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Poll Description

Motivation

The mission of the non-partisan Paul Simon Public Policy Institute polling is to provide citizens, policy-makers, and academic researchers with objective information about trends and issues facing society.

Sample and Geographic Coverage

The 2013 Simon Poll interviewed 403 registered voters. The sample of voters came from the Southern Illinois counties of Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, Washington, White, and Williamson.

Polling Method

Live phone interviews using the random-digit-dialing method and screening for registered voters. Cell phone interviews accounted for 30 percent of the sample.

Margin of Error

Plus or minus 4.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. The margin for error will be larger for demographic, geographic and response subgroups.

Date

Poll conducted from September 20-October 2, 2013.

Polling Agency

Customer Research International of San Marcos, Texas¹.

Funding Source

The survey was paid for with non-tax dollars from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's endowment fund.

¹ Customer Research International reports no Illinois political clients.

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Introduction and Screening

Hello. This is _____ calling for The Public Policy Institute. First, I want you to know that I'm not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a study to find out what voters think about some public policy questions important to Southern Illinois. And, your phone number was selected at random to participate. According to our research procedure, I need to speak to the youngest (male/female) who is registered to vote. May I speak to that person, please?

Respondent ID

[VAR: id]

Phone type

[VAR: type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Cell	1	122
Landline	2	281

S4. In which county do you currently live?

[VAR: county]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Alexander	1	9
Franklin	2	39
Gallatin	3	10
Hamilton	4	8
Hardin	5	10
Jackson	6	42
Jefferson	7	44
Johnson	8	14
Massac	9	14
Perry	10	19
Pope	11	3
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Randolph	13	38
Saline	14	31
Union	15	19
Washington	16	18
White	17	15
Williamson	18	62

Remarks: The interviewer did not read the list. If the respondent said a county not on the list or that they didn't know then the interviewer terminated the interview.

S6. Gender

[VAR: gender]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Male	1	162
Female	2	241

Remarks: Recorded by observation.

General Outlook

1. First, we'd like to know what you think about the direction of the United States of America. Generally speaking, do you think things in our country are going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdirusa]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	60
Wrong direction	2	296
Other/Don't know	3	47

Remarks: If the participant was unsure, the interviewer probed, "well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?"

2. And what about the direction of the State of Illinois? Generally speaking, are things in Illinois going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdiril]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	40
Wrong direction	2	334
Other/Don't know	3	29

Remarks: If the participant was unsure, the interviewer probed, "well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?"

3. And how are things going in your city or area of the state? In general, are things in your city or area going in the right direction, or in the wrong direction?

[VAR: rwdirlocal]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Right direction	1	209
Wrong direction	2	153
Other/Don't know	9	41

Remarks: If the participant was unsure, the interviewer probed, "well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?"

4. Regardless of what you think about the direction your part of the state, tell us what you think about the overall quality of life in your area. Taking everything into account, would you say the overall quality of life in your area is . . .excellent, good, average, not so good, or poor?

[VAR: qlife]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Poor	1	15
Not so good	2	115
Average	3	159
Good	4	61
Excellent	5	53

Illinois 2014 Primary Election

5. As you may know, primary elections in Illinois will be held this March. Thinking ahead, are you likely to vote in the (rotate: Republican/Democratic) primary or will you probably not vote in the primary elections?

[VAR: prim14_party]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Republican	1	111
Democratic	2	120
Probably not vote	3	75
Don't know	4	97

Remarks: Skip to Q7 if “Democratic,” “probably not vote,” or “don’t know.”

6. And if the Republican primary for governor was being held today, would you vote for...?

[VAR: prim14_rep_gov]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Bruce Rauner	1	2
Bill Brady	2	14
Kirk Dillard	3	7
Dan Rutherford	4	8
Someone else	5	1
Don't know	6	79
Not applicable	IAP	292

Remarks: Only asked if Q5 “Republican.” The interviewer randomized the order that they read the names.

[VAR: prim14_rep_gov_other]

Response	Frequency
None	1
Not applicable	402

Illinois Budget

Section Introduction: Next I'm going to ask you a few questions about the state of Illinois' budget.

7. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 6 billion dollars. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that. First is...*(rotate)* Illinois' public programs and services have already been reduced significantly. We can only fix the problem by taking in more revenue, such as a tax increase. Next is...the state takes in plenty of money to pay for public services, but wastes it on unnecessary programs. We can fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency in government. Third is...Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.

[VAR: fix_deficit_il13]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Take in more revenue	1	2
Cut waste and inefficiency in government	2	17
Combination of more revenue and cutting waste	3	6
Other/Don't know	5	3
Not applicable	IAP	375

Remarks: The interviewer asked the questions in a randomized the order that they read the statements.

8. Some people in Springfield have suggested that the state could save money on administrative costs by consolidating school districts in lightly populated areas. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose a proposal to make school district consolidations in Illinois easier?

[VAR: school_consol]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	2	9
Oppose	3	9
Strongly oppose	4	7
Don't know	5	3
Not applicable	IAP	375

9. If there were a proposal to save administrative costs by consolidating the school district you live in with a neighboring district, would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose that proposal?

[VAR: school_consol_local]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	2
Favor	2	10
Oppose	3	9
Strongly oppose	4	7
Not applicable	IAP	375

Section Introduction: One part of Illinois' budget problem is its huge obligation to state employee pension funds. I'm going to read some proposals people have made to fix the pension obligation problem. For each one that I read, please tell me if you favor or oppose that proposal. Note: the interviewer rotated the order that they read Q10-12.

10. Relieve the state's obligation to the teachers' pension fund by having local school districts make their teachers' pension contributions. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: school_pen_local]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	118
Oppose	2	222
Don't know	3	63

11. Increase the required pension contribution for current state employees.

[VAR: pen_incontrib]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	195
Oppose	2	154
Don't know	3	54

12. Ask current retirees to contribute to the cost of their state health insurance plan.

[VAR: pen_hccontrib]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Favor	1	157
Oppose	2	210
Don't know	3	36

Political Reform

Section Introduction: We also are interested in your opinions on political reform in Illinois. I'm going to read you some proposals that some people have offered. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that idea. First is...(interviewer rotated order of proposals). ?

13. A proposal to limit how long state legislators could serve. It would limit state representatives to five consecutive terms and state senators to three consecutive terms. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: term_lim]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	202
Somewhat favor	2	99
Somewhat oppose	3	43
Strongly oppose	4	42
Other/Don't know	5	17

Remarks: if the respondent said they favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

14. A proposal to limit how long legislators could serve in leadership positions—such as Speaker of the House or President of the Senate—before they stepped down to let other legislators lead. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: term_leader]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	210
Somewhat favor	2	125
Somewhat oppose	3	33
Strongly oppose	4	21
Other/Don't know	5	14

Remarks: if the respondent said they favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

15. A proposal to limit the amount of campaign money that party leaders can transfer to other candidates in the general election. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: cf_lim_leader]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	164
Somewhat favor	2	74
Somewhat oppose	3	46
Strongly oppose	4	86
Other/Don't know	5	33

Remarks: if the respondent said they favored/opposed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly favor/oppose?”

16. Currently in Illinois, when voting in a PRIMARY election, the voter has to ask for a specific party's ballot. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to change the primary-election process in Illinois so that voters do not have to publicly declare which party's ballot they have chosen?

[VAR: prim_nodeclr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly favor	1	251
Somewhat favor	2	54
Somewhat oppose	3	29
Strongly oppose	4	41
Other/Don't know	5	28

Remarks: if the respondent said they favored/opposed, the interviewer probed "do you strongly favor/oppose?"

Section Introduction: Next, we'd like to ask you about the state legislative redistricting process in Illinois.

17. Currently, when the political parties can't agree on a legislative redistricting plan, they end the stalemate by pulling a party's name out of a hat. The winning political party gets to draw the new legislative district map. Do you approve or disapprove of this tie-breaking process?

[VAR: redist_hat]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	22
Somewhat approve	2	45
Somewhat disapprove	3	74
Strongly disapprove	4	228
Other/Don't know	5	34

Remarks: if the respondent said they approved/disapproved, the interviewer probed "do you strongly approve/disapprove?"

18. One proposal for improving the state legislative redistricting process would have the Illinois Supreme Court add a neutral person to the redistricting panel in case of a partisan tie. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: redist_neutral]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	158
Somewhat approve	2	140
Somewhat disapprove	3	36
Strongly disapprove	4	37
Other/Don't know	5	32

Remarks: if the respondent said they approved/disapproved, the interviewer probed "do you strongly approve/disapprove?"

19. Other people have proposed a constitutional amendment that would have legislative district maps created and recommended by a commission that is independent of the elected representatives. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

[VAR: redist_commis]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly approve	1	131
Somewhat approve	2	130
Somewhat disapprove	3	48
Strongly disapprove	4	43
Other/Don't know	5	51

Remarks: if the respondent said they approved/disapproved, the interviewer probed “do you strongly approve/disapprove?”

Section Introduction: I'm going to read some statements people have made about a proposal for legislative term limits in Illinois. For each one that I read, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement. Note: the interviewer rotated the order that they read the proposals.

20. Term limits help make elected officials more responsive to constituents.

[VAR: term_resp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	158
Agree	2	137
Disagree	3	49
Strongly disagree	4	31
Other/Don't know	5	28

Remarks: if the respondent said they agreed/disagreed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly agree/disagree?”

21. Term limits don't give elected officials enough time to develop the expertise to handle Illinois' challenging problems.

[VAR: term_expert]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	46
Agree	2	83
Disagree	3	116
Strongly disagree	4	137
Other/Don't know	5	21

Remarks: if the respondent said they agreed/disagreed, the interviewer probed “do you strongly agree/disagree?”

22. Term limits ensure that we'll get new people with fresh ideas coming into office.

[VAR: term_fresh]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	188
Agree	2	159
Disagree	3	33
Strongly disagree	4	16
Other/Don't know	5	7

Remarks: if the respondent said they agreed/disagreed, the interviewer probed "do you strongly agree/disagree?"

23. Term limits force legislators out of office, even if their constituents want to keep them, thereby giving more power to lobbyists and unelected staff.

[VAR: term_lobby]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	52
Agree	2	86
Disagree	3	115
Strongly disagree	4	106
Other/Don't know	5	44

Remarks: if the respondent said they agreed/disagreed, the interviewer probed "do you strongly agree/disagree?"

Industries and Occupational Groups

Section Introduction: We would like to know your views of various industries and occupational groups in our area. For each one that I read, please tell me whether you have a very favorable attitude, favorable, unfavorable, or very unfavorable attitude toward that group. If you don't have an opinion either way, just tell me that. First is... (rotate)

24. The coal industry

[VAR: view_coalind]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very favorable	1	117
Favorable	2	209
Unfavorable	3	31
Very unfavorable	4	11
No opinion	5	26
Other/Don't know	6	9

25. Coal miners

[VAR: view_coalmnr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very favorable	1	127
Favorable	2	227
Unfavorable	3	11
Very unfavorable	4	3
No opinion	5	28
Other/Don't know	6	7

26. Southern Illinois University

[VAR: view_siu]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very favorable	1	89
Favorable	2	218
Unfavorable	3	35
Very unfavorable	4	17
No opinion	5	32
Other/Don't know	6	12

27. College students

[VAR: view_colstud]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very favorable	1	111
Favorable	2	224
Unfavorable	3	19
Very unfavorable	4	5
No opinion	5	35
Other/Don't know	6	9

28. Farmers

[VAR: view_farmers]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very favorable	1	169
Favorable	2	204
Unfavorable	3	10
Very unfavorable	4	5
No opinion	5	12
Other/Don't know	6	3

29. Physicians

[VAR: view_docs]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very favorable	1	82
Favorable	2	246
Unfavorable	3	18
Very unfavorable	4	6
No opinion	5	38
Other/Don't know	6	13

Illinois Education

Section Introduction: Next, we have some questions about public higher education policy in Illinois.

First:

30. What do you think, in general, about the quality of public higher education in the State of Illinois?

Would you say it is...

[VAR: qual_he]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	42
Good	2	134
Average	3	157
Below average	4	29
Poor	5	23
Other/Don't know	6	18

31. And what about the quality of public higher education, in general, in your area or part of Illinois?

Would you say it is...

[VAR: qual_K12]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Excellent	1	41
Good	2	160
Average	3	140
Below average	4	30
Poor	5	23
Other/Don't know	6	9

32. Overall, do you think the funding for public universities and colleges in Illinois is enough to meet their needs or not enough to meet their needs?

[VAR: fund_he]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Enough	1	142
Not enough	2	215
Other/Don't know	3	46

33. If you came to believe increased funding for public universities and colleges in Illinois were necessary, should it come from (*Rotate 1 and 2*)...state tax increases (1) OR tuition and fee increases (2)?

[VAR: fund_hefrom]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
State tax increases	1	130
Tuition and fee increases	2	119
Both	3	41
Neither	4	59
Other/Don't know	5	54

34. How important would you say it is for Illinois to have *top quality* public universities and colleges? Would you say this is a top priority, a very important but lower priority, a somewhat important priority, a not to important priority, or not important at all?

[VAR: qual_heimport]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Top priority	1	133
Very important but lower priority	2	172
A somewhat important priority	3	86
Not too important priority	4	7
Not important at all	5	1
Other/Don't know	6	4

35. Do you think states with top-quality public universities and colleges are more likely to attract economic development, less likely to attract economic development, or doesn't it make much difference one way or the other?

[VAR: qual_heattract]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More likely	1	220
Less likely	2	6
Doesn't make much difference	3	167
Other/Don't know	4	10

36. Which statement comes closer to your own view, that (*ROTATE*) high school graduates should go on to college because they'll have better job prospects in the long run OR high school graduates should take any decent job offer they get because there are so many unemployed people already?

[VAR: col_orjob]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Should go to college	1	268
Should take any decent job offer	2	72
Other/Don't know	3	63

37. Do you believe that currently, in Illinois, the vast majority of people who are qualified to go to college have the opportunity to do so, or do you think there are many people who are qualified to go but don't have the opportunity to do so?

[VAR: col_qualgo]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Majority have opportunity	1	126
Many don't have opportunity	2	262
Other/Don't know	3	15

38. Now I'd like to know if you think qualified students from low-income families—regardless of ethnic background—have less opportunity, more opportunity, or about the same opportunity as others to get a college education?

[VAR: col_lowincgo]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Less opportunity	1	176
More opportunity	2	64
About the same opportunity	3	150
Other/Don't know	4	13

39. Would you say that achieving a college degree is more or less important today than it was for your parents' generation?

[VAR: col_moreimp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
More important	1	335
Less important	2	48
Equally important	3	15
Don't know/Refused	4	5

40. And, would you say there are greater or fewer opportunities to achieve a college education today than there were for your parents' generation?

[VAR: col_opp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Greater opportunities	1	313
Fewer opportunities	2	72
About the same amount of opportunities	3	13
Don't know/Refused	4	5

41. When today's children are of college age, do you think they will have greater or fewer opportunities to attend college than you did?

[VAR: col_kidsopp]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Greater opportunities	1	226
Fewer opportunities	2	122
About the same amount of opportunities	3	29
Don't know/Refused	4	26

42. Do you think that four-year colleges and universities work hard to keep the price of college education down, or that they raise prices whenever they can to bring in more money?

[VAR: col_price4yr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Work hard to keep the price down	1	110
Raise prices whenever they can	2	236
Other/Don't know	3	57

43. And what about two-year community colleges? Do you think community colleges work hard to keep the price of college education down, or that they raise prices whenever they can to bring in more money?

[VAR: col_pricecc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Work hard to keep the price down	1	288
Raise prices whenever they can	2	81
Other/Don't know	3	34

44. Do you agree or disagree that students at two-year community colleges can learn just as much as they would in their first two years in a four-year college or university?

[VAR: cclearn]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strongly agree	1	256
Somewhat agree	2	80
Somewhat disagree	3	23
Strongly disagree	4	19
Don't know	5	25

Remarks: if the respondent said they agree/disagree, the interviewer probed, "do you strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?"

Hydraulic Fracturing

45. How much have you heard or read about hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," a process that uses the high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals to remove natural gas from rocks deep in the earth's surface?

[VAR: fracking]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A lot	1	130
Some	2	151
Not much	3	74
Nothing so far	4	40
Other/Don't know	5	8

46. As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?

[VAR: frack_safe]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very safe	1	38
Somewhat safe	2	160
Not very safe	3	66
Not at all safe	4	49
Other/Don't know	5	90

47. Some people say the state should encourage hydraulic fracturing because of the economic benefits, while others say the state should *not* encourage hydraulic fracturing because of potential environmental impact. Which comes closer to your view?

[VAR: frack_econ]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Should encourage for economic benefits	1	164
Should not encourage because of environmental impact	2	160
Other/Don't know	3	79

Government Impact

Section Introduction: Now we are interested in your thoughts about the effects of various levels of government in your life. First....Note: the interviewer rotated pairs (i.e. 48 and 48a) of items.

48. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Federal government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say...?

[VAR: imp_fed]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A great deal of effect	1	16
Some effect	2	7
A little effect	3	5
Not applicable	IAP	375

a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

[VAR: imp_fedfeel]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Mostly beneficial	1	10
Mostly harmful	2	17
Other/Don't know	3	1
Not applicable	IAP	375

49. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Illinois state government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say...?

[VAR: imp_il]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A great deal of effect	1	15
Some effect	2	8
A little effect	3	4
None	4	1
Not applicable	IAP	375

a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

[VAR: imp_ilfeel]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Mostly beneficial	1	8
Mostly harmful	2	13
Other/Don't know	3	7
Not applicable	IAP	375

50. How much impact do you think the activities of **your local government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say

[VAR: imp_local]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
A great deal of effect	1	8
Some effect	2	11
A little effect	3	9
Not applicable	IAP	375

a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

[VAR: imp_localfeel]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Mostly beneficial	1	16
Mostly harmful	2	8
Other/Don't know	3	4
Not applicable	IAP	375

Financial Situation

51. Next, we are interested in how people are doing financially in Illinois. Overall, and speaking generally, would you say your family's economic situation is better than it was a year ago, worse than it was a year ago, or about the same?

[VAR: betteroff_now]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Better	1	45
Worse	2	119
About the same	3	236
Other/Don't know	4	3

52. And what about in the coming year? Overall, and speaking generally, do you expect your family's economic situation next year will be better than it has been this year, worse than it has been this year, or about the same as this year?

[VAR: betteroff_1yr]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Better	1	62
Worse	2	96
About the same	3	234
Other/Don't know	4	11

53. And what about people who are financially worse off than you? Overall, and speaking generally, do you expect their economic situation next year will be better than it has been this year, worse than it has been this year, or about the same as this year?

[VAR: betteroff_worsoff]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Better	1	6
Worse	2	9
About the same	3	10
Other/Don't know	4	2
Not applicable	IAP	376

Social Issues

Section Introduction: And now just a couple of questions on social issues.

55. Do you think abortions should be legal under all circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

[VAR: abort_leg]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Legal under all	1	80
Legal only under certain	2	198
Illegal under all	3	117
Other/Don't know/Refused	4	8

56. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your position on the legal rights of gay and lesbian couples in Illinois?: Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry; Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions, which would give them some legal rights; OR There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples?

[VAR: lg_coup_rts]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Allowed to legally marry	1	112
Allowed to form civil unions	2	85
No legal recognition	3	177
Other/Don't know/Refused	4	29

Demographics

Section Introduction: Now I have a few questions for classification purposes.

57. What is the last level of education you have completed? Is it . . . less than high school high school, some college, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, graduate or professional degree, or other/DK?

[VAR: education]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Less than high school	1	21
High school	2	132
Some college	3	103
Associate's degree	4	42
Bachelor's degree	5	54
Graduate or professional degree	6	49
Other/Don't know	7	2

58. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself (Reverse scale for half of sample)...very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

[VAR: ideology]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Very liberal	1	20
Somewhat liberal	2	71
Moderate	3	97
Somewhat conservative	4	111
Very conservative	5	84
Don't know	6	20

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

[VAR: party_aff]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Strong Democrat	1	64
Not-strong Democrat	2	50
Independent Democratic	3	35
Pure Independent	4	36
Independent Republican	5	46
Not-Strong Republican	6	48
Strong Republican	7	56
Other	8	14
Don't know/Refused	9	54

Remarks: If Republican or Democrat, the interviewer probed, "would you call yourself a strong R/D or a not-so-strong R/D?" If Independent, the interviewer probed, "do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?"

60. Were you born in Southern Illinois, elsewhere in Illinois, or in some other state, or some other country?

[VAR: whereborn]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Born in Southern Illinois	1	253
Born elsewhere in Illinois	2	62
Born other state	3	82
Born other country	4	4
Other/Don't know	5	2

61. At home, do you connect to the Internet through a dial-up phone line, a DSL-enabled phone line, a cable TV modem, or some other method?

[VAR: net_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Dial-up	1	14
DSL phone line	2	114
Cable TV	3	81
Other method	4	72
Do not have internet access	5	99
Other/Don't know	6	23

62. As far as you know, is broadband Internet service available in your area?

[VAR: net_bbavail]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	259
No	2	47
Not sure	3	97

63. Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired or not currently employed?

[VAR: employ_time]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Full-time	1	134
Part-time	2	38
Retired	3	180
Not employed	4	40
Other/Don't know	5	11

Remarks: If “full-time” (1) or “part-time” (2), go to Q63a then QR01. If “retired” (3), go to Q63b then QR01. If “not employed” (4) or “other/don’t know” (5), go to QR01.

- a. Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

[VAR: employ_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Private	1	81
Non-Profit	2	22
Government	3	37
Self-Employed	4	24
Don't know	5	8
Not applicable	IAP	231

Remarks: Only asked if Q62 "full-time" or "part-time."

- b. Are you retired from a private company or business, a non-profit organization, a governmental agency or were you self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

[VAR: retired_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Private	1	5
Government	3	4
Self-Employed	4	4
Not applicable	IAP	390

Remarks: Only asked if Q62 "retired."

Religion

R01. Lots of things come up that keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Apart from occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals, how often do you go to religious services: every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

[VAR: relig_often]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Every week	1	157
Almost every week	2	52
Once or twice a month	3	47
A few times a year	4	79
Never	5	63
Refused	6	5

Remarks: If "every week" (1), "almost every week" (2), or "once or twice a month" (3) go to RO2A. If "a few times a year" (4) or "never", go to RO2B.

R02A. Do you attend a place of worship that is Christian or some other religion?

[VAR: relig_type]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	244
Some other religion	2	9
Don't know	3	2
Refused	4	1
Not applicable	IAP	147

Remarks: If "Christian" (1), go to R04. If "some other religion" (2), go to R05. If "don't know" (3), go to Q52.

R02B. Do you consider yourself Christian, some other religion, or no religion?

[VAR: religion]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Christian	1	110
Some other religion	2	9
No religion	3	25
Don't know	8	1
Refused	9	2
Not applicable	IAP	256

Remarks: If "Christian" (1), go to R04. If "some other religion" (2), go to R05. If "no religion" (3), "don't know" (8), or refused (IAP), go to Q52.

R04. What church or denomination is that?

[VAR: relig_denom]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Baptist	3	10
Disciples of Christ	9	2
Lutheran	13	1
Methodist	14	4
Non-denominational	16	1
Presbyterian	19	2
Christian or Just Christian	31	2
Protestant or Just Protestant	32	1
Other	88	1
Don't know	98	2
Not applicable	IAP	377

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R04. What church or denomination is that?

[VAR: relig_denom_other]

Response	Frequency
First Apostle	1
Not applicable	402

Remarks: Asked if R02A or R02B was “some other religion.”

R06. Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

[VAR: born_again]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Yes	1	33
Yes, Born-again	2	106
Yes, Evangelical	3	21
Yes, Both	4	12
No	5	175
Don't know	6	3
Refused	7	4
Not applicable	IAP	49

Remarks: Asked of anyone asked R04 except Catholic, LDS, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, and Orthodox. The interviewer coded exact response and did not probe.

Demographics

64. To make sure all parts of Southern Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code?

[VAR: zip]

Remarks: The interviewer recorded the 5-digit zip code of the respondent's residence. If the respondent refused or didn't know their zip code was coded as 99999.

65. For classification purposes, I need to know the year of your birth—the last two digits of your birth year would be fine.

[VAR: birth_yr]

Remarks: The interviewer only coded the last two-digits of the respondents' birth year. If the respondent refused they were coded as 9999.

66. For statistical purposes only, we'd like to know your racial or ethnic group.

[VAR: race_eth]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
White	1	372
Black	2	11
Multiracial	5	8
Other	8	1
Refused	9	11

Remarks: If necessary the interviewer probed, "most people consider themselves either white, black, Asian, or Hispanic."

[VAR: race_eth_other]

Response	Frequency
Native American	1
Not applicable	402

67. And finally, again for statistical purposes, we'd like a rough estimate of your total household income last year. Just stop me when I get to your category. Was it...?

[VAR: hh_inc]

Response	Value Label	Frequency
Under \$25,000	1	93
\$25,001-\$35,000	2	38
\$35,001-\$50,000	3	66
\$50,001-\$70,000	4	60
\$70,001-\$100,000	5	49
\$100,001-\$150,000	6	22
Over \$150,000	7	8
Other/Refused	8	67

And that's all the questions we have. Thank you for your time and cooperation with this very important survey. Goodbye.

Survey Instrument

Fall 2013 Southern Illinois Poll

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

Introduction and Screening

Hello. This is _____ calling for The Public Policy Institute. First, I want you to know that I'm not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a study to find out what voters think about some public policy questions important to Southern Illinois. And, your phone number was selected at random to participate.

[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]

- S1. Have I reached you on your cell phone? (IF NEEDED: By cell phone we mean a wireless phone that is mobile and usable outside of your neighborhood.)
- 1) Yes **[CONTINUE TO S2]**
 - 2) No **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
 - 3) Don't Know **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
- S2. Is this a safe time to talk with you now or are you driving?
- 1) Yes, safe **[CONTINUE TO S4]**
 - 2) No, driving **[ARRANGE CALLBACK TIME]**

[ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE]

- S3. According to our research procedure, I need to speak to the youngest (male/female) who is registered to vote. May I speak to that person, please?
- 1) Yes **[REPEAT INTRO THEN GO TO S4]**
 - 2) Yes, I'll get him/her **[REPEAT INTRO THEN GO TO S4]**
 - 3) No, not available **[ARRANGE CALLBACK]**
 - 4) No, nobody here **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

S4. In which county do you currently live? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Alexander
- 2) Franklin
- 3) Gallatin
- 4) Hamilton
- 5) Hardin
- 6) Jackson
- 7) Jefferson
- 8) Johnson
- 9) Massac
- 10) Perry
- 11) Pope
- 12) Pulaski
- 13) Randolph
- 14) Saline
- 15) Union
- 16) Washington
- 17) White
- 18) Williamson
- 19) Other **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
- 20) Don't know **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

S5. Are you registered to vote in the state of Illinois?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**
- 3) Don't know **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

S6. (RECORD GENDER BY OBSERVATION)

- 1) Male
- 2) Female

1. First, we'd like to know what you think about the direction of the United States of America. Generally speaking, do you think things in our country are going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?) (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Right direction
- 2) Wrong direction
- 3) Don't know

2. And what about the direction of the State of Illinois? Generally speaking, are things in Illinois going in the right direction, or are they off track and heading in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?) (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Right direction
- 2) Wrong direction
- 3) Don't know

3. And how are things going in your city or area of the state? In general, are things in your city or area going in the right direction, or in the wrong direction? (IF UNSURE: Well, on balance, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?) (DO NOT READ LIST)
- 1) Right direction
 - 2) Wrong direction
 - 3) Don't know
4. Regardless of what you think about how things are going in your part of the state, please tell me what you think about the overall quality of life in your area. Taking everything into account, would you say the overall quality of life in your area is...? (READ LIST)
- 1) Excellent
 - 2) Good
 - 3) Average
 - 4) Not so good
 - 5) Poor
5. As you may know, primary elections in Illinois will be held this March. Thinking ahead, are you likely to vote in the **[ROTATE: Republican/Democratic]** primary or will you probably not vote in the primary elections?
- 1) Republican
 - 2) Democratic **[SKIP TO Q7]**
 - 3) Probably not vote **[SKIP TO Q7]**
 - 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know **[SKIP TO Q7]**

[IF Q5=1 / REPUBLICAN]

6. And if the Republican primary for governor was being held today, would you vote for...?
[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATES 1-4]
- 1) Bruce Rauner (rhymes with "Browner")
 - 2) Bill Brady
 - 3) Kirk Dillard
 - 4) Dan Rutherford (pronounced ROO-ther-ferd)
 - 5) Or someone else? (specify) _____
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

Employee Pension

Next I'm going to ask you a few questions about the state of Illinois' budget.

7. The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 6 billion dollars. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that.
[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]
- 1) Illinois' public programs and services have already been reduced significantly. We can only fix the problem by taking in more revenue, such as a tax increase.
 - 2) The state takes in plenty of money to pay for public services, but wastes it on unnecessary programs. We can fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency in government.
 - 3) Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.
 - 4) (DO NOT READ) Haven't thought much about it.
 - 5) Other/DK
8. Some people in Springfield have suggested that the state could save money on administrative costs by consolidating school districts in lightly populated areas. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose a proposal to make school district consolidations in Illinois easier?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
9. If there were a proposal to save administrative costs by consolidating the school district you live in with a neighboring district, would you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose that proposal?
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

One part of Illinois' budget problem is its huge obligation to state employee pension funds. I'm going to read some proposals people have made to fix the pension obligation problem. For each one that I read, please tell me if you favor or oppose that proposal. **[ROTATE Q10-Q12]**

10. Relieve the state's obligation to the teachers' pension fund by having local school districts make their teachers' pension contributions. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?
- 1) Favor
 - 2) Oppose
 - 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

11. Increase the required pension contribution for current state employees. (IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)

- 1) Favor
- 2) Oppose
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

12. Ask current retirees to contribute to the cost of their state health insurance plan. (IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)

- 1) Favor
- 2) Oppose
- 3) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

We also are interested in your opinions on political reform in Illinois. I'm going to read you some proposals that some people have offered. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that idea. First is... **[ROTATE ORDER OF PROPOSALS]**

13. A proposal to limit how long state legislators could serve. It would limit state representatives to five consecutive terms and state senators to three consecutive terms. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

14. A proposal to limit how long legislators could serve in leadership positions—such as Speaker of the House or President of the Senate—before they stepped down to let other legislators lead. Would you (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

15. A proposal to limit the amount of campaign money that party leaders can transfer to other candidates in the general election. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)

- 1) Strongly favor
- 2) Somewhat favor
- 3) Somewhat oppose
- 4) Strongly oppose
- 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

16. Currently in Illinois, when voting in a PRIMARY election, the voter has to ask for a specific party's ballot. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to change the primary-election process in Illinois so that voters do not have to publicly declare which party's ballot they have chosen? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Somewhat favor
 - 3) Somewhat oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Next, we'd like to ask you about the state legislative redistricting process in Illinois.

17. Currently, when the political parties can't agree on a legislative redistricting plan, they end the stalemate by pulling a party's name out of a hat. The winning political party gets to draw the new legislative district map. Do you approve or disapprove of this tie-breaking process? (IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE?)
- 1) Strongly approve
 - 2) Approve
 - 3) Disapprove
 - 4) Strongly disapprove
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
18. One proposal for improving the state legislative redistricting process would have the Illinois Supreme Court add a neutral person to the redistricting panel in case of a partisan tie. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Oppose
 - 5) Strongly oppose
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
19. Other people have proposed a constitutional amendment that would have legislative district maps created and recommended by a commission that is independent of the elected representatives. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (INTERVIEWER: IF FAVOR / OPPOSE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR / OPPOSE?)
- 1) Strongly favor
 - 2) Favor
 - 3) Oppose
 - 4) Strongly oppose
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

I'm going to read some statements people have made about a proposal for legislative term limits in Illinois. For each one that I read, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement. (ROTATE)

20. Term limits help make elected officials more responsive to constituents. (INTERVIEWER: IF AGREE / DISAGREE ASK: DO YOU STRONGLY AGREE / DISAGREE?)
- 1) Strongly agree
 - 2) Agree
 - 3) Disagree
 - 4) Strongly disagree
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
21. Term limits don't give elected officials enough time to develop the expertise to handle Illinois' challenging problems.
- 1) Strongly agree
 - 2) Agree
 - 3) Disagree
 - 4) Strongly disagree
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
22. Term limits ensure that we'll get new people with fresh ideas coming into office.
- 1) Strongly agree
 - 2) Agree
 - 3) Disagree
 - 4) Strongly disagree
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
23. Term limits force legislators out of office, even if their constituents want to keep them, thereby giving more power to lobbyists and unelected staff.
- 1) Strongly agree
 - 2) Agree
 - 3) Disagree
 - 4) Strongly disagree
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

We would like to know your views of various industries and occupational groups in our area. For each one that I read, please tell me whether you have a very favorable attitude, favorable, unfavorable, or very unfavorable attitude toward that group. If you don't have an opinion either way, just tell me that. First is (rotate)

24. The coal industry
- 1) Very favorable
 - 2) Favorable
 - 3) Unfavorable
 - 4) Very unfavorable
 - 5) No opinion
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

25. Coal miners
- 1) Very favorable
 - 2) Favorable
 - 3) Unfavorable
 - 4) Very unfavorable
 - 5) No opinion
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
26. Southern Illinois University
- 1) Very favorable
 - 2) Favorable
 - 3) Unfavorable
 - 4) Very unfavorable
 - 5) No opinion
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
27. College students
- 1) Very favorable
 - 2) Favorable
 - 3) Unfavorable
 - 4) Very unfavorable
 - 5) No opinion
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
28. Farmers
- 1) Very favorable
 - 2) Favorable
 - 3) Unfavorable
 - 4) Very unfavorable
 - 5) No opinion
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
29. Physicians
- 1) Very favorable
 - 2) Favorable
 - 3) Unfavorable
 - 4) Very unfavorable
 - 5) No opinion
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

Next, we have some questions about public higher education policy in Illinois. First:

30. What do you think, in general, about the quality of public higher education in the State of Illinois?
Would you say it is
- 1) Excellent
 - 2) Good
 - 3) Average
 - 4) Below Average
 - 5) Poor
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
31. And what about the quality of public higher education, in general, in your area or part of Illinois?
Would you say it is
- 1) Excellent
 - 2) Good
 - 3) Average
 - 4) Below Average
 - 5) Poor
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
32. Overall, do you think the funding for public universities and colleges in Illinois is enough to meet their needs or not enough to meet their needs?
- 1) Enough
 - 2) Not enough
 - 3) Other/DK
33. If you came to believe increased funding for public universities and colleges in Illinois were necessary, should it come from (*Rotate 1 and 2*)
- 1) State tax increases
 - OR--
 - 2) Tuition and fee increases
 - 3) Both (VOL)
 - 4) Neither (VOL)
 - 5) Other/DK
34. How important would you say it is for Illinois to have *top quality* public universities and colleges?
Would you say this is a
- 1) Top priority
 - 2) Very important but lower priority
 - 3) A somewhat important priority, or
 - 4) Not too important a priority
 - 5) (VOL) not important at all
 - 6) Oth/DK

35. Do you think states with top-quality public universities and colleges are more likely to attract economic development, less likely to attract economic development, or doesn't it make much difference one way or the other?
- 1) More likely
 - 2) Less likely
 - 3) Doesn't make much difference
 - 4) Oth/DK
36. Which statement comes closer to your own view, that (ROTATE)
- 1) High school graduates should go on to college because they'll have better job prospects in the long run
- OR--
- 2) High school graduates should take any decent job offer they get because there are so many unemployed people already
 - 3) Other/DK (VOL)
37. Do you believe that currently, in Illinois, the vast majority of people who are qualified to go to college have the opportunity to do so, or do you think there are many people who are qualified to go but don't have the opportunity to do so?
1. Vast majority have the opportunity
 2. Many who don't have the opportunity
 3. Other/DK
38. Now I'd like to know if you think qualified students from low-income families—regardless of ethnic background—have less opportunity, more opportunity, or about the same opportunity as others to get a college education?
1. Less opportunity
 2. More opportunity
 3. About the same opportunity
 4. Other/DK (VOL)
39. Would you say that achieving a college degree is more or less important today than it was for your parents' generation?
- 1) More Important
 - 2) Less Important
 - 3) Equally Important (VOL)
 - 4) Don't know / refused

40. And, would you say there are greater or fewer opportunities to achieve a college education today than there were for your parents' generation?
- 1) Greater opportunities
 - 2) Fewer opportunities
 - 3) About the same amount of opportunities (VOL)
 - 4) Don't know / refused
41. When today's children are of college age, do you think they will have greater or fewer opportunities to attend college than you did?
- 1) Greater opportunities
 - 2) Fewer opportunities
 - 3) About the same amount of opportunities (VOL)
 - 4) Don't know / refused
42. Do you think that four-year colleges and universities work hard to keep the price of college education down, or that they raise prices whenever they can to bring in more money?
1. Work to keep the price down
 2. Raise prices whenever they can
 3. Other/DK (VOL)
43. And what about two-year community colleges? Do you think community colleges work hard to keep the price of college education down, or that they raise prices whenever they can to bring in more money?
1. Work to keep the price down
 2. Raise prices whenever they can
 3. Other/DK (VOL)
44. Do you agree or disagree that students at two-year community colleges can learn just as much as they would in their first two years in a four-year college or university? (IF AGREE/DISAGREE: Do you strongly or somewhat AGREE/DISAGREE?)
- 1) Strongly agree
 - 2) Somewhat agree
 - 3) Somewhat disagree
 - 4) Strongly disagree
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
45. How much have you heard or read about hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," a process that uses the high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals to remove natural gas from rocks deep in the earth's surface?
- 1) A lot
 - 2) Some
 - 3) Not much
 - 4) Nothing so far
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

46. As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?
- 1) Very safe
 - 2) Somewhat safe
 - 3) Not very safe
 - 4) Not at all safe
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
47. Some people say the state should encourage hydraulic fracturing because of the economic benefits, while others say the state should *not* encourage hydraulic fracturing because of potential environmental impact. Which comes closer to your view?
1. Should encourage for economic benefits
 2. Should not encourage because of environmental impact
 3. Other/DK (VOL)

Now we are interested in your thoughts about the effects of various levels of government in your life. First (rotate pairs of items),

48. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Federal government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say
- 1) a great deal of effect
 - 2) some effect,
 - 3) a little effect, or
 - 4) none
 - 4) Other/DK (VOL)
- 48a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?
- 1) Mostly beneficial
 - 2) Mostly harmful
 - 3) Other/DK (VOL)
49. How much impact do you think the activities of the **Illinois state government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say...
- 1) a great deal of effect
 - 2) some effect,
 - 3) a little effect, or
 - 4) none
 - 4) Other/DK (VOL)
- 49a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?
- 1) Mostly beneficial
 - 2) Mostly harmful
 - 3) Other/DK (VOL)

50. How much impact do you think the activities of **your local government** have on your day-to-day life? Would you say...

- 1) a great deal of effect
- 2) some effect,
- 3) a little effect, or
- 4) none
- 4) Other/DK (VOL)

50a. And do you think this effect is mostly beneficial, or mostly harmful?

- 1) Mostly beneficial
- 2) Mostly harmful
- 3) Other/DK (VOL)

51. Next, we are interested in how people are doing financially in Illinois. Overall, and speaking generally, would you say your family's economic situation is better than it was a year ago, worse than it was a year ago, or about the same?

- 1) Better
- 2) Worse
- 3) About the same
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

52. And what about in the coming year? Overall, and speaking generally, do you expect your family's economic situation next year will be better than it has been this year, worse than it has been this year, or about the same as this year?

- 1) Better
- 2) Worse
- 3) About the same
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

53. And what about people who are financially worse off than you? Overall, and speaking generally, do you expect their economic situation next year will be better than it has been this year, worse than it has been this year, or about the same as this year?

- 1) Better
- 2) Worse
- 3) About the same
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know

And now just a couple of questions on social issues.

55. Do you think abortions should be legal under all circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

- 1) Legal in all circumstances
- 2) Legal in certain circumstances
- 3) Illegal in all circumstances
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

56. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your position on the legal rights of gay and lesbian couples in Illinois?

- 1) Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry
- 2) Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions, but not to legally marry
- 3) There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

Finally, I have a few questions for classification purposes.

57. What is the last level of education you have completed?

- 1) Less than high school
- 2) High school
- 3) Some college
- 4) Associate's degree
- 5) Bachelor's degree
- 6) Graduate or professional degree
- 7) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

58. Generally speaking, in politics today, do you consider yourself?

- 1) Very liberal
- 2) Somewhat liberal
- 3) Moderate
- 4) Somewhat conservative
- 5) Very conservative
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

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

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT: Would you call yourself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?)

(IF INDEPENDENT: Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?)

- 1) Strong Democrat
- 2) Not-strong Democrat
- 3) Independent Democrat
- 4) (DO NOT READ) Pure Independent
- 5) Independent Republican
- 6) Not-strong Republican
- 7) Strong Republican
- 8) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know

60. Were you born in Southern Illinois, elsewhere in Illinois, or in some other state, or some other country?
- 1) Born SI
 - 2) Born other IL
 - 3) Born other state
 - 4) Born other country
 - 5) Oth/DK
61. At home, do you connect to the Internet through a dial-up phone line, a DSL-enabled phone line, a cable TV modem, or some other method?
- 1) Dial-up
 - 2) DSL phone line
 - 3) Cable TV
 - 4) Other method
 - 5) Do not have Internet access
 - 6) (DO NOT READ) Other/Don't know
62. As far as you know, is broadband Internet service available in your area?
- 1) Yes
 - 2) No
 - 3) Not sure
 - 4) Other
63. Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired or not currently employed?
- 1) Full-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 63a]**
 - 2) Part-time **[CONTINUE TO Q 63a]**
 - 3) Retired **[SKIP TO Q63b]**
 - 4) Not employed **[SKIP TO Q60]**
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Other/don't know **[SKIP TO QR01]**
- 63a. Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?
- 1) Private
 - 2) Non-Profit
 - 3) Government
 - 4) Self-Employed
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

[IF Q63=3 / RETIRED]

- 63b. Are you retired from a private company or business, a non-profit organization, a governmental agency or were you self-employed in your own business or professional practice?
- 1) Private
 - 2) Non-Profit
 - 3) Government
 - 4) Self-Employed
 - 5) (DO NOT READ) Don't know

Religion

R01. Lots of things come up that keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Apart from occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals, how often do you go to religious services EVERY WEEK, ALMOST EVERY WEEK, ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH, A FEW TIMES A YEAR, or NEVER?

- 1) Every week **[CONTINUE TO R02A]**
- 2) Almost every week **[CONTINUE TO R02A]**
- 3) Once or twice a month **[CONTINUE TO R02A]**
- 4) A few times a year **[SKIP TO R02B]**
- 5) Never **[SKIP TO R02B]**
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Refused **[SKIP TO R02B]**

[IF R01=1-3 / EVERY WEEK, ALMOST EVERY WEEK, OR ONCE/TWICE A MONTH]

R02A. Do you attend a place of worship that is CHRISTIAN or SOME OTHER RELIGION? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Christian **[SKIP TO R04]**
- 2) Some other religion **[SKIP TO R05]**
- 8) Don't know **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**
- 9) Refused **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**

[IF R01=4-6 / A FEW TIMES A YEAR, NEVER, OR REFUSED]

R02B. Do you consider yourself CHRISTIAN, SOME OTHER RELIGION, or NO RELIGION? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Christian **[GO TO R04]**
- 2) Some other religion **[GO TO R05]**
- 3) No religion **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**
- 8) Don't know **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**
- 9) Refused **[SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q61]**

[IF R02A OR R02B=1 / CHRISTIAN]

R04. What church or denomination is that? (DO NOT READ LIST)

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| (1) Anglican or Episcopalian | [CONTINUE TO R06] |
| (2) Assembly of God | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (3) Baptist | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (4) Brethren | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (5) Catholic or Roman Catholic | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q64] |
| (6) Church (or Churches) of Christ | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (7) Church of God | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (8) Congregationalist | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (9) Disciples of Christ | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (10) Holiness | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (11) Jehovah's Witness | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q64] |
| (12) Latter Day Saints or LDS | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q64] |
| (13) Lutheran | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (14) Methodist | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (15) Mormon | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q64] |
| (16) Non-denominational | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (17) Orthodox | [SKIP TO ZIP CODE Q64] |
| (18) Pentecostal | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (19) Presbyterian | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (20) Reformed | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (21) United Church of Christ | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (30) Christian or "Just Christian" | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (31) Protestant or "Just Protestant" | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (80) Other | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (88) Don't know | [SKIP TO R06] |
| (89) Refused | [SKIP TO R06] |

[IF R02A OR R02B=2 / SOME OTHER RELIGION]

R05. What religion is that? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) Baha'i
- 2) Buddhist
- 3) Hindu
- 4) Islam or Muslim
- 5) Jewish - Conservative
- 6) Jewish - Reform
- 7) Jewish - Orthodox
- 8) Jewish or Just Jewish
- 9) Native American
- 10) Spiritual
- 11) Unitarian or Universalist
- 80) Other
- 88) Don't know
- 89) Refused

[ASKED OF ANYONE WHO ANSWERED R04 EXCEPT CATHOLIC, LDS, MORMON, JEHOVAH'S WITNESS AND ORTHODOX]

R06. Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

- 1) Yes (JUST "YES". RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY BORN-AGAIN OR EVANGELICAL)
- 2) Yes, Born-Again (or just Born-Again)
- 3) Yes, Evangelical (or just Evangelical)
- 4) Yes, Both
- 5) No
- 6) (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 7) (DO NOT READ) Refused

64. To make sure all parts of Southern Illinois are represented, could you please tell me your five-digit ZIP code? .

65. For classification purposes, I need to know the year of your birth—the last two digits of your birth year would be fine. CODE: 19____(1900=Refused)

66. For statistical purposes only, we'd like to know your racial or ethnic group. (IF NECESSARY: Most people consider themselves either white, black, Asian, or Hispanic.) (DO NOT READ LIST)

- 1) White
- 2) Black
- 3) Asian
- 4) Hispanic
- 5) Multiracial
- 6) Other
- 7) Refused

67. And finally, again for statistical purposes, we'd like a rough estimate of your total household income last year. Just stop me when I get to your category. Was it...?

- 1) Under 25,000
- 2) 25,000 to less than 35,000
- 3) 35,000 to less than 50,000
- 4) 50,000 to less than 70,000
- 5) 70,000 to less than 100,000
- 6) 100,000 to less than 150,000
- 7) Over 150,000
- 8) (DO NOT READ) Refused

And that's all the questions we have. Thank you for your time and cooperation with this very important survey. Goodbye