



Marquette Law School Poll Toplines

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(Reported total sample size may differ from 701 due to rounding of weighted data.)

S2

Gender

	N	%
Male	356	51%
Female	345	49%

S4

Region

	N	%
Milwaukee City	88	13%
Rest of Milwaukee media market	200	29%
Madison media market	132	19%
Green Bay/Appleton media market	129	18%
Rest of state media markets	151	22%

S5

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or ward where you now live, or aren't you?

	N	%
Yes, registered to vote	643	92%
No, not registered to vote	51	7%
Don't know/Refused (v)	7	1%

S6

Do you plan to register to vote, or is there a chance that you may not register?

	N	%
Plan to Register	58	100%

Q1

Some people seem to follow what's going on in politics most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in politics most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

	N	%
Most of the time	449	64%
Some of the time	169	24%
Only now and then	42	6%
Hardly at all	39	6%
Don't know (v)	2	0%
Refused (v)	0	0%

Q2

What are the chances that you will vote in the November 2012 general election for President, Congress, and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	N	%
Absolutely certain	573	82%
Very likely	78	11%
50-50	32	5%
Will not vote	16	2%
Don't know (v)	2	0%
Refused (v)	0	0%

Q3

Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

	N	%
Right direction	164	24%
Wrong track	491	70%
Don't know (v)	34	5%
Refused (v)	12	2%

Q4

Thinking just about the state of Wisconsin, do you feel things in Wisconsin are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

	N	%
Right direction	349	50%
Wrong track	323	46%
Don't know (v)	24	3%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q5

Over the past year, do you feel the economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	N	%
Gotten better	155	22%
Gotten worse	229	33%
Stayed the same	311	44%
Don't know (v)	4	1%
Refused (v)	1	0%

Q6

Looking ahead, over the next year do you expect the economy to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	N	%
Get better	249	36%
Get worse	116	16%
Stay the same	301	43%
Don't know (v)	32	5%
Refused (v)	3	0%

Q7

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	N	%
Approve	330	47%
Disapprove	327	47%
Don't know (v)	35	5%
Refused (v)	8	1%

Q8

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Walker is handling his job as Governor of Wisconsin?

	N	%
Approve	357	51%
Disapprove	321	46%
Don't know (v)	19	3%
Refused (v)	4	1%

Q9

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Barack Obama?

	N	%
Favorable	348	50%
Unfavorable	310	44%
Haven't heard enough	25	4%
Don't know (v)	10	2%
Refused (v)	7	1%

Q10

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Mitt Romney?

	N	%
Favorable	208	30%
Unfavorable	293	42%
Haven't heard enough	175	25%
Don't know (v)	19	3%
Refused (v)	7	1%

Q11

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Newt Gingrich?

	N	%
Favorable	178	25%
Unfavorable	370	53%
Haven't heard enough	127	18%
Don't know (v)	17	2%
Refused (v)	9	1%

Q12

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Rick Santorum?

	N	%
Favorable	190	27%
Unfavorable	149	21%
Haven't heard enough	323	46%
Don't know (v)	34	5%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q13

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Ron Paul?

	N	%
Favorable	218	31%
Unfavorable	218	31%
Haven't heard enough	235	34%
Don't know (v)	25	4%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q14

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Rick Perry?

	N	%
Favorable	119	17%
Unfavorable	283	40%
Haven't heard enough	273	39%
Don't know (v)	18	3%
Refused (v)	8	1%

Q15

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Scott Walker?

	N	%
Favorable	353	50%
Unfavorable	314	45%
Haven't heard enough	18	3%
Don't know (v)	11	2%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q16

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about her yet to have an opinion.)

Kathleen Falk?

	N	%
Favorable	131	19%
Unfavorable	176	25%
Haven't heard enough	356	51%
Don't know (v)	33	5%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q17

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Tom Barrett?

	N	%
Favorable	235	34%
Unfavorable	189	27%
Haven't heard enough	248	35%
Don't know (v)	25	4%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q18

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Tim Cullen?

	N	%
Favorable	70	10%
Unfavorable	57	8%
Haven't heard enough	512	73%
Don't know (v)	55	8%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q19

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

David Obey?

	N	%
Favorable	137	20%
Unfavorable	151	22%
Haven't heard enough	369	53%
Don't know (v)	35	5%
Refused (v)	9	1%

Q20

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about her yet to have an opinion.)

Tammy Baldwin?

	N	%
Favorable	159	23%
Unfavorable	149	21%
Haven't heard enough	350	50%
Don't know (v)	36	5%
Refused (v)	8	1%

Q21

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Tommy Thompson?

	N	%
Favorable	341	49%
Unfavorable	220	31%
Haven't heard enough	118	17%
Don't know (v)	16	2%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q22

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Mark Neumann?

	N	%
Favorable	188	27%
Unfavorable	129	18%
Haven't heard enough	348	50%
Don't know (v)	29	4%
Refused (v)	7	1%

Q23

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Jeff Fitzgerald?

	N	%
Favorable	108	15%
Unfavorable	128	18%
Haven't heard enough	416	59%
Don't know (v)	41	6%
Refused (v)	8	1%

Q24

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Frank Lasee?

	N	%
Favorable	33	5%
Unfavorable	60	9%
Haven't heard enough	544	78%
Don't know (v)	56	8%
Refused (v)	9	1%

Q25

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about them yet to have an opinion.)

The Tea Party?

	N	%
Favorable	231	33%
Unfavorable	287	41%
Haven't heard enough	146	21%
Don't know (v)	29	4%
Refused (v)	7	1%

Q26

If there were an election to recall the governor, and the candidates were Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Kathleen Falk, would you vote for Walker or for Falk?

	N	%
Walker	346	49%
Falk	297	42%
Undecided (v)	24	3%
Would not vote (v)	9	1%
Don't know (v)	18	3%
Refused (v)	7	1%

Q27

If there were an election to recall the governor, and the candidates were Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Tom Barrett, would you vote for Walker or for Barrett?

	N	%
Walker	352	50%
Barrett	309	44%
Undecided (v)	14	2%
Would not vote (v)	6	1%
Don't know (v)	14	2%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q28

If there were an election to recall the governor, and the candidates were Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Tim Cullen, would you vote for Walker or for Cullen?

	N	%
Walker	352	50%
Cullen	277	40%
Undecided (v)	24	3%
Would not vote (v)	11	2%
Don't know (v)	32	4%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q28b

If there were an election to recall the governor, and the candidates were Republican Scott Walker and Democrat David Obey, would you vote for Walker or for Obey?

	N	%
Walker	340	49%
Obey	299	43%
Undecided (v)	24	3%
Would not vote (v)	13	2%
Don't know (v)	20	3%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q29

If the 2012 election for President were held today, would you vote for Barack Obama, the Democrat or for Mitt Romney, the Republican?

	N	%
Obama	336	48%
Romney	280	40%
Undecided (v)	40	6%
Would not vote (v)	21	3%
Don't know (v)	15	2%
Refused (v)	9	1%

Q30

In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more? I'd rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, or I'd rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services?

	N	%
Higher taxes, More services	288	41%
Lower taxes, Fewer services	348	50%
Don't know (v)	47	7%
Refused (v)	18	3%

Q31

As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose. Requiring public employees to contribute to their own pensions and pay more for health insurance?

	N	%
Favor	519	74%
Oppose	156	22%
Don't know (v)	22	3%
Refused (v)	4	1%

Q32

As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose. Limiting public employees' ability to collectively bargain over benefits and non-wage issues?

	N	%
Favor	340	48%
Oppose	329	47%
Don't know (v)	28	4%
Refused (v)	4	1%

Q33

As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose. Cutting spending by reducing state aid to public schools?

	N	%
Favor	204	29%
Oppose	458	65%
Don't know (v)	31	4%
Refused (v)	8	1%

Q34

As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose. Cutting spending by limiting the number of people eligible for health insurance in the BadgerCare program?

	N	%
Favor	264	38%
Oppose	384	55%
Don't know (v)	49	7%
Refused (v)	4	1%

Q35

As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose. Legalizing possession of concealed weapons?

	N	%
Favor	321	46%
Oppose	355	51%
Don't know (v)	19	3%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q36

As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose. Requiring a government-issued photo id to vote?

	N	%
Favor	460	66%
Oppose	224	32%
Don't know (v)	12	2%
Refused (v)	5	1%

Q37

Do you think legislation passed in the last year reducing regulation and offering incentives to businesses to stay in the state or move here has increased jobs, decreased jobs, or had no effect?

	N	%
Increased jobs	219	31%
Decreased jobs	113	16%
Had no effect	305	44%
Don't know (v)	57	8%
Refused (v)	8	1%

Q38

Thinking about all the changes in state government over the past year, do you think Wisconsin is better off in the long run because of these changes or worse off in the long run?

	N	%
Better off	378	54%
Worse off	280	40%
Neither/Made no difference (v)	11	2%
Don't know (v)	27	4%
Refused (v)	4	1%

Q39

Over most of the past 12 years, with both Republican and Democratic governors, the state has often faced substantial budget deficits. Do you think the changes introduced over the past year have reduced the chance we have budget deficits in the future, increased the chance of future deficits, or have they made no difference?

	N	%
Reduced chance of deficits	318	45%
Increased chance of deficits	119	17%
Made no difference	231	33%
Don't know (v)	29	4%
Refused (v)	4	1%

Q40

Regardless of how you would vote if a recall election were held, do you think the recall process should be changed to allow recalls only in cases of criminal wrongdoing, or should it be kept as it is currently with no such restrictions?

	N	%
Allow only in cases of criminal wrongdoing	302	43%
Kept as it is currently with no such restrictions	373	53%
Don't know (v)	20	3%
Refused (v)	6	1%

Q41

In general, how much, if anything, do you think the federal government can do to create jobs in the United States: a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or nothing at all?

	N	%
A great deal	222	32%
A moderate amount	306	44%
Only a little	108	15%
Nothing at all	52	7%
Don't know (v)	12	2%
Refused (v)	2	0%

Q42

In general, how much, if anything, do you think the state government can do to create jobs in Wisconsin: a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or nothing at all?

	N	%
A great deal	208	30%
A moderate amount	340	48%
Only a little	116	17%
Nothing at all	30	4%
Don't know (v)	6	1%
Refused (v)	2	0%

F1

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

	N	%
Republican	180	26%
Democrat	193	28%
Independent	299	43%
Other/No preference (v)	14	2%
Don't know (v)	4	1%
Refused (v)	10	1%

PARTY ID WITH LEANERS

Party identification including those who lean toward one party or another

	N	%
Republican	309	44%
Democrat	322	46%
Neither/Just Independent (v)	60	8%
Don't know/Refused (v)	11	2%

F3 RECODE

What is the highest level of education you completed?

	N	%
Less than high school	33	5%
High school graduate	209	30%
Some college, no degree	140	20%
Associate's degree	86	12%
Bachelor's degree or more	223	32%
Don't know/Refused (v)	11	2%

F4 RECODE

Age Category

	N	%
18-29 years old	113	16%
30-44 years old	163	23%
45-59 years old	212	30%
60 years or older	205	29%
Don't know/Refused (v)	8	1%

F5

Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	N	%
Married	394	56%
Widowed	58	8%
Divorced	65	9%
Separated	8	1%
Never Married	166	24%
Don't know (v)	1	0%
Refused (v)	10	1%

RACE/ETHNICITY RECODE

Race/Ethnicity

	N	%
White, non-Hispanic	600	86%
Black, non-Hispanic	42	6%
Hispanic	19	3%
Other Race	24	3%
Don't know/Refused (v)	15	2%

F8

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services...more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	N	%
More than once a week	52	8%
Once a week	204	29%
Once or twice a month	113	16%
A few times a year	134	19%
Seldom	100	14%
Never	85	12%
Don't know (v)	2	0%
Refused (v)	12	2%

F9

What is your religious preferences - are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another religion, or no religion?

	N	%
Protestant	182	26%
Roman Catholic	227	32%
Jewish	6	1%
Muslim/Islam	1	0%
Mormon/Latter-Day Saints	0	0%
Other Christian religion	146	21%
Other Non-Christian religion	32	5%
No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic	86	12%
Don't know (v)	1	0%
Refused (v)	20	3%

F10

Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

	N	%
Yes	201	29%
No	493	70%
Don't know (v)	0	0%
Refused (v)	6	1%

F11

Last year, that is in 2011, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	N	%
Less than \$10,00	44	6%
10 to under \$20,000	55	8%
20 to under \$30,000	64	9%
30 to under \$40,000	59	8%
40 to under \$50,000	69	10%
50 to under \$75,000	118	17%
75 to under \$100,000	92	13%
100 to under \$150,000	62	9%
\$150,000 or more	41	6%
Don't know (v)	11	2%
Refused (v)	86	12%

F12

Overall, which of the following best describes how the recession affected your own personal financial situation?

	N	%
Major effect, and finances not recovered	223	32%
Major effect, but finances recovered	190	27%
No major effect	265	38%
Don't know (v)	13	2%
Refused (v)	9	1%

F13

In general would you describe your political views as ...

	N	%
Very conservative	65	9%
Conservative	227	32%
Moderate	228	32%
Liberal	114	16%
Very liberal	31	4%
Don't know (v)	22	3%
Refused (v)	14	2%

F14

Are you or any member of your household a member of a local or national labor union?

	N	%
Yes, respondent	80	12%
Yes, another household member	61	9%
No, nobody in household	552	79%
Don't know (v)	1	0%
Refused (v)	7	1%

F15

Do you or a member of your household work for federal, state, or local government - for example, as a public school teacher, police officer, firefighter, or other government job?

	N	%
Yes	127	18%
No	567	81%
Don't know (v)	0	0%
Refused (v)	7	1%

F16

Do you have any guns, rifles, or pistols in your home?

	N	%
Yes	322	46%
No	346	49%
Don't know (v)	1	0%
Refused (v)	32	5%

F17

How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

	N	%
None	130	19%
One day	68	10%
Two days	75	11%
Three days	71	10%
Four days	27	4%
Five days	45	6%
Six days	12	2%
Seven days or every day	264	38%
Don't know (v)	1	0%
Refused (v)	6	1%

F18

How many days in the past week did you watch the local TV news at 5, 6, or 10 o'clock?

	N	%
None	89	13%
One day	39	6%
Two days	39	6%
Three days	48	7%
Four days	42	6%
Five days	67	10%
Six days	32	4%
Seven days or every day	336	48%
Don't know (v)	3	1%
Refused (v)	5	1%

F19

Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...?

	N	%
All or almost all on a cell phone	205	29%
Some on a cell phone and some on a home phone	241	34%
All or almost all on a home phone	248	35%
Don't know (v)	1	0%
Refused (v)	7	1%

F20

And did I reach you by dialing (PHONE NUMBER)?

	N	%
Yes	700	100%
No	1	0%

F22

Is this a cell phone or not?

Yes	188	27%
No	513	73%
