



Marquette Law School Poll Toplines-  
June 13-16, 2012

(Reported total sample size may differ from 707 due to rounding of weighted data.)

**S2**

Gender

	N	%
Male	337	48
Female	370	52

**S4**

Region

	N	%
Milwaukee City	94	13
Rest of Milwaukee media market	210	30
Madison media market	127	18
Green Bay/Appleton media market	127	18
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	662	94
No, not registered to vote	45	6
Don't know/Refused (v)		0

**S6**

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

	N	%
Plan to Register	45	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	488	69
Some of the time	140	20
Only now and then	46	7
Hardly at all	32	5
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**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	594	84
Very likely	63	9
50-50	35	5
Will not vote	12	2
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	0	0

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\*\*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	171	24
Gotten worse	235	33
Stayed the same	291	41
Don't know (v)	10	1
Refused (v)	0	0

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**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	281	40
Get worse	121	17
Stay the same	262	37
Don't know (v)	41	6
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q5**

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

	N	%
Approve	368	52
Disapprove	306	43
Don't know (v)	26	4
Refused (v)	7	1

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**Q6**

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

	N	%
Approve	359	51
Disapprove	323	46
Don't know (v)	22	3
Refused (v)	3	0

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**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	377	53
Unfavorable	278	39
Haven't heard enough	29	4
Don't know (v)	18	3
Refused (v)	5	1

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**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	244	35
Unfavorable	305	43
Haven't heard enough	132	19
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	5	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	354	50
Unfavorable	325	46
Haven't heard enough	17	2
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	1	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.)

Tom Barrett?

	N	%
Favorable	273	39
Unfavorable	322	46
Haven't heard enough	85	12
Don't know (v)	25	4
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.)

Tammy Baldwin?

	N	%
Favorable	189	27
Unfavorable	211	30
Haven't heard enough	273	39
Don't know (v)	32	5
Refused (v)	3	0

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**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.)

Tommy Thompson?

	N	%
Favorable	337	48
Unfavorable	251	36
Haven't heard enough	85	12
Don't know (v)	31	4
Refused (v)	3	0

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**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.)

Mark Neumann?

	N	%
Favorable	169	24
Unfavorable	169	24
Haven't heard enough	318	45
Don't know (v)	48	7
Refused (v)	3	0

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**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.)

Jeff Fitzgerald?

	N	%
Favorable	123	17
Unfavorable	156	22
Haven't heard enough	365	52
Don't know (v)	60	8
Refused (v)	4	1

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**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.)

Eric Hovde?

	N	%
Favorable	99	14
Unfavorable	90	13
Haven't heard enough	439	62
Don't know (v)	77	11
Refused (v)	3	0

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**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.)

Public employee unions?

	N	%
Favorable	287	41
Unfavorable	297	42
Haven't heard enough	92	13
Don't know (v)	28	4
Refused (v)	2	0

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**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.)

Private employee unions?

	N	%
Favorable	299	42
Unfavorable	205	29
Haven't heard enough	163	23
Don't know (v)	38	5
Refused (v)	2	0

**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.)

The Tea Party?

	N	%
Favorable	221	31
Unfavorable	322	46
Haven't heard enough	132	19
Don't know (v)	27	4
Refused (v)	5	1

**Q18b**

Do you approve or disapprove of way the U.S. Supreme Court is handling its job?

	N	%
Approve	325	46
Disapprove	245	35
Don't know (v)	129	18
Refused (v)	8	1

**Q19 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Jeff Fitzgerald, would you vote for Baldwin or Fitzgerald?

	N	%
Baldwin	309	44
Fitzgerald	254	36
Undecided (v)	66	9
Would not vote (v)	10	1
Don't know (v)	57	8
Refused (v)	11	2

**Q19 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Jeff Fitzgerald, would you vote for Baldwin or Fitzgerald?

	N	%
Baldwin	268	45
Fitzgerald	232	39
Undecided (v)	46	8
Would not vote (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	32	5
Refused (v)	9	2

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**Q20 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Eric Hovde, would you vote for Baldwin or Hovde?

	N	%
Baldwin	311	44
Hovde	235	33
Undecided (v)	83	12
Would not vote (v)	11	2
Don't know (v)	59	8
Refused (v)	8	1

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**Q20 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Eric Hovde, would you vote for Baldwin or Hovde?

	N	%
Baldwin	267	45
Hovde	215	36
Undecided (v)	62	10
Would not vote (v)	8	1
Don't know (v)	35	6
Refused (v)	7	1

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**Q21 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Mark Neumann, would you vote for Baldwin or Neumann?

	N	%
Baldwin	301	43
Neumann	289	41
Undecided (v)	62	9
Would not vote (v)	5	1
Don't know (v)	45	6
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q21 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Mark Neumann, would you vote for Baldwin or Neumann?

	N	%
Baldwin	260	44
Neumann	259	44
Undecided (v)	43	7
Would not vote (v)	4	1
Don't know (v)	23	4
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q22 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Tommy Thompson, would you vote for Baldwin or Thompson?

	N	%
Baldwin	278	39
Thompson	345	49
Undecided (v)	39	6
Would not vote (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	32	5
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q22 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In the November US Senate election if the candidates were Democrat Tammy Baldwin and Republican Tommy Thompson, would you vote for Baldwin or Thompson?

	N	%
Baldwin	243	41
Thompson	293	49
Undecided (v)	26	4
Would not vote (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q23 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

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	372	53
Romney	277	39
Undecided (v)	26	4
Would not vote (v)	10	1
Someone else (v)	9	1
Don't know (v)	6	1
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q23 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

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	294	49
Romney	258	43
Undecided (v)	21	4
Would not vote (v)	3	1
Someone else (v)	8	1
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q24**

In the election last week to recall the governor between Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Tom Barrett, did you vote for Walker or for Barrett or did something keep you from voting this time?

	N	%
Walker	320	45
Barrett	254	36
Did not vote	96	14
Someone else (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	27	4

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**Q25**

Will you vote in the August 14 Republican primary for the U.S. Senate or don't you plan to vote in the Republican primary?

	N	%
Yes, will vote	385	54
No, will not vote	255	36
Don't know (v)	66	9
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q26 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In the Republican primary for US Senate would you vote for Jeff Fitzgerald, Eric Hovde, Mark Neumann, or Tommy Thompson?

	N	%
Fitzgerald	38	10
Hovde	52	14
Neumann	55	15
Thompson	126	34
Undecided (v)	86	23
Don't know (v)	12	3
Refused (v)	4	1

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**Q26 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In the Republican primary for US Senate would you vote for Jeff Fitzgerald, Eric Hovde, Mark Neumann, or Tommy Thompson?

	N	%
Fitzgerald	33	10
Hovde	48	14
Neumann	52	16
Thompson	115	34
Undecided (v)	73	22
Don't know (v)	10	3
Refused (v)	4	1

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**Q27**

Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion of how Scott Walker has done as Governor?

	N	%
I like what he's done as Governor	268	38
I like what he's done but not how he's done it	157	22
I don't like what he's done	263	37
Mixed/Some good, some bad (v)	7	1
Don't know (v)	8	1
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q28a**

(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	336	48
No, have not done	368	52
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q28b**

(Since January 2011, have you...)

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

	N	%
Yes, have done	193	27
No, have not done	514	73
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q28c**

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Been contacted by a campaign by phone, in person, or by mail?

	N	%
Yes, have been	581	82
No, have not been	122	17
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q29**

Were you contacted by a campaign either by phone, in person, or by mail in just the week before the election?

	N	%
Yes, was contacted	563	80
No, was not contacted	130	18
Don't know (v)	14	2
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q30**

Was that someone supporting Democrats, Republicans, or were you contacted by both parties?

	N	%
Democrats	49	9
Republicans	67	12
Both	429	76
Someone else (v)	1	0
Don't know (v)	16	3
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q31a**

(How often do you talk about politics with...)

Family and friends?

	N	%
More than once a week	237	33
About once a week	177	25
Once or twice a month	126	18
A few times a year	99	14
Never	67	9
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q31b**

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

	N	%
More than once a week	128	18
About once a week	115	16
Once or twice a month	92	13
A few times a year	93	13
Never	272	39
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q32**

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

	N	%
Yes	219	31
No	484	68
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q33**

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	373	53
Worse off	271	38
Neither/Made no difference (v.)	17	2
Don't know (v)	40	6
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q34**

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	357	50
Kept as is with no such restrictions	311	44
Don't know (v)	34	5
Refused (v)	5	1

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**Q35**

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	246	35
Fewer jobs	167	24
About the same	273	39
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q36a**

Do you think it is possible for Republicans and Democrats to cooperate more with one another in state government, or do you think their differences are too great for them to cooperate?

	N	%
It is possible to cooperate more	199	58
Differences are too great	131	38
Don't know (v)	10	3
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q36b**

In their election night speeches, both Mayor Barrett and Governor Walker called for more cooperation between the political parties. Do you think it is possible for Republicans and Democrats to cooperate more with one another in state government, or do you think their differences are too great for them to cooperate?

	N	%
It is possible to cooperate more	187	51
Differences are too great	160	44
Don't know (v)	17	5
Refused (v)	2	1

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**Q37**

Do you personally want to see more cooperation between the parties or do you think it is better for the parties to stand for different things even if that prevents cooperation?

	N	%
Want more cooperation	595	84
Better to stand for different things	78	11
Don't know (v)	28	4
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q38**

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	566	80
No, haven't heard or read	127	18
Heard of but don't know much/anything about (v)	8	1
Don't know (v)	5	1
Refused (v)	1	0

**Q39**

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

	N	%
Just more politics	282	49
Really something serious	243	42
Don't know (v)	49	9
Refused (v)	1	0

**Q40**

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to come out with a decision about the 2010 health care law soon. Which of the following would you like to see the U.S. Supreme Court do? Keep the entire health care law in place? Overturn the part of the law that requires Americans to obtain health insurance if they don't have it, but keep much of the law intact? Or, overturn the entire health care law?

	N	%
Keep entire law	235	33
Overturn part that requires health insurance	135	19
Overturn entire law	268	38
Don't know (v)	66	9
Refused (v)	3	0

**F1**

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

	N	%
Republican	192	27
Democrat	214	30
Independent	278	39
Other/No preference (v)	10	1
Don't know (v)	5	1
Refused (v)	9	1



**PARTY ID WITH LEANERS**

Party identification including those who lean toward one party or another

	N	%
Republican	296	42
Democrat	342	48
Neither/Just Independent (v)	59	8
Don't know/Refused (v)	11	2

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**F3 RECODE**

What is the highest level of education you completed?

	N	%
Less than high school	30	4
High school graduate	179	25
Some college, no degree	107	15
Associate's degree	98	14
Bachelor's degree or more	290	41
Don't know/Refused (v)	3	0

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**F4 RECODE**

Age Category

	N	%
18-29 years old	116	16
30-44 years old	119	17
45-59 years old	257	36
60 years or older	205	29
Don't know/Refused (v)	9	1

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**F5**

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

	N	%
Married	417	59
Widowed	48	7
Divorced	57	8
Separated	12	2
Never Married	165	23
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	8	1

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**RACE/ETHNICITY RECODE**

Race/Ethnicity

	N	%
White, non-Hispanic	601	85
Black, non-Hispanic	48	7
Hispanic	20	3
Other Race	26	4
Don't know/Refused (v)	12	2

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**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	59	8
Once a week	198	28
Once or twice a month	114	16
A few times a year	137	19
Seldom	81	11
Never	107	15
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	9	1

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**F9**

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

	N	%
Protestant	225	32
Roman Catholic	211	30
Jewish	6	1
Muslim/Islam	6	1
Mormon/Latter-Day Saints	4	1
Other Christian religion	106	15
Other Non-Christian religion	38	5
No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic	97	14
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	13	2

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**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	38	5
10 to under \$20,000	44	6
20 to under \$30,000	71	10
30 to under \$40,000	68	10
40 to under \$50,000	62	9
50 to under \$75,000	114	16
75 to under \$100,000	93	13
100 to under \$150,000	63	9
\$150,000 or more	47	7
Don't know (v)	12	2
Refused (v)	94	13

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**F12**

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

	N	%
Major effect, and finances not recovered	211	30
Major effect, but finances recovered	204	29
No major effect	269	38
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	14	2

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**F13**

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

	N	%
Very conservative	68	10
Conservative	223	31
Moderate	239	34
Liberal	115	16
Very liberal	42	6
Don't know (v)	12	2
Refused (v)	9	1

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**F14**

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

	N	%
Yes, respondent	83	12
Yes, another household member	93	13
No, nobody in household	523	74
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	6	1

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**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	147	21
No	554	78
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	6	1

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**F17**

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

	N	%
None	151	21
One day	86	12
Two days	79	11
Three days	56	8
Four days	29	4
Five days	41	6
Six days	7	1
Seven days or every day	251	36
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	6	1

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**F18**

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

	N	%
None	121	17
One day	48	7
Two days	66	9
Three days	56	8
Four days	34	5
Five days	65	9
Six days	19	3
Seven days or every day	292	41
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	5	1

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**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	318	45
One day	54	8
Two days	40	6
Three days	37	5
Four days	21	3
Five days	50	7
Six days	6	1
Seven days or every day	173	24
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	7	1

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**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	454	64
One day	37	5
Two days	48	7
Three days	24	3
Four days	11	2
Five days	18	3
Six days	4	1
Seven days or every day	99	14
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	8	1

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**F19**

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

	N	%
All or almost all on a cell phone	189	27
Some on a cell phone and some on a home phone	183	26
All or almost all on a home phone	326	46
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	7	1

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**F20**

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

	N	%
Yes	704	100
No	3	0

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**F22**

Is this a cell phone or not?

	N	%
Yes	202	29
No	505	71

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**F23**

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

	N	%
Yes, voted	559	79
No, did not vote	134	19
Don't know (v)	8	1
Refused (v)	6	1

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**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	285	51
Tom Barrett	217	39
Someone else	21	4
Don't know (v)	10	2
Refused (v)	25	4

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