



Marquette Law School Poll Toplines-
April 26-29, 2012

(Reported total sample size may differ from 705 due to rounding of weighted data.)

S2

Gender

	N	%
Male	369	52
Female	336	48

S4

Region

	N	%
Milwaukee City	95	13
Rest of Milwaukee media market	207	29
Madison media market	121	17
Green Bay/Appleton media market	132	19
Rest of state media markets	150	21

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	656	93
No, not registered to vote	44	6
Don't know/Refused (v)	5	1

S6

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

	N	%
Plan to Register	49	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	454	64
Some of the time	169	24
Only now and then	55	8
Hardly at all	27	4
Don't know (v)	0	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 absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	N	%
Absolutely certain	584	83
Very likely	85	12
50-50	21	3
Will not vote	15	2
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	0	0

Q2b

What are the chances that you will vote in a June recall election for Governor -- are you absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	N	%
Absolutely certain	561	80
Very likely	67	10
50-50	53	8
Will not vote	21	3
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	0	0

**To assess the impact of the economy on approval (of Obama and Walker), half the sample was asked the economic evaluation questions (Q3 and Q4) before job approval, and half were asked approval before the economy. The results reported below include all respondents regardless of which set of questions they were asked first.

Q3

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

	N	%
Gotten better	204	29
Gotten worse	207	29
Stayed the same	289	41
Don't know (v)	6	1
Refused (v)	0	0

Q4

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

	N	%
Get better	309	44
Get worse	104	15
Stay the same	253	36
Don't know (v)	38	5
Refused (v)	2	0

Q5

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

	N	%
Approve	349	50
Disapprove	324	46
Don't know (v)	27	4
Refused (v)	4	1

Q6

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

	N	%
Approve	334	47
Disapprove	358	51
Don't know (v)	11	2
Refused (v)	3	0

Q7

(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	386	55
Unfavorable	300	43
Haven't heard enough	10	1
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	5	1

Q8

(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	235	33
Unfavorable	322	46
Haven't heard enough	125	18
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.)

Scott Walker?

	N	%
Favorable	337	48
Unfavorable	336	48
Haven't heard enough	29	4
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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.)

Kathleen Falk?

	N	%
Favorable	183	26
Unfavorable	302	43
Haven't heard enough	204	29
Don't know (v)	14	2
Refused (v)	2	0

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.)

Tom Barrett?

	N	%
Favorable	259	37
Unfavorable	272	39
Haven't heard enough	150	21
Don't know (v)	22	3
Refused (v)	1	0

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.)

Kathleen Vinehout?

	N	%
Favorable	100	14
Unfavorable	109	15
Haven't heard enough	447	63
Don't know (v)	46	7
Refused (v)	2	0

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 her yet to have an opinion.)

Doug La Follette?

	N	%
Favorable	121	17
Unfavorable	138	20
Haven't heard enough	402	57
Don't know (v)	42	6
Refused (v)	2	0

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.)

Public employee unions?

	N	%
Favorable	309	44
Unfavorable	280	40
Haven't heard enough	93	13
Don't know (v)	23	3
Refused (v)	0	0

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.)

Private employee unions?

	N	%
Favorable	308	44
Unfavorable	213	30
Haven't heard enough	147	21
Don't know (v)	34	5
Refused (v)	3	0

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 him yet to have an opinion.)

The Tea Party?

	N	%
Favorable	217	31
Unfavorable	321	46
Haven't heard enough	146	21
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	1	0

Q18

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

	N	%
Walker	346	49
Falk	293	42
Undecided	21	3
Would not vote (v)	24	3
Don't know (v)	15	2
Refused (v)	7	1

Q19

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

	N	%
Walker	322	46
Barrett	333	47
Undecided	27	4
Would not vote (v)	7	1
Don't know (v)	12	2
Refused (v)	5	1

Q20

In an election to recall the governor, if the candidates were Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Kathleen Vinehout, would you vote for Walker or for Vinehout?

	N	%
Walker	348	49
Vinehout	279	40
Undecided	33	5
Would not vote (v)	21	3
Don't know (v)	17	2
Refused (v)	6	1

Q21

In an election to recall the governor, if the candidates were Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Doug La Follette, would you vote for Walker or for La Follette?

	N	%
Walker	343	49
La Follette	283	40
Undecided	28	4
Would not vote (v)	29	4
Don't know (v)	16	2
Refused (v)	6	1

Q22

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	357	51
Romney	293	42
Undecided (v)	32	5
Would not vote (v)	9	1
Don't know (v)	11	2
Refused (v)	3	0

Q23

Will you vote in the May 8 Democratic primary for governor in a recall election, or don't you plan to vote in the Democratic primary?

	N	%
Yes, will vote	451	64
No, will not vote	228	32
Don't know (v)	26	4
Refused (v)	0	0

Q24

In the Democratic primary for Governor, would you vote for Tom Barrett, Kathleen Falk, Doug La Follette, or Kathleen Vinehout?

	N	%
Tom Barrett	172	38
Kathleen Falk	93	21
Doug La Follette	38	8
Kathleen Vinehout	29	6
Would not vote (v)	30	7
Undecided (v)	74	16
Don't know (v)	12	3
Refused (v)	2	0

Q25

If you had to choose, which candidate do you lean towards?

	N	%
Tom Barrett	28	33
Kathleen Falk	10	12
Doug La Follette	0	0
Kathleen Vinehout	6	7
Would not vote (v)	2	2
Undecided (v)	26	31
Don't know (v)	9	11
Refused (v)	4	5

VoteGovLean combines individuals' responses to Q24 and Q25 to measure which candidate individuals planning to vote for or which candidate they are leaning toward voting for.

VOTEGOVLEAN

	N	%
Tom Barrett	200	45
Kathleen Falk	103	23
Doug La Follette	38	8
Kathleen Vinehout	35	8
Would not vote (v)	32	7
Undecided (v)	26	6
Don't know/Refused (v)	15	3

Q26

What is the most important in your choice of a candidate?

	N	%
Defeating Scott Walker	112	25
Restoring collective bargaining rights for public employees	54	12
Reducing political divisions in the state	62	14
Creating new jobs	208	46
Don't know (v)	11	2
Refused (v)	3	1

Q27

Do you favor or oppose a pledge to veto the state budget if it does not restore collective bargaining for state employees?

	N	%
Favor	166	37
Oppose	218	48
Don't know (v)	65	14
Refused (v)	2	0

Q28

Do you favor or oppose calling a special session of the legislature to restore collective bargaining for state employees?

	N	%
Favor	233	52
Oppose	177	39
Don't know (v)	39	9
Refused (v)	2	0

Q29

Should so-called "fake" or "protest" candidates be allowed on the ballot in the May 8th primary election?

	N	%
Should be allowed	204	29
Should not be allowed	418	59
Don't know (v)	76	11
Refused (v)	6	1

Q30

In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more:

	N	%
Higher taxes and more services	313	44
Lower taxes and fewer services	335	48
Don't know (v)	44	6
Refused (v)	13	2

Q31

Which party do you think would be better at creating jobs in the state?

	N	%
Democrats	322	46
Republicans	312	44
No difference	25	4
Don't know (v)	41	6
Refused (v)	4	1

Q32

Which party do you think would be better at balancing the budget in the state?

	N	%
Democrats	276	39
Republicans	352	50
No difference	29	4
Don't know (v)	41	6
Refused (v)	7	1

Q33

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and politics. 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	515	73
Oppose	163	23
Don't know (v)	23	3
Refused (v)	5	1

Q34

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and politics. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose...)

Limiting collective bargaining for most public employees?

	N	%
Favor	344	49
Oppose	319	45
Don't know (v)	38	5
Refused (v)	4	1

Q35

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and politics. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose...)

Cutting spending by reducing state aid to public schools?

	N	%
Favor	208	30
Oppose	463	66
Don't know (v)	29	4
Refused (v)	5	1

Q36

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and politics. 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	243	34
Oppose	412	58
Don't know (v)	45	6
Refused (v)	5	1

Q37

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and politics. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose...)

Legalizing possession of concealed weapons?

	N	%
Favor	331	47
Oppose	350	50
Don't know (v)	19	3
Refused (v)	5	1

Q38

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and politics. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose...)

Requiring a government issued photo id to vote?

	N	%
Favor	434	61
Oppose	262	37
Don't know (v)	7	1
Refused (v)	3	0

Q39a

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Talked to people and tried to show them why they should vote for or against a candidate?

	N	%
Yes, have done	351	50
No, have not done	351	50
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	1	0

Q39b

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Put up a yard sign or bumper sticker to express your political views?

	N	%
Yes, have done	186	26
No, have not done	518	73
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	1	0

Q39c

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Contributed money to a candidate?

	N	%
Yes, have done	142	20
No, have not done	560	80
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	1	0

Q39d

(Since January 2011, have you...)
Signed a recall petition?

	N	%
Yes, have done	271	38
No, have not done	431	61
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	1	0

Q39e

(Since January 2011, have you...)
Attended a political demonstration or rally?

	N	%
Yes, have done	124	18
No, have not done	580	82
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	1	0

Q40a

(How often do you talk about politics with...)
Family and friends?

	N	%
More than once a week	257	36
About once a week	155	22
Once or twice a month	148	21
A few times a year	91	13
Never	51	7
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	2	0

Q40b

(How often do you talk about politics with...)
Co-workers?

	N	%
More than once a week	174	25
About once a week	99	14
Once or twice a month	107	15
A few times a year	73	10
Never	245	35
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	3	0

Q41

Is there anyone you have stopped talking with about politics due to disagreements over the recall elections or Scott Walker?

	N	%
Yes	201	29
No	499	71
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	3	0

Q44

How satisfied are you with the job the public schools are doing in your community? Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	N	%
Very satisfied	165	23
Satisfied	302	43
Dissatisfied	119	17
Very dissatisfied	71	10
Mixed feelings/Some good, some bad (v.)	11	2
Don't know (v)	32	5
Refused (v)	6	1

Q46

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	348	49
Worse off	309	44
Neither/Made no difference (v.)	14	2
Don't know (v)	32	5
Refused (v)	2	0

Q47

Thinking about the state as a whole, do you think there are more jobs now compared to a year ago, fewer jobs, or about the same?

	N	%
More jobs	148	21
Fewer jobs	266	38
About the same	267	38
Don't know (v)	22	3
Refused (v)	3	0

Q48

Have you heard or read anything about the Milwaukee prosecutor's investigation, called a "John Doe" investigation, which has led to charges against several former aides or associates of Scott Walker while he was Milwaukee County executive?

	N	%
Yes, heard or read	483	69
No, haven't heard or read	208	30
Heard of but don't know much/anything about (v)	13	2
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	1	0

Q49

Do you think the "John Doe" investigation is just more politics, or is it really something serious?

	N	%
Just more politics	238	48
Really something serious	221	45
Don't know (v)	35	7
Refused (v)	2	0

F1

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

	N	%
Republican	213	30
Democrat	236	33
Independent	239	34
Other/No preference (v)	7	1
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	10	1

PARTY ID WITH LEANERS

Party identification including those who lean toward one party or another

	N	%
Republican	320	45
Democrat	335	48
Neither/Just Independent (v)	40	6
Don't know/Refused (v)	10	1

F3 RECODE

What is the highest level of education you completed?

	N	%
Less than high school	34	5
High school graduate	210	30
Some college, no degree	141	20
Associate's degree	86	12
Bachelor's degree or more	227	32
Don't know/Refused (v)	7	1

F4 RECODE

Age Category

	N	%
18-29 years old	114	16
30-44 years old	164	23
45-59 years old	214	30
60 years or older	202	29
Don't know/Refused (v)	11	2

F5

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

	N	%
Married	423	60
Widowed	49	7
Divorced	66	9
Separated	9	1
Never Married	151	21
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	7	1

RACE/ETHNICITY RECODE

Race/Ethnicity

	N	%
White, non-Hispanic	581	82
Black, non-Hispanic	48	7
Hispanic	38	5
Other Race	26	4
Don't know/Refused (v)	13	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	84	12
Once a week	201	29
Once or twice a month	111	16
A few times a year	139	20
Seldom	89	13
Don't know (v)	71	10
Refused (v)	9	1

F9

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

	N	%
Protestant	198	28
Roman Catholic	234	33
Jewish	5	1
Muslim/Islam	11	2
Mormon/Latter-Day Saints	5	1
Other Christian religion	137	19
Other Non-Christian religion	33	5
No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic	60	9
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	21	3

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	37	5
10 to under \$20,000	48	7
20 to under \$30,000	91	13
30 to under \$40,000	58	8
40 to under \$50,000	55	8
50 to under \$75,000	101	14
75 to under \$100,000	98	14
100 to under \$150,000	75	11
\$150,000 or more	41	6
Don't know (v)	18	3
Refused (v)	82	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	169	24
Major effect, but finances recovered	238	34
No major effect	284	40
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	10	1

F13

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

	N	%
Very conservative	67	9
Conservative	233	33
Moderate	228	32
Liberal	117	17
Very liberal	36	5
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	16	2

F14

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

	N	%
Yes, respondent	100	14
Yes, another household member	78	11
No, nobody in household	514	73
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	9	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	135	19
No	562	80
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	8	1

F17

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

	N	%
None	153	22
One day	72	10
Two days	90	13
Three days	74	10
Four days	24	3
Five days	32	5
Six days	14	2
Seven days or every day	236	33
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	9	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	115	16
One day	40	6
Two days	36	5
Three days	63	9
Four days	34	5
Five days	56	8
Six days	14	2
Seven days or every day	338	48
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	9	1

F18b

How many days in the past week did you go online to read about state and local news at news websites or political blogs?

	N	%
None	307	44
One day	41	6
Two days	62	9
Three days	49	7
Four days	29	4
Five days	44	6
Six days	6	1
Seven days or every day	154	22
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	9	1

F18c

How many days in the past week did you go online to read about state and local news through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, or e-mails?

	N	%
None	435	62
One day	25	4
Two days	37	5
Three days	28	4
Four days	21	3
Five days	24	3
Six days	4	1
Seven days or every day	117	17
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	10	1

F19

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

	N	%
All or almost all on a cell phone	211	30
Some on a cell phone and some on a home phone	206	29
All or almost all on a home phone	276	39
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	9	1

F20

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

	N	%
Yes	702	100
No	3	0

F22

Is this a cell phone or not?

	N	%
Yes	240	34
No	465	66

F23

Did you vote in the November 2010 election for governor or did something prevent you from voting?

	N	%
Yes, voted	576	82
No, did not vote	119	17
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	8	1

F24

Did you vote for the Republican Scott Walker or for the Democrat Tom Barrett in November 2010 or did you vote for someone else?

	N	%
Scott Walker	287	50
Tom Barrett	226	39
Someone else	23	4
Did not vote for Governor (v)	1	0
Don't know (v)	6	1
Refused (v)	32	6
