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The Simon Poll

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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 2019 Simon Poll interviewed 1,000 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 March 11 - 17, 2019.

Polling Agency

Customer Research International of San Marcos, Texas¹.

Funding Source

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

¹ 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]

S4. Are you registered to vote in the state of Illinois?

[VAR: reg]

S5. Gender

[VAR: gender]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Male	1		538
Female	2		462

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	303
Wrong direction	2	612
Don't know	9	85

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	217
Wrong direction	2	671
Don't know	9	112

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	561
Wrong direction	2	351
Don't know	9	88

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

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

[VAR: qlife]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	142
Good	2	395
Average	3	319
Not so good	4	84
Poor	5	55
Don't know	9	5

Job Approval

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

[VAR: approval_pritzker]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	102
Somewhat approve	2	299
Neither	3	66
Somewhat disapprove	4	144
Strongly disapprove	5	239
Other/don't know	9	150

6. And what about Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Mike Madigan? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Speaker Madigan is doing?

[VAR: approval_madigan]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	36
Somewhat approve	2	165
Neither	3	22
Somewhat disapprove	4	184
Strongly disapprove	5	523
Other/don't know	9	70

7. And what about Illinois Senate President John Cullerton? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Senate President Cullerton is doing?

[VAR: approval_cullerton]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly approve	1	28
Somewhat approve	2	213
Neither	3	63
Somewhat disapprove	4	159
Strongly disapprove	5	190
Other/don't know	9	347

8. And what about President of the United States Donald Trump? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job President Trump is doing?

[VAR: approval_trump]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly approve	1	231
Somewhat approve	2	160
Neither	3	14
Somewhat disapprove	4	99
Strongly disapprove	5	490
Other/don't know	9	6

9. And what about Senator Dick Durbin? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the Senator Durbin is doing?

[VAR: approval_durbin]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly approve	1	231
Somewhat approve	2	281
Neither	3	12
Somewhat disapprove	4	128
Strongly disapprove	5	280
Other/don't know	9	68

Illinois Political Reform

Section Introduction: We are also interested in your opinions on political reform in Illinois. I'm going to read you some proposals that some people have offered. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that idea.

- 10.** A proposal limiting the number of years state legislators can serve in the House of Representatives, the State Senate, or a combination of the two. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: term_limits]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	613
Somewhat favor	2	224
Somewhat oppose	3	61
Strongly oppose	4	72
Other/don't know	9	30

- 11.** A proposal limiting how long legislators could serve in leadership positions - such as Speaker of the House or President of the Senate - before they stepped down to let other legislators lead. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: term_leader]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	647
Somewhat favor	2	201
Somewhat oppose	3	64
Strongly oppose	4	60
Other/don't know	9	28

- 12.** Some people have proposed a constitutional amendment that would have legislative district maps created and recommended by a commission that is independent of the elected representatives. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: redist_commis]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	383
Somewhat favor	2	283
Somewhat oppose	3	112
Strongly oppose	4	109
Other/don't know	9	113

Budget and Tax Issues

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

How to Handle the Budget Deficit

- 13.** The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 3 billion dollars I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, 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	101
Cut waste	2	516
Combination of cuts and revenue increases	3	281
Haven't thought much about it	4	39
Don't know	9	63

Cuts

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

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

[VAR: cuts_k12]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	180
Oppose	2	796
Other/don't know	9	24

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

[VAR: cuts_he]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	381
Oppose	2	578
Other/don't know	9	41

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

[VAR: cuts_cops]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	256
Oppose	2	705
Other/don't know	9	39

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

[VAR: cuts_parks]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	288
Oppose	2	679
Other/don't know	9	33

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

[VAR: cuts_poor]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	247
Oppose	2	701
Other/don't know	9	52

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

[VAR: cuts_dis]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	128
Oppose	2	851
Other/don't know	9	21

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

[VAR: pen_cuts]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Favor	1	441
Oppose	2	514
Other/don't know	9	45

Revenue Sources

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?

- 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	455
Somewhat favor	2	211
Somewhat oppose	3	88
Strongly oppose	4	225
Other/Don't know	9	21

- 22.** Do you favor or oppose expanding the sales tax to cover the same services as Wisconsin currently taxes such as a sales tax on entertainment tickets, cable and internet services, landscaping, and parking, which are not currently taxed?

[VAR: tax_services]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	122
Somewhat favor	2	239
Somewhat oppose	3	166
Strongly oppose	4	439
Other/Don't know	9	34

- 23.** 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	106
Somewhat favor	2	123
Somewhat oppose	3	132
Strongly oppose	4	600
Other/Don't know	9	39

- a. Would you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income if it exempted from taxes the first \$100,000 earned per year?

[VAR: tax_ret_inc100K]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	164
Somewhat favor	2	195
Somewhat oppose	3	116
Strongly oppose	4	227
Other/Don't know	9	30
Not applicable	IAP	268

Remarks: Only asked of those that opposed on VAR: tax_ret_inc.

24. 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	565
Somewhat favor	2	149
Somewhat oppose	3	76
Strongly oppose	4	191
Other/Don't know	9	19

25. 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	343
Somewhat favor	2	231
Somewhat oppose	3	140
Strongly oppose	4	256
Other/Don't know	9	30

26. Do you favor or oppose a proposal legalizing betting on sports events?

[VAR: sport_bet]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	363
Somewhat favor	2	267
Somewhat oppose	3	108
Strongly oppose	4	219
Other/Don't know	9	43

27. Do you favor or oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana if it is taxed and regulated like alcohol?

[VAR: tax_rec_mj]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly favor	1	487
Somewhat favor	2	170
Somewhat oppose	3	54
Strongly oppose	4	267
Other/Don't know	9	22

28. 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	169
Somewhat favor	2	202
Somewhat oppose	3	141
Strongly oppose	4	464
Other/Don't know	9	24

Social Issues

29. Do you support or oppose incremental increases in the state's minimum wage, which is currently \$8.25 an hour, up to \$15 per hour, by January 1, 2025?

[VAR: min_wage15]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Strongly support	1	489
Somewhat support	2	169
Somewhat oppose	3	101
Strongly oppose	4	223
Other/Don't know	9	18

Health Care

Section Introduction: Now we have a few questions about your health care.

30. Do you currently have one person you think of as your primary care doctor or health care provider that you usually go to when you are sick or need health care or not?

[VAR: primary_care]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	876
No	2	120
Other/don't know	9	4

31. Do you now have any type of health plan or health coverage?

[VAR: health_ins]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	958
No	2	37
Other/don't know	9	5

32. Is access to good quality health care a big problem, small problem, or not a problem, in your local community?

[VAR: healthcare_access]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Big problem	1	200
Small problem	2	185
Not a problem	3	562
Other/don't know	9	53

Demographics

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

[VAR: area]

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

[VAR: phone_type]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Landline	1	400
Cells	2	600

33. 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	23
High school	2	173
Some college	3	162
Associate's degree	4	98
Bachelor's degree	5	269
Graduate or professional degree	6	264
Don't know	7	11

34. 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	124
Somewhat liberal	2	198
Moderate	3	264
Somewhat conservative	4	208
Very conservative	5	161
Don't know	6	45

35. 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	217
Not so strong Democrat	2	79
Independent Democrat	3	143
Pure Independent	4	153
Independent leaning Republican	5	121
Not so strong republican	6	69
Strong Republican	7	137
Something else	8	38
Other/Don't know	9	43

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?”

36. 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	458
Part-time	2	67
Retired	3	386
Not employed	4	78
Other/Don't know	5	11

Remarks: If the respondent said that they were “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q37. If the respondent said that they were “retired” (3), the interviewer proceeded to ask them Q38. If they were “not employed” or “other/don't know/refused” (9), the interviewer skipped to Q40.

37. 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	259
Non-Profit	2	59
Government	3	73
Self-employed	4	106
Don't know	5	28
Not applicable	IAP	475

38. 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	162
Non-Profit	2	31
Government	3	118
Self-employed	4	43
Don't know	5	32
Not applicable	IAP	614

39. 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	181
No	2	810
Other/Don't know	3	9

40. Are you, or is any member of your family a military veteran or member of the active-duty military?

[VAR: vet]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Yes	1	367
No	2	628
Other/don't know	3	5

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]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Every week	1	263
Almost every week	2	85
Once or twice a month	3	146
A few times a year	4	239
Never	5	236
Refused	6	31

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

[VAR: relig_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	423
Some other religion	2	64
Don't know	8	2
Refused	9	5
System Missing	IAP	506

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]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	296
Some other religion	2	67
No religion	3	114
Don't know	8	4
Refused	9	25
System Missing	IAP	494

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	172
No	2	532
Don't know	3	9
Refused	4	6
System Missing	IAP	281

41. 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.

42. 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	39
25-29	2	38
30-34	3	40
35-39	4	54
40-44	5	47
45-49	6	60
50-54	7	84
55-59	8	65
60-64	9	102
65-69	10	121
70-74	11	111
75-79	12	86
80+	13	82
Refused	14	71

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

[VAR: rac_eth]

<u>Response</u>	<u>Value Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
White	1	704
Black	2	113
Asian	3	19
Hispanic	4	45
Multiracial	5	23
Other	6	15
Refused	9	81

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.

44. 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	98
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2	51
\$35,000 - \$49,999	3	94
\$50,000 - \$69,999	4	145
\$70,000 - \$99,999	5	155
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6	146
Over \$150,000	7	145
Don't know	8	23
Refused	9	143

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

Survey Instrument

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Introduction and Screening

Hello. This is _____ calling for The Public Policy Institute. 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 **(DO NOT READ)**

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 **(DO NOT READ)**

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 **(DO NOT READ)**

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

Job Approval

5. **[ROTATE JOB APPROVAL QUESTIONS 5 - 8]** I would like you to tell me how Governor J.B. Pritzker is doing his job. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Governor Pritzker is doing?
- 1) Strongly Approve
 - 2) Somewhat Approve
 - 3) Neither **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 4) Somewhat Disapprove
 - 5) Strongly Disapprove
 - 9) Other/Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
6. And what about Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Mike Madigan? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Speaker Madigan is doing?
- 1) Strongly Approve
 - 2) Somewhat Approve
 - 3) Neither **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 4) Somewhat Disapprove
 - 5) Strongly Disapprove
 - 9) Other/Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
7. And what about Illinois Senate President John Cullerton? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Senate President Cullerton is doing?
- 1) Strongly Approve
 - 2) Somewhat Approve
 - 3) Neither **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 4) Somewhat Disapprove
 - 5) Strongly Disapprove
 - 9) Other/Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
8. And what about President of the United States Donald Trump? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job President Trump is doing?
- 1) Strongly Approve
 - 2) Somewhat Approve
 - 3) Neither **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 4) Somewhat Disapprove
 - 5) Strongly Disapprove
 - 9) Other/Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**

9. And what about Senator Dick Durbin? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Senator Durbin is doing?

- 1) Strongly Approve
- 2) Somewhat Approve
- 3) Neither (DO NOT READ)
- 4) Somewhat Disapprove
- 5) Strongly Disapprove
- 9) Other/Don't know (DO NOT READ)

Illinois Political Reform

We are also interested in your opinions on political reform in Illinois. I'm going to read you some proposals that some people have offered. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that idea. First is... [ROTATE POLICY QUESTIONS 9-11]

10. A proposal to limiting the number of years state legislators can serve in the House of Representatives, the State Senate, or a combination of the two. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 9) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

11. A proposal limiting how long legislators could serve in leadership positions - such as Speaker of the House or President of the Senate - before they stepped down to let other legislators lead. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 9) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

12. Some people have proposed a constitutional amendment that would have legislative district maps created and recommended by a commission that is independent of the elected representatives. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Somewhat favor
 - 3) Somewhat oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 9) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Budget and Tax Issues

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

13. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over [\$3 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 (DO NOT READ) OTHER/DON'T KNOW

Cuts

Section Introduction: There have been a number of proposals to address the state's budget problems by making cuts in state programs and services. I'm going to read several areas where people have suggested that the state could make cuts. For each one that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you favor or oppose budget cuts in that area? ... [ROTATE BUDGET CUT QUESTIONS 14-20]

14. Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on kindergarten through high school education?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know

- 15.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on state universities?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 16.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on public safety, such as state police and prison operations?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 17.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on natural resources, such as state parks or environmental regulation?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 18.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on programs for poor people?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 19.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on programs for people with mental or physical disabilities?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 20.** Do you favor or oppose cuts in state spending on pension benefits for state workers' retirement?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** 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? ...[ROTATE REVENUE QUESTIONS 20 – 27, BUT KEEP 22 AND 22a TOGETHER]

- 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) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 22.** Do you favor or oppose expanding the sales tax to cover the same services as Wisconsin currently taxes such as a sales tax on entertainment tickets, cable and internet services, landscaping, and parking, which are not currently taxed?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Somewhat favor
 - 3) Somewhat oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know
- 23.** Do you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income, such as pensions and Social Security? **[IF 1, 2 or 9, SKIP TO Q 24; IF 3 or 4, ASK 22A]**
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Somewhat favor
 - 3) Somewhat oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

23a. Would you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income if it exempted from taxes the first \$100,000 earned per year?

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

24. 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) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

25. 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) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

26. Do you favor or oppose a proposal legalizing betting on sports events?

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

27. Do you support or oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana if it is taxed and regulated like alcohol?

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

28. 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) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

Social Issues

29. Do you support or oppose incremental increases in the state's minimum wage, which is currently \$8.25 an hour, up to \$15 per hour, by January 1, 2025?

- 1) Strongly support
- 2) Somewhat support
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

Health Care

Now we have a few questions about your health care.

30. Do you currently have one person you think of as your primary care doctor or health care provider that you usually go to when you are sick or need health care or not?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

31. Do you now have any type of health plan or health coverage?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

32. Is access to good quality health care a big problem, small problem, or not a problem, in your local community.

- 1 Big problem
- 2 Small problem
- 3 Not a problem
- 9) **(DO NOT READ)** Other/don't know

Demographics

Now I have a few questions for classification purposes.

33. 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)

34. 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
- 9 (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)

35. 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)

- 36.** Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired or not currently employed?
- 1 Full-time
 - 2 Part-time
 - 3 Retired **[SKIP TO 38]**
 - 4 Not employed **[SKIP TO 39]**
 - 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW/REFUSED)
- 37.** **[IF FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME ON Q36]** 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
 - 9 (DONT KNOW/REFUSED)
- 38.** **[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
 - 9 (DONT KNOW/REFUSED)
- 39.** Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 9 (OTHER/DONT KNOW/REFUSED)
- 40.** Are you, or is any member of your family a military veteran or member of the active-duty military?
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 9 (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 [CONTINUE TO RO2A]
- 2 Almost every week [CONTINUE TO RO2A]
- 3 Once or twice a month [CONTINUE TO RO2A]
- 4 A few times a year [SKIP TO RO2B]
- 5 Never [SKIP TO RO2B]
- 9 (REFUSED) [SKIP TO RO2B]

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

- 1 Christian [SKIP TO RO3]
- 2 Some other religion [SKIP TO Q40]
- 8 (DON'T KNOW) [SKIP TO Q40]
- 9 (REFUSED) [SKIP TO Q40]

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)
- 9 (REFUSED)

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

42. 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)

43. 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)

44. 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.