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# **The Simon Poll**

## **Illinois Statewide**

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## **Poll Description**

### **Motivation**

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

### **Sample and Geographic Coverage**

The 2018 Simon Poll interviewed 1,001 registered voters across Illinois.

### **Polling Method**

Live telephone interviews. Cell phone interviews accounted for 60 percent of the sample. A Spanish language version of the questionnaire and a Spanish-speaking interviewer were made available.

### **Margin of Error**

Plus or minus 3.1 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. The margin for error will be larger for demographic, geographic and response subgroups.

### **Date**

Poll conducted from September 24 – 29, 2018.

### **Polling Agency**

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

### **Funding Source**

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

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

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## Data Descriptions and Frequencies

### **Introduction and Screening**

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

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

[VAR: cell]

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

[VAR: safe]

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

[VAR: youngest]

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

[VAR: reg]

**S6.** Gender

[VAR: gender]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Male	1	478
Female	2	522

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

## **General Outlook**

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

[VAR: rwdirusa]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Right direction	1	313
Wrong direction	2	592
Don't know	9	96

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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Right direction	1	118
Wrong direction	2	789
Don't know	9	94

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

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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Right direction	1	510
Wrong direction	2	391
Don't know	9	100

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

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

[VAR: qlife]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Excellent	1	145
Good	2	412
Average	3	290
Not so good	4	93
Poor	5	48
Don't know	9	13

## **Midterm Election**

5. As you are probably aware, Statewide elections in Illinois will be held Tuesday, November 6. Thinking ahead, are you certain to vote in the election, is there a small change you might not get a chance to vote, or will you probably not vote?

[VAR: midterm\_voter]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Certain	1	905
Might not	2	58
Probably won't	3	25
Other/Don't know	9	13

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

[VAR: polling\_location]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Know exact	1	764
Pretty sure	2	139
Unsure	3	10

[VAR: likely\_voter]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Likely	1	715
Unlikely	2	286

Remarks: likely voters were coded as those certain to vote (VAR: midterm\_voter) and who know the exact location of their polling place (VAR: polling\_location).

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

[VAR: midterm\_enthusiasm]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
More enthusiastic	1	573
Nether more/less enthusiastic	2	149
Less enthusiastic	3	254
Don't know	9	25

8. If the general election for Illinois governor were being held today, and the Republican candidate was Bruce Rauner, the Democratic candidate was J.B. Pritzker, the Conservative Party candidate was Sam McCann, and the Libertarian Candidate was Kash Jackson (candidate order rotated) would you vote for?

[VAR: Illinois\_governor\_2018]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Bruce Rauner	1	249
J.B. Pritzker	2	468
Sam McCann	3	43
Kash Jackson	4	50
Other/don't know	9	191

9. And if the general election of Attorney General were being held today, would you vote for Kwame Raoul or Erika Harold (candidate order rotated)?

[VAR: Illinois\_AG\_2018]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Kwame Raoul	1	330
Erika Harold	2	250
Other/don't know	9	421

10. Has President Trump's record in office made you more or less likely to vote for Republican candidates for state offices in Illinois?

[VAR: trump\_influence\_stateoff]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Much more	1	227
Somewhat more	2	51
No effect	3	125
Somewhat less	4	90
Much less	5	459
Other/don't know	9	49

**11.** Has President Trump’s record in office made you more or less likely to vote for a Republican for United States Congress from Illinois this year?

[VAR: trump\_influence\_UScongress]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Much more	1	237
Somewhat more	2	66
No effect	3	108
Somewhat less	4	69
Much less	5	471
Other/don’t know	9	50

**12.** Which political party do you believe best represents your interests in the U.S. Congress?

[VAR: party\_representation\_congress]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Democratic	1	438
Republican	2	238
Green	3	19
Libertarian	4	51
The Conservative Party	5	34
None of the above	6	192
Other/don’t know	9	29

**13.** Do you support or oppose the federal tax reform plan passed by the Republican Congressional majorities last December?

[VAR: taxplan\_2017]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly support	1	198
Somewhat support	2	114
Neither	3	33
Somewhat oppose	4	118
Strongly oppose	5	408
Other/don’t know	9	130

- a. Does your view on this issue make you more or less likely to vote for Republican Congressional candidates in November?

[VAR: taxplan\_2017\_vote\_rep\_cong]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Much more	1	199
Somewhat more	2	80
Neither	3	64
Somewhat less	4	89
Much less	5	382
Other/don't know	9	24

## **Illinois Budget**

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

- 14.** The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 1.5 billion dollars I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that. Illinois' public programs and services have already been reduced significantly we can only fix the problem by taking in more revenue, such as a tax increase (1); the state takes in plenty of money to pay for public services, but wastes it on unnecessary programs. We can fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency in government (2); OR the Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases (3).

[VAR: fix\_deficit\_il]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
More revenue	1	121
Cut waste	2	446
Combination of cuts and revenue increases	3	261
Haven't thought much about it	4	62
Don't know	9	111

- 15.** Since 85% of the budget is made up of k-12 education, higher education, and health and human services, which areas should be cut to make up the difference? K-12, higher education, or health and human services?

[VAR: cuts\_socialservices]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
K-12	1	54
Higher education	2	236
Health and human services	3	142
All of the above	4	43
None of the above	5	397
Other/don't know	9	129

*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?*

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

[VAR: gamble\_exp]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	288
Somewhat favor	2	223
Somewhat oppose	3	147
Strongly oppose	4	272
Other/Don't know	9	71

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

[VAR: tax\_services]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	137
Somewhat favor	2	225
Somewhat oppose	3	172
Strongly oppose	4	410
Other/Don't know	9	57

**18.** Would you favor or oppose a proposal to raise the state gasoline tax to fund improvements to Illinois highways, roads, and bridges?

[VAR: tax\_gas]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	142
Somewhat favor	2	213
Somewhat oppose	3	140
Strongly oppose	4	457
Other/Don't know	9	49

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

[VAR: tax\_ret\_inc]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	96
Somewhat favor	2	117
Somewhat oppose	3	137
Strongly oppose	4	583
Other/Don't know	9	68

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

[VAR: tax\_ret\_inc50K]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	83
Somewhat favor	2	139
Somewhat oppose	3	131
Strongly oppose	4	308
Other/Don't know	9	59
Not applicable	IAP	281

Remarks: Only asked of those that opposed on VAR: tax\_ret\_inc.

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

[VAR: tax\_inc\_mil]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	586
Somewhat favor	2	152
Somewhat oppose	3	90
Strongly oppose	4	143
Other/Don't know	9	50

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

[VAR: tax\_inc\_grad]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	473
Somewhat favor	2	198
Somewhat oppose	3	70
Strongly oppose	4	191
Other/Don't know	9	69

## **Social Issues**

22. Is maintaining the health and wellness of the community an important part of elected officials' job description, or not? Would you say working for the health and wellness of the community is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

[VAR: health\_electedoffice]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very important	1	649
Somewhat important	2	237
Not very important	3	45
Not at all important	4	48
Other/don't know	9	22

23. What about community groups and community leaders? Is maintaining the health and wellness of the community a very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important part of their jobs?

[VAR: health\_communityleaders]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very important	1	584
Somewhat important	2	282
Not very important	3	58
Not at all important	4	36
Other/don't know	9	41

24. Given the recent allegations of sexual harassment in the news these days, do you think people have a better understanding of sexual harassment, or not?

[VAR: sexharass\_understanding]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Better	1	515
Not better	2	414
Don't know	8	52
No answer	9	20

**25.** Given the recent allegations of sexual harassment in the news these days, do you think people are more likely to be held accountable for sexual harassment, or do you think people are just as likely to be held accountable as they were before?

[VAR: sexharass\_accountability]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
More likely	1	591
Just as likely	2	270
Less likely	3	56
Don't know	8	55
No answer	9	29

**26.** If a political candidate has been accused of sexual harassment by multiple people, would you still strongly consider voting for them if you agreed with them on the issues, somewhat consider voting for them, not vote for them, or definitely not vote for them?

[VAR: sexharass\_vote]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly consider	1	117
Somewhat consider	2	225
Definitely not vote	3	381
Don't know	8	55
No answer	9	38

## **Demographics**

[VAR: id]

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

[VAR: area]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Chicago City	1	201
Chicago Suburbs	2	500
Downstate	3	300

[VAR: type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Landline	1	401
Cell Phone	2	600

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

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

[VAR: education]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Less than high school	1	19
High school	2	137
Some college	3	230
Associate's degree	4	100
Bachelor's degree	5	268
Graduate or professional degree	6	233
Don't know	7	14

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

[VAR: ideo\_leans]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Very liberal	1	146
Somewhat liberal	2	198
Moderate	3	285
Somewhat conservative	4	203
Very conservative	5	124
Don't know	6	45

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

[VAR: party\_leans]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strong Democrat	1	271
Not so strong Democrat	2	76
Independent Democrat	3	144
Pure Independent	4	155
Independent leaning Republican	5	110
Not so strong republican	6	39
Strong Republican	7	121
Something else	8	51
Other/Don't know	9	34

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

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

[VAR: employ\_time]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Full-time	1	478
Part-time	2	92
Retired	3	357
Not employed	4	58
Other/Don't know	5	16

Remarks: If the respondent said that they were “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q31. If the respondent said that they were “retired” (3), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q32. If they were “not employed” or “other/don't know/refused” (9), the interviewer skipped to R01.

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

[VAR: employ\_type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Private	1	292
Non-Profit	2	75
Government	3	77
Self-employed	4	90
Don't know	5	36
Not applicable	IAP	431

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

[VAR: retired\_type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Private	1	145
Non-Profit	2	36
Government	3	103
Self-employed	4	49
Don't know	5	24
Not applicable	IAP	644

**33.** Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

[VAR: union]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	227
No	2	759
Other/Don't know	3	15

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

[VAR: relig\_att\_often]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Every week	1	234
Almost every week	2	105
Once or twice a month	3	122
A few times a year	4	260
Never	5	251
Refused	6	29

**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	395
Some other religion	2	5
Don't know	8	7
Refused	9	5
System Missing	IAP	540

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

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

[VAR: religion]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christian	1	270
Some other religion	2	68
No religion	3	174
Don't know	8	8
Refused	9	20
System Missing	IAP	461

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

[VAR: born\_again]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	175
No	2	464
Don't know	8	20
Refused	9	6
System Missing	IAP	336

**34.** Have you or a member of your immediate family (spouse, partner, parent, child, brother, sister) ever served in the military

[VAR: vet]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	555
No	2	435
Other/don't know	9	11

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

[VAR: zip]

Remarks: If RS refused, zip code entered as 99999.

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

[VAR: birth\_yr]

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

[VAR: age\_cat]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
18-24	1	46
25-29	2	41
30-34	3	47
35-39	4	62
40-44	5	66
45-49	6	51
50-54	7	70
55-59	8	96
60-64	9	104
65-69	10	109
70-74	11	89
75-79	12	58
80+	13	76
Refused	14	86

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

[VAR: rac\_eth]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
White	1	679
Black	2	132
Asian	3	21
Hispanic	4	55
Multiracial	5	30
Other	6	10
Refused	9	74

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

[VAR: rac\_eth\_other]

Remarks: If the respondent said that they considered themselves part of another race (6), the interviewer wrote in their response.

**38.** 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]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Under \$25,000	1	90
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2	59
\$35,000 - \$49,999	3	109
\$50,000 - \$69,999	4	154
\$70,000 - \$99,999	5	146
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6	132
Over \$150,000	7	133
Don't know	8	27
Refused	9	151

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

# Survey Instrument

## Fall 2018 Simon Poll

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

#### **[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]**

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

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

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

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

#### **[ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE]**

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

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

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

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

S6. (RECORD GENDER BY OBSERVATION)

- 1) Male
- 2) Female

## **Right Track/Wrong Track**

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
  9. 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
  9. 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
  9. 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
  9. Don't know

## **Midterm Election**

5. As you are probably aware, Statewide elections in Illinois will be held Tuesday, November 6. Thinking ahead, are you certain to vote in the election, is there a small chance you might not get a chance to vote, or will you probably not vote?
  - 1 Certain to vote
  - 2 Might not get a chance
  - 3 Probably will not vote
  - 9 (DONT KNOW)
  
6. We are interested in how well local election officials communicate with voters about the location of polling places in Illinois. Thinking about your polling place for the upcoming elections, do you know its exact location, are you pretty sure of its location, or are you unsure at this point where your polling place is?
  - 1 Know exact location
  - 2 Pretty sure of location
  - 3 Unsure of location
  
7. Thinking about the upcoming elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual about voting, or less enthusiastic?
  - 1 More enthusiastic
  - 2 (NEITHER MORE NOR LESS)
  - 3 Less enthusiastic
  - 9 (DONT KNOW)
  
8. If the general election for Illinois governor were being held today, and the Republican candidate was Bruce Rauner, the Democratic candidate was J.B. Pritzker, the Conservative Party candidate was Sam McCann, and the Libertarian Candidate was Kash Jackson (rotate) who would you vote for?
  - 1 Bruce Rauner
  - 2 J.B. Pritzker
  - 3 Sam McCann
  - 4 Kash Jackson
  - 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW)
  
9. And if the general election for Attorney General were being held today, would you vote for...(randomize candidates)... Kwame Raoul or Erika Harold?
  - 1 Kwame Raoul
  - 2 Erika Harold
  - 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW)

10. Has President Donald Trump's record in office made you more or less likely to vote for Republican candidates for state offices in Illinois? [If more or less] Is that very or somewhat more/less likely?
- 1 Much more
  - 2 Somewhat more
  - 3 (NO EFFECT)
  - 4 Somewhat less
  - 5 Much less
  - 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)
11. Has President Donald Trump's record in office made you more or less likely to vote for a Republican for United States Congress from Illinois this year? [If more or less] Is that very or somewhat more/less likely?
- 1 Much more
  - 2 Somewhat more
  - 3 (NO EFFECT)
  - 4 Somewhat less
  - 5 Much less
  - 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)
12. Which political party do you believe best represents your interests in the U.S. Congress? Democrat, Republican, Green, Libertarian, the Conservative Party, or none of the above.
- 1 Democratic
  - 2 Republican
  - 3 Green
  - 4 Libertarian
  - 5 The Conservative Party
  - 6 Or none of the above?
  - 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)
13. Do you support or oppose the federal tax reform plan passed by the Republican Congressional majorities last December? Oppose or Support?
- 1 Strongly Support
  - 2 Somewhat Support
  - 3 (NEITHER)
  - 4 Somewhat oppose
  - 5 Strongly oppose
  - 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

13A. Does your view on this issue make you more or less likely to vote for Republican Congressional candidates in November? [If more or less] Is that very or somewhat more/less likely?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 (NEITHER)
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

### **Budget and Tax Issues**

*Now we would like to ask you about the Illinois budget.*

#### **How to Handle the Budget Deficit**

14. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over [1.5 billion]. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that. (rotate)

- 1 Illinois public programs and services have already been reduced significantly. We can only fix the issue 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 (HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT IT)
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

#### **Cuts**

15. Since 85% of the budget is made up of K-12 education, higher education, and health and human services, which areas should be cut to make up the difference? K-12, Higher Education, or Health and Human Services?

- 1 K-12
- 2 Higher education
- 3 Health and Human Services
- 4 (ALL OF THE ABOVE)
- 5 (NONE OF THE ABOVE)
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

## Revenue Sources

*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?*

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

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW)

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

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW)

18. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to raise the state gasoline tax to fund improvements to Illinois highways, roads, and bridges?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW)

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

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW)

19A. Would you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income if it exempted from taxes the first \$50,000 earned per year?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

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

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

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

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

## **Social Issues**

22. Is maintaining the health and wellness of the community an important part of local elected officials' job description, or not? Would you say working for the health and wellness of the community is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not very important
- 4 Not at all important
- 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)

23. What about community groups and community leaders? Is maintaining the health and wellness of the community a very important, somewhat important, not very, or not at all important part of their jobs?
- 1 Very important
  - 2 Somewhat important
  - 3 Not very important
  - 4 Not at all important
  - 9 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW)
24. Given the recent allegations of sexual harassment in the news these days, do you think people have a better understanding of sexual harassment, or not?
- 1 Yes/Better understanding
  - 2 No
  - 8 (DON'T KNOW)
  - 9 (NO ANSWER)
25. Given the recent allegations of sexual harassment in the news these days, do you think people are more likely to be held accountable for sexual harassment, or do you think people are just as likely to be held accountable as they were before?
- 1 More likely
  - 2 Just as likely
  - 3 Less likely
  - 8 (DON'T KNOW)
  - 9 (NO ANSWER)
26. If a political candidate has been accused of sexual harassment by multiple people, would you still strongly consider voting for them if you agreed with them on the issues, somewhat consider voting for them, not vote for them, or definitely not vote for them?
- 1 Strongly consider
  - 2 Somewhat consider
  - 3 Not vote
  - 4 Definitely not vote
  - 8 (DON'T KNOW)
  - 9 (NO ANSWER)

## **Demographics**

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

27. 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 (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)

28. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

- 1 Very liberal
- 2 Somewhat liberal
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Somewhat conservative
- 5 Very conservative
- 6 (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)

29. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what? (IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT: Would you call yourself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?) (IF INDEPENDENT: Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?)

- 1 Strong Democrat
- 2 Not-strong Democrat
- 3 Independent Democrat
- 4 (PURE INDEPENDENT)
- 5 Independent Republican
- 6 Not-strong Republican
- 7 Strong Republican
- 8 (SOMETHING ELSE)
- 9 (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)

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

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time
- 3 Retired
- 4 Not employed
- 5 (OTHER/DONT KNOW/REFUSED)

31. 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 (DONT KNOW/REFUSED)

32. [IF RETIRED] 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 (DONT KNOW/REFUSED)

33. Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 (OTHER/DONT KNOW/REFUSED)

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
- 2 Almost every week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Never
- 6 (REFUSED)

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

- 1 Christian
- 2 Some other religion
- 8 (DON'T KNOW)
- 9 (REFUSED)

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

- 1 Christian
- 2 Some other religion
- 3 No religion
- 8 (DON'T KNOW)
- 9 (REFUSED)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 (DON'T KNOW)
- 4 (REFUSED)

34. Have you or a member of your immediate family (spouse, partner, parent, child, brother, sister), served in the military?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 (OTHER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)

35. To make sure all parts of Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_  
99999 (REFUSED)

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

- \_\_\_\_\_  
1900 (REFUSED)

37. 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 - SPECIFY)
- 9 (REFUSED)

38. 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 (DON'T KNOW)
- 9 (REFUSED)

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