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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 2013 Simon Poll interviewed 600 registered voters across Illinois.

## **Polling Method**

Live telephone interviews. The sample also included two-thirds land-line phones and one-third cell phones. The questionnaire was available in both English and Spanish, and a Spanish-speaking interviewer was made available.

## **Margin of Error**

For the entire sample, the statistical margin for error is plus or minus 4 percentage points. The Democratic subsample of 310 respondents has a margin of error of plus or minus 5.5 percentage points, and the Republican subsample of 186 respondents has a margin of error of 7.2 percentage points.

## **Date**

Poll conducted from January 27 through February 8, 2013.

## **Survey Design**

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute developed the questionnaire.

## **Poll Director**

The director of the poll is Dr. Charles Leonard, visiting professor at the Institute.

## **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 Description and Frequencies

*Hello. This is (name) 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 public policy questions that are important to the State of Illinois. Your household was selected at random to participate. According to our research procedure, may I please speak to the youngest registered voter in the household?*

### Sample Type

[VAR: type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Voter sample	1	400
Wireless sample	2	200

### Area

[VAR: area]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Chicago city	1	120
Chicago suburb	2	300
Downstate	3	180

[VAR: segment]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Voter sample – Chicago city	1	80
Voter sample – Chicago suburb	2	200
Voter sample – Downstate	3	120
Wireless sample – Chicago city	4	40
Wireless sample – Chicago suburb	5	100
Wireless sample – Downstate	6	60

### **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	250
Wrong direction	2	291
Other/Don't know	9	59

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

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	95
Wrong direction	2	450
Other/Don't know	9	55

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 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 are they off track and heading in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdirlocal]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	322
Wrong direction	2	209
Other/Don't know	9	69

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

3. Next, I'd like for you to tell me how well Illinois Governor Pat Quinn is doing his job. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Quinn is doing?

[VAR: app\_gov\_quin]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	44
Somewhat approve	2	153
Neither	3	46
Somewhat disapprove	4	105
Strongly disapprove	5	203
Other/Don't know	9	49

Remarks: If the respondent said that they approve/disapprove, the interviewer probed, “do you strongly approve/disapprove?”



**Guns and Society**

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

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

[VAR: gun\_own]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Protecting the right to own guns	1	188
Controlling ownership	2	357
Other/Don't know	9	55

5. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

[VAR: gun\_sales]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
More strict	1	434
Less strict	2	13
Kept the same	3	128
Other/Don't know	9	25

6. Do you favor or oppose banning high-capacity ammunition clips that can contain more than 10 bullets?

[VAR: gun\_highcap]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	377
Oppose	2	200
Other/Don't know	9	23

Remarks: 7-11A asked in rotating order.

7. Do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?

[VAR: gun\_arifle]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	352
Oppose	2	211
Other/Don't know	9	37

Do you favor or oppose a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?

[VAR: gun\_handgun]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	196
Oppose	2	368
Other/Don't know	9	36

8. Do you favor or oppose a law that would require background checks before people – including gun dealers – could buy guns at a gun show?

[VAR: gun\_backgrd]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	555
Oppose	2	33
Other/Don't know	9	12

9. Do you favor or oppose putting more armed guards or police in schools?

[VAR: schoolgrd]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	278
Oppose	2	269
Other/Don't know	9	53

a. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes to pay for more armed guards or police in schools?

[VAR: schoolgrd\_tax]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	176
No	2	86
Other/Don't know	9	16
Not applicable	IAP	322

Remarks: Only asked if answered favor (1) to Q11.

Do you believe the Second Amendment includes the right to carry concealed weapons in public?

[VAR: gun\_conceal\_secamd]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	237
No	2	298
Other/Don't know	9	65

- b.** Do you believe there should be exceptions to allowing concealed weapons in public places-excluding them from such places as schools, college campuses, shopping malls and movie theaters?

[VAR: gun\_conceal\_expt]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	169
No	2	49
Other/Don't know	9	19
Not applicable	IAP	363

Remarks: Only asked if answered yes (1) to Q12.

### **Legislative Redistricting**

*Section Introduction: Next, we'd like to ask you about the state legislative redistricting process in Illinois.*

- 10.** Currently, when the political parties can't agree on a legislative redistricting plan, they end the stalemate by pulling a party's name out of a hat. The winning political party gets to draw the new legislative district map. Do you approve or disapprove of this tie-breaking process?

[VAR: redist\_hat]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	25
Somewhat approve	2	68
Somewhat disapprove	3	119
Strongly disapprove	4	333
Other/Don't know	9	55

Remarks: If the respondent approved/disapproved, the interviewer probed, "do you strongly approve/disapprove?"

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

[VAR: redist\_neutral]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	216
Somewhat approve	2	208
Somewhat disapprove	3	53
Strongly disapprove	4	67
Other/Don't know	9	56

Remarks: If the respondent approved/disapproved, the interviewer probed, “do you strongly approve/disapprove?”

**11.** 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 representative. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: redist\_commis]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	205
Somewhat favor	2	193
Somewhat oppose	3	64
Strongly oppose	4	73
Other/Don't know	9	65

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

### **Illinois Pensions**

*Section Introduction: As you may have heard, the state of Illinois has an unfunded pension liability of about 96 billion dollars. Some say this liability will grow rapidly as more people reach retirement age, and will hurt the state's ability to fund other services, such as education, public safety, and roads. Others say that pensions are a binding contract between the state and its employees, and can't be altered or reduced. I'm going to read some proposals that state officials have made to fix the pension liability. For each, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal (ROTATE 16-21)*

**12.** A proposal to suspend retirees' annual cost of living increase for six years

[VAR: cola\_freeze]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	131
Somewhat favor	2	88
Somewhat oppose	3	124
Strongly oppose	4	218
Other/Don't know	9	39

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

A proposal to apply cost-of-living increases only to the first \$25,000 of retirees' pensions.

[VAR: cola\_25K]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	129
Somewhat favor	2	142
Somewhat oppose	3	98
Strongly oppose	4	168
Other/Don't know	9	63

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

**13.** A proposal to defer retirees' cost-of-living increases until they reach age 67.

[VAR: cola\_67]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	184
Somewhat favor	2	166
Somewhat oppose	3	77
Strongly oppose	4	148
Other/Don't know	9	25

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

**14.** A proposal to increase the age at which retirees can receive full pension benefits from 65 to 67 years of age.

[VAR: pen\_full\_to\_67]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	214
Somewhat favor	2	127
Somewhat oppose	3	70
Strongly oppose	4	178
Other/Don't know	9	11

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

**15.** A proposal to increase the age at which retirees receive state-paid health care benefits from 65 to 67 years of age.

[VAR: pen\_hc\_to\_67]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	178
Somewhat favor	2	116
Somewhat oppose	3	89
Strongly oppose	4	203
Other/Don't know	9	14

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

16. A proposal to increase the share that Illinois school districts pay for their employees and to reduce the amount that the state pays.

[VAR: pen\_school\_pay]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	130
Somewhat favor	2	141
Somewhat oppose	3	116
Strongly oppose	4	140
Other/Don't know	9	73

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

### **Illinois Budget**

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

17. 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\_il13]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More revenue	1	45
Cut waste and inefficiency	2	328
Combination of cuts and revenue increases	3	173
Haven't thought much about it	8	27
Don't know	9	27

*I'm going to read a few proposals people have made to fix the budget deficit and ask whether you favor or approve them. First is... (rotate 23-26)*

18. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to make permanent the recently passed temporary state income tax increase?

[VAR: tax\_temp\_inc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	71
Somewhat favor	2	101
Somewhat oppose	3	114
Strongly oppose	4	266
Other/Don't know	9	48

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

**19.** 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	98
Somewhat favor	2	126
Somewhat oppose	3	96
Strongly oppose	4	261
Other/Don't know	9	19

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

**20.** 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	162
Somewhat favor	2	137
Somewhat oppose	3	65
Strongly oppose	4	200
Other/Don't know	9	36

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

### **Social Issues**

**21.** Some in Springfield have proposed that the state should make it legal for people with certain health issues to be prescribed small amounts of marijuana. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose legalized medical marijuana in Illinois?

[VAR: med\_mj]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	240
Somewhat favor	2	140
Somewhat oppose	3	41
Strongly oppose	4	152
Other/Don't know	9	27

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

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

**22.** 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	1	222
Legal under certain	2	254
Illegal under all	3	100
Other/Don't know	9	24

**23.** 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>
Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry	1	273
Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form a civil union	2	178
There should be no legal recognition of relationships	3	120
Other/Don't know	9	29

### **Demographics**

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

**24.** 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	14
High school	2	124
Some college	3	118
Associate's degree	4	60
Bachelor's degree	5	155
Graduate or professional degree	6	127
Other/Don't know	9	2



Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself:

[VAR: ideology]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very liberal	1	63
Somewhat liberal	2	146
Moderate	3	153
Somewhat conservative	4	138
Very conservative	5	58
Other/Don't know	9	65

25. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent

[VAR: party\_aff]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strong Democrat	1	155
Not-strong Democrat	2	78
Independent – Democrat	3	77
Pure Independent	4	57
Independent – Republican	5	51
Not-strong Republican	6	60
Strong Republican	7	75
Other/Don't know	9	47

**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?”

### **Illinois 2014 Primary Election**

a. If the Democratic primary election for governor were held today, who would you vote for?

[VAR: prim14\_dem\_gov]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Quinn	1	71
Daley	2	37
Madigan	3	99
Someone else	8	15
Other/Don't know	9	88
Not applicable	IAP	290

**Remarks:** Asked if answer to Q32 (1-3).

b. If the Republican primary election for governor were held today, who would you vote for?

[VAR: prim14\_rep\_gov]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Brady	1	18
Rutherford	2	19
Schock	3	17
Proft	4	3
Dillard	5	6
Andrjiewski	6	4
Walsh	8	11
Someone else	9	9
Other/Don't know	10	99
Not applicable	IAP	414

Remarks: Asked if answer to Q32 (5-7).

### **Demographics**

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

[VAR: employ\_time]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Full-time	1	242
Part-time	2	65
Retired	3	233
Not employed	4	53
Other/Don't know	9	7

Remarks: If the respondent said that they were “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q33a. If the respondent said that they were “retired” (3), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q33b. If they were “not employed” or “other/don't know/refused” (9), the interviewer skipped to Q34.

- a.** Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a State of Illinois employee, an employee of another government, 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	153
Non-profit	2	34
State Government	3	37
Other Government	4	15
Self-Employed	5	54
Other/Don't know	9	14
Not applicable	IAP	293

- b.** Are you retired from a private company or business, a non-profit organization, a State of Illinois employee, an employee of another government, or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

[VAR: retired\_type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Private	1	104
Non-profit	2	15
State Government	3	36
Other Government	4	22
Self-Employed	5	35
Other/Don't know	9	21
Not applicable	IAP	367

- 27.** Do you or does anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

[VAR: union\_mem]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	109
No	2	488
Other/Don't know	9	3

### **Religious Behavior**

**R01.** Do you consider yourself Christian, some other religion, or no religion?

[VAR: religion]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christian	1	452
Some other religion	2	61
No religion	3	77
Don't know	8	2
Refused	9	8

Remarks: Interviewer did not read list.

**R02.** 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	108
No	2	335
Don't know	8	8
Refused	9	1
Not applicable	IAP	148

Remarks: Only asked of those who said that they were "Christian" (1) on QR01.

### **Demographics**

**28.** 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.

**29.** For classification purposes, I need to know the year of your birth - the last two digits of your birth year would be fine.

[VAR: birth\_yr]

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

**a. Age:**

[VAR: age]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
18-24 (1988-1994)	1	32
25-34 (1978-1987)	2	40
35-44 (1968-1977)	3	62
45-54 (1958-1967)	4	105
55-64 (1948-1957)	5	125
65-74 (1938-1947)	6	114
75+ (1928-1937)	7	90
Refused	9	32

Remarks: Created from birth\_yr.

**30.** For statistical purposes only, we'd like to know your racial or ethnic group. Most people consider themselves either white, black, Asian, or Hispanic.

[VAR: rac\_eth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
White	1	470
Black	2	79
Asian	3	9
Hispanic	4	14
Multiracial	5	8
Refused	9	20

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.

**31.** And finally, again for statistical purposes, we'd like a rough estimate of your total household income last year.

[VAR: hh\_inc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Under 25,000	1	71
25,000-35,000	2	64
35,000-50,000	3	64
50,000-70,000	4	74
70,000-100,000	5	93
100,000-150,000	6	68
Over 150,000	7	66
Other/Refused	9	100

Gender

[VAR: gender]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Male	1	278
Female	2	322

Party Recode

[VAR: party]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Democrat	1	310
Independent	2	57
Republican	3	186
Not applicable	IAP	47

Party Compress

[VAR: partyid]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
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# Survey Instrument

2013 Statewide Poll

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*Hello. This is [NAME] 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 public policy questions that are important to the State of Illinois. Your household was selected at random to participate. According to our research procedure, may I please speak to the youngest registered voter in the household? (REPEAT INTRO IF NECESSARY)*

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 PROBE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?)

1. Right direction
2. Wrong direction
3. (DO NOT READ) Other/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, PROBE)

1. Right direction
2. Wrong direction
3. (DO NOT READ) Other/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 are they off track and heading in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE, PROBE)

1. Right direction
2. Wrong direction
3. (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

4. Next, I'd like for you to tell me how well Illinois Governor Pat Quinn is doing his job. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Quinn is doing. (IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: IS THAT STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT APPROVE/DISAPPROVE?)

1. Strongly approve
2. Approve
3. Neither
4. Disapprove
5. Strongly disapprove
6. Other/DK

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

5. 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. Other/Don't know
  
6. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?
  1. More strict
  2. Less strict
  3. Kept the same
  4. Other/DK

ROTATE 7 THROUGH 10

7. Do you favor or oppose banning high-capacity ammunition clips?
  1. Favor
  2. Oppose
  3. Other/Don't know
  
8. Do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?
  1. Favor
  2. Oppose
  3. Other/Don't know
  
9. Do you favor or oppose a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?
  1. Favor
  2. Oppose
  3. Other/Don't know
  
10. Do you favor or oppose a law that would require background checks before people – including gun dealers – could buy guns at a gun show?
  1. Favor
  2. Oppose
  3. Other/Don't know



11. Do you believe the Second Amendment includes the right to carry concealed, loaded weapons in public?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Other/Don't know

11-A (IF YES ABOVE) Do you believe there should be exceptions to allowing concealed weapons in public places—excluding them from such places as schools, college campuses, shopping malls and movie theaters?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Other/Don't know

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

15. Currently, when the political parties can't agree on a legislative redistricting plan, they end the stalemate by pulling a party's name out of a hat. The winning political party gets to draw the new legislative district map. Do you approve or disapprove of this tie-breaking process? (IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE?)

Strongly approve

Approve

Disapprove

Strongly disapprove

(DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

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?)

Strongly favor

Favor

Oppose

Strongly oppose

(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?)

Strongly favor

Favor

Oppose

Strongly oppose

(DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

As you may have heard, the state of Illinois has an unfunded pension liability of about 96 billion dollars. Some say this liability will grow rapidly as more people reach retirement age, and will hurt the state's ability to fund other services, such as education, public safety, and roads. I'm going to read some proposals state officials have made to fix the pension liability. For each, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal. (ROTATE)

18. A proposal to suspend retirees' annual cost of living increase for six years. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

Strongly favor

Favor

Oppose

Strongly oppose

(DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

19. A proposal to apply cost-of-living increases only to the first \$25,000 of retirees' pensions. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

Strongly favor

Favor

Oppose

Strongly oppose

(DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

20. A proposal to defer retirees' cost-of-living increases until they reach age 67. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- Strongly favor
- Favor
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

21. A proposal to increase the age at which retirees can receive full pension benefits from 65 to 67 years of age. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- Strongly favor
- Favor
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

22. A proposal to increase the age at which retirees receive state-paid health care benefits from 65 to 67 years of age. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- Strongly favor
- Favor
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

23. A proposal to make permanent the recently passed temporary state income tax increase, and dedicate the proceeds to the pension fund shortfall. (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- Strongly favor
- Favor
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

24. Some in Springfield have proposed that the state should make it legal for people with certain health issues to be prescribed small amounts of marijuana. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose legalized medical marijuana in Illinois? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

Strongly favor

Favor

Oppose

Strongly oppose

(DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

And now just a couple of questions on social issues:

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

*Legal under any      legal under certain      illegal under all      Other/DK*

26. 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 but not to legally marry.*

*There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples*

*Oth, DK*

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

27. What is the last level of education you have completed?

Less than high school

High school

Some college

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Graduate or professional degree

(DO NOT READ) Don't know

28. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself?

Very liberal

Somewhat liberal

Moderate

Somewhat conservative

Very conservative

(DO NOT READ) Don't know

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

(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?)

- Strong Democrat
- Not-strong Democrat
- Independent Democrat
- (DO NOT READ) Pure Independent
- Independent Republican
- Not-strong Republican
- Strong Republican
- (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know

30-A. (IF 1 – 3 ABOVE) If the Democratic primary election for governor were held today, who would you vote for? (ROTATE) Pat Quinn, Bill Daley, or Lisa Madigan?

- 1) Quinn
- 2) Daley
- 3) Madigan
- 4) DO NOT READ Someone else
- 5) DO NOT READ Other/Don't know

30-B. (IF 5-7 ABOVE) If the Republican primary election for governor were held today, who would you vote for? (ROTATE) Bill Brady, Dan Rutherford (PR: "Rutherford"), Aaron Schock, Dan Proft, Kirk Dillard, Adam Andrjiewski (PR: "Angie-evski") or Joe Walsh?

- 1) Brady
- 2) Rutherford
- 3) Schock
- 4) Proft
- 5) Dillard
- 6) Andrjiewski
- 7) Walsh
- 8) DO NOT READ Someone else
- 9) DO NOT READ Other/Don't know

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

Full-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 32a]**

Part-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 32a]**

Retired **[SKIP TO 32b]**

Not employed **[SKIP TO QR01]**

(DO NOT READ) Other/don't know **[SKIP TO QR01]**

32a. Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a State of Illinois employee, an employee of another government, or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

Private

Non-Profit

Government

Self-Employed

(DO NOT READ) Don't know

**[IF Q58=3 / RETIRED]**

32b. Are you retired from a private company or business, a non-profit organization, a State of Illinois employee, an employee of another government, or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

Private

Non-Profit

Government

Self-Employed

(DO NOT READ) Don't know

**Religion**

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?

Every week

Almost every week

Once or twice a month

A few times a year

Never

(DO NOT READ) Refused

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

R02. Do you consider yourself CHRISTIAN, SOME OTHER RELIGION, or NO RELIGION?  
(DO NOT READ LIST)

- Christian
- Some other religion
- No religion
- Don't know
- Refused

R03. (IF 1 ABOVE) Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

- Yes
- No
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- (DO NOT READ) Refused

33. To make sure all parts of Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code? \_\_\_\_

34. 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)

35. 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)

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Multiracial
- Other
- Refused

36. 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...?

- Under 25,000
- 25,000 to less than 35,000
- 35,000 to less than 50,000
- 50,000 to less than 70,000
- 70,000 to less than 100,000
- 100,000 to less than 150,000
- Over 150,000
- (DO NOT READ) Refused

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