



Marquette Law School Poll Toplines-
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(Reported total sample size may differ from 1,007 due to rounding of weighted data.)

S2

Gender

	N	%
Male	479	48
Female	528	52

S4

Region

	N	%
Milwaukee City	93	9
Rest of Milwaukee media market	313	31
Madison media market	176	17
Green Bay/Appleton media market	189	19
Rest of state media markets	235	23

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	949	94
No, not registered to vote	58	6
Don't know/Refused (v)	0	0

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	665	66
Some of the time	235	23
Only now and then	56	6
Hardly at all	47	5
Don't know (v)	5	0
Refused (v)	1	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, don't you think you will vote, or have you already voted either by absentee ballot or early in-person voting?

	N	%
Absolutely certain	846	84
Very likely	66	7
50-50	45	4
Will not vote	25	2
Already voted	24	2
Don't know (v)	1	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	307	30
Gotten worse	362	36
Stayed the same	326	32
Don't know (v)	13	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	475	47
Get worse	116	12
Stay the same	266	26
Don't know (v)	146	14
Refused (v)	4	0

Q5

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

	N	%
Approve	489	49
Disapprove	472	47
Don't know (v)	33	3
Refused (v)	14	1

Q6

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

	N	%
Approve	512	51
Disapprove	454	45
Don't know (v)	32	3
Refused (v)	9	1

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	525	52
Unfavorable	443	44
Haven't heard enough	21	2
Don't know (v)	17	2
Refused (v)	1	0

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	433	43
Unfavorable	480	48
Haven't heard enough	72	7
Don't know (v)	20	2
Refused (v)	2	0

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	497	49
Unfavorable	460	46
Haven't heard enough	34	3
Don't know (v)	14	1
Refused (v)	2	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.)

Tammy Baldwin?

	N	%
Favorable	309	31
Unfavorable	472	47
Haven't heard enough	184	18
Don't know (v)	40	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.)

Tommy Thompson?

	N	%
Favorable	355	35
Unfavorable	507	50
Haven't heard enough	118	12
Don't know (v)	25	2
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.)

Joe Biden?

	N	%
Favorable	444	44
Unfavorable	441	44
Haven't heard enough	99	10
Don't know (v)	22	2
Refused (v)	1	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 him yet to have an opinion.)

Paul Ryan?

	N	%
Favorable	465	46
Unfavorable	400	40
Haven't heard enough	120	12
Don't know (v)	20	2
Refused (v)	3	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.)

The Tea Party?

	N	%
Favorable	254	25
Unfavorable	431	43
Haven't heard enough	269	27
Don't know (v)	50	5
Refused (v)	2	0

Q15 (REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT YET VOTED)

If the election for the U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for (the Democrat Tammy Baldwin) or for (the Republican Tommy Thompson)?

	N	%
Baldwin	455	46
Thompson	426	43
Undecided	72	7
Would not vote	14	1
Don't know (v)	10	1
Refused (v)	6	1

Q15B (REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE ALREADY VOTED)

If the election for the U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for (the Democrat Tammy Baldwin) or for (the Republican Tommy Thompson)?

	N	%
Baldwin	4	17
Thompson	15	63
Did not vote for Senate	2	8
Somone else	1	4
Don't know (v)	1	4
Refused (v)	1	4

Q15TOTAL (REGISTERED VOTERS)

If the election for the U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for (the Democrat Tammy Baldwin) or for (the Republican Tommy Thompson)?

	N	%
Baldwin	459	46
Thompson	441	44
Undecided (v)	72	7
Somone else (v)	1	0
Don't know (v)	11	1
Refused (v)	23	2

Q15TOTAL (LIKELY VOTERS)

If the election for the U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for (the Democrat Tammy Baldwin) or for (the Republican Tommy Thompson)?

	N	%
Baldwin	394	45
Thompson	397	46
Undecided (v)	51	6
Someone else (v)	1	0
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	18	2

Q16 (REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT YET VOTED)

If the election for President were held today, would you vote for (the Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden) or for (the Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan)?

	N	%
Obama-Biden	494	50
Romney-Ryan	434	44
Undecided	31	3
Would not vote (v)	4	0
Someone else (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	5	1

Q16B (REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE ALREADY VOTED)

If the election for President were held today, would you vote for (the Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden) or for (the Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan)?

	N	%
Obama-Biden	4	17
Romney-Ryan	19	79
Refused (v)	1	4

Q16TOTAL (REGISTERED VOTERS)

If the election for President were held today, would you vote for (the Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden) or for (the Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan)?

	N	%
Obama-Biden	498	49
Romney-Ryan	453	45
Undecided (v)	31	3
Someone else (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	11	1

Q16TOTAL (LIKELY VOTERS)

If the election for President were held today, would you vote for (the Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden) or for (the Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan)?

	N	%
Obama-Biden	423	49
Romney-Ryan	419	48
Undecided (v)	20	2
Someone else (v)	3	0
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	6	1

Q17

Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	N	%
Approve	438	43
Disapprove	477	47
Don't know (v)	91	9
Refused (v)	1	0

Q18

Which comes closest to your view about the tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003? The tax cuts should be continued for everyone. The tax cuts should only continue for household earning less than \$250,000 a year. Or, the tax cuts should expire for everyone.

	N	%
Continue for all	351	35
Continue for those earning less than \$250,000	411	41
Expire for all	157	16
Don't know (v)	83	8
Refused (v)	5	0

Q19

Please tell me whether the following statement describes Barack Obama, or not...he is someone who cares about people like me.

	N	%
Describes	610	61
Does not describe	365	36
Don't know (v)	31	3
Refused (v)	2	0

Q20

Please tell me whether the following statement describes Barack Obama, or not...he is a strong leader.

	N	%
Describes	531	53
Does not describe	450	45
Don't know (v)	26	3
Refused (v)	0	0

Q21

Please tell me whether the following statement describes Mitt Romney, or not... he is someone who cares about people like me.

	N	%
Describes	442	44
Does not describe	519	52
Don't know (v)	45	4
Refused (v)	1	0

Q22

Please tell me whether the following statement describes Mitt Romney, or not... he is a strong leader.

	N	%
Describes	540	54
Does not describe	385	38
Don't know (v)	82	8
Refused (v)	0	0

Q23

Please tell me whether the following statement describes Tammy Baldwin, or not...she is someone who cares about people like me.

	N	%
Describes	456	45
Does not describe	395	39
Don't know (v)	154	15
Refused (v)	2	0

Q24

Please tell me whether the following statement describes Tommy Thompson, or not...he is someone who cares about people like me.

	N	%
Describes	409	41
Does not describe	500	50
Don't know (v)	95	9
Refused (v)	2	0

Q25

Which of these two descriptions comes closer to your view of what Medicare should look like in the future? Option A: Medicare should continue as it is today, with the government guaranteeing seniors health insurance and making sure that everyone gets the same defined set of benefits. Option B: Medicare should be changes to a system in which the government would guarantee each senior a fixed amount of money to put toward health insurance. Seniors would purchase that coverage either from traditional Medicare or from a list of private health plans.

	N	%
Option A	642	64
Option B	305	30
Don't know (v)	52	5
Refused (v)	8	1

Q26

Do you think the federal government can find ways to continue to support the current Medicare system as it is today, or that major changes will be required because the current system is too expensive to continue as it is?

	N	%
Can find ways to continue	409	41
Major changes required	545	54
Don't know (v)	46	5
Refused (v)	7	1

Q26b

Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. OR, They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship. OR, They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.?

	N	%
Stay and apply for citizenship	528	52
Stay as temporary guest workers	213	21
Required to leave jobs and U.S.	209	21
Don't know (v)	45	4
Refused (v)	12	1

Q27

Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry? Or, Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry? Or, There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship.

	N	%
Allowed to legally marry	459	46
Civil unions	275	27
No legal recognition	224	22
Don't know (v)	39	4
Refused (v)	10	1

Q28

Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

	N	%
Legal in all cases	256	25
Legal in most cases	343	34
Illegal in most cases	254	25
Illegal in all cases	116	12
Don't know (v)	27	3
Refused (v)	11	1

Q29a

Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Handling the Economy?

	N	%
Obama	505	50
Romney	471	47
Neither (v)	11	1
Don't know (v)	20	2
Refused (v)	0	0

Q29b

Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Handling Health Care?

	N	%
Obama	519	52
Romney	446	44
Neither (v)	11	1
Don't know (v)	30	3
Refused (v)	1	0

Q29c

Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Handling Foreign Policy?

	N	%
Obama	506	50
Romney	453	45
Neither (v)	15	1
Don't know (v)	32	3
Refused (v)	1	0

Q29d

Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Handling Taxes?

	N	%
Obama	519	52
Romney	443	44
Neither (v)	13	1
Don't know (v)	27	3
Refused (v)	4	0

Q29e

Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Handling the Federal Budget Deficit?

	N	%
Obama	468	46
Romney	495	49
Neither (v)	17	2
Don't know (v)	26	3
Refused (v)	1	0

Q29f

Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Handling social issues such as abortion or same-sex marriage?

	N	%
Obama	542	54
Romney	390	39
Neither (v)	27	3
Don't know (v)	45	4
Refused (v)	3	0

Q30

Do you think Romney as or has not provided enough details about the policies he would pursue as president?

	N	%
Has provided enough	357	35
Has not provided enough	618	61
Don't know (v)	29	3
Refused (v)	3	0

Q31

Do you think Obama has or has not provided enough details about the policies he would pursue in a second term as president?

	N	%
Has provided enough	483	48
Has not provided enough	495	49
Don't know (v)	28	3
Refused (v)	1	0

Q31b

Did you happen to watch or listen to the first presidential debate last week between Obama and Romney?

	N	%
Yes, watched or listened	698	69
No, did not watch or listen	308	31
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	0	0

Q32

Would you say you and your family are better off than you were four years ago, or not?

	N	%
Better off	427	42
Not better off	522	52
Don't know (v)	56	6
Refused (v)	2	0

Q33

Did you happen to watch or listen to the debate between Vice-Presidential candidates Joe Biden and Paul Ryan on Thursday night?

	N	%
Yes, watched or listened	458	46
No, did not watch or listen	240	24
Not asked, interview prior to debate	306	30
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	0	0

Q34

Regardless of which candidate you happen to support, who do you think did the best job in the debate: Joe Biden or Paul Ryan?

	N	%
Biden	192	42
Ryan	231	50
Neither, a tie (v)	24	5
Don't know (v)	10	2
Refused (v)	1	0

Q35a

We hear a lot of things said in campaigns. Here are some of the things being said about the candidates for U.S. Senate. For each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

Tommy Thompson sold out to special interests and isn't working for you anymore.

	N	%
Agree	501	50
Disagree	402	40
Don't know (v)	102	10
Refused (v)	2	0

Q35b

We hear a lot of things said in campaigns. Here are some of the things being said about the candidates for U.S. Senate. For each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

Tammy Baldwin is one of the most liberal members of Congress and is too liberal for Wisconsin.

	N	%
Agree	469	47
Disagree	416	41
Don't know (v)	121	12
Refused (v)	1	0

Q36

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 aids or associates of Scott Walker while he was Milwaukee County executive?

	N	%
Yes, heard or read	764	76
No, haven't hear or read	221	22
Heard of, but don't know much/anything about	15	1
Don't know (v)	6	1
Refused (v)	1	0

Q37

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

	N	%
Just more politics	362	46
Really something serious	351	45
Don't know (v)	62	8
Refused (v)	4	1

F1

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

	N	%
Republican	266	26
Democrat	321	32
Independent	392	39
Other/No preference (v)	11	1
Don't know (v)	10	1
Refused (v)	6	1

PARTY ID WITH LEANERS

Party identification including those who lean toward one party or another

	N	%
Republican	438	44
Democrat	491	49
Neither/Just Independent (v)	69	7
Don't know/Refused (v)	8	1

F3 RECODE

What is the highest level of education you completed?

	N	%
Less than high school	59	6
High school graduate	290	29
Some college, no degree	204	20
Associate's degree	125	12
Bachelor's degree or more	325	32
Don't know/Refused (v)	4	0

F4 RECODE

Age Category

	N	%
18-29 years old	166	16
30-44 years old	183	18
45-59 years old	351	35
60 years or older	294	29
Don't know/Refused (v)	14	1

F5

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

	N	%
Married	582	58
Widowed	79	8
Divorced	96	10
Separated	15	1
Never Married	221	22
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	11	1

RACE/ETHNICITY RECODE

Race/Ethnicity

	N	%
White, non-Hispanic	863	86
Black, non-Hispanic	54	5
Hispanic	40	4
Other Race	38	4
Don't know/Refused (v)	12	1

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		0
Once a week	89	9
Once or twice a month	286	28
A few times a year	175	17
Seldom	178	18
Never	142	14
Don't know (v)	127	13
Refused (v)	10	1

F9

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

	N	%
Protestant	258	26
Roman Catholic	347	34
Jewish	4	0
Muslim/Islam	7	1
Mormon/Latter-Day Saints	5	0
Other Christian religion	185	18
Other Non-Christian religion	58	6
No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic	117	12
Don't know (v)	7	1
Refused (v)	20	2

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	62	6
10 to under \$20,000	66	7
20 to under \$30,000	90	9
30 to under \$40,000	108	11
40 to under \$50,000	92	9
50 to under \$75,000	173	17
75 to under \$100,000	120	12
100 to under \$150,000	95	9
\$150,000 or more	69	7
Don't know (v)	41	4
Refused (v)	91	9

F12

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

	N	%
Major effect, and finances not recovered	312	31
Major effect, but finances recovered	356	35
No major effect	313	31
Don't know (v)	16	2
Refused (v)	10	1

F13

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

	N	%
Very conservative	63	6
Conservative	342	34
Moderate	344	34
Liberal	183	18
Very liberal	34	3
Don't know (v)	38	4
Refused (v)	4	0

F14

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

	N	%
Yes, respondent	110	11
Yes, another household member	78	8
No, nobody in household	813	81
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	4	0

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	183	18
No	818	81
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	6	1

F17

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

	N	%
None	275	27
One day	91	9
Two days	114	11
Three days	64	6
Four days	46	5
Five days	42	4
Six days	23	2
Seven days or every day	340	34
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	8	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	178	18
One day	63	6
Two days	49	5
Three days	76	8
Four days	60	6
Five days	74	7
Six days	28	3
Seven days or every day	466	46
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	11	1

F18b

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

	N	%
None	411	41
One day	49	5
Two days	70	7
Three days	46	5
Four days	59	6
Five days	47	5
Six days	13	1
Seven days or every day	294	29
Don't know (v)	4	0
Refused (v)	15	1

F18c

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

	N	%
None	569	57
One day	42	4
Two days	47	5
Three days	40	4
Four days	30	3
Five days	39	4
Six days	9	1
Seven days or every day	210	21
Don't know (v)	7	1
Refused (v)	14	1

F19

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

	N	%
All or almost all on a cell phone	322	32
Some on a cell phone and some on a home phone	262	26
All or almost all on a home phone	410	41
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	9	1

F20

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

	N	%
Yes	1000	99
No	7	1

F22

Is this a cell phone or not?

	N	%
Yes	304	30
No	703	70
