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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?

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]

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

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]

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

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.

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

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