



Marquette Law School Poll – April 3-7, 2019

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.)

****Author note: Program so that odds of being asked for male adult are 4 out of 11 times. Represent correct gender in question wording based on selection.****

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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 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 Cell sample and S3b=997 or 998, terminate. If over quota, thank and terminate.**

S4. Do you currently live within Milwaukee city limits? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)
(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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 1 Yes, Registered to Vote (SKIP TO Q.1)
- 2 No, Not Registered to Vote (ASK S6)
(DO NOT READ)
- 9 No Answer/Don't Know/Refused (ASK S6)

** Author note: If 2 or 9 in S5 ask S6**

S6. Do you plan to register to vote, or is there a chance that you may not register? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 1 Plan to Register
- 2 Chance May Not Register (TERMINATE)
(DO NOT READ)
- 9 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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 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

AUTHOR NOTE: There is no Q2 in this instrument

AUTHOR NOTE: Scramble so half get Q3-Q4 BEFORE Q5-Q7 and half get Q5-Q7 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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

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

****Randomize order of Q5 and Q6 and record order as a variable. Keep Q7 after Q5 & Q6.****

Q5. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

[GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q6. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Tony Evers (**EE-vers**) is handling his job as Governor of Wisconsin? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

[GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q7. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Wisconsin legislature is handling its job?
(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

[GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Transition Screen:

I'm going to read you a list of people. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about them yet to have an opinion.

** Author note: Keep Q8-Q9 first, followed by Q10-Q11, then Q12-Q13.**

** Author note: scramble Q8-Q9. **

(PRESENT EACH ON OWN SCREEN)

The first name/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 them yet?

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

Q8. Ron Johnson
Q9. Tammy Baldwin

** Author note: scramble Q10-Q11. **

Q10. Robin Vos (rhymes with "boss")
Q11. Scott Fitzgerald

** Author note: scramble Q12-Q13. **

Q12. Tony Evers (EE-vers)
Q13. Donald Trump

Transition Screen: Now, turning to some issues in Wisconsin and around the country...

****Split sample so half get Form A (Q14a-Q21a) and half get Form B (Q14b-Q21b).****

****FORM A Half-Sample items.****

Q14a. Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

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

Q15a. Should Wisconsin accept federal funds to expand Medicaid, also called Badger-care, in order to cover those with incomes up to 138% of the poverty line or should the state reject federal funds and not expand Medicaid coverage beyond the poverty line as it is now?

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

Q16a. As you may know, Foxconn Corporation has announced it will build a large video display factory in Racine (Ruh-seen) County employing up to 13,000 workers. The state is providing up to \$3 billion dollars of taxpayer money to Foxconn as an incentive to locate the plant in Wisconsin. Do you think the Foxconn plant will ultimately provide this much or more benefit to the state or is the state paying more than the plant is worth?

1. Will provide this much or more benefit
2. State is paying more than the plant is worth
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q17a. Some people say the minimum wage should be raised to help low-income workers get by. Others say raising the minimum wage will lead some businesses to cut jobs. Given these arguments, do you support or oppose raising the minimum wage?

1. Support raising minimum wage
2. Oppose raising minimum wage
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q18a. Would you favor or oppose a major increase in state aid for special education for public school students?

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

Q19a. Would you support or oppose an increase in state spending for prosecutors and for public defenders in Wisconsin?

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q20a. Which is more important to you: keeping the gas tax and vehicle registration fees where they are now or raising the gas tax and registration fees to increase spending on roads and highways?

1. Keep gas tax and fees where they are
2. Raise tax and fees to increase spending on roads
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q21a. Do you support or oppose a proposal to freeze the number of students who may enroll in private voucher schools across the state and to suspend the creation of new independent charter schools in the state?

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

****FORM B Half-Sample items****

Q14b. Do you think the use of marijuana for medical purposes with a doctor's prescription should be made legal, or not?

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

Q15b. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Once a prisoner has served at least two-thirds of their sentence, they should be released from prison and given a less costly form of punishment if they can demonstrate that they are no longer a threat to society.

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

****Author note: scramble order of Q16b-Q21b****

Q16b. Would you support or oppose eliminating mandatory minimum prison sentences so that judges have the ability to make sentencing decisions on a case-by-case basis?

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q17b. Would you support or oppose a proposal to allow an offender to petition a judge to have his or her record expunged, or cleared, of a non-violent, lower-level offense after the person completes his or her sentence.

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q19b. Would you support or oppose increased use of treatment programs and alternatives to jail or prison for offenders who suffer from alcohol and drug issues?

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q20b. Do you support or oppose expanding job training programs for offenders while in prison?

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q21b. Do you support or oppose raising the age at which defendants are considered adults in criminal cases from 17 to 18?

1. Support
2. Oppose
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

ASK ALL:

Q22. Thinking just about the state of Wisconsin, do you feel things in Wisconsin are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 1 Right direction
- 2 Wrong track
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Author note: Scramble order of Q23 and Q24.

Q23. Do you think Governor Evers (EE-vers) is trying to cooperate with Wisconsin legislative leaders or do you think he really isn't interested in cooperating?

- 1. Trying to cooperate
- 2. Not interested in cooperating
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q24. Do you think the Wisconsin legislative leaders are trying to cooperate with Governor Evers (EE-vers) or do you think they really aren't interested in cooperating?

- 1. Trying to cooperate
- 2. Not interested in cooperating
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q25. As you may have heard, after the November elections the legislature passed legislation that placed some new limits on the powers of the governor and the attorney general. Do you generally approve of the legislature taking these actions or do you disapprove of those actions?

[GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
(DO NOT READ)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q26. How much confidence do you have that special counsel Robert Mueller (Mull-er) conducted a fair and impartial investigation into Russia's involvement in the 2016 presidential election--a great deal, some, only a little, or no confidence at all? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. A great deal
2. Some
3. Only a little
4. No confidence at all
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Author note: Scramble order of Q27-Q29.

Q27. Do you think Russia interfered with the 2016 presidential election or did Russia not interfere with the election?

1. Russia interfered
2. Russia did not interfere
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q28. Do you think the Trump campaign colluded with Russia to affect the 2016 presidential election or did the campaign not collude with Russia?

1. Campaign colluded with Russia
2. Campaign did not collude
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q29. Do you think President Trump tried to obstruct the Mueller (Mull-er) investigation or did he not try to obstruct the investigation?

1. Tried to obstruct
2. Did not try to obstruct
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q29b. Based on what you have seen or heard about the Mueller (Mull-er) investigation, do you think the findings of the report clear President Trump of any wrongdoing, or do questions still exist?

1. Clear of wrongdoing
2. Questions still exist
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q30. Do you think there is or is not enough cause right now for Congress to begin hearings into whether or not President Trump should be impeached?

1. Is enough cause
2. Is not enough cause
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q31. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, often called the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

1. Favorable
2. Unfavorable
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

**** Author Note: randomize so half get **worst-least-least-least** wording and half get **best-most-most-most** wording.****

Think of the people in the United States who are the (worst/best) off—those who have the (least/most) money, (least/most) education, and the (least/most) respected jobs. In particular, we'd like you to think about how you are different from these people in terms of your own income, educational history, and job status.

****AUTHOR NOTE: Use **bottom or top** in Q32 wording to match worst or best wording in introduction above.****

****Author Note: CREATE VARIABLE INDICATING WHICH FORM WAS USED IN Q.32 (Worst or Best) ****

Q32. On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is the bottom and 10 is the top, where would you place yourself relative to these people at the very (**bottom/top**)?

If respondent gives a decimal answer: Can you please give me an answer without a decimal? I need a whole number from 1 to 10.

- 1-10 Enter Value
(DO NOT READ)
98. Don't know
99. Refused

****AUTHOR NOTE:** Randomize the order of the next two questions (Q33/Q34) and save order as a variable**

Q33. All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

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

Q34. Do you favor or oppose a recent proposal to increase the marginal tax rate on income over \$10 million a year to 70 percent?

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

Q35. Do you think that Donald Trump has changed the Republican Party for the better or for the worse or don't you think he has changed the Republican Party much either way?

- 1 Changed for the better
- 2 Changed for the worse
- 3 Hasn't changed Republican Party much either way
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q36. Please tell me whether the following statement describes Donald Trump, or not.... he is someone who is honest. (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Describes
2. Does not describe
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q37. If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump, probably vote to reelect Trump, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

1. Definitely vote for Trump
2. Probably vote for Trump
3. Probably vote for someone else
4. Definitely vote for someone else
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q38. Thinking about your family's financial situation, would you say you are living comfortably, just getting by, or struggling to make ends meet? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Living comfortably
2. Just getting by
3. Struggling
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

F1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

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

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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

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

****Author Note: Ask Q39 if 2 in F1 or if 2, 3 in F2.****

Q39. Here is a list of some people who may run in the Democratic primaries for president in 2020. For each name please tell me if they are a top choice for you, an acceptable choice for you, someone you would not support or if you haven't heard enough about them yet to have an opinion. The first name is...

****Author note: Scramble order of Q39a-Q39l****

****Author Note: If respondent doesn't plan to vote (7) in Q39a-Q39l, skip to F3****

- Q39a. Former Vice-President Joe Biden
- Q39b. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders
- Q39c. California Senator Kamala (Comma-la) Harris
- Q39d. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren
- Q39e. New Jersey Senator Cory Booker
- Q39f. Former Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke (Bet-oh O-rork)
- Q39g. Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar (Klow-buh-shar)
- Q39h. Former US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian (Who-lee-in) Castro
- Q39i. Mayor of South Bend Indiana, Pete Buttigieg (Booda-jedge)
- Q39j. New York Senator Kirsten (Keer-stin) Gillibrand (Jill-ah-brand)
- Q39k. Former Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (Hick-in-looper)
- Q39l. Washington Governor Jay Inslee (Inns-lee)

- 1. A top Choice
- 2. An acceptable choice
- 3. Would not support
- 4. Haven't heard enough
(DO NOT READ)
- 7. Would not vote in Democratic primary (SKIP TO F3)
- 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).

99 Refused [ASK F4A]

F4A. [If Refused] Are you... (READ LIST)

- 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? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 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

There is no item F6 in this survey

F7. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

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

F8. Would you describe yourself as White, African American or Black, Asian, Native American, of more than one race or some other race? (READ LIST 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

F9. 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 LIST 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

F10. What is your religious preference – are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another religion or no religion? (READ LIST 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

Author note: IF 01 or 06 in F10 Ask F11.

F11. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Yes, would
2. No, would not
(DO NOT READ)
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

F12. Last year, that is in 2018, 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

F13. Would you describe the place where you live as urban, suburban or rural?

(INTERVIEWER, IF NECESSARY: "Urban is a big city like Milwaukee, Madison or Green Bay. Suburban is a built up place close to a big city and rural is less built up with fewer people and further away from a big city") (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1. Urban
2. Suburban
3. Rural
(DO NOT READ)
8. Don't know
9. Refused

There is no item F14 in this instrument

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. Are you or any member of your household a member of a local, state or national labor union?
(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

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

There is no F17 in this instrument

Author note: Require 5-digit response.

F18. What is your zip code?

Enter 5 digit zip code.

99999=Refused

INTERVIEWER: READ BACK AND CONFIRM CORRECT ZIP CODE

F19. Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...? (READ LIST)

- 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. Is this phone a cell phone? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

(CLOSING)

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