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# **The Simon Poll**

## **Illinois Statewide**

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### **Codebook**

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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 2015 Simon Poll interviewed 1,000 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 February 28-March 10, 2015.

### **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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### Introduction and Screening

[VAR: id]

Remarks: Identification number for each respondent. Does not allow for identifying individuals.

[VAR: area]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Chicago City	1	200
Chicago Suburbs	2	500
Downstate	3	300

[VAR: type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Landline	1	693
Cell Phone	2	307

*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	487
Female	2	513

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	334
Wrong direction	2	533
Don't know	9	133

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	221
Wrong direction	2	630
Don't know	9	149

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	579
Wrong direction	2	307
Don't know	9	114

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	135
Good	2	403
Average	3	312
Not so good	4	94
Poor	5	56

### **Elected Officials**

5. I would like for you to tell me how Governor Bruce Rauner is doing his job. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Governor Rauner is doing?

[VAR: app\_gov\_rau]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disapprove	1	189
Somewhat disapprove	2	125
Neither	3	90
Somewhat approve	4	233
Strongly approve	5	132
Don't know	9	231

6. Now, I'd like for you to tell me how well Senator Mark Kirk is doing his job.

[VAR: app\_ussen\_kirk]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disapprove	1	79
Somewhat disapprove	2	134
Neither	3	68
Somewhat approve	4	351
Strongly approve	5	94
Don't know	9	274

7. Now, I'd like for you to tell me how well President Obama is doing his job.

[VAR: app\_pres\_oba]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disapprove	1	286
Somewhat disapprove	2	132
Neither	3	20
Somewhat approve	4	271
Strongly approve	5	266
Don't know	9	25

8. Now, I'd like for you to tell me how well Senator Dick Durbin is doing his job.

[VAR: app\_ussen\_dur]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disapprove	1	168
Somewhat disapprove	2	140
Neither	3	40
Somewhat approve	4	301
Strongly approve	5	233
Don't know	9	118

### **Illinois Budget**

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

9. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 6 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. 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 (1); 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 (2); OR the Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases (3).

[VAR: fix\_deficit\_il]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More revenue	1	144
Cut waste	2	422
Combination of cuts and revenue increases	3	336
Haven't thought much about it	4	34
Don't know	5	64

*Section Introduction: There have been a number of proposals to address the state's budget problems by making cuts in state programs and services. I'm going to read several areas where people have suggested that the state could make cuts. For each one that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you favor or oppose budget cuts in that area, OK? (rotate)*

**10.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on kindergarten through high school education?

[VAR: cuts\_k12]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	157
Oppose	2	810
Other/don't know	3	33

**11.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on state universities?

[VAR: cuts\_he]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	359
Oppose	2	559
Other/don't know	3	82

**11a.** Would you favor or oppose a specific proposal to cut state spending on state universities by 31 percent?

[VAR: cuts\_he31]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	264
Oppose	2	616
Other/don't know	3	120

**12.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on public safety, such as state police and prison operations?

[VAR: cuts\_cops]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	269
Oppose	2	661
Other/don't know	3	70

**13.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on natural resources, such as state parks or environmental regulation?

[VAR: cuts\_parks]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	355
Oppose	2	582
Other/don't know	3	63

**14.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on programs for poor people?

[VAR: cuts\_poor]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	231
Oppose	2	685
Other/don't know	3	84

**15.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on programs for people with mental or physical disabilities?

[VAR: cuts\_disable]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	132
Oppose	2	826
Other/Don't know	3	42

**16.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on pension benefits for state workers' retirement?

[VAR: pen\_cuts]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	443
Oppose	2	491
Other/Don't know	3	66

*Section Introduction: There have been a number of proposals to address the state's budget problems by finding ways to raise more money to pay for programs and services. I'm going to read several areas where people have suggested that more money could be raised. For each one that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you favor or oppose raising revenues in that way, OK?*

**17.** Would you favor or oppose raising the state gasoline tax by 10 cents per gallon?

[VAR: tax\_gas10]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	261
Oppose	2	724
Other/Don't know	3	15

**18.** Do you favor or oppose expanding the sales tax to cover services like dry cleaning or haircuts, which are not currently taxed?

[VAR: tax\_services]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	207
Somewhat favor	2	276
Somewhat oppose	3	157
Strongly oppose	4	317
Other/Don't know	5	43

**19.** Do you favor or oppose a proposal expanding legalized gambling in the state?

[VAR: gamble\_exp]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	296
Somewhat favor	2	238
Somewhat oppose	3	132
Strongly oppose	4	288
Other/Don't know	5	46

**20.** Do you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income, such as pensions and Social Security?

[VAR: tax\_ret\_inc]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	238
Oppose	2	700
Other/Don't know	3	62

Remarks: If RS favored (1) or didn't know (3) the interviewer skipped to Q22.

- a. Would you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income if it exempted from taxes the first \$50,000 earned per year?

[VAR: tax\_ret\_inc50K]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	320
Oppose	2	336
Other/Don't know	3	44
Not applicable	IAP	300

21. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to restore the temporary state income tax increase, raising it from 3.75 percent to 5 percent?

[VAR: tax\_temp\_inc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	157
Somewhat favor	2	189
Somewhat oppose	3	185
Strongly oppose	4	435
Other/Don't know	5	34

Remarks: If the respondent favored the proposal (1, 2), didn't know (5), or had another response (5) they skipped to Q23.

- a. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to raise the income tax rate to 4 and one-half percent instead of the 5 percent in the previous tax rate?

[VAR: tax\_temp\_inc45]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	59
Somewhat favor	2	128
Somewhat oppose	3	124
Strongly oppose	4	270
Other/Don't know	5	39
Missing	IAP	380

22. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to impose an extra 3 percent state tax on all income above \$1 million a year?

[VAR: tax\_mil]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	595
Somewhat favor	2	160
Somewhat oppose	3	68
Strongly oppose	4	145
Other/Don't know	5	32

**23.** Would you favor or oppose a proposal to change the Illinois Constitution to allow a graduated income tax – that is, tax rates would be lower for lower-income taxpayers and higher for upper-income taxpayers?

[VAR: tax\_graduated]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	432
Somewhat favor	2	233
Somewhat oppose	3	94
Strongly oppose	4	182
Other/Don't know	5	59

### **Hydraulic Fracturing**

**24.** How much have you heard or read about hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, a process that uses the high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals to remove natural gas from rocks deep in the earth's surface?

[VAR: frack\_know]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
A lot	1	332
Some	2	279
Not much	3	143
Nothing so far	4	213
Other/Don't know	5	33

**25.** As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?

[VAR: frack\_safe]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very safe	1	78
Somewhat safe	2	313
Not very safe	3	148
Not at all safe	4	209
Other/Don't know	5	252

**26.** Some people say the state should encourage hydraulic fracturing because of the economic benefits, while others say the state should not encourage hydraulic fracturing because of potential environmental impact. Which comes closer to your view?

[VAR: frack\_bene]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Should encourage for economic benefits	1	318
Should not encourage because of environmental impact	2	486
Other/Don't know	3	196

## **Community Development**

*Thinking about the community where you live . . .*

**27.** How important do you think it is to your area to grow your community's downtown?

[VAR: grow\_dt]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very important	1	370
Somewhat important	2	308
Not very important	3	168
Not at all important	4	113
Other/Don't know	5	41

**28.** Do you feel safe or unsafe walking alone at night in your neighborhood?

[VAR: safe\_walk]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very safe	1	516
Somewhat safe	2	315
Not very safe	3	68
Not at all safe	4	74
Depends/some of both	5	10
Other/don't know	6	17

**29.** How do you get around most days?

[VAR: mod\_trans]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Car	1	751
Public transportation (bus, train)	2	98
Motorcycle	3	2
Bike	4	9
Walking	5	88
Depends	6	16
Other	7	28
Don't know	8	8

[VAR: mod\_trans\_other]

Remarks: Other response to how do you get around most days, interviewer wrote in exact response

**30.** Do you prefer living in a place where most people rely on cars to get around, or in a place where most people have transportation options so they don't need to rely on cars?

[VAR: prefer\_cars]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Rely on cars	1	381
Have transportation options	2	477
Depends	3	66
Other/Don't know	4	76

**31.** Thinking about a normal trip to the grocery store, does knowing the product is locally grown make you less likely, more likely, or does it not affect the likelihood of purchasing the product?

[VAR: local\_food]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Less likely	1	41
More likely	2	580
No effect	3	353
Other/Don't know	4	26

### **Veterans Issues**

**32.** Thinking about veterans' issues, what is the greatest challenge Illinois veterans face?

[VAR: vet\_greatest]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Unemployment/job placement	1	202
Underemployment	2	39
Mental health/Post traumatic stress disorder	3	133
Accessing VA healthcare benefits/VA wait times	4	258
Wartime physical injuries	5	16
Wartime traumatic brain injury	6	3
Homelessness/housing assistance	7	34
Obtaining college education	9	1
Suicide	10	1
Drug or alcohol abuse	11	3
Interpersonal or family relationships	12	8
Other	13	106
Don't know	14	196

Remarks: Open ended question, interviewer coded from the above list. If respondent replied (14) "don't know," skip to Q34.

[VAR: vet\_greatest\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent's answer was not on the above list, the interviewer wrote in their response.

**33. And what do you think is the second-greatest challenge Illinois veterans face?**

[VAR: vet\_2ndgreat]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Unemployment/job placement	1	183
Underemployment	2	42
Mental health/Post traumatic stress disorder	3	121
Accessing VA healthcare benefits/VA wait times	4	117
Wartime physical injuries	5	13
Wartime traumatic brain injury	6	6
Homelessness/housing assistance	7	63
Obtaining technical training	8	6
Obtaining college education	9	4
Suicide	10	4
Drug or alcohol abuse	11	7
Interpersonal or family relationships	12	19
Other	13	114
Don't know	14	107

Remarks: Open ended question, interviewer coded from the above list. Respondents were not asked this question if they replied don't know (14) to Q35.

[VAR: vet\_2ndgreat\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent's answer was not on the above list, the interviewer wrote in their response.

**Media Consumption**

**34. a. In a typical week, on how many days do you: Get news or news headlines from a social networking site, such as Facebook or Twitter?**

[VAR: news\_social]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Zero	0	532
One	1	57
Two	2	39
Three	3	30
Four	4	13
Five	5	30
Six	6	7
Seven	7	281
Don't know	9	11

**b.** In a typical week, on how many days do you: Read a national newspaper in print or online?

[VAR: news\_nat\_paper]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Zero	0	238
One	1	92
Two	2	81
Three	3	77
Four	4	41
Five	5	60
Six	6	29
Seven	7	377
Don't know	9	5

**c.** In a typical week, on how many days do you: Read a local newspaper in print or online?

[VAR: news\_loc\_paper]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Zero	0	208
One	1	174
Two	2	95
Three	3	73
Four	4	31
Five	5	44
Six	6	27
Seven	7	339
Don't know	9	9

**d.** In a typical week, on how many days do you: Watch national TV news or visit a national TV news website?

[VAR: news\_nat\_tv]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Zero	0	104
One	1	66
Two	2	61
Three	3	51
Four	4	41
Five	5	85
Six	6	35
Seven	7	551
Don't know	9	6

- e. In a typical week, on how many days do you: Watch local TV news or visit a local TV news website?

[VAR: news\_loc\_tv]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Zero	0	124
One	1	62
Two	2	63
Three	3	53
Four	4	52
Five	5	78
Six	6	25
Seven	7	540
Don't know	9	3

- f. In a typical week, on how many days do you: Listen to national talk radio programs about news events and issues?

[VAR: news\_nat\_radio]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Zero	0	376
One	1	104
Two	2	80
Three	3	67
Four	4	37
Five	5	80
Six	6	25
Seven	7	216
Don't know	9	15

- g. In a typical week, on how many days do you: Listen to local talk radio programs about news events and issues?

[VAR: news\_loc\_radio]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Zero	0	445
One	1	97
Two	2	83
Three	3	59
Four	4	33
Five	5	77
Six	6	9
Seven	7	185
Don't know	9	12

- h.** In a typical week, on how many days do you: Read online political commentary from conservatives?

[VAR: news\_online\_cons]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Zero	0	586
One	1	111
Two	2	75
Three	3	49
Four	4	30
Five	5	28
Six	6	9
Seven	7	86
Don't know	9	26

- i.** In a typical week, on how many days do you: Read online political commentary from liberals?

[VAR: news\_loc\_paper]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Zero	0	585
One	1	110
Two	2	70
Three	3	56
Four	4	35
Five	5	25
Six	6	11
Seven	7	86
Don't know	9	22

- 35.** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: in general, my friends on social network sites share political views similar to mine. If you don't use social network sites, just tell me that?

[VAR: social\_shrviews]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Agree	1	270
Disagree	2	181
Do not use social network sites	3	453
Other/don't know	4	96

## **Illinois Budget**

*Next, I'm going to read two statements on public-employee pensions, and ask whether you agree or disagree.*

**36.** Pension for public employees are bankrupting the state.

[VAR: pens\_bnrpt\_il]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Agree	1	487
Disagree	2	409
Other/Don't know	3	104

**37.** Pension for public employees are bankrupting the City of Chicago

[VAR: pens\_bnrpt\_chi]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Agree	1	453
Disagree	2	359
Other/Don't know	3	188

## **Social Issues**

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

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

[VAR: abort\_leg]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Legal under any circumstances	1	368
Legal under certain circumstances	2	433
Illegal under all circumstances	3	147
Don't know/Refused	4	52

**39.** 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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Allowed to legally marry	1	549
Allowed to form civil unions	2	200
No legal recognition of relationships	3	184
Don't know/Refused	4	67

## **Attitudes towards Social Groups**

*And we want to know about your feelings about various groups in our society...*

### **40. Labor unions in the private sector?**

[VAR: feel\_priv\_union]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favorable	1	262
Somewhat favorable	2	320
Somewhat unfavorable	3	167
Strongly unfavorable	4	127
Other/don't know	5	124

### **41. Labor unions in the public sector?**

[VAR: feel\_pub\_union]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favorable	1	265
Somewhat favorable	2	312
Somewhat unfavorable	3	156
Strongly unfavorable	4	167
Other/don't know	5	100

### **42. Muslim-Americans?**

[VAR: feel\_muslims]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favorable	1	197
Somewhat favorable	2	332
Somewhat unfavorable	3	110
Strongly unfavorable	4	95
Other/don't know	5	266

### **43. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also known as Mormons?**

[VAR: feel\_lds]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favorable	1	143
Somewhat favorable	2	346
Somewhat unfavorable	3	138
Strongly unfavorable	4	83
Other/don't know	5	290

## **Demographics**

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

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

[VAR: education]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Less than high school	1	39
High school	2	178
Some college	3	209
Associate's degree	4	93
Bachelor's degree	5	232
Graduate or professional degree	6	243
Don't know	7	6

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

[VAR: ideo\_leans]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very liberal	1	114
Somewhat liberal	2	205
Moderate	3	258
Somewhat conservative	4	235
Very conservative	5	124
Don't know	6	64

[VAR: ideology]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Liberal	1	319
Moderate	2	258
Conservative	3	359
System Missing	IAP	64

Remarks: The 'don't know' (6) responses to Q58 were set as missing in the collapsed variable.

46. 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	216
Not so strong Democrat	2	100
Independent Democrat	3	146
Pure Independent	4	147
Independent leaning Republican	5	118
Not so strong republican	6	73
Strong Republican	7	101
Something else	8	40
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: party\_aff]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Democrat	1	462
Independent	2	147
Republican	3	292
Don't know/No response	9	59
System Missing	IAP	40

Remarks: Those that said their party affiliation was ‘something else’ (8) were set as missing

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

[VAR: employ\_time]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Full-time	1	435
Part-time	2	91
Retired	3	371
Not employed	4	95
Other/Don't know	5	8

Remarks: If the respondent said that they were “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q61. If the respondent said that they were “retired” (3), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q62. If they were “not employed” or “other/don't know/refused” (9), the interviewer skipped to Q63.

**48.** 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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Private	1	284
Non-Profit	2	58
Government	3	67
Self-employed	4	98
Don't know	5	19
Not applicable	IAP	474

Remarks: Only asked if response to Q60 was full-time (1) or part-time (2)

**49.** 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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Private	1	172
Non-Profit	2	32
Government	3	81
Self-employed	4	48
Don't know	5	38
Not applicable	IAP	629

Remarks: Only asked if response to Q60 was retired (3).

**50.** Do you belong to a labor union?

[VAR: union]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	141
No	2	747
Other/Don't know	3	9
Not applicable	IAP	103

Remarks: Not asked if answer to Q60 was not employed (4) or other/don't know (5)

### **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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Every week	1	269
Almost every week	2	102
Once or twice a month	3	147
A few times a year	4	248
Never	5	210
Refused	6	24

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

[VAR: relig\_1]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christian	1	464
Some other religion	2	47
Don't know	8	1
Refused	9	6
System Missing	IAP	482

**Remarks:** This question was only asked of those that responded every week (1), almost every week (2), or once or twice a month (3) to R01.

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

[VAR: relig\_2]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christian	1	277
Some other religion	2	85
No religion	3	100
Don't know	8	4
Refused	9	16
System Missing	IAP	518

**Remarks:** This question was only asked of those that responded a few times a year (4), never (5), or refused to answer (6) to R01.

[VAR: religion]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christian	1	741
Some other religion	2	132
No religion	3	100
Don't know	8	5
Refused	9	22
System Missing	IAP	518

**Remarks:** Collapse of relig\_1 and relig\_2, regardless of frequency of attendance.

**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\_again]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	175
No	2	550
Don't know	3	16
System Missing	IAP	259

Remarks: This question was only asked of those that responded Christian to Q54 or Q55.

### **Demographics**

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

**51.** Have you ever served in the U.S. military, the military reserves or National Guard?

[VAR: vet\_you]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes, presently on active duty	1	5
Yes, served on active duty in the past	2	139
Yes, but never on active duty	3	8
Yes, but never on active duty except initial/basic	4	3
No, never served in U.S. military or military reserves	5	842
Don't know/Refused	6	3

**52.** Has a member of your immediate family (spouse, partner, child, brother, sister), served in the military?

[VAR: vet\_family]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	576
No	2	419
Don't know/Refused	3	5

**53.** 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 99999.

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

[VAR: birth\_yr]

Remarks: If RS refused, birth year entered as 9999.

[VAR: age\_cat]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
18-24	1	42
25-29	2	34
30-34	3	37
35-39	4	45
40-44	5	66
45-49	6	74
50-54	7	101
55-59	8	88
60-64	9	104
65-69	10	117
70-74	11	77
75-79	12	61
80+	13	89
Refused	14	65

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

[VAR: rac\_eth]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
White	1	704
Black	2	142
Asian	3	17
Hispanic	4	46
Multiracial	5	25
Other	6	15
Refused	7	51

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 (6), the interviewer wrote in their response.

**56.** Please select the response that best describes your neighborhood...

[VAR: neighborhood]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Almost all black	1	39
Mostly black	2	34
About an equal number of blacks and whites	3	71
Almost all non-white Hispanic	4	7
Mostly non-white Hispanics	5	25
About an equal number of non-white Hispanics and whites	6	52
Mostly white	7	355
Almost all white	8	225
None of these responses describe your neighborhood	9	122
Other/don't know	10	70

**57.** 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	122
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2	80
\$35,000 - \$49,999	3	101
\$50,000 - \$69,999	4	120
\$70,000 - \$99,999	5	117
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6	123
Over \$150,000	7	137
Don't know	8	38
Refused	9	162

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

# Survey Instrument

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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

[ROTATE JOB APPROVAL QUESTIONS] : First,

5. I would like for you to tell me how Governor Bruce Rauner [RHYMES WITH "BROWNER"] is doing his job. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Governor Rauner is doing?

- Strongly Approve
- Somewhat Approve
- Neither 2.9%
- Somewhat Disapprove
- Strongly Disapprove
- Other/Don't know

6. Now, I'd like for you to tell me how well Senator Mark Kirk is doing his job. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Senator Kirk is doing?
  - Strongly Approve
  - Somewhat Approve
  - Neither
  - Somewhat Disapprove
  - Strongly Disapprove
  - Other/Don't know
  
7. Next, I'd like for you to tell me how well President Obama is doing his job. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job President Obama is doing?
  - Strongly Approve
  - Somewhat Approve
  - Neither
  - Somewhat Disapprove
  - Strongly Disapprove
  - Other/Don't know
  
8. Now, I'd like for you to tell me how well Senator Dick Durbin is doing his job. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Senator Durbin is doing?
  - Strongly Approve
  - Somewhat Approve
  - Neither
  - Somewhat Disapprove
  - Strongly Disapprove
  - Other/Don't know

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

9. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 6 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]**
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.
  - d. (DO NOT READ) Haven't thought much about it.
  - e. Other/DK

There have been a number of proposals to address the state's budget problems by making cuts in state programs and services. I'm going to read several areas where people have suggested that the state could make cuts. For each one that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you favor or oppose budget cuts in that area, OK? (INTERVIEWER: REPEAT IF NECESSARY) **[ROTATE ITEMS]**

10. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on kindergarten through high school education?
  - 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  
11. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on state universities?
  - 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  
- 11a. Would you favor or oppose a specific proposal to cut state spending on state universities by 31 percent?
  - 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  
12. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on public safety, such as state police and prison operations?
  - 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  
13. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on natural resources, such as state parks or environmental regulation?
  - 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  
14. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on programs for poor people?
  - 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
  
15. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on programs for people with mental or physical disabilities?
  - 1) Favor

- 2) Oppose
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

16. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on pension benefits for state workers' retirement?

- 1) Favor
- 2) Oppose
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

There have been a number of proposals to address the state's budget problems by finding ways to raise more money to pay for programs and services. I'm going to read several areas where people have suggested that more money could be raised. For each one that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you favor or oppose raising revenues in that way, OK? (INTERVIEWER: REPEAT IF NECESSARY) **[ROTATE CHOICES BUT KEEP 20/20a and 21/21a TOGETHER AND IN ORDER]**

17. Would you favor or oppose raising the state gasoline tax by 10 cents per gallon?

- 1) Favor
- 2) Oppose
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

18. Do you favor or oppose expanding the sales tax to cover services like dry cleaning or haircuts, which are not currently taxed? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

1. Strongly approve
2. Approve
3. Disapprove
4. Strongly disapprove
5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

19. Do you favor or oppose a proposal expanding legalized gambling in the state? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

1. Strongly approve
2. Approve
3. Disapprove
4. Strongly disapprove
5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

20. Do you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income, such as pensions and Social Security?

- 1) Favor **[SKIP TO 21]**
- 2) Oppose **[READ 20a]**
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know **[SKIP TO 21]**

- 20a. **(IF OPPOSE IN Q. 20)** Would you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income if it exempted from taxes the first \$50,000 earned per year?
- 1) Favor
  - 2) Oppose
  - 3) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
21. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to restore the temporary state income tax increase, raising it from 3.75 percent to 5 percent? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
1. Strongly favor **[SKIP TO 22]**
  2. Favor **[SKIP TO 22]**
  3. Oppose **[READ 21a]**
  4. Strongly oppose **[READ 21a]**
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know **[SKIP TO 22]**
- 21a. **(IF OPPOSE IN Q. 21)** Would you favor or oppose a proposal to raise the income tax rate to 4 and one-half percent instead of the 5 percent in the previous tax rate? (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
22. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to impose an extra 3 percent state tax on all income above \$1 million a year? (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
23. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to change the Illinois Constitution to allow a graduated income tax—that is, tax rates would be lower for lower-income taxpayers and higher for upper-income taxpayers? (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
24. How much have you heard or read about hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” a process that uses the high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals to remove natural gas from rocks deep in the earth’s surface?

1. A lot
  2. Some
  3. Not much
  4. Nothing so far
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
25. As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?
1. Very safe
  2. Somewhat safe
  3. Not very safe
  4. Not at all safe
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
26. Some people say the state should encourage hydraulic fracturing because of the economic benefits, while others say the state should not encourage hydraulic fracturing because of potential environmental impact. Which comes closer to your view?
1. Should encourage for economic benefits
  2. Should not encourage because of environmental impact
  3. Other/DK (VOL)

Thinking about the community where you live . . .

27. How important do you think it is to your area to grow your community's downtown?  
Would you say it is
1. Very important
  2. Somewhat important
  3. Not very important
  4. Not at all important
  5. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
28. Do you feel safe or unsafe walking alone at night in your neighborhood? **[IF SAFE/UNSAFE: DO YOU FEEL VERY SAFE/UNSAFE OR SOMEWHAT SAFE/UNSAFE?]**
1. Very safe
  2. Somewhat safe
  3. Not very safe
  4. Not at all safe
  5. It depends/some of both
  6. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
29. How do you get around most days? **[OPEN-ENDED, CODE FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING]**
1. Car
  2. Public transportation (Bus, Train)
  3. Motorcycle
  4. Bike

5. Walking
  6. Depends
  7. Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  4. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
30. Do you prefer living in a place where most people rely on cars to get around, or in a place where most people have transportation options so they do not need to rely on cars?
1. Rely on cars
  2. Have transportation options
  3. Depends
  4. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
31. Thinking about a normal trip to the grocery store, does knowing the product is locally grown make you less likely, more likely, or does it not effect the likelihood of purchasing the product?
1. Less likely
  2. More likely
  3. No effect
  4. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
32. Thinking about veterans' issues, what is the greatest challenge Illinois veterans face? **[OPEN ENDED QUESTION, CODE FROM AMONG LIST BELOW]**
1. Unemployment / Job Placement
  2. Underemployment
  3. Mental health / Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
  4. Accessing VA Healthcare Benefits / VA wait times
  5. Wartime physical injuries
  6. Wartime Traumatic Brain Injury
  7. Homelessness / Housing Assistance
  8. Obtaining Technical Training
  9. Obtaining College Education
  10. Suicide
  11. Drug or alcohol abuse
  12. Interpersonal or family relationships
  13. Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  14. Other/Don't Know
33. And what do you think is the second-greatest challenge Illinois veterans face? **[OPEN ENDED QUESTION, CODE FROM AMONG LIST BELOW]**
1. Unemployment / Job Placement
  2. Underemployment
  3. Mental health / Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
  4. Accessing VA Healthcare Benefits / VA wait times
  5. Wartime physical injuries
  6. Wartime Traumatic Brain Injury
  7. Homelessness / Housing Assistance
  8. Obtaining Technical Training

9. Obtaining College Education
10. Suicide
11. Drug or alcohol abuse
12. Interpersonal or family relationships
13. Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Other/Don't Know

34. Next, a few questions about media usage:

In a typical week, on how many days do you... (RESPONSE SHOULD BE NUMBER FROM 0 TO 7; 9=OTH/DK)

- a) ...get news or news headlines from a social networking site, such as Facebook or Twitter?
- b) ...read a national newspaper in print or online?
- c) ...read a local newspaper in print or online?
- d) ...watch national TV news or visit a national TV news website?
- e) ...watch local TV news or visit a local TV news website?
- f) ...listen to national talk radio programs about news events and issues?
- g) ...listen to local talk radio programs about news events and issues?
- h) ...read online political commentary from conservatives?
- i) ...read online political commentary from liberals?

35. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "In general, my friends on social network sites share political views similar to mine." If you don't use social network sites, just tell me that.

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. Do not use social network sites
4. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Next, I'm going to read two statements on public-employee pensions, and ask whether you agree or disagree. First, (ROTATE Q 38 AND 39)

36. "Pensions for public employees are bankrupting the state." (IF NEEDED: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?)

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

37. "Pensions for public employees are bankrupting the City of Chicago." (IF NEEDED: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?)

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

And now a couple of questions on social issues.

38. 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
  - 1) (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
39. 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

And we want to know your feelings about various groups in our society. For each one that I read, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that group, OK? First is (ROTATE)

40. Labor unions in the private sector (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE ASK: IS THAT STRONGLY FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE?)
  1. Strongly favorable
  2. Somewhat favorable
  3. Somewhat unfavorable
  4. Strongly unfavorable
  6. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
41. Labor unions in the public sector (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE ASK: IS THAT STRONGLY FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE?)
  1. Strongly favorable
  2. Somewhat favorable
  3. Somewhat unfavorable
  4. Strongly unfavorable
  6. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
42. Muslim-Americans (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE ASK: IS THAT STRONGLY FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE?)
  1. Strongly favorable
  2. Somewhat favorable
  3. Somewhat unfavorable
  4. Strongly unfavorable
  6. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
43. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also known as Mormons(INTERVIEWER: IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE ASK: IS THAT STRONGLY FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE?)
  1. Strongly favorable
  2. Somewhat favorable
  3. Somewhat unfavorable
  4. Strongly unfavorable
  6. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

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

44. 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

45. 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
46. 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
47. 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]**
48. 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 Q48=3 / RETIRED]**

49. 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

50. Do you belong to a labor union?

1. Yes
2. No
3. (DO NOT READ) Other/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
- 2) No
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Refused

51. Have you ever served in the U.S. military, the military reserves or National Guard? **(IF YES: Are you presently on active duty, or did you serve on active duty in the past?)**
1. Yes, presently on active duty
  2. Yes, served on active duty in the past
  3. Yes, but never on active duty
  4. Yes, but never on active duty except for initial/basic training **(VOL.)**
  5. No, have never served in the U.S. military or the military reserves
  6. Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
52. Has a member of your immediate family (spouse, partner, parent, child, brother, sister), served in the military?
1. Yes
  2. No
  3. Don't know/Refused
53. To make sure all parts of Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_
54. 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)
55. 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
56. Please select the response that best describes your neighborhood:
- 1) Almost all black
  - 2) Mostly black
  - 3) About an equal number of blacks and whites
  - 4) Almost all non-white Hispanic
  - 5) Mostly non-white Hispanics
  - 6) About an equal number of non-white Hispanics and whites
  - 7) Mostly white
  - 8) Almost all white
  - 9) None of these responses describe my neighborhood
  - 0) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

57. 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.*