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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 2012 Simon Poll interviewed 400 registered voters. The sample of voters came from the Southern Illinois counties of Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, Washington, White, and Williamson.

Polling Method

Live phone interviews using the random-digit-dialing method and screening for registered voters. The poll's sample included both landline and cellular phones to ensure greater accuracy.

Margin of Error

Plus or minus 4.9 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 23-28, 2012.

Polling Agency

Issues and Answers of Virginia Beach, VA¹.

Funding Source

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

¹ Issues and Answers reports no Illinois political clients.

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Introduction and Screening

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 Southern Illinois. And, your phone number was selected at random to participate.

Respondent number

[VAR: id]

S1. Cell or landline interview

[VAR: type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Cell	1	40
Landline	2	360

Version/Group

[version]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Group A	1	201
Group B	2	199

Remarks: Some questions were asked of only half of the sample.

S4. In which county do you currently live?

[VAR: county]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Alexander	1	8
Franklin	2	30
Gallatin	3	12
Hamilton	4	10
Hardin	5	7
Jackson	6	48
Jefferson	7	45
Johnson	8	8
Massac	9	11
Perry	10	21
Pope	11	6
Pulaski	12	11
Randolph	13	34
Saline	14	18
Union	15	36
Washington	16	22
White	17	14
Williamson	18	59

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list. If the respondent said a county not on the list or that they didn't know then the interviewer terminated the interview.

S6. Gender

[VAR: gender]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Male	1	160
Female	2	240

Remarks: Recorded by observation.

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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Right direction	1	75
Wrong direction	2	298
Other/Don't know	3	27

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	32
Wrong direction	2	333
Other/Don't know	3	35

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	201
Wrong direction	2	161
Other/Don't know	9	38

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 the direction your part of the state, tell us 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 . . .excellent, good, average, not so good, or poor?

[VAR: qlife]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	11
Not so good	2	101
Average	3	163
Good	4	73
Excellent	5	52

Illinois 2012 Primary Election

5. As you may know, primary elections in Illinois will be held this March. Thinking ahead, are you likely to vote in the (rotate: Republican/Democratic) primary or will you probably not vote in the primary elections?

[VAR: prim12_party]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Republican	1	128
Democratic	2	132
Probably not vote	3	69
Don't know	4	71

Remarks: Skip to Q7 if “Democratic,” “probably not vote,” or “don't know.”

6. And if the Republican primary for president was being held today, would you vote for...?

[VAR: prim12_pres_rep]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Mitt Romney	1	27
Ron Paul	2	7
Newt Gingrich	3	14
Rick Santorum	4	37
Someone else	5	5
Don't know	6	38
Not applicable	IAP	272

Remarks: Only asked if Q5 "Republican." The interviewer randomized the order that they read the names.

[VAR: prim12_pres_rep_other]

Response	Frequency
Anyone else	1
Huntsman	1
I hope there is someone else	1
John Jones	1
Someone else	1

Remarks: If the respondent replied "someone else" to Q6, the interviewer asked them to specify.

11. There has been a proposal to have Cook County separated from the rest of Illinois and to form its own state. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose this proposal to allow Cook County to form its own state, independent from the rest of Illinois?

[VAR: cook_split]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	133
Favor	2	62
Oppose	3	84
Strongly oppose	4	72
Don't know	5	49

Illinois Budget

12. And what do you think about government spending in your area of the state? In terms of its share of state spending, do you think your part of the state gets more than its fair share, about the right amount or less than its fair share of state spending?

[VAR: fair_share]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More than its fair share	1	13
About the right amount	2	53
Less than its fair share	3	317
Don't know	4	17

Quality of Life

Section Introduction: Now we'd like to know what you think of various aspects of the quality of life in your area. For each feature that I read, I'd like for you to tell me if you think it is excellent, good, average, not so good or poor. The first/next is... (ROTATE Q9-Q14)

13. The quality of the environment, such as clean air and water. In your area, would you say environmental quality is...?

[VAR: qual_air]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Excellent	1	52
Good	2	204
Average	3	104
Not good	4	23
Poor	5	17

14. The quality of infrastructure, such as roads and bridges. Is the quality of infrastructure in your area...?

[VAR: qual_infra]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Excellent	1	7
Good	2	93
Average	3	151
Not good	4	71
Poor	5	78

15. What about public safety in your area, for example police and fire protection? Would you say public safety in your area is...?

[VAR: qual_cops]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Excellent	1	40
Good	2	190
Average	3	114
Not good	4	24
Poor	5	32

16. What do you think about the quality of public education in your area, in kindergarten through high school? Is public K through 12 education...?

[VAR: qual_K12]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	27
Good	2	145
Average	3	143
Not good	4	42
Poor	5	43

17. How well is the economy performing in your area? Would you say the performance of the economy in your area is...?

[VAR: qual_econ]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	3
Good	2	50
Average	3	115
Not good	4	118
Poor	5	114

18. How good are the parks and recreational opportunities in your area? Would you say the quality of parks and recreation in your area is

[VAR: qual_parks]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	49
Good	2	155
Average	3	112
Not good	4	32
Poor	5	52

23. Thinking back to the flooding in Southern Illinois last Spring, as you may recall, the Corps of Engineers opened a breach in the Bird's Point Levee on the Missouri side of the river, in order to save Cairo (CARE-O) Illinois from being flooded. Do you agree or disagree with the Corps of Engineers' decision to blow the Bird's Point Levee?

[VAR: app_birdpt]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	109
Somewhat agree	2	125
Somewhat disagree	3	48
Strongly disagree	4	72
Don't know	5	46

Remarks: If the respondent said that they agree/disagree, the interviewer probed, "do you strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?"

Property Rights

26. Do you think people should be forced to sell their property if the property is needed for a vital public purpose?

[VAR: emdomain]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes, should be able to use eminent domain	1	71
No, should not be able to use eminent domain	2	272
Don't know	3	57

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list.

Note: The interviewer rotated the order that Q17-20 were asked.

27. Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that a school district can build a new school?

[VAR: emdom_sch]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes, should be able to use eminent domain	1	50
No, should not be able to use eminent domain	2	326
Don't know	3	24

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list.

28. How about to build a road or bridge?

[VAR: emdom_road]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes, should be able to use eminent domain	1	112
No, should not be able to use eminent domain	2	251
Don't know	3	37

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list. If necessary the interviewer probed, "Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that the state can build a road or bridge?"

30. How about for a wetlands?

[VAR: emdom_wetlnd]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes, should be able to use eminent domain	1	53
No, should not be able to use eminent domain	2	313
Don't know	3	34

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list. If necessary the interviewer probed, "Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that the government can create a wetlands area?"

31. How about for infrastructure for utilities?

[VAR: emdom_infra]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes, should be able to use eminent domain	1	75
No, should not be able to use eminent domain	2	284
Don't know	3	41

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list. If necessary the interviewer probed, "Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that the government can build infrastructure for utilities?"

32. Sometimes governments buy property and give it to a business for economic development. Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so a private business can develop it?

[VAR: emdom_develop]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes, should be able to use eminent domain	1	7
No, should not be able to use eminent domain	2	374
Don't know	3	19

Remarks: the interviewer did not read the list.

25. And what about property rights in this country? Do you think private property rights are just as important as other rights, like freedom of speech and religion, or do you think private property rights are less important than those other rights?

[VAR: proprts1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More important	1	8
Just as important	2	166
Less important	3	15
Don't know	4	12
Not applicable	IAP	199

Remarks: Half of the sample was asked this question here and the other half was asked at Q54.

Illinois Budget

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

33. 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, please just say so. First is...*(rotate)* 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. Next is...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. Last is...Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.

[VAR: fix_deficit_il12]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Take in more revenue	1	31
Cut waste and inefficiency in government	2	251
Combination of more revenue and cutting waste	3	76
Haven't thought about it much	4	42

Remarks: The interviewer asked the questions in a randomized the order that they read the statements.

34. Some people in Springfield have suggested that the state could save money on administrative costs by consolidating school districts in lightly populated areas. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose a proposal to make school district consolidations in Illinois easier?

[VAR: school_consol]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	63
Favor	2	132
Oppose	3	113
Strongly oppose	4	59
Don't know	5	33

35. If there were a proposal to save administrative costs by consolidating the school district you live in with a neighboring district, would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose that proposal?

[VAR: school_consol_local]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	62
Favor	2	129
Oppose	3	107
Strongly oppose	4	73
Don't know	5	29

Section Introduction: One part of Illinois' budget deficit is its huge obligation to state employee pension funds. I'm going to read some proposals people have made to fix the pension obligation problem. For each one that I read, please tell me if you favor or oppose that proposal. Note: the interviewer rotated Q26-29.

36. Relieve the state's obligation to the teachers' pension fund by having local school districts make their teachers' pension contributions. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: school_pen_local]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	123
Oppose	2	215
Don't know	3	62

37. Replace future state workers' defined-benefit pension plan with a 401K-style, defined-contribution plan, similar to what many private businesses have for their employees.

[VAR: pen_401K]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	232
Oppose	2	99
Don't know	3	69

38. Increase the required pension contribution for current state employees.

[VAR: pen_incontrib]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	179
Oppose	2	168
Don't know	3	53

39. Ask current retirees to contribute to the cost of their state health insurance plan.

[VAR: pen_hcontrib]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	190
Oppose	2	186
Don't know	3	24

40. Another proposal to save money for the state is to close state facilities—such as mental health centers, state prisons and juvenile facilities—that are under-used or too expensive to maintain. Do you favor or oppose closing state facilities to help fix the budget crisis?

[VAR: cuts_stfacil]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	85
Oppose	2	281
Don't know	3	34

Note: The interviewer rotated the order of asking Q31 and Q32.

41. One facility that has been proposed for closure is the Illinois Youth Center in Murphysboro. Would you favor or oppose closing the Murphysboro facility?

[VAR: cuts_murphy]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	60
Oppose	2	280
Don't know	3	60

42. Another facility that has been proposed for closure is the super-maximum security prison in Tamms. Would you favor or oppose closing the Tamms facility?

[VAR: cuts_tamms]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	37
Oppose	2	316
Don't know	3	47

Elected Officials – Public Disclosure

Section Introduction: Next we would like to know what you think about disclosure of financial interests by elected officials and political candidates.

43. How satisfied are you with the information you currently have about elected officials' outside financial interests and incomes? Are you...?

[VAR: off_fininfo]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very satisfied	1	9
Somewhat satisfied	2	109
Not very satisfied	3	132
Not at all satisfied	4	129
Don't know	5	21

Note. Q34-39 interviewer began with saying “How important is it to you personally to know if an elected official or political candidate...”

44. Has another job or other sources of income?

[VAR: off_otherjob]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very important	1	187
Somewhat important	2	114
Not very important	3	55
Not at all important	4	31
Don't know	5	13

45. Is a leader in an organization that may receive tax dollars?

[VAR: off_taxrec]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very important	1	248
Somewhat important	2	87
Not very important	3	20
Not at all important	4	20
Don't know	5	25

46. Owns real estate or investments that may benefit from government projects or regulations?

[VAR: off_govproj]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very important	1	280
Somewhat important	2	71
Not very important	3	14
Not at all important	4	14
Don't know	5	21

47. Receives loans on terms better than what is available to the public?

[VAR: off_btrloan]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very important	1	314
Somewhat important	2	48
Not very important	3	17
Not at all important	4	11
Don't know	5	10

48. Is a lobbyist or is related to a lobbyist?

[VAR: off_lobby]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very important	1	294
Somewhat important	2	55
Not very important	3	9
Not at all important	4	20
Don't know	5	22

49. Receives a gift, not from a family member, that is worth more than \$500?

[VAR: off_gift5K]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very important	1	211
Somewhat important	2	101
Not very important	3	46
Not at all important	4	30
Don't know	5	12

Wealth and Income Distribution

Section Introduction: Next, we would like to know what you think about wealth in this country. Note: The interviewer rotated Q40-42.

50. Which of these statements comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right: most rich people today are wealthy mainly because of their own hard work, ambition or education OR most rich people today are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born into wealthy families

[VAR: whyrich]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Hard work, ambition, education	1	125
Know the right people, born into	2	206
Neither	3	6
Both equally	4	51
Don't know	5	12

51. Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?

[VAR: inc_dist]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Fair now	1	122
Should be more even	2	236
Don't know	3	42

53. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans?

[VAR: inc_distfed]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Should pursue	1	204
Should not pursue	2	153
Don't know	3	43

Property Rights, cont'd.

54. And what about property rights in this country? Do you think private property rights are just as important as other rights, like freedom of speech and religion, or do you think private property rights are less important than those other rights?

[VAR: proprts2]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More important	1	14
Just as important	2	161
Less important	3	18
Don't know	4	6
Not applicable	IAP	201

Remarks: Half of the sample was asked this question here and the other half was asked at Q25.

[VAR: proprts]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More important	1	22
Just as important	2	327
Less important	3	33
Don't know	4	18

Remarks: Collapse of proprts1 (Q25) and proprts2 (Q54).

Social Issues

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

55. 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 all	1	73
Legal only under certain	2	214
Illegal under all	3	96
Other/Don't know/Refused	4	17

56. 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	88
Allowed to form civil unions	2	127
No legal recognition	3	159
Other/Don't know/Refused	4	26

Demographics

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

57. What is the last level of education you have completed? Is it . . . less than high school high school, some college, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, graduate or professional degree, or other/DK?

[VAR: education]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Less than high school	1	20
High school	2	97
Some college	3	120
Associate's degree	4	53
Bachelor's degree	5	57
Graduate or professional degree	6	48
Other/Don't know	7	5

58. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself (Reverse scale for half of sample)... very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

[VAR: ideology]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very liberal	1	28
Somewhat liberal	2	41
Moderate	3	110
Somewhat conservative	4	125
Very conservative	5	67
Don't know	6	29

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

[VAR: party_aff]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strong Democrat	1	61
Not-strong Democrat	2	34
Independent Democratic	3	50
Pure Independent	4	96
Independent Republican	5	37
Not-Strong Republican	6	29
Strong Republican	7	60
Other/Don't know	8	33

Remarks: If Republican or Democrat, the interviewer probed, “would you call yourself a strong R/D or a not-so-strong R/D?” If Independent, the interviewer probed, “do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?”

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

[VAR: employ_time]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Full-time	1	128
Part-time	2	29
Retired	3	207
Not employed	4	30
Other/Don't know	5	6

Remarks: If “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), go to Q50a then Q51. If “retired” (3), go to Q51b then Q51. If “not employed” (4) or “other/don't know” (5), go to Q51.

103.

- a. 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	76
Non-Profit	2	21
Government	3	31
Self-Employed	4	26
Don't know	5	3
Not applicable	IAP	243

Remarks: Only asked if Q49 “full-time” or “part-time.”

- b. 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	86
Non-Profit	2	17
Government	3	62
Self-Employed	4	36
Don't know	5	6
Not applicable	IAP	193

Remarks: Only asked if Q49 "retired."

60. Were you born in Southern Illinois, elsewhere in Illinois, or in some other state or country?

[VAR: whereborn]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Born in Southern Illinois	1	245
Born elsewhere in Illinois	2	55
Born in another state or country	3	96
Don't know	4	4

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?

[VAR: relig_often]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Every week	1	183
Almost every week	2	39
Once or twice a month	3	40
A few times a year	4	73
Never	5	53
Refused	6	12

Remarks: If "every week" (1), "almost every week" (2), or "once or twice a month" (3) go to RO2A. If "a few times a year" (4) or "never", go to RO2B.

R02A. Do you attend a place of worship that is CHRISTIAN or SOME OTHER RELIGION?

[VAR: relig_type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christian	1	256
Some other religion	2	2
Don't know	8	2
Refused	9	2
Not applicable	IAP	138

Remarks: If "Christian" (1), go to R04. If "some other religion" (2), go to R05. If "don't know" (8), go to Q52.

R02B. 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	96
Some other religion	2	4
No religion	3	29
Refused	9	9
Not applicable	IAP	262

Remarks: If "Christian" (1), go to R04. If "some other religion" (2), go to R05. If "no religion" (3), "don't know" (8), or refused (IAP), go to Q52.

R04. What church or denomination is that?

[VAR: relig_denom]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Anglican or Episcopalian	1	1
Assembly of God	2	7
Baptist	3	122
Catholic or Roman Catholic	5	37
Church (or Churches) of Christ	6	5
Church of God	7	6
Disciples of Christ	9	1
Latter Day Saints or LDS	12	1
Lutheran	13	24
Methodist	14	36
Mormon	15	1
Non-denominational	16	22
Pentecostal	18	11
Presbyterian	19	10
United Church of Christ	21	6
Christian or Just Christian	30	18
Protestant or Just Protestant	31	13
Other	80	14
Don't know	88	4
Refused	89	13
Not applicable	IAP	48

R05. What church or denomination is that?

[VAR: relig_denom_other]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Other	80	5
Don't know	88	1
Not applicable	IAP	394

Remarks: Asked if R02A or R02B was "some other religion."

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]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	15
Yes, Born-again or just born-again	2	121
Yes, Evangelical or just evangelical	3	12
Yes, Both	4	24
No	5	131
Don't know	6	8
Refused	7	2
Not applicable	IAP	87

Remarks: Asked of anyone asked R04 except Catholic, LDS, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, and Orthodox. The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

Demographics Continued

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

[VAR: zip]

Remarks: The interviewer recorded the 5-digit zip code of the respondent's residence. If the respondent refused or didn't know their zip code was coded as 99999.

62. 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: The interviewer only coded the last two-digits of the respondents' birth year. If the respondent refused they were coded as 1900.

63. 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)

[VAR: race_eth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
White	1	363
Black	2	13
Asian	3	1
Multiracial	5	7
Other	6	5
Refused	7	11

64. 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 \$25,000	1	78
\$25,001-\$35,000	2	39
\$35,001-\$50,000	3	66
\$50,001-\$70,000	4	58
\$70,001-\$100,000	5	50
\$100,001-\$150,000	6	22
Over \$150,000	7	7
Other/Refused	8	80

County FIPS code

[VAR: fips]

Census region

[VAR: census_r]

Census division

[VAR: census_d]

Date of interview

[VAR: date]

Remarks: Date that the interview was conducted.

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

Survey Instrument

The 2012 Illinois Statewide Counties Poll Telephone Survey

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

I&A Job #14068

Introduction and Screening

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 Southern 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]**

S4. In which county do you currently live? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Alexander
- 2) Franklin
- 3) Gallatin
- 4) Hamilton
- 5) Hardin
- 6) Jackson
- 7) Jefferson
- 8) Johnson
- 9) Massac
- 10) Perry
- 11) Pope
- 12) Pulaski
- 13) Randolph
- 14) Saline
- 15) Union
- 16) Washington
- 17) White
- 18) Williamson
- 19) Other **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
- 20) Don't know **[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

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? (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

Voting Intent

5. As you may know, primary elections in Illinois will be held this March. Thinking ahead, are you likely to vote in the **[ROTATE: Republican/Democratic]** primary or will you probably not vote in the primary elections?
 - 1) Republican
 - 2) Democratic **[SKIP TO Q7]**
 - 3) Probably not vote **[SKIP TO Q7]**
 - 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know **[SKIP TO Q7]**

[IF Q5=1 / REPUBLICAN]

6. And if the Republican primary for president was being held today, would you vote for...? **[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATES 1-4]**
 - 1) Mitt Romney
 - 2) Ron Paul
 - 3) Newt Gingrich
 - 4) Rick Santorum
 - 5) Or someone else? (specify) _____
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

11. There has been a proposal to have Cook County separated from the rest of Illinois and to form its own state. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose this proposal to allow Cook County to form its own state, independent from the rest of Illinois?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

General Outlook, cont'd.

12. And what do you think about government spending in your area of the state? In terms of its share of state spending, do you think your part of the state gets more than its fair share, about the right amount or less than its fair share of state spending? (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) More than its fair share
 - 2) About the right amount
 - 3) Less than its fair share
 - 4) Don't know

Now we'd like to know what you think of various aspects of the quality of life in your area. For each feature that I read, I'd like for you to tell me if you think it is excellent, good, average, not so good or poor. The first/next is... **[ROTATE Q13-Q18]**

Scale

- 1) Excellent
- 2) Good
- 3) Average
- 4) Not Good
- 5) Poor

13. The quality of the environment, such as clean air and water. In your area, would you say environmental quality is
14. The quality of infrastructure, such as roads and bridges. Is the quality of infrastructure in your area
15. What about public safety in your area, for example police and fire protection? Would you say public safety in your area is
16. What do you think about the quality of public education in your area, in kindergarten through high school? Is public K through 12 education
17. How well is the economy performing in your area? Would you say the performance of the economy in your area is
18. How good are the parks and recreational opportunities in your area? Would you say the quality of parks and recreation in your area is

23. Thinking back to the flooding in Southern Illinois last Spring, as you may recall, the Corps of Engineers opened a breach in the Bird's Point Levee on the Missouri side of the river, in order to save Cairo (CARE-O) Illinois from being flooded. Do you agree or disagree with the Corps of Engineers' decision to blow the Bird's Point Levee? (IF AGREE/DISAGREE: DO YOU STRONGLY AGREE/DISAGREE OR SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE?)
- 1) Strongly agree
 - 2) Somewhat agree
 - 3) Somewhat disagree
 - 4) Strongly disagree
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

Property Rights

26. Do you think people should be forced to sell their property if the property is needed for a vital public purpose? (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Yes, should be able to use eminent domain
 - 2) No, should not be able to use eminent domain
 - 3) Don't know

[RANDOMIZE Q27-Q31]

27. Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that a school district can build a new school? (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Yes, should be able to use eminent domain
 - 2) No, should not be able to use eminent domain
 - 3) Don't know
28. How about to build a road or bridge? (IF NECESSARY: Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that the state can build a road or bridge?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Yes, should be able to use eminent domain
 - 2) No, should not be able to use eminent domain
 - 3) Don't know
30. How about for a wetlands? (IF NECESSARY: Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that the government can create a wetlands area?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Yes, should be able to use eminent domain
 - 2) No, should not be able to use eminent domain
 - 3) Don't know
31. How about for infrastructure for utilities? (IF NECESSARY: Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so that the government can build infrastructure for utilities?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Yes, should be able to use eminent domain
 - 2) No, should not be able to use eminent domain
 - 3) Don't know

[DO NOT INCLUDE Q32 IN RANDOMIZATION]

32. Sometimes governments buy property and give it to a business for economic development. Do you think people should be forced to sell their property so a private business can develop it? (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Yes, should be able to use eminent domain
 - 2) No, should not be able to use eminent domain
 - 3) Don't know

[ASK SPLIT A]

- 25/54. And what about property rights in this country? Do you think private property rights are just as important as other rights, like freedom of speech and religion, or do you think private property rights are less important than those other rights?
- 1) (DO NOT READ) More important
 - 2) Just as important
 - 3) Less important
 - 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

Budget

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

33. 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, please just say so.

[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]

- 1) 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.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.
 - 4) (DO NOT READ) Haven't thought much about it.
34. Some people in Springfield have suggested that the state could save money on administrative costs by consolidating school districts in lightly populated areas. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose a proposal to make school district consolidations in Illinois easier?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

35. If there were a proposal to save administrative costs by consolidating the school district you live in with a neighboring district, would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose that proposal?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

One part of Illinois' budget deficit is its huge obligation to state employee pension funds. I'm going to read some proposals people have made to fix the pension obligation problem. For each one that I read, please tell me if you favor or oppose that proposal. **[ROTATE Q36-Q39]**

36. Relieve the state's obligation to the teachers' pension fund by having local school districts make their teachers' pension contributions. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
37. Replace future state workers' defined-benefit pension plan with a 401K-style, defined-contribution plan, similar to what many private businesses have for their employees. (IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
38. Increase the required pension contribution for current state employees. (IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
39. Ask current retirees to contribute to the cost of their state health insurance plan. (IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

40. Another proposal to save money for the state is to close state facilities—such as mental health centers, state prisons and juvenile facilities—that are under-used or too expensive to maintain. Do you favor or oppose closing state facilities to help fix the budget crisis?

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

[ROTATE Q 41 and 42]

41. One facility that has been proposed for closure is the Illinois Youth Center in Murphysboro. Would you favor or oppose closing the Murphysboro facility?

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

42. Another facility that has been proposed for closure is the super-maximum security prison in Tamms. Would you favor or oppose closing the Tamms facility?

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

Next we would like to know what you think about disclosure of financial interests by elected officials and political candidates.

43. How satisfied are you with the information you currently have about elected officials' outside financial interests and incomes? Are you...?

- 1) Very satisfied
- 2) Somewhat satisfied
- 3) Not very satisfied
- 4) Not at all satisfied
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

How important is it to you personally to know if an elected official or political candidate...? (READ EACH STATEMENT AND SELECT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE) (READ IF NECESSARY AFTER EACH STATEMENT: How important is it to you personally to know if an elected official or political candidate...?)

Scale

- 1) Very important
- 2) Somewhat important
- 3) Not very important
- 4) Not at all important
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

44. Has another job or other sources of income?
45. Is a leader in an organization that may receive tax dollars?
46. Owns real estate or investments that may benefit from government projects or regulations?
47. Receives loans on terms better than what is available to the public?
48. Is a lobbyist or is related to a lobbyist?
49. Receives a gift, not from a family member, that is worth more than \$500?

Wealth

Next, we would like to know what you think about wealth in this country. **[ROTATE Q50-Q53]**

50. Which of these statements comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right. (SELECT ONE)
 - 1) Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because of their own hard work, ambition or education
 - 2) Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born into wealthy families
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Neither
 - 4) (DO NOT READ) Both equally
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

51. Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?
 - 1) Fair now
 - 2) Should be more even
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

53. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans?
 - 1) Should pursue
 - 2) Should not pursue
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

Property Rights, cont'd.

[ASK SPLIT B]

25/54. And what about property rights in this country? Do you think private property rights are just as important as other rights, like freedom of speech and religion, or do you think private property rights are less important than those other rights?

- 1) (DO NOT READ) More important
- 2) Just as important
- 3) Less Important
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

Social Issues

And now just a couple of questions on social issues.

55. 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

56. 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

Demographics

Now I have a few questions for classification purposes.

57. 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

58. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself? **[REVERSE SCALE FOR SPLIT B]**

- 1) Very liberal
- 2) Somewhat liberal
- 3) Moderate
- 4) Somewhat conservative
- 5) Very conservative
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

59. 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?)

- 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) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know

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

- 1) Full-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 103a]**
- 2) Part-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 103a]**
- 3) Retired **[SKIP TO Q103b]**
- 4) Not employed **[SKIP TO Q60]**
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know **[SKIP TO Q60]**

103a. 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 Q102=3 / RETIRED]

103b. 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

60. Were you born in Southern Illinois, elsewhere in Illinois, or in some other state or country? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Born in Southern Illinois
- 2) Born elsewhere in Illinois
- 3) Born in another state or country
- 4) 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?

- 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? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 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]**

[IF R02A OR R02B=1 / CHRISTIAN]

R04. What church or denomination is that? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Anglican or Episcopalian | [CONTINUE TO R06] |
| 2) Assembly of God | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 3) Baptist | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 4) Brethren | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 5) Catholic or Roman Catholic | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61] |
| 6) Church (or Churches) of Christ | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 7) Church of God | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 8) Congregationalist | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 9) Disciples of Christ | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 10) Holiness | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 11) Jehovah's Witness | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61] |
| 12) Latter Day Saints or LDS | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61] |
| 13) Lutheran | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 14) Methodist | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 15) Mormon | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61] |
| 16) Non-denominational | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 17) Orthodox | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61] |
| 18) Pentecostal | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 19) Presbyterian | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 20) Reformed | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 21) United Church of Christ | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 30) Christian or "Just Christian" | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 31) Protestant or "Just Protestant" | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 80) Other | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 88) Don't know | [SKIP TO R06] |
| 89) Refused | [SKIP TO R06] |

[IF R02A OR R02B=2 / SOME OTHER RELIGION]

R05. What religion is that? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Baha'i
- 2) Buddhist
- 3) Hindu
- 4) Islam or Muslim
- 5) Jewish - Conservative
- 6) Jewish - Reform
- 7) Jewish - Orthodox
- 8) Jewish or Just Jewish
- 9) Native American
- 10) Spiritual
- 11) Unitarian or Universalist
- 80) Other
- 88) Don't know
- 89) Refused

[ASKED OF ANYONE WHO ANSWERED R04 EXCEPT CATHOLIC, LDS, MORMON, JEHOVAH'S WITNESS AND ORTHODOX]

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

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

62. 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)

63. 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
64. 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) Refused

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