

**Potential change to state's worker compensation system  
2/19/2013 to 2/28/2013**

Sample: Oklahoma Likely Voters (n=324)  
Margin of Error: ± 5.4 %

All employers pay workers compensation insurance for all of their employees. Oklahoma currently uses a court-based workers' compensation system that uses lawyers and judges to rule on the benefits that injured workers receive. Some other states use administrative workers compensation systems that do not require lawsuits to determine benefits for injured workers. Based on this information, I will read some statements and then ask you some questions.

In Oklahoma where we have a court-based workers comp system, insurance costs are about double what they are in Arkansas where they use an administrative system, even though both states have the same number of workers and the same rate of injuries in the workplace.

1. Do you agree or disagree that the current system is unfairly hurting Oklahoma businesses?

1. Agree	216	66.6
2. Disagree	42	13.1
3. Dk/Refused [DNR]	66	20.3
  
2. Do you agree or disagree that moving to an administrative system in Oklahoma would reduce costs on Oklahoma businesses?

1. Agree	191	58.8
2. Disagree	31	9.6
3. Dk/Refused [DNR]	102	31.6

Now, lets talk about employee health. One recent study looked at the overall health outcome of employees who used their states' workers compensation systems. Oklahoma, which has a court-based system, received a D-rating, while Arkansas, which has an administrative system, received an A-rating.

3. Do you agree or disagree that Oklahoma's court-based system is failing injured workers?

1. Agree	235	72.4
2. Disagree	31	9.7
3. Dk/Refused [DNR]	58	17.9

4.	Do you agree or disagree that workers would benefit if Oklahoma moved from a court-based workers compensation system to an administrative system?		
	1. Agree	200	61.8
	2. Disagree	38	11.8
	3. Dk/Refused [DNR]	85	26.3

Texas has more than 5 times as many workers as Oklahoma, but Oklahoma has about 5 times as many workers compensation lawsuits as Texas.

5.	Do you agree or disagree that the Oklahoma legislature should change Oklahoma's current workers compensation system to reduce the number of lawsuits?		
	1. Agree	235	72.5
	2. Disagree	28	8.7
	3. Dk/Refused [DNR]	61	18.7
6.	Do you agree or disagree that injured workers are worse-off because the workers' compensation system relies heavily on lawsuits to resolve disputes?		
	1. Agree	231	71.4
	2. Disagree	34	10.5
	3. Dk/Refused [DNR]	59	18.1