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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 2011 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.

Margin of Error

Plus or minus 4.8 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 14-22, 2011.

Polling Agency

Customer Research International of San Marcos, Texas[1].

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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[1] Customer Research International reports no Illinois political clients.

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Introduction and Screening

Hello. This is (name) 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 the State of Illinois. And, your household was selected at random to participate.

According to our research procedure, I need to speak to the youngest (male/female) who is registered to vote and who is at home when I place the call. May I speak to that person, please?

Phone type

[VAR: type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Landline	1	360
Cell Phone	2	40

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	74
Wrong direction	2	274
Other/Don't know	9	52

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	46
Wrong direction	2	326
Other/Don't know	9	28

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	194
Wrong direction	2	155
Other/Don't know	9	51

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	54
Not so good	2	57
Average	3	158
Good	4	115
Excellent	5	16

Elected Officials

Section Introduction: Now I'd like for you to tell me how well some elected officials are performing their jobs. For each one that I read, please tell me if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job that official is doing. If you haven't heard enough information to evaluate that person, just tell me that. First is . . . (rotate)

5. President Barack Obama. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job President Obama is doing?

[VAR: app_pres_oba]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disapprove	1	125
Somewhat disapprove	2	78
Somewhat approve	3	111
Strongly approve	4	57
Haven't heard enough	5	14
Other/Don't know	9	15

6. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Governor Quinn is doing?

[VAR: app_gov_quin]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disapprove	1	154
Somewhat disapprove	2	88
Somewhat approve	3	96
Strongly approve	4	19
Haven't heard enough	5	35
Other/Don't know	9	8

Section Introduction: Next, we'd like to know people's attitudes about the Illinois State legislature. I am going to ask you about both the State Senate and the State House of Representatives. If you haven't heard enough information to evaluate that house of the legislature, just tell me that. First is . . . (rotate)

7. The Illinois State Senate. Is your attitude toward the State Senate very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, haven't heard enough, or don't know?

[VAR: app_sen_il]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	75
Somewhat unfavorable	2	100
Somewhat favorable	3	86
Very favorable	4	7
Haven't heard enough	5	119
Other/Don't know	9	13

8. The Illinois House of Representatives. Is your attitude toward the House of Representatives very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, haven't heard enough, or don't know?

[VAR: app_hor_il]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	66
Somewhat unfavorable	2	99
Somewhat favorable	3	83
Very favorable	4	4
Haven't heard enough	5	131
Other/Don't know	9	17

Impact of Government on Life

Section Introduction: Now we are interested in your thoughts about the effects of various levels of government in your life. First (rotate items),

9. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Federal government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say a great deal of effect, some effect, a little effect, or none?

[VAR: imp_fed]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A great deal of effect	1	200
Some effect	2	132
A little effect	3	52
None	4	10
Other/Don't know	9	6

a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?\

[VAR: imp_fedfeel]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Beneficial	1	132
Harmful	2	215
Other/Don't know	9	53

10. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Illinois state government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say a great deal of effect, some effect, a little effect, or none?

[VAR: imp_il]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A great deal of effect	1	183
Some effect	2	148
A little effect	3	47
None	4	12
Other/Don't know	9	10

a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

[VAR: imp_ilfeel]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Beneficial	1	106
Harmful	2	236
Other/Don't know	9	58

11. How much impact do you think the activities of **your local government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say a great deal of effect, some effect, a little effect, or none?

[VAR: imp_local]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A great deal of effect	1	94
Some effect	2	178
A little effect	3	103
None	4	24
Other/Don't know	9	1

  a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

[VAR: imp_localfeel]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Beneficial	1	216
Harmful	2	125
Other/Don't know	9	59

12. We are interested to know what you think is the most important problem facing our country today? *(open-ended)*

[VAR: pressqus]

Remarks: 381 open-ended responses.

13. Next, we'd like to know what you think is the most important problem in your town or area of the state.

[VAR: pressqtown]

Remarks: 350 respondents gave unique answers. The 350 respondents who said had a response other than "don't know" to this question were asked Q14 and Q15.

Note: The order 14 and 15 were asked was rotated.

14. Would you vote for a local *property* tax increase to support a program to fix that problem?

[VAR: proptax_sup]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	75
No	2	257
Other/Don't know	9	18
Not applicable	IAP	50

Remarks: Only asked if Q13 not "don't know."

15. (If Q13 not "DK") Would you vote for a local *sales* tax increase to support a program to fix that problem?

[VAR: salestax_sup]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	139
No	2	194
Other/Don't know	9	17
Not applicable	IAP	50

Remarks: Only asked if Q13 not "don't know."

Community Projects

Section Introduction: I'm going to read a list of projects that have been proposed for various communities in Southern Illinois. I'm going to ask you if you would agree or disagree with community leaders if they proposed that program or project in your area. Let's assume for the moment that the funding for the project had already been found. First is (rotate):

16. Build better streets and highways. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: better_roads]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	33
Somewhat disagree	2	46
Somewhat agree	3	167
Strongly agree	4	144
Other/Don't know	9	10

17. Attract small to medium industries to this area. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: attract_smind]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	10
Somewhat disagree	2	13
Somewhat agree	3	136
Strongly agree	4	233
Other/Don't know	9	8

18. Raise the level of financial support to local elementary and high schools. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: raise_K12]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	40
Somewhat disagree	2	50
Somewhat agree	3	131
Strongly agree	4	166
Other/Don't know	9	13

19. Develop the tourism industry in Southern Illinois. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: tourism]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	32
Somewhat disagree	2	62
Somewhat agree	3	163
Strongly agree	4	124
Other/Don't know	9	19

20. Attract large industries to this area. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: attract_lrgind]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	12
Somewhat disagree	2	32
Somewhat agree	3	132
Strongly agree	4	213
Other/Don't know	9	11

21. Provide tax breaks to new industry in order to attract them to this area. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: taxbreak_ind]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	24
Somewhat disagree	2	39
Somewhat agree	3	150
Strongly agree	4	166
Other/Don't know	9	21

22. Raise the level of financial support to the area community colleges. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a decision to do this in your community?

[VAR: raise_cc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	55
Somewhat disagree	2	66
Somewhat agree	3	164
Strongly agree	4	97
Other/Don't know	9	18

Illinois Budget

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

23. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 15 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, OK? If you haven't thought much about the issue, just tell me that 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. Third is . . Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.

[VAR: fix_deficit_il11]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Take in more revenue	1	23
Cut waste and inefficiency	2	238
A combination of budget cuts and revenue increases	3	98
Haven't thought much about it	4	19
Other/Don't know	9	22

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? (Repeat if necessary) (rotate choices)

24. Do you favor or oppose raising the state sales tax rate?

[VAR: tax_sales]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	103
Oppose	2	284
Other/Don't know	9	13

25. 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]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	140
Oppose	2	244
Other/Don't know	9	16

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

[VAR: gamble_exp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	144
Oppose	2	246
Other/Don't know	9	10

27. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to increase the tax on cigarettes by $1 per pack?

[VAR: tax_cigs]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	241
Oppose	2	144
Other/Don't know	9	15

Section Introduction: The state has recently enacted some tax increases to try to fix the state budget deficit. We would like to know whether you approve or disapprove of those measures, OK? First is: (rotate)

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the state's action to implement a temporary increase in the state income tax from 3 percent to 5 percent?

[VAR: tax_inc_3to5]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Approve	1	128
Disapprove	2	256
Other/Don't know	9	16

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the state's action to implement a temporary increase in the state's corporate income tax from 4-point-8 percent to 7 percent?

[VAR: tax_corp_temp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Approve	1	135
Disapprove	2	238
Other/Don't know	9	27

Industries and Occupational Groups

Section Introduction: We would like to know your views of various industries and occupational groups in our area. For each one that I read, please tell me whether you have a very favorable attitude, favorable, unfavorable, or very unfavorable attitude toward that group. If you don't have an opinion either way, just tell me that. First is (rotate)

30. The coal industry

[VAR: view_coalind]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	5
Unfavorable	2	25
Favorable	3	239
Very favorable	4	90
No opinion	8	30
Other/Don't know	9	11

31. Coal miners

[VAR: view_coalmnr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	2
Unfavorable	2	16
Favorable	3	261
Very favorable	4	90
No opinion	8	26
Other/Don't know	9	5

32. Southern Illinois University

[VAR: view_siu]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	20
Unfavorable	2	51
Favorable	3	228
Very favorable	4	63
No opinion	8	28
Other/Don't know	9	10

33. College students

[VAR: view_colstud]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	2
Unfavorable	2	24
Favorable	3	275
Very favorable	4	62
No opinion	8	27
Other/Don't know	9	10

34. Farmers

[VAR: view_farmers]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	2
Unfavorable	2	16
Favorable	3	251
Very favorable	4	117
No opinion	8	11
Other/Don't know	9	3

35. Physicians

[VAR: view_docs]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very unfavorable	1	9
Unfavorable	2	35
Favorable	3	250
Very favorable	4	59
No opinion	8	33
Other/Don't know	9	14

Local Government

Section Introduction: We are interested in what people think about local government services in Southern Illinois. I'm going to read some standard functions of local governments, and for each one that I read, please tell me whether your local government does a very good job, a good job, a fair job, or a poor job with that function. If your local government doesn't perform that function, just tell me that, OK? First is ... (rotate)

36. How well do you think your municipal government performs on fire protection? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_fire]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	14
Fair	2	55
Good	3	199
Very good	4	115
Not provided	5	5
Other/Don't know	9	12

37. How well do you think your municipal government performs on garbage and trash collection? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_trash]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	25
Fair	2	54
Good	3	165
Very good	4	82
Not provided	5	57
Other/Don't know	9	17

38. How well do you think your municipal government performs on schools? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_sch]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	56
Fair	2	96
Good	3	175
Very good	4	59
Not provided	5	1
Other/Don't know	9	13

39. How well do you think your municipal government performs on police protection? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_cops]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	43
Fair	2	85
Good	3	176
Very good	4	84
Not provided	5	7
Other/Don't know	9	5

40. How well do you think your municipal government performs on parks and recreation? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_parks]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	36
Fair	2	94
Good	3	175
Very good	4	64
Not provided	5	14
Other/Don't know	9	17

41. How well do you think your municipal government performs on sewers and drainage? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_drain]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	39
Fair	2	94
Good	3	144
Very good	4	43
Not provided	5	48
Other/Don't know	9	32

42. How well do you think your municipal government performs on streets and roads? Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, or other/don't know?

[VAR: muni_road]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	78
Fair	2	121
Good	3	159
Very good	4	37
Not provided	5	2
Other/Don't know	9	3

Feelings about Religious Groups

[VAR: group]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Group 1	1	134
Group 2	2	134
Group 3	3	132

Remarks: The sample was broken into three groups. Each group was asked which religious group they like the most and which they like the least. The language of the question for each group varies slightly.

GROUP 1

43.

I'm going to read a list of ten religious groups. After I finish reading the list of religious groups, I want you to tell me which religious group you like the LEAST. Which of these religious groups do you like the least? Born-Again Christians, Catholics, Jews, Buddhists, Liberal Protestants, Muslims, Pentecostals, Mormons, Baptists, or Unitarians? (The interviewer rotated the list with random start)

[VAR: relig_like_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Born-again Christians	1	5
Catholics	2	4
Jews	3	3
Buddhists	4	12
Liberal Protestants	5	6
Muslims	6	48
Pentecostals	7	2
Mormons	8	6
Baptists	9	2
Refused	11	46
Not applicable	IAP	266

a. I'm going to read a list of ten religious groups. After I finish reading the list of religious groups, I want you to tell me which religious group you like the MOST. Which of these religious groups do you like the most? Born-Again Christians, Catholics, Jews, Buddhists, Liberal Protestants, Muslims, Pentecostals, Mormons, Baptists, or Unitarians? (The interviewer rotated the list with random start).

[VAR: relig_like_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Born-again Christians	1	27
Catholics	2	27
Jews	3	3
Buddhists	4	2
Liberal Protestants	5	11
Pentecostals	7	7
Mormons	8	2
Baptists	9	35
Unitarians		1
Refused	11	19
Not applicable	IAP	266

GROUP 3: No list of religious groups presented to Group 3. Skip to 44. Group 3 members and those who refused to name a religion in Groups 1 and 2 are assigned "Religious People" for questions 44-52.

Section Introduction: Next, we will ask you about <RELIGION1> in America. Please let us know if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement.

[VAR: relig1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Born-again Christians	1	32
Catholics	2	31
Jews	3	36
Buddhists	4	14
Liberal Protestants	5	17
Muslims	6	48
Pentecostals	7	9
Mormons	8	8
Baptists	9	37
Unitarians	10	1
Religious People	11	197

Remark: The order of religions was rotated with a random start.

44. <religion1> should express their views on day-to-day social and political questions. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*?

VAR [relig_views]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	49
Disagree	2	50
Agree	3	152
Strongly Agree	4	113
Other/Don't know	9	36

VAR: [relig_views_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	25
Disagree	2	19
Agree	3	52
Strongly Agree	4	22
Other/Don't know	9	16
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_views_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	14
Disagree	2	14
Agree	3	48
Strongly Agree	4	48
Other/Don't know	9	10
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_views_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	10
Disagree	2	17
Agree	3	52
Strongly Agree	4	43
Other/Don't know	9	10
Not applicable	IAP	268

45. <religion1> should be allowed to meet together in your community. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*

VAR [relig_meet]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	13
Disagree	2	10
Agree	3	122
Strongly Agree	4	244
Other/Don't know	9	11

VAR: [relig_meet_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	11
Disagree	2	7
Agree	3	51
Strongly Agree	4	58
Other/Don't know	9	7
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_meet_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	1
Disagree	2	2
Agree	3	36
Strongly Agree	4	92
Other/Don't know	9	3
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_meet_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	1
Disagree	2	1
Agree	3	35
Strongly Agree	4	94
Other/Don't know	9	1
Not applicable	IAP	268

46. Government should allow <religion1> business owners to hire only <religion1>. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

VAR [relig_hire]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	223
Disagree	2	122
Agree	3	19
Strongly Agree	4	18
Other/Don't know	9	18

VAR: [relig_hire_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	69
Disagree	2	49
Agree	3	5
Strongly Agree	4	3
Other/Don't know	9	8
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_hire_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	76
Disagree	2	37
Agree	3	9
Strongly Agree	4	4
Other/Don't know	9	8
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_hire_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	78
Disagree	2	36
Agree	3	5
Strongly Agree	4	11
Other/Don't know	9	2
Not applicable	IAP	268

47. <religion1> groups should have the same rights as other organizations. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*

VAR [relig_rights]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	15
Disagree	2	15
Agree	3	131
Strongly Agree	4	216
Other/Don't know	9	23

VAR: [relig_rights_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	11
Disagree	2	12
Agree	3	53
Strongly Agree	4	45
Other/Don't know	9	13
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_rights_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	2
Disagree	2	0
Agree	3	35
Strongly Agree	4	93
Other/Don't know	9	4
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_rights_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	2
Disagree	2	3
Agree	3	43
Strongly Agree	4	78
Other/Don't know	9	6
Not applicable	IAP	268

48. <religion1> should keep their beliefs out of politics. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

VAR [relig_outpol]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	92
Disagree	2	63
Agree	3	91
Strongly Agree	4	126
Other/Don't know	9	28

VAR: [relig_outpol_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	22
Disagree	2	18
Agree	3	30
Strongly Agree	4	53
Other/Don't know	9	11
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_outpol_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	32
Disagree	2	28
Agree	3	27
Strongly Agree	4	34
Other/Don't know	9	13
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_outpol_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	38
Disagree	2	17
Agree	3	34
Strongly Agree	4	39
Other/Don't know	9	4
Not applicable	IAP	268

49. Public schools should avoid hiring <religion1> teachers. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

VAR [relig_teacher]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	209
Disagree	2	105
Agree	3	31
Strongly Agree	4	29
Other/Don't know	9	26

VAR: [relig_teacher_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	48
Disagree	2	38
Agree	3	18
Strongly Agree	4	18
Other/Don't know	9	12
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_teacher_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	90
Disagree	2	30
Agree	3	2
Strongly Agree	4	4
Other/Don't know	9	8
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_teacher_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	71
Disagree	2	37
Agree	3	11
Strongly Agree	4	7
Other/Don't know	9	6
Not applicable	IAP	268

50. <religion1> should not be allowed to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*

VAR [relig_ussc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	227
Disagree	2	100
Agree	3	24
Strongly Agree	4	26
Other/Don't know	9	23

VAR: [relig_ussc_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	50
Disagree	2	37
Agree	3	14
Strongly Agree	4	21
Other/Don't know	9	12
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_ussc_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	90
Disagree	2	29
Agree	3	6
Strongly Agree	4	2
Other/Don't know	9	7
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_ussc_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	87
Disagree	2	34
Agree	3	4
Strongly Agree	4	3
Other/Don't know	9	4
Not applicable	IAP	268

51. <religion1> doctors must provide any legal medical service even if it goes against their religious beliefs. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

VAR [relig_docs]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	85
Disagree	2	76
Agree	3	80
Strongly Agree	4	123
Other/Don't know	9	36

VAR: [relig_docs_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	28
Disagree	2	27
Agree	3	49
Strongly Agree	4	20
Other/Don't know	9	10
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_docs_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	20
Disagree	2	34
Agree	3	42
Strongly Agree	4	32
Other/Don't know	9	6
Not applicable	IAP	266

VAR: [relig_docs_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly disagree	1	23
Disagree	2	20
Agree	3	46
Strongly Agree	4	37
Other/Don't know	9	6
Not applicable	IAP	268

52. Would you favor or oppose allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them?

[VAR: relig_servgrants]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly oppose	1	71
Oppose	2	81
Favor	3	137
Strongly favor	4	89
Other/Don't know	9	22

Remarks: If the respondent said they favor/oppose, the interviewer probed, "Do you favor/oppose or strongly favor/oppose?

[VAR: relig_servgrants_least]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly oppose	1	26
Oppose	2	32
Favor	3	22
Strongly favor	4	41
Other/Don't know	9	13
Not applicable	IAP	266

[VAR: relig_servgrants_most]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly oppose	1	29
Oppose	2	18
Favor	3	33
Strongly favor	4	39
Other/Don't know	9	15
Not applicable	IAP	266

[VAR: relig_servgrants_rp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly oppose	1	30
Oppose	2	26
Favor	3	25
Strongly favor	4	43
Other/Don't know	9	8
Not applicable	IAP	268

Social Issues

Section Introduction: Next, we are interested in your opinion on some social issues. First: (rotate)

53. 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	49
Legal only under certain	2	241
Illegal under all	3	97
Other/Don't know	9	13

54. (Gallup wording) Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?

[VAR: death_pen]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	273
Oppose	2	85
Other/Don't know	9	42

Remarks: This is the wording used by the Gallup poll for this question.

55. 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	69
Allowed to form civil unions	2	135
No legal recognition	3	157
Other/Don't know	9	39

56. Which comes closer to your view? The government should take special steps to make our country a Christian country, or there should be a separation between church and government.

[VAR: church_state]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Government and religion work together	1	224
Government and religion work separately	2	155
Other/Don't know	9	21

57. We are interested in how people are using telephones these days. Would you say your household is a land-line-only household, mostly land-line, mostly cell-phone, or a cell-phone-only household?

[VAR: phone_use]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Land-line only	1	58
Mostly land-line	2	139
Mostly cell-phone	3	125
Cell-phone-only	4	28
Other/Don't know	9	50

Demographics

Section Introduction: And now just a few questions for classification purposes:

58. Gender

[VAR: gender]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Male	1	172
Female	2	228

Remarks: The interviewer coded what they thought from hearing the voice and the content of the interview.

59. 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	23
High school	2	121
Some college	3	102
Associate's degree	4	36
Bachelor's degree	5	64
Graduate or professional degree	6	50
Other/Don't know	9	4

60. 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	15
Somewhat liberal	2	52
Moderate	3	100
Somewhat conservative	4	132
Very conservative	5	78
Other	8	9
Don't know	9	14

61A. 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	47
Not-strong Democrat	2	70
Independent Democratic	3	41
Pure Independent	4	34
Independent Republican	5	50
Not-Strong Republican	6	49
Strong Republican	7	60
Other/Don't know	9	49

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?"

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: 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	166
Almost every week	2	40
Once or twice a month	3	54
A few times a year	4	90
Never	5	44
Refused	9	6

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]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	257
Some other religion	2	1
Don't know	8	2
Missing	IAP	140

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

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

[VAR: religion]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	104
Some other religion	2	2
No religion	3	31
Refused	9	3
Missing	IAP	260

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 (birth year).

R04. What church or denomination is that?

[VAR: relig_denom]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Anglican or Episcopalian	1	1
Assembly of God	2	3
Baptist	3	120
Brethren	4	1
Catholic or Roman Catholic	5	62
Church (or Churches) of Christ	6	7
Church of God	7	1
Disciples of Christ	9	2
Lutheran	13	34
Methodist	14	36
Non-denominational	16	18
Pentecostal	18	15
Presbyterian	19	10
Reformed	20	1
United Church of Christ	21	4
Christian or Just Christian	30	19
Protestant or Just Protestant	31	15
Other	88	12
Missing	IAP	39

Remarks: There was a skip pattern using the responses to this question. The skip pattern is labeled below for each variable.

[VAR: relig_denom_other]

Response	Frequency
Berean Church	1
Christian Church of Southern Illinois	1
First Christian Church	1
Go to a different church every week	1
Nazarene	4
Refused	2
Seventh Day Adventist	2

R04Ang. Is your church part of Episcopalian Church in the United States, the Anglican Church in North America, or some other Anglican group?

[VAR: relig_epis]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Anglican Church in North America	2	1
Not applicable	IAP	399

Remarks: Only asked if response to R04 was Anglican or Episcopalian. Skip to R06.

R04Bapt. With which Baptist group is your church associated? Is it the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., the American Baptist Association, an independent Baptist church or some other Baptist group?

[VAR: relig_bapt]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Southern Baptist Convention	1	80
American Baptist Churches in USA	2	7
National Baptist Convention	3	1
Independent Baptist	4	6
Just Baptist	5	11
Other	7	8
Don't know	8	7
Not applicable	IAP	280

Remarks: SKIP TO R06. Only asked if R04 is Baptist.

R04Breth. Is this the church of the Brethren, the Plymouth Brethren, or what?

[VAR: relig_bret]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Other	7	1
Not applicable	IAP	399

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is Brethren.

R04CofC. Is this the Church of Christ or the United Church of Christ?

[VAR: relig_coc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Church of Christ	1	6
United Church of Christ	2	1
Not applicable	IAP	393

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is Church of Christ.

R04CofG. Is this the Church of God of Anderson, Indiana; the Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee; the Church of God in Christ; or some other Church of God?

[VAR: relig_cog]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Cleveland, Tennessee	2	1
Not applicable	IAP	399

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is Church of God.

R04Luth. Is this church part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Missouri Synod, or some other Lutheran group?

[VAR: relig_luth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Evangelical Lutheran Church	1	4
Missouri Synod	2	27
Just Lutheran	3	2
Other	7	1
Not applicable	IAP	366

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is Lutheran.

R04Meth. Is your church part of the United Methodist Church, African Methodist Episcopal, or some other Methodist group?

[VAR: relig_meth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
United Methodist Church	1	32
Just Methodist	3	4
Not applicable	IAP	364

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is Methodist.

R04Pres. Is this the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. or some other Presbyterian group?

[VAR: relig_pres]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Presbyterian Church USA (formerly United Presbyterian Church)	1	7
Just Presbyetrian	3	2
Other	7	1
Not applicable	IAP	390

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is Presbyterian.

R04Ref. Is this the Christian Reformed Church, the Reformed Church in America or some other Reformed group?

[VAR: relig_crc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Just Reformed	3	1
Not applicable	IAP	399

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is part of the Christian Reformed Church. None of the respondents are part of the Christian Reformed Church.

R04Just. When you say "Christian" does that mean the denomination called the "Christian Church Disciples of Christ," or some other Christian denomination, or do you mean to say "I am just a Christian"?

[VAR: relig_mean]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Disciples of Christ	1	2
I am just a Christian	2	14
Other Christian denomination	7	3
Not applicable	IAP	381

Remarks: Skip to R06. Only asked if R04 is "Christian or Just Christian" (30).

R05. What religion is that?

[VAR: relig_what]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Islam or Muslim	4	1
Jewish – Reform	6	1
Unitarian or Universalist	11	1
Not applicable	IAP	397

Remarks: Only asked if R02a is "some other religion" or R02b is "some other religion." Skip to birth year.

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	22
Yes, Born-again or just born-again	2	71
Yes, Evangelical or just evangelical	3	14
Yes, Both	4	3
No	5	46
Don't know	8	13
Refused	9	4
Not applicable	IAP	227

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

R06b1. Are you a born-again Christian?

[VAR: born_again2]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	110
No	2	66
Don't know	8	34
Refused	9	3
Not applicable	IAP	212

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

R06b2. Are you an evangelical Christian?

[VAR: relig_evan]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	35
No	2	116
Don't know	8	34
Refused	9	3
Not applicable	IAP	212

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

R07. Do you consider yourself to be a liberal or Mainline Christian?

[VAR: relig_lib]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	5
Yes, Liberal or just liberal	2	84
Yes, Mainline or just mainline	3	166
Yes, both	4	4
No	5	28
Don't know	8	64
Refused	9	10

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

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63. Do you own or rent your home?

[VAR: rent_own1]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes, just yes	1	7
Yes, Own	2	171
Yes, Rent	3	16
Yes, both	4	2
No	5	2
Refused	9	2
Not applicable	IAP	200

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

a. Do you rent or own your home?

[VAR: rent_own2]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Own	1	176
Rent	2	14
Other	3	4
Don't know	8	2
Refused	9	4
Not applicable	IAP	200

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

64. Are you working full-time or part time?

[VAR: employ_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes, Part-time	2	20
Yes, Full-time	3	50
Yes, Both	4	1
No	5	43
Other, student, retired	7	77
Refused	9	1
Not applicable	IAP	208

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

b1. Are you working full-time?

[VAR: employ_full]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	77
No	2	126
Don't know	8	1
Refused	9	4
Not applicable	IAP	192

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

b2. Are you working part-time?

[VAR: employ_part]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	28
No	2	102
Refused	9	1
Not applicable	IAP	269

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

65. Because we have called a random number and do not have your address, could you tell us what part of Illinois you live in?

[VAR: part_il]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Southern Illinois	1	381
Central Illinois	2	5
Other	8	12
Don't know/Refused	9	2

Remarks: The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

[VAR: part_il_other]

Response	Frequency
Between Southern and Central Illinois	1
Caral	1
Cobtonville	1
Colombian	1
Karnak	1
Macanda	1
Marion	1
Massac	1
Redbud	1
South East	1
South Eastern	1
Woodlawn	1

Remarks: Other response to Q64 – written in as the interviewer heard it.

66. 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 9999.

67. 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: race_eth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
White	1	379
Black	2	8
Multiracial	5	7
Other	8	1
Refused	9	5

[VAR: rac_eth_other]

Response	Frequency
Native American	1
Not applicable	399

68. 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	87
$25,001-$35,000	2	43
$35,001-$50,000	3	63
$50,001-$70,000	4	54
$70,001-$100,000	5	34
$100,001-$150,000	6	26
Over $150,000	7	10
Other/Refused	9	83

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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The 2011 Southern Illinois Poll, Draft Four

Hello. This is [NAME] 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 the State of Illinois. And, your household was selected at random to participate.

According to our research procedure, I need to speak to the youngest (male/female) who is registered to vote and who is at home when I place the call. May I speak to that person, please?

(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?) *right direction, wrong direction, other/dk*

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) *right direction, wrong direction, other/dk*

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, probe) *right direction, wrong direction, other/dk*

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?*

Now I'd like for you to tell me how well some elected officials are performing their jobs. For each one that I read, please tell me if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job that official is doing. If you haven't heard enough information to evaluate that person, just tell me that. First is . . . (rotate)

5. President Barack Obama. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job President Obama is doing?

   strongly approve, approve, disapprove, strongly disapprove, haven't heard enough, DK

6. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Governor Quinn is doing?

> *strongly approve, approve, disapprove, strongly disapprove, haven't heard enough, DK*

Next, we'd like to know people's attitudes about the Illinois State legislature. I am going to ask you about both the State Senate and the State House of Representatives. If you haven't heard enough information to evaluate that house of the legislature, just tell me that. First is . . . (rotate)

7. The Illinois State Senate. Is your attitude toward the State Senate

> *Very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, haven't heard enough, DK*

8. The Illinois House of Representatives. Is your attitude toward the House of Representatives

> *Very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, haven't heard enough, DK*

Now we are interested in your thoughts about the effects of various levels of government in your life. First (rotate items),

9. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Federal government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say

> *a great deal of effect, some effect, a little effect, or none*

9a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

> *Beneficial, harmful, oth/DK (VOL)*

10. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Illinois state government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say

> *a great deal of effect, some effect, a little effect, or none*

10a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

> *Beneficial, harmful, oth/DK (VOL)*

11. How much impact do you think the activities of **your local government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say

> *a great deal of effect, some effect, a little effect, or none*

11a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

> *Beneficial, harmful, oth/DK (VOL)*

12. We are interested to know what you think is the most important problem facing our country today? *(open-ended)*

13. Next, we'd like to know what you think is the most important problem in your town or area of the state. *(open-ended)*

(Rotate 14 and 15)

14. (If other than DK) Would you vote for a local *property* tax increase to support a program to fix that problem?   *Yes   No   Oth/DK*

15. (If other than DK) Would you vote for a local *sales* tax increase to support a program to fix that problem?   *Yes   No   Oth/DK*

I'm going to read a list of projects that have been proposed for various communities in Southern Illinois. I'm going to ask you if you would agree or disagree with community leaders if they proposed that program or project in your area. Let's assume for the moment that the funding for the project had already been found. First is (rotate):

16. Build better streets and highways. Would you

> *Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*
>
> With a decision to do this in your community?

17. Attract small to medium industries to this area. Would you

> *Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*
>
> With a decision to do this in your community?

18. Raise the level of financial support to local elementary and high schools. Would you

> *Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*
>
> With a decision to do this in your community?

19. Develop the tourism industry in Southern Illinois. Would you

> *Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*
>
> With a decision to do this in your community?

20. Attract large industries to this area. Would you

> *Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*
>
> With a decision to do this in your community?

21. Provide tax breaks to new industry in order to attract them to this area. Would you

     Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree

     With a decision to do this in your community?

22. Raise the level of financial support to the area community colleges. Would you

     Strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree

     With a decision to do this in your community?

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

23.   The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 15 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, OK? If you haven't thought much about the issue, just tell me that.

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.

Third is . . .
Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.

Haven't thought much about it   *DK/NA*

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? (Repeat if necessary) (rotate choices)

24. Do you favor or oppose raising the state sales tax rate?

             Favor   *Oppose Other/DK*

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

             Favor   *Oppose Other/DK*

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

Favor   *Oppose Other/DK*

27. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to increase the tax on cigarettes by $1 per pack?

Favor   *Oppose Other/DK*

The state has recently enacted some tax increases to try to fix the state budget deficit. We would like to know whether you approve or disapprove of those measures, OK? First is: (Repeat if necessary) (rotate choices)

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the state's action to implement a temporary increase in the state income tax from 3 percent to 5 percent?

Approve   *Disapprove*   *Other/DK*

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the state's action to implement a temporary increase in the state's corporate income tax from 4-point-8 percent to 7 percent?

Approve   *Disapprove*   *Other/DK*

We would like to know your views of various industries and occupational groups in our area. For each one that I read, please tell me whether you have a very favorable attitude, favorable, unfavorable, or very unfavorable attitude toward that group. If you don't have an opinion either way, just tell me that. First is (rotate)

30. The coal industry

Very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, very unfavorable, no opinion, oth/DK

31. Coal miners

Very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, very unfavorable, no opinion, oth/DK

32. Southern Illinois University

Very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, very unfavorable, no opinion, oth/DK

33. College students

Very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, very unfavorable, no opinion, oth/DK

34. Farmers

Very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, very unfavorable, no opinion, oth/DK

35. Physicians

Very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, very unfavorable, no opinion, oth/DK

We are interested in what people think about local government services in Southern Illinois. I'm going to read some standard functions of local governments, and for each one that I read, please tell me whether your local government does a very good job, a good job, a fair job, or a poor job with that function. If your local government doesn't perform that function, just tell me that, OK? First is . . . (rotate)

36. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *fire protection?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

37. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *garbage and trash collection?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

38. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *schools?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

39. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *police protection?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

40. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *parks and recreation?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

41. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *sewers and drainage?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

42. How well do you think your municipal government performs on *streets and roads?*
Is it: Very good, good, fair, poor, not provided, oth/DK

GROUP 1

43. I'm going to read a list of ten religious groups. After I finish reading the list of religious groups, I want you to tell me which religious group you like the LEAST. Which of these religious groups do you like the least?

[ROTATE LIST WITH RANDOM START]

Born-Again Christians

Catholics

Jews

Buddhists

Liberal Protestants

Muslims

Pentecostals

Mormons

Baptists

Unitarians

GROUP 2

43a. I'm going to read a list of ten religious groups. After I finish reading the list of religious groups, I want you to tell me which religious group you like the MOST. Which of these religious groups do you like the most?

[ROTATE LIST WITH RANDOM START]

Born-Again Christians

Catholics

Jews

Buddhists

Liberal Protestants

Muslims

Pentecostals

Mormons

Baptists

Unitarians

GROUP 3

No list of religious groups presented to Group 3. Skip to 44

Next, we will ask you about <RELIGION1> in America. Please let us know if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement.

[ROTATE QUESTIONS WITH RANDOM START]

44. <RELIGION1> should express their views on day-to-day social and political questions. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*?

45. <RELIGION1> should be allowed to meet together in your community. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree*?

46. Government should allow <RELIGION1> business owners to hire only <RELIGION1>. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

47. <RELIGION1> groups should have the same rights as other organizations. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

48. <RELIGION1> should keep their beliefs out of politics. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

49. Public schools should avoid hiring <RELIGION1> teachers. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

50. <RELIGION1> should not be allowed to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

51. <RELIGION1> doctors must provide any legal medical service even if it goes against their religious beliefs. Do you *strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

52. Would you favor or oppose allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them?

52a.   IF FAVOR: Do you favor or strongly favor?

        IF OPPOSE: Do you oppose or strongly oppose?

Next, we are interested in your opinion on some social issues. First: (rotate)

53. 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*

54. 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*

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

> *Oth, DK*

55. **(Gallup wording)** Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?

> *Favor   oppose   Oth/DK*

56. Which comes closer to your view? The government should take special steps to make our country a Christian country, or there should be a separation between church and government.
> *Christian country   Separation   Oth/DK*

57. We are interested in how people are using telephones these days. Would you say your household is a land-line-only household, mostly land-line, mostly cell-phone, or a cell-phone-only household.

> *Land-line only, mostly land-line, mostly cell-phone, cell-phone-only, Oth/DK*

And now just a few questions for classification purposes:

58. DO NOT READ, just code: *Male Female*

59. 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 Other/DK*

60. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself *(Reverse scale for half of sample)*

> *Very liberal,   somewhat liberal,   moderate,   somewhat conservative,*
> *very conservative, Oth, DK*

61.   Religion Sequence

> *Attendance*
>
> *Denomination*
>
> *Born again?*

63. Do you own or rent your home?

> (INTERVIEWER: CODE RESPONDENT'S EXACT RESPONSE - DO NOT PROBE.)
>
> 1) Yes (JUST "YES" - RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY OWN OR RENT)
> 2) Yes, Own (or just Own)
> 3) Yes, Rent (or just Rent)
> 4) Yes, Both
> 5) No
> 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
> 7) (DO NOT READ) Refused

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

> If Republican or Democrat: Would you call yourself a strong R/D or a not-so-strong R/D
>
> If Independent: Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?
>
> *Strong Dem   Not-strong Dem   Independent-Dem   Pure Ind. (Vol)*
>
> *Independent-Rep   Not-Strong Rep Strong-Rep   Other/DK (vol)*

65. Because we have called a random number and do not have your address, could you tell us what part of Illinois you live in?

> *Southern Illinois   Central Illinois Other (specify) DK*

66. 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__

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

> *white   black Asian   Hispanic   Multiracial   Other   Refused*

68. 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 35,000   35,000 to 50,000   50,000 to 70,000   70,000 to 100,000   100,000 to 150,000   Over 150,000   Other/Refused*

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