



Marquette Law School Poll – MegaCity Poll, June 2015

Good (afternoon/evening), I'm _____ calling on behalf of Marquette University. We're conducting a survey about your views on issues 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.

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. In what state do you currently live?

- 1 Illinois
- 2 Indiana
- 3 Wisconsin
- 7 Other state (TERMINATE)
- 8 Don't know (TERMINATE)
- 9 Refused (TERMINATE)

Capture state of residence as a variable for use as [state of residence] below

****Author note: Present appropriate county list from last page with 97=Other, 98=Don't know, 99=Refuse.****

S3b. In what county do you live?

****Author Note: If other, don't know, refuse TERMINATE****

****Author note: If state is Illinois ask S4a. If state is Indiana ask S4b. If state is Wisconsin ask S4c.****

S4a. Do you currently live within the Chicago city limits?

- 1 Yes (Chicago City quota group)
- 2 No (Chicago suburb quota group)

S4b. Do you currently live within either the Gary or Hammond city limits? (RECORD ONE ANSWER)

- 1 Yes (Gary/Hammond City quota group)
- 2 No (Northern Indiana suburb quota group)

S4c. Do you currently live within the Milwaukee city limits? (RECORD ONE ANSWER)

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

Present and future economic conditions and role of government

For Illinois, Governor is Bruce Rauner
For Indiana, Governor is Mike Pence
For Wisconsin, Governor is Scott Walker

Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [state governor] is handling his job as governor?

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

Q2. How would you rate economic conditions in your area of [state of residence] today...as excellent, good, only fair, or poor? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Only fair
4. Poor
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q3. Looking ahead ten years, do you think the economy in your area of [state of residence] will be much better than it is today, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse or much worse? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Much better
2. Somewhat better
3. About the same
4. Somewhat worse
5. Much worse
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q4. Thinking of your state legislature, do you think the legislature responds to the problems of your area of the state fairly or does the legislature treat your area unfairly?

1. Responds fairly
2. Treats unfairly
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q5. How much do you think state government can do through taxes, regulations and other laws to promote business growth? A great deal, a good bit, only a little or nothing at all?

1. A great deal
2. A good bit
3. Only a little
4. Nothing at all
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q6. How much do you think the training and work ethic of the labor force determines how much the economy grows? A great deal, a good bit, only a little or nothing at all?

1. A great deal
2. A good bit
3. Only a little
4. Nothing at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q7. Which state would be the best place to start a new business: Illinois, Indiana or Wisconsin?

1. Illinois
2. Indiana
3. Wisconsin
4. No differences
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Regional Issues

****Author note: Rotate statements.****

(TRANSITION SCREEN)

In the next few questions, think about the tri-state region that runs from just north of Milwaukee, through the Chicago metropolitan area counties and northwestern Indiana. This is what we mean when we ask about the tri-state region.

Q8. Which statement comes closer to your view:

“Political leaders in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin should work together to promote economic development throughout the tri-state region.”

Or...

“Political leaders should look out for their own state first and do all they can to compete against the other states in the region.”

1. Work together
2. Look out for own state first
(DO NOT READ)
7. Do both (VOL)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q9. The Chicago area was recently rated one of the top 10 metropolitan areas in the world for economic strength and world trade. Do you think being close to Chicago makes this an opportunity for Wisconsin and Indiana to benefit from or is it a threat that is likely to drain business and employment away from Indiana and Wisconsin?

1. Opportunity to benefit
2. Threat to drain business
(DO NOT READ)
7. Both (VOL)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

Q10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “If it makes sense for Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin to work together to promote the tri-state region, it will be the private sector rather than government that makes that happen.”

1. Agree
2. Disagree
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Author note: Rotate Q.11-13

Q11. Would Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin be better off putting money into a common fund for coordinating planning for airports, railroads, highways and Lake Michigan shipping ports in the tri-state region, or should each state just go its own way with these transportation plans?

1. Common fund
2. Go own way
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q12. Would Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin be better off putting money into a common fund for promoting tourism in the tri-state region, or should each state just go its own way with promoting tourism?

1. Common fund
2. Go own way
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q13. Would Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin be better off putting money into a common fund for attracting large companies to the tri-state region, or should each state just go its own way in attracting large companies?

1. Common fund
2. Go own way
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q14. Would you say your state budget is currently in good enough shape to afford the things it is most important to do, or is the budget in such trouble that it cannot support even the most important things?

1. In good enough shape
2. Cannot support even most important things
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q15. Which is more important for the tri-state region, improving commuter rail and Amtrak service or improving toll roads and interstates?

1. Rail
2. Roads and interstates
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q16. States require licenses for many trades and professions such as plumbing, cosmetology, real estate and nursing. Would it be better if a single license applied to all three states in the tri-state region, making it easier for people to work anywhere or is it more important for each state to set its own standards for these licenses? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Single license better
2. States set own standards
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q17. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: "The most important thing to me is how well things are going where I live and I really don't care what's happening elsewhere in the region." (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q18. How often do you travel for work or for pleasure from your home state to one of the other two states in the tri-state region? (READ LIST)

1. Every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a month
4. Several times a year
5. Once or twice a year
6. Once every few years
7. Never
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Respondent work life, training and satisfaction

Q19. Are you now working full time, part time, temporarily laid off, unemployed and looking for work, going to school full time, keeping house, retired, permanently disabled or something else?

INTERVIEWER, IF MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY APPLIES, SAY: If more than one category applies, please choose the category that **best** describes your current situation.

01. Working full time
02. Working part time
03. Temporarily laid off
04. Unemployed and looking for work
05. Going to school full time
06. Keeping house
07. Retired
08. Permanently disabled
09. Something else
(Do not read)
98. Don't know
99. Refused

(If 05-99, ask:)

Q20. Did you ever work for a year or longer?

1. Yes
2. No
(Do not read)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

(If Q20=2, 8, 9 Skip to Q28)

Q21. Altogether, since the time you left school or if you are currently enrolled, how much of the time have you worked? Would you say all or nearly all of the time, about three-fourths of the time, about half the time, about a quarter of the time, nearly none of the time, or none of the time?
(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Nearly all the time
2. About three-fourths of the time
3. About half the time
4. About a quarter of the time
5. Nearly none of the time
6. None of the time
(Do not read)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

(IF Q21=6, 8, 9 Skip to Q28)

Q22. How satisfied are you with your work life and career? Very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

1. Very satisfied
2. Satisfied
3. Dissatisfied
4. Very dissatisfied
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q23. Did you enter the workforce with a clear plan for the kind of work you would do or did you look for whatever job was available at the time?

1. Clear plan
2. Look for whatever job was available
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q24. In general how hard has it been for you to find jobs? (READ LIST)

1. Extremely hard
2. Somewhat hard
3. Somewhat easy
4. Extremely easy
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q25. Did your current or last employer offer training to improve your skills and allow you to move up to a better job in the company?

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

Did you ever receive any formal job training after high school from ... (Ask each)?

Q26 A union?

1. Yes
2. No
(DO NOT READ)
- 7 Still in High School (VOL)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q27 A technical school?

1. Yes
2. No
(DO NOT READ)
- 7 Still in High School (VOL)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q28. If you were in your 20s or early 30s, how willing would you be to take a job with a new startup company if you had a chance to make a large profit if the startup became successful but you would make a low salary at first? (READ LIST)

1. Very willing
2. Somewhat willing
3. Somewhat unwilling
4. Very unwilling
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q29. Do you think it is better to change jobs often whenever there is a better opportunity or is it better to stay in a stable and reliable job for a long time?

1. Better to change
2. Better to stay in stable job
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q30. Have you ever started your own business or owned a store or company or have you ever been self-employed?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

(ROTATE Q31-Q32)

Q31. Can a young person have a successful career working in manufacturing these days?

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

Q32. Can a young person have a successful career working in a skilled trade like an electrician, plumber or carpenter?

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

Q33. What is the least amount of schooling someone needs these days to get and keep a good paying job? (READ LIST)

1. Less than high school
2. High School
3. Technical school after high school
4. Two years of community college
5. Four year college degree
6. More than a four year degree
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q34. Can someone convicted of a crime and who spends time in jail during their 20s ever get steady work after leaving jail, assuming they stay out of legal trouble?

1. Yes, they can
2. No, they cannot
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q35. In America today is success only a matter of hard work and ability or is it now much more difficult to succeed if you aren't born into the upper class?

1. Matter of hard work
2. Difficult if not born into the upper class
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Residence, mobility and commute

Q36. If your job was near the border between two states, and one state had lower property and income taxes, would you move to the lower tax state?

1. Yes, would move
2. No, would not move
8. Don't know
9. Refused

****Author note:** If employed (Q19=1 or 2), use "current" wording. Otherwise, use "most recent" wording.**

Q37. In your (current/most recent) job, how much time does your commute to work take each way?
INTERVIEWER, IF NECESSARY, SAY: Just your best estimate is fine.

(TRY AND GET A WHOLE NUMBER. IF RANGE IS GIVEN, CODE THE UPPER END, I.E. 20-30 MINUTES = 30 MINUTES.)

Record number of minutes. Convert hours to minutes.

996. None, work at home
997. Never worked (VOL)
(DO NOT READ)
998. Don't know
999. Refused

****Author note:** If Q37 in 996-999, skip to Q40.**

****Author note:** If employed (Q19=1 or 2), use "do" wording. Otherwise, use "did" wording.**

Q38. What type of transportation (do/did) you use most often to get to work? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Car
2. Taxi
3. Train/Metra/"The EL"/South Shore Line
4. Bus
5. Bicycle
6. Walk
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q39. How would you describe your commute? (READ LIST)

1. Pretty easy
2. Just a daily chore
3. Unpleasant
4. A nightmare
- (DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Neighborhood

Q40. On the whole, do you like or dislike your neighborhood as a place to live? Would you say you like it a lot, like it, dislike it or dislike it a lot?

1. Like it a lot
2. Like it
3. Dislike it
4. Dislike it a lot
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q41. How safe do you feel walking alone at night in your neighborhood? (READ LIST)

1. Completely safe
2. Pretty safe
3. I'm afraid to walk alone
4. I never go out alone
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Crime and Policing

Q42. Do the police arrest too many people for minor violations?

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

Q43. Are the police too willing to use deadly force?

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

Governance

Q44. In elections, since you have been old enough to vote, how often have you voted for president?
(READ LIST)

1. All the time
2. Most of the time
3. Only now and then
4. Never
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q45. How often have you voted in local elections for your mayor and city council? (READ LIST)

1. All the time
2. Most of the time
3. Only now and then
4. Never
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q46. When you think about local government, we have cities, counties, school districts, sewer districts and many others. In all, the 21 counties in the tri-state region have over 1,700 units of government. Some people think this is good because it brings government closer to the people. Others think having so many governments makes cooperation on common problems too difficult. What about you? Do you think it is better to have lots of local governments or would fewer governments be better?

1. More is better
2. Fewer is better
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Demographics

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 Technical training after high school
- 05 Some college but didn't finish
- 06 Two year college degree
- 07 Four year college degree
- 08 Some graduate work
- 09 Completed masters or professional degree
- 10 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, living with a partner but not married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Married
- 2 Living with a partner but not married
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Separated
- 6 Never Married
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Author note: If F5=6, skip to F7.

F6. How many times have you been married?

- 1. Once
- 2. Twice
- 3. Three times
- 4. Four times
- 5. Five or more times

(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F7. How many children under 18 are currently living with you now, if any?

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

F8. Did you live with both of your parents most of the time until you were 16 years old, live with one parent most of the time or live with someone else most of the time?

- 1. Both parents
- 2. One parent
- 3. Someone else
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

F9. 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

F10. Would you describe yourself as White, African American or Black, Asian, Native American, of more than one race or some other race? (READ IF NECESSARY)

- 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

F11. 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? (READ IF NECESSARY)

- 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

F12. What is your religious preference – are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another religion or no religion? (READ IF NECESSARY)

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?

- 01 Protestant
- 02 Roman Catholic
- 03 Jewish
- 04 Muslim/Islam
- 05 Mormon/Latter-Day Saints
- 06 Other Christian Religion
- 07 Other Non-Christian Religion
- 08 No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic
- (DO NOT READ)
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

F13. Last year, that is in 2014, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ LIST. RECORD ONE ANSWER.)

- 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 to under \$200,000
- 10 Over \$200,000
(DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

(If 99 in F13 go to F15)

Author note: In F14 only show income categories equal to or less than response in F13.

F14. And in 2014 how much of that was from just your personal income? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ LIST. RECORD ONE ANSWER.)

- 00. None, not working
- 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 to under \$200,000
- 10 Over \$200,000
(DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

F15. In general, would you describe your political views as... (READ LIST)

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

F16. Do you own or rent your home?

- 1. Own
- 2. Rent
- (DO NOT READ)
- 3. Other arrangement (VOL)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Author note: Require 5-digit response.

F17. What is your zip code?

Enter 5 digit zip code.

99999=Refuse

INTERVIEWER: READ BACK AND CONFIRM CORRECT ZIP CODE

F18. 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

F19. Is this phone a cell phone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

(CLOSING)

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

Eligible Counties

Illinois

- 01 Cook County
- 02 DeKalb County
- 03 DuPage County
- 04 Grundy County
- 05 Kane County
- 06 Kankakee County
- 07 Kendall County
- 08 Lake County
- 09 McHenry County
- 10 Will County

Indiana

- 11 Jasper County
- 12 Lake County
- 13 LaPorte County
- 14 Newton County
- 15 Porter County

Wisconsin

- 16 Kenosha County
- 17 Milwaukee County
- 18 Ozaukee County
- 19 Racine County
- 20 Washington County
- 21 Waukesha County