9	140
Other/Don't know	10	39

[VAR: neighborhood1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Almost all/mostly black	1	92
About an equal number of blacks and whites	2	78
Almost all/mostly non-white Hispanic	3	26
About an equal number of non-white Hispanics and whites	4	55
Almost all/mostly white	5	576
None of these responses describe your neighborhood	6	140
Other/Don't know	9	39

Remarks: Collapse of neighborhood

**53.** And finally, again for statistical purposes, we'd like a rough estimate of your total household income last year. Just stop me when I get to your category. Was it...?

[VAR: hh\_inc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Under \$25,00	1	100
\$25,001 - \$35,000	2	91
\$35,001 - \$50,000	3	100
\$50,001 - \$70,000	4	149
\$70,000 - \$100,000	5	142
\$100,000 - \$150,000	6	123
Over \$150,000	7	104
Don't know	8	34
Refused	9	163

*And that's all the questions we have. Thank you for your time and cooperation with this very important survey. Goodbye.*

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**Introduction and Screening**

Hello. This is \_\_\_\_\_ calling for The Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. First, I want you to know that I'm not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a study to find out what voters think about some important public policy questions important to Illinois. And, your phone number was selected at random to participate.

**[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]**

S1. Have I reached you on your cell phone? (IF NEEDED: By cell phone we mean a wireless phone that is mobile and usable outside of your neighborhood.)

- 1) Yes **[CONTINUE TO S2]**
- 2) No **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
- 3) Don't Know **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

S2. Is this a safe time to talk with you now or are you driving?

- 1) Yes, safe **[CONTINUE TO S4]**
- 2) No, driving **[ARRANGE CALLBACK TIME]**

**[ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE]**

S3. According to our research procedure, I need to speak to the youngest (male/female) who is registered to vote. May I speak to that person, please?

- 1) Yes **[REPEAT INTRO THEN GO TO S4]**
- 2) Yes, I'll get him/her **[REPEAT INTRO THEN GO TO S4]**
- 3) No, not available **[ARRANGE CALLBACK]**
- 4) No, nobody here **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

S5. Are you registered to vote in the state of Illinois?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
- 3) Don't know **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

S6. (RECORD GENDER BY OBSERVATION)

- 1) Male
- 2) Female



1. First, we'd like to know what you think about the direction of the United States of America. Generally speaking, do you think things in our country are going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
  - 1) Right direction
  - 2) Wrong direction
  - 3) Don't know
2. And what about the direction of the State of Illinois? Generally speaking, are things in Illinois going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
  - 1) Right direction
  - 2) Wrong direction
  - 3) Don't know
3. And how are things going in your city or area of the state? In general, are things in your city or area going in the right direction, or in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
  - 1) Right direction
  - 2) Wrong direction
  - 3) Don't know
4. Regardless of what you think about how things are going in your part of the state, please tell me what you think about the overall quality of life in your area. Taking everything into account, would you say the overall quality of life in your area is...? (READ LIST)
  - 1) Excellent
  - 2) Good
  - 3) Average
  - 4) Not so good
  - 5) Poor
5. As you may know, statewide elections in Illinois will be held this November. Thinking ahead, are you certain to vote in the elections, is there a small chance you might not get a chance to vote, or will you probably not vote in the November elections?
  - 1) Certain to vote
  - 2) Small chance might not vote
  - 3) Probably not vote
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

6. We are interested in how well local election officials communicate with voters about the location of polling places in Illinois. Thinking about your polling place for the upcoming elections, do you know its exact location, are you pretty sure of its location, or are you unsure of where your polling place is?
  - 1) Know its exact location
  - 2) Pretty sure of location
  - 3) Unsure of location
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
7. Thinking about the upcoming elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual about voting, or less enthusiastic?
  - 1) More enthusiastic
  - 2) Less enthusiastic
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) About the same as usual
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
8. As you know, members of the US House of Representatives are on the ballot this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for the [ROTATE] Republican candidate for Congress, or the [ROTATE] Democratic candidate? (IF UNSURE OR DON'T KNOW, ASK "WELL, WHICH WAY ARE YOU LEANING?")
  - 1) Democratic Candidate
  - 2) Lean Democratic
  - 3) Lean Republican
  - 4) Republican candidate
  - 5) Or someone else? (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

**[ROTATE GOVERNOR/SENATOR ITEMS]**

9. If the election for governor was being held today, would you vote for...? **[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATES]** (IF UNSURE OR DON'T KNOW, ASK "WELL, WHICH WAY ARE YOU LEANING?")
  - 1) The Republican candidate, Bruce Rauner (rhymes with "Browner")
  - 2) Lean Rauner
  - 3) The Democratic candidate, Pat Quinn
  - 4) Lean Quinn
  - 5) The Libertarian candidate, Chad Grimm
  - 6) Lean Grimm
  - 7) Or someone else? (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

10. If the election for U.S. Senator from Illinois was being held today, would you vote for...?  
**[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATES]** (IF UNSURE OR DON'T KNOW, ASK "WELL, WHICH WAY ARE YOU LEANING?"

- 1) The Republican candidate, Jim Oberweis (rhymes with "Very nice")
- 2) Lean Oberweis
- 3) The Democratic candidate, Dick Durbin
- 4) Lean Durbin
- 5) The Libertarian candidate, Sharon Hansen
- 6) Lean Hansen
- 7) Or someone else? (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

There are a number of policy issues on the ballot this November. For each that I read, please tell me if you favor or oppose the proposal

**[ROTATE BALLOT INITIATIVE QUESTIONS]**

11. Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would prohibit discrimination in registration and voting based on race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

1. Strongly favor
2. Favor
3. Oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

12. Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would strengthen the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights by increasing victims' access to proceedings and increasing protections against harassment? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

1. Strongly favor
2. Favor
3. Oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

13. Would you favor or oppose an advisory proposal to raise the minimum wage for all adults in Illinois 18 and over from \$8.25 an hour to \$10 an hour? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

1. Strongly favor
2. Favor
3. Oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

14. Would you favor or oppose an advisory proposal to require all health insurance plans in Illinois to cover prescription birth control? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

1. Strongly favor
  2. Favor
  3. Oppose
  4. Strongly oppose
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
15. Would you favor or oppose an advisory proposal to add a 3 percent tax on all income above \$1 million a year to provide additional funding to public schools? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
1. Strongly favor
  2. Favor
  3. Oppose
  4. Strongly oppose
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

We also are interested in your opinions on political reform in Illinois. I'm going to read you some proposals that some people have offered. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that idea. First is... **[ROTATE ORDER OF PROPOSALS]**

Next, we'd like to ask you two questions about the state legislative redistricting process in Illinois.

16. One proposal for improving the state legislative redistricting process would have the Illinois Supreme Court add a neutral person to the redistricting panel in case of a partisan tie. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
- 1) Strongly favor
  - 2) Somewhat favor
  - 3) Somewhat oppose
  - 4) Strongly oppose
  - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
17. Other people have proposed a constitutional amendment that would have legislative district maps created and recommended by a commission that is independent of the elected representatives. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
- 1) Strongly favor
  - 2) Somewhat favor
  - 3) Somewhat oppose
  - 4) Strongly oppose
  - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
18. A proposal to place limits on the amount that people could contribute to judicial campaigns, such as those for the Illinois Supreme Court. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

19. A proposal to eliminate contributions to judicial races by providing public funding for all candidates who qualify for it. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

We have a couple of questions about the so-called "Tea Party" political movement.

20. From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way? (INTERVIEWER: IF AGREE / DISAGREE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY AGREE / DISAGREE?)

- 1) Strongly agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Strongly disagree
- 5) No opinion on Tea Party
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

21. And would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate that was affiliated with the Tea Party movement? (INTERVIEWER: IF MORE LIKELY / LESS LIKELY ASK: IS THAT MUCH MORE / LESS LIKELY, OR JUST SOMEWHAT MORE / LESS LIKELY?)

- 1) Much more
- 2) Somewhat more
- 3) Neither more nor less (VOL)
- 4) Somewhat less
- 5) Much less
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

We are interested in your opinions on a few education policy proposals . . .

22. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require all Illinois high school students to take and pass a civics or government course in order to graduate? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

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23. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require all Illinois high school students to complete a community service project in order to graduate? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

24. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to require all Illinois middle school students to complete a community service project in order to graduate? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Next, a few questions about guns and society . . .

25. What do you think is more important? Protecting the right to own guns, or controlling gun ownership?

- 1) Protecting the right to own guns
- 2) Controlling ownership
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

26. Now that Illinois has passed a law allowing registered, trained citizens to carry loaded handguns in public, do you feel more safe or less safe?
- 1) More safe
  - 2) Less safe
  - 3) Neither more nor less/about the same (VOL)
  - 4) Other/Don't know
27. Some have proposed a law requiring that convicted felons who have been found guilty of illegally carrying firearms would have to serve at least 85 percent of their sentence. Some people (ROTATE)
- a) support the law because they say it would make our laws more of a deterrent against violent gun crimes, and would take some of the most dangerous people off the streets and some people
- b) oppose the law because they say it would cost too much to house more people in already overcrowded prisons, and they worry that some law-abiding people might be imprisoned by this stricter law.
- Which comes closer to your opinion, that
- 1) Convicted felons should serve at least 85 percent of their gun-crime sentences  
--OR--
  - 2) We should not impose mandatory minimum sentences on felons convicted of gun crimes
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
28. Some have proposed that the mandatory minimum sentence for those convicted of a felony involving a firearm should be increased from two years to three years. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
1. Strongly favor
  2. Favor
  3. Oppose
  4. Strongly oppose
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Next I'm going to ask you a few questions about the state of Illinois' budget.

29. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 3 billion dollars. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that. **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**
- Illinois' public programs and services have already been reduced significantly. We can only fix the problem by taking in more revenue, such as a tax increase.
  - The state takes in plenty of money to pay for public services, but wastes it on unnecessary programs. We can fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency in government.
  - Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.
  - (DO NOT READ) Haven't thought much about it.
  - Other/DK
30. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to make permanent the temporary state income tax increase passed in 2011?. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
- Strongly favor
  - Favor
  - Oppose
  - Strongly oppose
  - (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
31. Should the racial makeup of a community's police department be similar to the racial makeup of that community as a whole, or isn't it necessary?
- Yes, should be similar
  - No, not necessary
  - (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
32. How would you rate your local police department on police protection?
- Excellent
  - Good
  - Fair
  - Poor
  - Very poor
  - (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know



33. How would you rate your local police department on the ability to respond quickly to calls for help and assistance?
1. Excellent
  2. Good
  3. Fair
  4. Poor
  5. Very poor
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

34. My local police department demographically represents people like me.  
(INTERVIEWER: IF AGREE / DISAGREE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY AGREE / DISAGREE?)
- 1) Strongly agree
  - 2) Somewhat agree
  - 3) Neither agree nor disagree (VOL)
  - 4) Somewhat disagree
  - 5) Strongly disagree
  - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
35. My local police department responds to the needs of all members of the community.  
(INTERVIEWER: IF AGREE / DISAGREE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY AGREE / DISAGREE?)
- 1) Strongly agree
  - 2) Somewhat agree
  - 3) Neither agree nor disagree (VOL)
  - 4) Somewhat disagree
  - 5) Strongly disagree
  - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
36. Should local police forces have military weapons and vehicles, such as assault rifles and tanks, or should these kinds of weapons be reserved only for the military and National Guard?
- 1) Police forces should have military weapons and vehicles
  - 2) These weapons should be reserved only for military and National Guard
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know/No answer

And now a couple of questions on social issues.

37. Do you think abortions should be legal under all circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
- 1) Legal in all circumstances
  - 2) Legal in certain circumstances
  - 3) Illegal in all circumstances
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

38. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your position on the legal rights of gay and lesbian couples in Illinois?
- 1) Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry
  - 2) Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions, but not to legally marry
  - 3) There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
39. Next, we are interested in how people are doing financially in Illinois. Overall, and speaking generally, would you say your family's economic situation is better than it was a year ago, worse than it was a year ago, or about the same?
- 1) Better
  - 2) Worse
  - 3) About the same
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
40. And what about in the coming year? Overall, and speaking generally, do you expect your family's economic situation next year will be better than it has been this year, worse than it has been this year, or about the same as this year?
- 1) Better
  - 2) Worse
  - 3) About the same
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
41. How often do you watch the local news, daily, a few times a week, a few times a month or never?
- 1) Daily
  - 2) A few times a week
  - 3) A few times a month
  - 4) Never
  - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

*Now I have a few questions for classification purposes.*

42. What is the last level of education you have completed?
- 1) Less than high school
  - 2) High school
  - 3) Some college
  - 4) Associate's degree
  - 5) Bachelor's degree
  - 6) Graduate or professional degree
  - 7) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

43. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself?
- 1) Very liberal
  - 2) Somewhat liberal
  - 3) Moderate
  - 4) Somewhat conservative
  - 5) Very conservative
  - 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
44. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?  
(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT: Would you call yourself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?)  
(IF INDEPENDENT: Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?)
- 1) Strong Democrat
  - 2) Not-strong Democrat
  - 3) Independent Democrat
  - 4) (DO NOT READ) Pure Independent
  - 5) Independent Republican
  - 6) Not-strong Republican
  - 7) Strong Republican
  - 8) Something else
  - 9) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know
45. Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired or not currently employed?
- 1) Full-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 46]**
  - 2) Part-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 46]**
  - 3) Retired **[SKIP TO Q47]**
  - 4) Not employed **[SKIP TO R01]**
  - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know **[SKIP TO R01]**
46. Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?
- 1) Private
  - 2) Non-Profit
  - 3) Government
  - 4) Self-Employed
  - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

**[IF Q45=3 / RETIRED]**

47. Are you retired from a private company or business, a non-profit organization, a governmental agency or were you self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

- 1) Private
- 2) Non-Profit
- 3) Government
- 4) Self-Employed
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

R01. Lots of things come up that keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Apart from occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals, how often do you go to religious services EVERY WEEK, ALMOST EVERY WEEK, ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH, A FEW TIMES A YEAR, or NEVER?

- 1) Every week **[CONTINUE TO R02A]**
- 2) Almost every week **[CONTINUE TO R02A]**
- 3) Once or twice a month **[CONTINUE TO R02A]**
- 4) A few times a year **[SKIP TO R02B]**
- 5) Never **[SKIP TO R02B]**
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Refused **[SKIP TO R02B]**

**[IF R01=1-3 / EVERY WEEK, ALMOST EVERY WEEK, OR ONCE/TWICE A MONTH]**

R02A. Do you attend a place of worship that is CHRISTIAN or SOME OTHER RELIGION? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Christian **[SKIP TO R04]**
- 2) Some other religion **[SKIP TO R05]**
- 8) Don't know **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**
- 9) Refused **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**

**[IF R01=4-6 / A FEW TIMES A YEAR, NEVER, OR REFUSED]**

R02B. Do you consider yourself CHRISTIAN, SOME OTHER RELIGION, or NO RELIGION?

- 1) Christian **[GO TO R04]**
- 2) Some other religion **[GO TO R05]**
- 3) No religion **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**
- 8) Don't know **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**
- 9) Refused **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**

**[ASKED OF ANYONE WHO ANSWERED "Christian"]**

- R06. Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?
- 1) Yes (JUST "YES". RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY BORN-AGAIN OR EVANGELICAL)
  - 2) Yes, Born-Again (or just Born-Again)
  - 3) Yes, Evangelical (or just Evangelical)
  - 4) Yes, Both
  - 5) No
  - 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
  - 7) (DO NOT READ) Refused
49. To make sure all parts of Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_
50. For classification purposes, I need to know the year of your birth—the last two digits of your birth year would be fine. CODE: 19\_\_\_\_(1900=Refused)
51. For statistical purposes only, we'd like to know your racial or ethnic group. (IF NECESSARY: Most people consider themselves either white, black, Asian, or Hispanic.) (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) White
  - 2) Black
  - 3) Asian
  - 4) Hispanic
  - 5) Multiracial
  - 6) Other
  - 7) Refused
52. How would you describe your neighborhood racially?
- 8) 1) Almost all black
  - 9) 2) Mostly black
  - 10) 3) About an equal number of blacks and whites
  - 11) 4) Mostly white
  - 12) 5) Almost all white
  - 13) 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  - 14)

53. And finally, again for statistical purposes, we'd like a rough estimate of your total household income last year. Just stop me when I get to your category. Was it...?

- 1) Under 25,000
- 2) 25,000 to less than 35,000
- 3) 35,000 to less than 50,000
- 4) 50,000 to less than 70,000
- 5) 70,000 to less than 100,000
- 6) 100,000 to less than 150,000
- 7) Over 150,000
- 8) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 9) (DO NOT READ) Refused

*And that's all the questions we have. Thank you for your time and cooperation with this very important survey. Goodbye.*