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Sample: Likely voters registered in the state of Oklahoma (n=1,000)
Margin of Error: ± 3.1%

Introduction:

Hello, I'm _____, and I'm calling from Sooner Poll, Oklahoma's public opinion pollster. Thank you for taking the time to talk with me. Please be assured that we are not trying to sell you anything and your individual responses are confidential.

1. With which political party are you registered?

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| 1. Republican | 414 | 41.4 |
| 2. Democrat [SKIP Q5-13] | 524 | 52.4 |
| 3. Independent [SKIP Q5-13] | 62 | 6.2 |
| 4. Not registered [DNR] [TERMINATE] | 0 | 0.0 |
| 5. DK/Refused [DNR] [TERMINATE] | 0 | 0.0 |

2. Do you consider yourself a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative in your political beliefs? [PROBE VERY/SOMEWHAT]

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| 1. Very liberal | 48 | 4.8 |
| 2. Somewhat liberal | 81 | 8.1 |
| 3. Moderate | 312 | 31.2 |
| 4. Somewhat conservative | 181 | 18.1 |
| 5. Very conservative | 314 | 31.4 |
| 6. DK/Refused [DNR] | 64 | 6.4 |

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| 3. | What do you think is the most pressing problem facing the state of Oklahoma today? [DNR, TAKE ONLY ONE ANSWER] | | |
| | 1. Economy in general | 300 | 30.0 |
| | 2. Unemployment | 222 | 22.2 |
| | 3. Education | 95 | 9.5 |
| | 4. Cost of health care | 91 | 9.1 |
| | 5. National budget | 83 | 8.3 |
| | 6. Corrupt politicians/leaders | 35 | 3.5 |
| | 7. Taxes | 24 | 2.4 |
| | 8. Transportation | 17 | 1.7 |
| | 9. Poor leadership | 16 | 1.6 |
| | 10. Moral issues | 13 | 1.3 |
| | 11. Government reform | 12 | 1.2 |
| | 12. Drugs/drug abuse | 9 | 0.9 |
| | 13. State budget issues | 9 | 0.9 |
| | 14. Poverty; homelessness | 6 | 0.6 |
| | 15. Welfare | 6 | 0.6 |
| | 16. Energy rates/prices | 5 | 0.5 |
| | 17. Immigration | 5 | 0.5 |
| | 18. Corrections | 4 | 0.4 |
| | 19. Senior citizen care | 3 | 0.3 |
| | 20. Crime | 2 | 0.2 |
| | 21. Children/foster care | 2 | 0.2 |
| | 22. Teen pregnancy | 2 | 0.2 |
| | 23. Earthquakes | 2 | 0.2 |
| | 24. DK/Refused [DNR] | 37 | 3.7 |
| 4. | What do you think is the most pressing problem facing the nation today? [DNR, TAKE ONLY ONE ANSWER] | | |
| | 1. Economy in general | 269 | 26.9 |
| | 2. Unemployment | 185 | 18.5 |
| | 3. Cost of health care | 159 | 15.9 |
| | 4. Federal budget | 97 | 9.7 |
| | 5. Corrupt politicians | 66 | 6.6 |
| | 6. Government reform | 36 | 3.6 |
| | 7. Moral issues | 35 | 3.5 |
| | 8. Poor leadership | 34 | 3.4 |
| | 9. War | 24 | 2.4 |
| | 10. Education | 16 | 1.6 |
| | 11. Taxes | 12 | 1.2 |
| | 12. Recession | 9 | 0.9 |
| | 13. Welfare | 8 | 0.8 |
| | 14. Immigration | 6 | 0.6 |
| | 15. Poverty; homelessness | 5 | 0.5 |
| | 16. Terrorism | 5 | 0.5 |
| | 17. Crime | 4 | 0.4 |
| | 18. Drugs/drug abuse | 3 | 0.3 |
| | 19. Security | 2 | 0.2 |
| | 20. Energy rates | 1 | 0.1 |
| | 21. Overpopulation | 1 | 0.1 |
| | 22. DK/Refused [DNR] | 23 | 2.3 |

Budgeting Enrollment and Tuition [OCPA]

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| 5. | Which would you rather see in Oklahoma? | | |
| | 1. A smaller government with fewer services | 605 | 60.5 |
| | 2. A larger government with many services | 280 | 28.0 |
| | 3. DK/Refused [DNR] | 115 | 11.5 |
| 6. | If Oklahoma's state government is faced with a budget short-fall, which of the following actions do you think the state should do? [READ AND ROTATE] | | |
| | 1. Raise taxes and/or fees | 98 | 9.8 |
| | 2. Cut spending | 773 | 77.3 |
| | 3. Neither [DNR] | 30 | 3.0 |
| | 4. Both [DNR] | 84 | 8.4 |
| | 5. DK/Refused [DNR] | 15 | 1.5 |
| 7. | In order to deal with the budget crunch at the Oklahoma state capitol, a proposal has been made to reduce the number of state government employees by 10%. Would you support or oppose this proposal? | | |
| | 1. Support | 670 | 67.0 |
| | 2. Oppose | 255 | 25.5 |
| | 3. DK/Refused [DNR] | 75 | 7.5 |
| <i>Let's move on to another subject, education.</i> | | | |
| 8. | Now I'm going to read you a statement. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree. If more money is spent on public schools in my district, students will learn more. [PROBE STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT] | | |
| | 1. Strongly agree | 138 | 13.8 |
| | 2. Somewhat agree | 179 | 17.9 |
| | 3. Neutral/DK/Refused [DNR] | 47 | 4.7 |
| | 4. Somewhat disagree | 301 | 30.1 |
| | 5. Strongly disagree | 335 | 33.5 |
| 9. | A proposal has been made to allow Oklahoma parents to send their 4-year-olds to any public, private, or church-related pre-kindergarten program. Those parents choosing non-public schools could then claim a tax credit worth part of their child's tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal? | | |
| | 1. Strong support | 308 | 30.8 |
| | 2. Somewhat support | 233 | 23.3 |
| | 3. Somewhat oppose | 147 | 14.7 |
| | 4. Strong oppose | 266 | 26.6 |
| | 5. DK/Refused [DNR] | 46 | 4.6 |
| 10. | A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for donations to nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you support or oppose this proposal? | | |
| | 1. Strong support | 299 | 29.9 |
| | 2. Somewhat support | 293 | 29.3 |
| | 3. Somewhat oppose | 151 | 15.1 |
| | 4. Strong oppose | 216 | 21.6 |
| | 5. DK/Refused [DNR] | 41 | 4.1 |

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| 11. | A proposal has been made to allow special-need students currently in public schools to enroll in private schools chosen by parents with government help to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal? | | |
| | 1. Strong support | 268 | 26.8 |
| | 2. Somewhat support | 279 | 27.9 |
| | 3. Somewhat oppose | 188 | 18.8 |
| | 4. Strong oppose | 205 | 20.5 |
| | 5. DK/Refused [DNR] | 60 | 6.0 |
| 12. | Now thinking about early-childhood policy in Oklahoma, assuming the state government had a limited amount of money, which of the following do you believe should take precedence? | | |
| | 1. Increasing daycare subsidies for families when professional childcare is used for their young child(ren) | 251 | 25.1 |
| | 2. Redirecting a portion of the daycare subsidies toward a tax break for families in which one parent stays home with young child(ren) | 610 | 61.0 |
| | 3. DK/Refused [DNR] | 139 | 13.9 |

Demographics

Now, I'm going to ask you questions about demographics; these are for classification purposes only.

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| 13. | What is the highest level of education you've had the opportunity to complete? | | |
| | 1. 8 th grade or less | 12 | 1.2 |
| | 2. Some high school | 37 | 3.7 |
| | 3. High school graduate | 230 | 23.0 |
| | 4. Vocational/Technical school | 38 | 3.8 |
| | 5. Some college | 250 | 25.0 |
| | 6. College graduate | 315 | 31.5 |
| | 7. Some post-graduate study | 17 | 1.7 |
| | 8. Post-graduate degree | 93 | 9.3 |
| | 9. Refused [DNR] | 8 | 0.8 |
| 14. | Into which of the following age groups do you fall? | | |
| | 1. 18-24 | 5 | 0.5 |
| | 2. 25-34 | 41 | 4.1 |
| | 3. 35-44 | 111 | 11.1 |
| | 4. 45-54 | 237 | 23.7 |
| | 5. 55-64 | 245 | 24.5 |
| | 6. 65 and over | 354 | 35.4 |
| | 7. Refused [DNR] | 7 | 0.7 |
| 15. | Which of the following best describes your ethnic background? | | |
| | 1. White/Caucasian | 871 | 87.1 |
| | 2. Black/African American | 62 | 6.2 |
| | 3. Hispanic | 5 | 0.5 |
| | 4. Native American | 47 | 4.7 |
| | 5. Other [DNR] | 8 | 0.8 |
| | 6. Refused [DNR] | 7 | 0.7 |
| 16. | Which of the following groups does the total annual income of your household fall? | | |
| | 1. Under \$15,000 | 46 | 4.6 |
| | 2. \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 98 | 9.8 |
| | 3. \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 114 | 11.4 |
| | 4. \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 136 | 13.6 |
| | 5. \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 193 | 19.3 |
| | 6. \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 111 | 11.1 |
| | 7. \$100,000 to \$124,999 | 59 | 5.9 |
| | 8. Over \$125,000 | 74 | 7.4 |
| | 9. Refused [DNR] | 169 | 16.9 |
| 17. | How often do you attend religious services? | | |
| | 1. Several times a week | 237 | 23.7 |
| | 2. Once a week | 324 | 32.4 |
| | 3. Several times a month | 91 | 9.1 |
| | 4. Once a month | 32 | 3.2 |
| | 5. Occasionally throughout the year | 182 | 18.2 |
| | 6. Never | 114 | 11.4 |
| | 7. Refused [DNR] | 20 | 2.0 |

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| 18. | Do you consider yourself to be an Evangelical Christian? | | |
| | 1. Yes | 528 | 52.8 |
| | 2. No | 408 | 40.8 |
| | 3. DK/Refused [DNR] | 64 | 6.4 |
| 19. | Are you married? | | |
| | 1. Yes | 781 | 78.1 |
| | 2. No | 206 | 20.6 |
| | 3. Refused [DNR] | 13 | 1.3 |
| 20. | Which of the following describes your use of tobacco products? | | |
| | 1. I currently smoke regularly | 67 | 6.7 |
| | 2. I smoke sometimes, but only on occasion | 47 | 4.7 |
| | 3. I used to smoke but have quit | 317 | 31.7 |
| | 4. I have never been a regular smoker | 559 | 55.9 |
| | 5. Refused [DNR] | 10 | 1.0 |
| 21. | [BY OBSERVATION] Sex of respondent | | |
| | 1. Male | 482 | 48.2 |
| | 2. Female | 518 | 51.8 |
| 22. | Voter score [PRE-CODE] | | |
| | 1. Less than 81 | 419 | 41.9 |
| | 2. 81-150 | 309 | 30.9 |
| | 3. 151-220 | 176 | 17.6 |
| | 4. 221-290 | 47 | 4.7 |
| | 5. 291 and higher | 49 | 4.9 |
| 23. | Congressional district [PRE-CODE] | | |
| | 1. Sullivan | 201 | 20.1 |
| | 2. Boren | 196 | 19.6 |
| | 3. Lucas | 200 | 20.0 |
| | 4. Cole | 195 | 19.5 |
| | 5. Fallin | 208 | 20.8 |
| 24. | MSA [PRE-CODE] | | |
| | 1. Tulsa (Okmulgee, Pawnee, Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers, and Wagoner) | 234 | 23.4 |
| | 2. OKC (Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, and Oklahoma) | 325 | 32.5 |
| | 3. Rest of state | 441 | 44.1 |