

Marquette Law School Poll – March 11-14, 2013

Good (afternoon/evening), I'm _____ calling on behalf of Marquette University.

We're conducting a survey about your views on issues in Wisconsin today. Your participation is completely voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential. No one will ever try to sell you anything as a result of your responses.

(READ ONLY IF NEEDED: This survey should only take a few minutes of your time.)

S1. May I please speak with the (male/female) adult member of your household, currently at home, age 18 or older, with the most recent birthday?

(IF SELECTED RESPONDENT NOT CURRENTLY AT HOME AND AVAILABLE, ASK FOR THE (FEMALE/MALE) CURRENTLY AT HOME.)

- 1 Correct household member on phone (CONTINUE)
- 2 Will put correct member of household on phone (RE-READ INTRO AND CONTINUE WITH S2.)
- 3 No household member age 18 or over is currently available (PLACE HOUSEHOLD INTO CALLBACK)
- 4 No one in household age 18 or older (TERMINATE)

S2. Record Gender: (DO NOT ASK. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

Author note: If respondent in overquota, go to overquota/callback script and have interviewer place respondent in specified callback for future day.

S3a. Do you currently live in Wisconsin?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (TERMINATE)

S3b. In what county in Wisconsin do you live?

****Author note: Insert county list on screen.****

****Author note: If respondent lives in Milwaukee County or County is Don't Know/Other, continue to S4. If respondent lives in any Wisconsin county besides Milwaukee, place in appropriate quota group and skip to S5. If over quota, thank and terminate.****

S4. Do you currently live within Milwaukee city limits? **(RECORD ONE ANSWER)**

- 1 Yes (Milwaukee City quota group)
- 2 No (Milwaukee DMA quota group)

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?

- 1 Yes, Registered to Vote (SKIP TO Q.1)
- 2 No, Not Registered to Vote (TERMINATE)
(DO NOT READ)
- 9 No Answer/Don't Know/Refused (TERMINATE)

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?

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only now and then
- 4 Hardly at all
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q2. Did you vote in the November 2012 election or did something keep you from voting that time?

- 1. Yes, Voted in November 2012
- 2 No, did not vote in November 2012
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

****AUTHOR NOTE: Scramble so half get Q3-Q4 BEFORE Q5-Q6 and half get Q5-Q6 before Q3-Q4.****

****AUTHOR NOTE: RECORD WHICH QUESTION ORDER IS USED AS A VARIABLE.****

Q3. Over the past year, do you feel the economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

- 1 Gotten better
- 2 Gotten worse
- 3 Stayed the same
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q4. Looking ahead, over the next year do you expect the economy to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

- 1 Get better
- 2 Get worse
- 3 Stay the same
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q5. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q6. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Walker is handling his job as Governor of Wisconsin?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

(Transition Screen)

****Author note: Always ask Q7 first, then scramble Q8-Q12****

I'm 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/her) yet to have an opinion.

Q7. The first name is Barack Obama

PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Barack Obama or haven't you heard enough about (him/her) yet?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard enough
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

** Author note: Scramble Q8 – Q12 **

(PRESENT EACH ON OWN SCREEN)

The next name is ... [INSERT NAME]

READ IF NECESSARY: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [INSERT NAME] or haven't you heard enough about (him/her) yet?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard enough
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q8. Scott Walker

Q9. Ron Johnson

Q10. Tammy Baldwin

Q11. Ron Kind

Q12. Paul Ryan

** Author note: Scramble Q13 – Q17 **

The next name is ...

Q13. The Tea Party

Q14. Charter Schools

Q15. Voucher Schools

Q16. Public Schools

Q17. Public school teachers

Q18. 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."

1. Stay and apply for citizenship
2. Stay as temporary guest workers
3. Required to leave jobs and U.S.
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q19. 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.

1. Allowed to Legally Marry
2. Civil union
3. No legal recognition
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

****Author note: Scramble Q20-Q21****

Please tell me if you favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. First, do you favor or oppose [INSERT ITEM]

Q20. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks.

Q21. A ban on assault style weapons.

1. Favor
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q22. How satisfied are you with the job the public schools are doing in your community? Very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

1. Very satisfied
2. Satisfied
3. Dissatisfied
4. Very dissatisfied
(DO NOT READ)
7. Mixed feelings/Some good, some bad (VOL)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q23. The state Legislature will decide this spring how much money to allow public schools statewide to receive for general operations. Which is closest to your view:

1. Public school spending should be kept at its current level.
2. Public school spending should be allowed to increase one and a half percent.
3. Public school spending should be allowed to increase in line with inflation.
4. Public school spending should be increased more than the rate of inflation
5. Public school spending should be reduced from the current level.
8. Don't know
9. Refused.

Author note: Scramble Q24a-Q24e

Q24. I'm going to read you a list of several possible ways to pay for transportation projects such as highway construction and maintenance in Wisconsin. Please tell me if you are willing or unwilling to do each of the following.

The (first/next) is to... [INSERT ITEM]

READ IF NECESSARY: Would you be willing or unwilling to [INSERT ITEM]?

1. Willing
 2. Unwilling
(DO NOT READ)
 8. Don't Know
 9. Refused
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- a. Raise gas taxes and vehicle registration fees to pay for highway projects.
 - b. Borrow money to pay for highway projects
 - c. Use tolls to pay for highway projects
 - d. Reduce spending in other areas to provide money for highway projects
 - e. Cut spending even if that delays planned highway projects

Q25. Do tax cuts generally do more for the poor, more for the middle class or more for the wealthy?

1. More for the poor
2. More for the middle class
3. More for the wealthy
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q26. Which is more important to you: reduce property taxes or increase spending on public schools?

1. Reduce property taxes
2. Increase spending on public schools
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q27. Since 1990, some students in the Milwaukee public schools have been eligible for state taxpayer supported vouchers which they can use for tuition in private or religious schools. In 2011 vouchers were expanded to Racine as well. Would you like to see the voucher program expanded to the full state, only to larger school districts with some low-performing schools, not expanded at all or end the voucher program entirely?

1. Expanded statewide
2. Expand to larger districts only
3. No expansion
4. End the voucher program entirely
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

(Transition Screen)

Vouchers support students attending private and religious schools. Another educational alternative is charter schools. Charter schools are publicly funded, independently operated schools that are allowed more flexibility over instruction and subject matter than traditional public schools.

Here are some things people say about charter schools. For each one, do you agree or disagree?

PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree that [INSERT ITEM]?

****AUTHOR NOTE: SCRAMBLE ITEMS Q28-Q34****

Q28. Charter schools give parents and students more choice among schools

Q29. Charter schools take money away from regular public schools that need it

Q30. Competition from charter schools makes public schools better

Q31. Charter schools take away the best students, leaving public schools with more difficult students

Q32. Students in charter schools learn more than in public schools

Q33. The public pays for charter schools but has little control over their quality

Q34. Charter schools have the flexibility to design programs to fit the needs of students who do not find their needs met in the public schools.

1. Agree
2. Disagree
- (DO NOT ASK)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q35. In general, what would you like to see ahead when it comes to the availability of charter schools?

1. More charters
2. Fewer charters
3. About the same number as now
4. No charters
- (DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q36. State lawmakers recently passed legislation that would make it easier to develop an iron ore mine in Wisconsin. Supporters argue that the mine will create jobs and long-term economic benefits. Opponents argue that environmental protections are being weakened by the legislation risking serious pollution, and will result in lawsuits to stop the mine. Do you support or oppose developing the mine?

1. Support developing the mine
2. Oppose developing the mine.

(DO NOT READ)

8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q37. Currently over 100 cities and towns in Wisconsin require some or all municipal employees to live within the city where they work. A proposal has been made to eliminate this residency requirement for all cities and towns throughout the state. Do you think municipal employees should continue to be required to live where they work or should this residency requirement be eliminated throughout the state?

1. Live where they work
2. Residency requirement eliminated.

(DO NOT READ)

8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q38. 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?

1. More jobs
 2. Fewer jobs
 3. About the same
- (DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
 9. Refused

(ASK ONLY IF LIVE IN MILWAUKEE CITY OR IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY)

Q39. Do you think the Milwaukee county board should be made a part time position or should it be kept as a full time position as it is now?

1. Part time
2. Full time

F1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

- 1 Republican [ASK QF3.]
- 2 Democrat [ASK QF3.]
- 3 Independent [ASK QF2.]
(DO NOT READ)
- 4 Other/No preference [ASK QF2.]
- 8 Don't Know [ASK QF2.]
- 9 Refused [ASK QF3.]

**Author note: Ask QF2 IF 3,4, or 8 in F1]

F2. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
(DO NOT READ)
- 3 Neither/Just Independent (VOL)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F3. What is the highest level of education you completed? (READ LIST)

- 01 Elementary school only
- 02 Some high school but did not finish
- 03 Completed high school
- 04 Some college but didn't finish
- 05 Two year college degree
- 06 Four year college degree
- 07 Some graduate work
- 08 Completed masters or professional degree
- 09 Advanced graduate work or PhD
(DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

F4. What is your age? (Record actual age in years).

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- 99 Refused [ASK F4A]

F4A. [If Refused] Are you...

- 1 18-29 years old
- 2 30-44 years old
- 3 45-59 years old
- 4 60 years old or more
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F5. Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Married
- 2 Widowed
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Separated
- 5 Never Married
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F6. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F7. Would you describe yourself as White, African American or Black, Asian, Native American, of more than one race or some other race?

- 01 White
- 02 African American or Black
- 03 Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander
- 04 Native American or American Indian
- 05 More than one race
- 97 Other, Specify
(DO NOT READ)
- 06 Hispanic or Latino
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

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?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F9. What is your religious preference – are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another religion or no religion?

IF RESPONDENT NAMES ANYTHING ELSE, ASK:

Would that fall under the general category of Protestant religions, is it a Christian religion, but not Protestant, or is it something else?

- 1 Protestant
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Muslim/Islam
- 5 Mormon/Latter-Day Saints
- 6 Other Christian Religion
- 7 Other Non-Christian Religion
- 8 No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic
- (DO NOT READ)
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

F10. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F11. Last year, that is in 2012, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

- 01 Less than \$10,000
- 02 10 to under \$20,000
- 03 20 to under \$30,000
- 04 30 to under \$40,000
- 05 40 to under \$50,000
- 06 50 to under \$75,000
- 07 75 to under \$100,000
- 08 100 to under \$150,000
- 09 \$150,000 or more
(DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

F13. In general, would you describe your political views as...

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal
- 5 Very liberal
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F14. Are you or any member of your household a member of a local, state or national labor union?

- 1 Yes, respondent.
- 2 Yes, another household member
- 3 No, nobody in household
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F15. Do you or any 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?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F16. Do you have any guns, rifles or pistols in your home?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F17. How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

- 0 None
- 1 One day
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven days or "every day"
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F18. How many days in the past week did you watch the local TV news at 5, 6 or 10 o'clock?

- 0 None
- 1 One day
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven days or "every day"
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F19. Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...?

- 1 All or almost all on a cell phone
- 2 Some on a cell phone and some on a home phone
- 3 All or almost all on a regular home phone
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F20. And did I reach you by dialing (INSERT PHONE NUMBER)?

- 1 Yes (SKIP TO QF22)
- 2 No

F21. For verification purposes, may I have the number where I reached you?

(ENTER 10 DIGIT PHONE NUMBER. VERIFY NUMBER.)

F22. Is this phone a cell phone or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

(CLOSING)

Thank you very much. Have a great day/evening!