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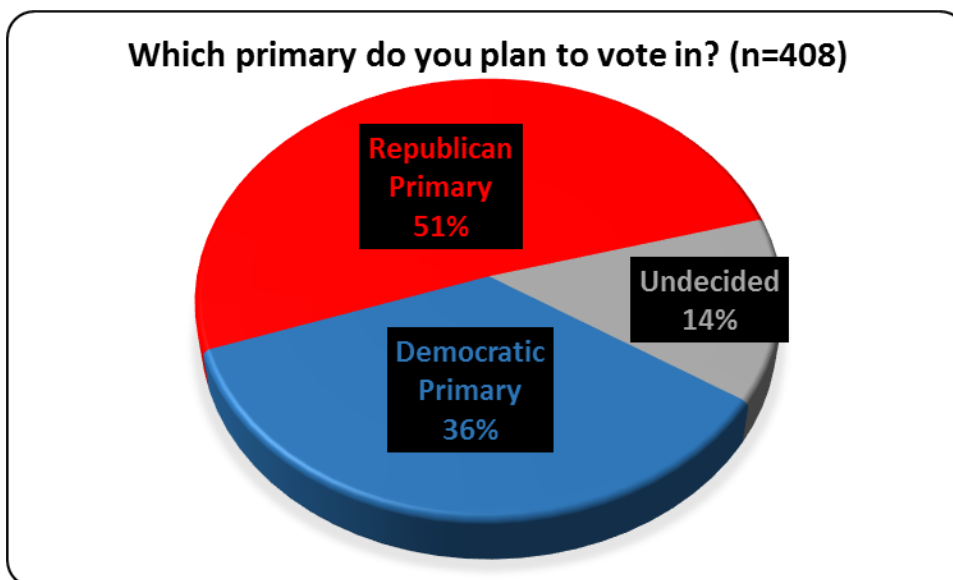
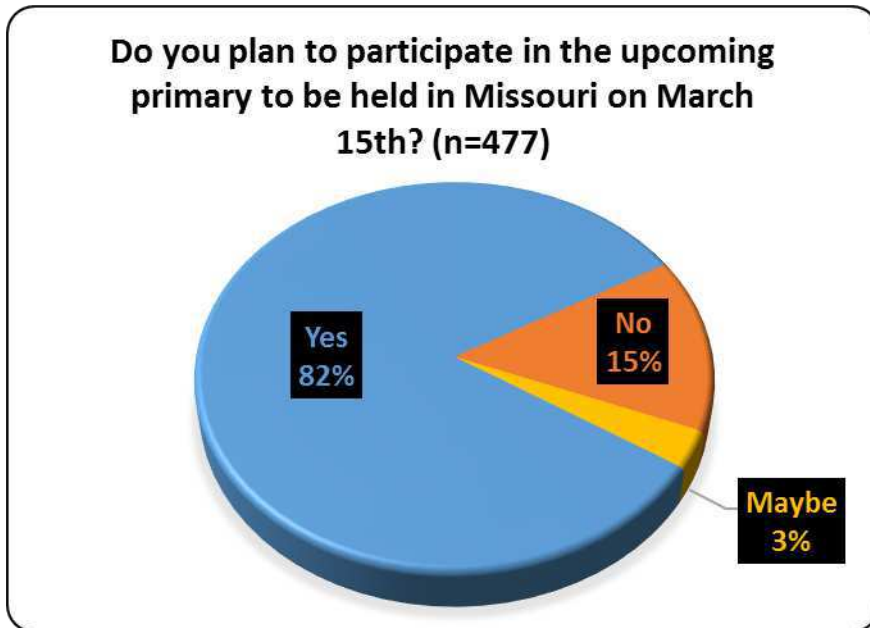
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Introduction and Methods

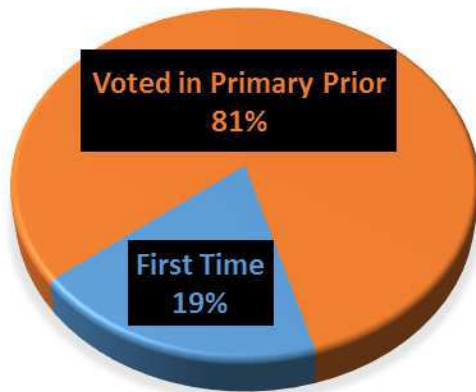
The Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University collaborated with the major newspapers in Missouri to survey a random sample of adult residents of Missouri age 18 and over. The purpose of the survey was to measure their intentions to participate in the upcoming presidential primary election, candidates they intended to support, choice for the general election given a hypothetical pair of candidates, job satisfaction ratings for Kansas elected officials and policy preferences for some controversial issues in Missouri.

The survey sample consisted of random Missouri landline telephone numbers and cellphone numbers. From March 3rd to the 10th, a total of 1,480 Missouri residents were contacted through either landline telephone or cellphone, and 483 of them completed the survey, resulting in a 32%

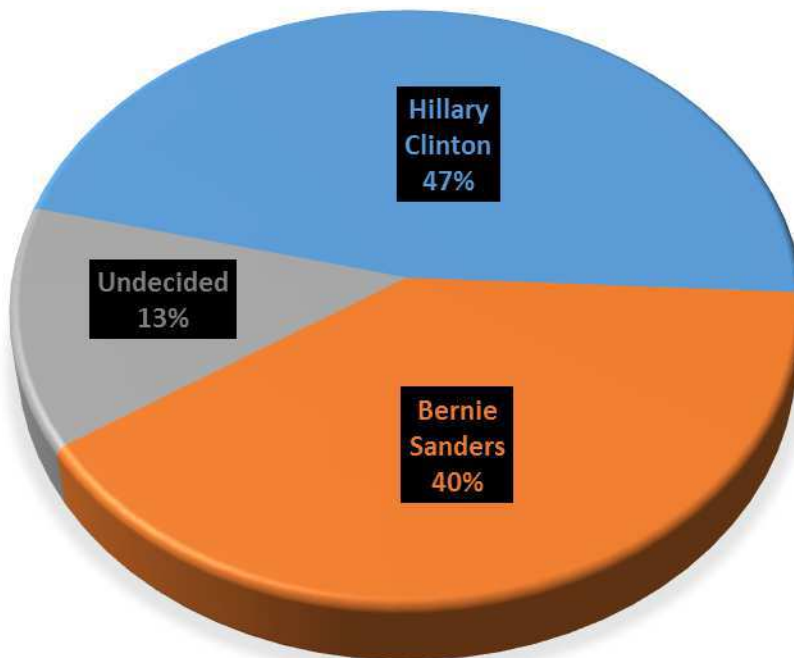
corporation rate. At a 95% confidence level, the margin of error for the full sample of 483 is 4.6%. A margin of error of 4.6% means that there is a 95% probability that findings among the sample vary no more than +/- 4.6% from the value that would be found if the entire population of interest (adult Missouri residents) were surveyed, assuming no response bias. The percentage of males and females in the sample were similar to the Missouri population.



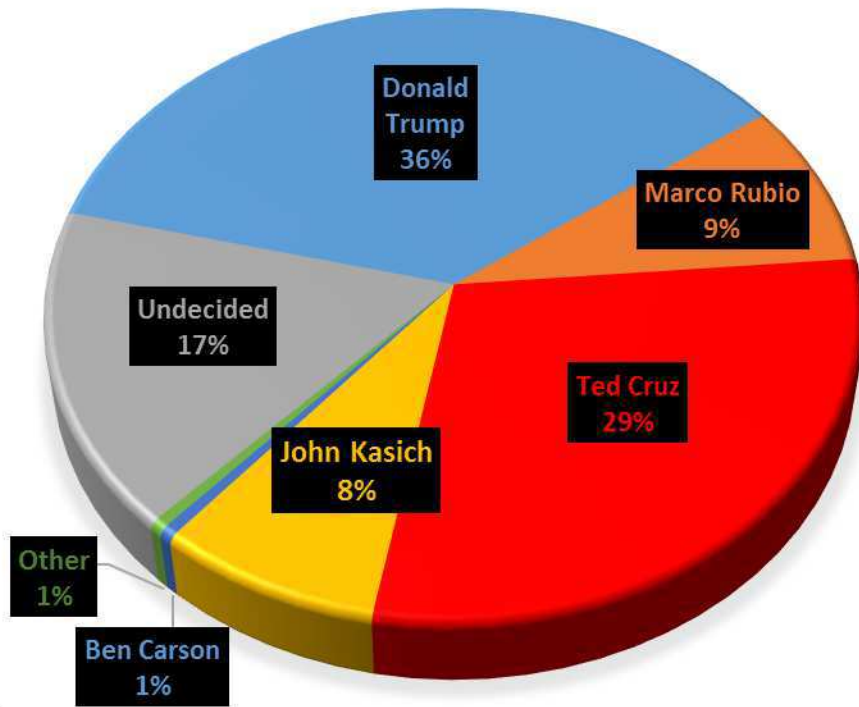
Would this be your first time participating in the primary? (n=399)



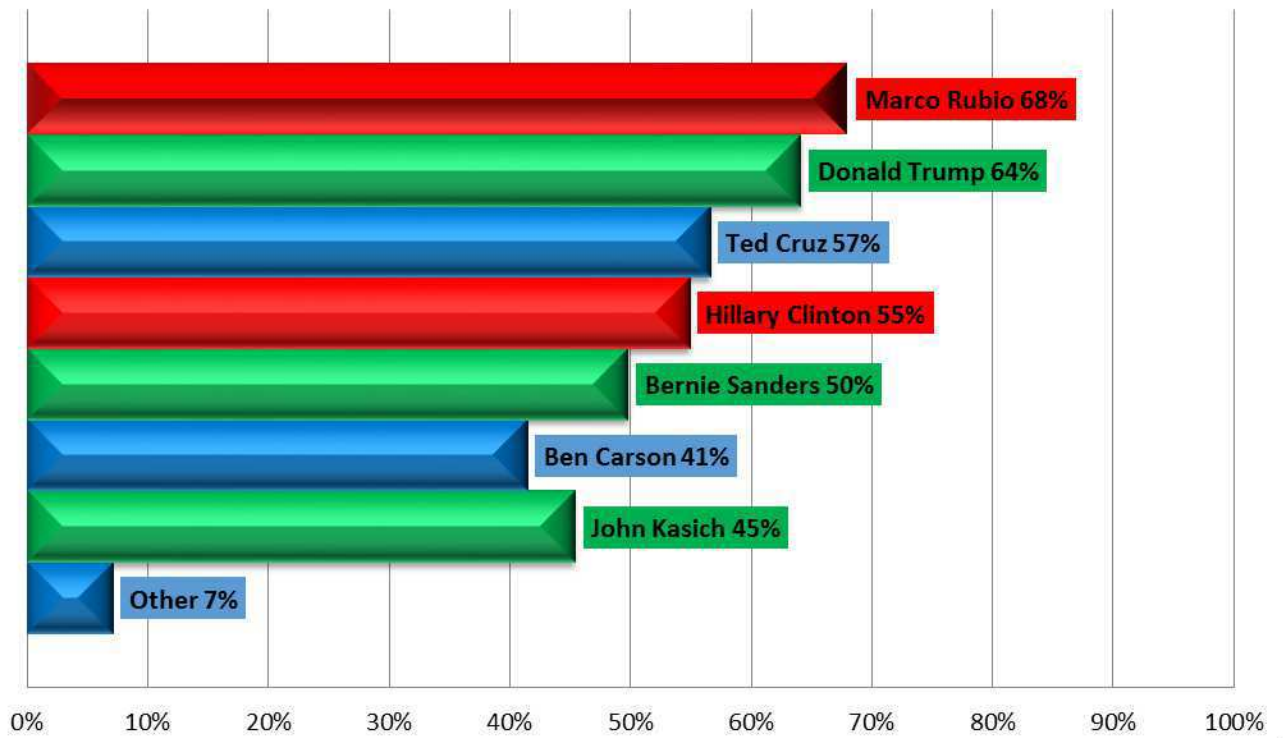
Who do you plan to vote for in the Democratic Primary? (n=145: margin of error +/- 8%)



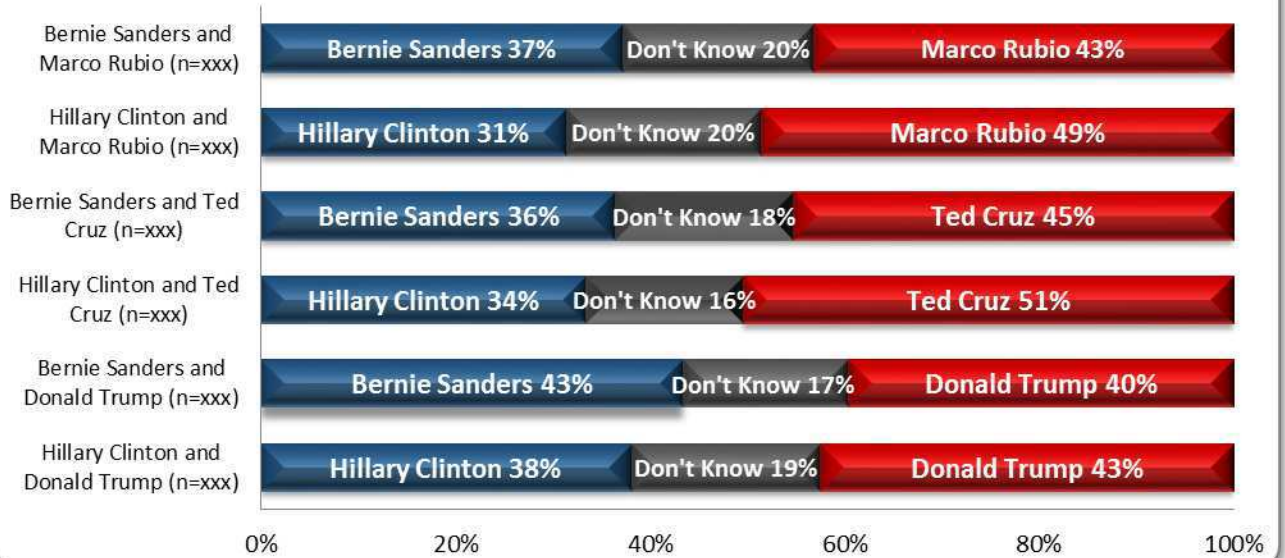
**Who do you plan to vote for in the Republican
Primary? (n=208; margin of error +/- 7%)**



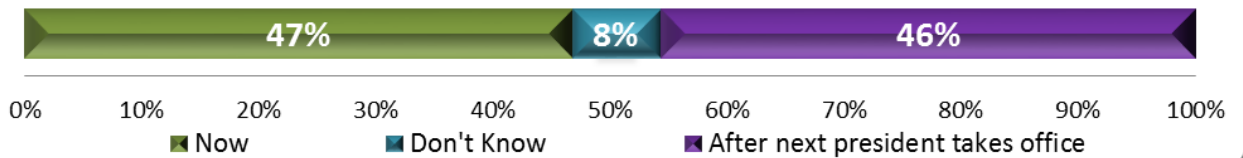
What other candidates running for President have you heard or read about other than the candidate you support? (n=295)



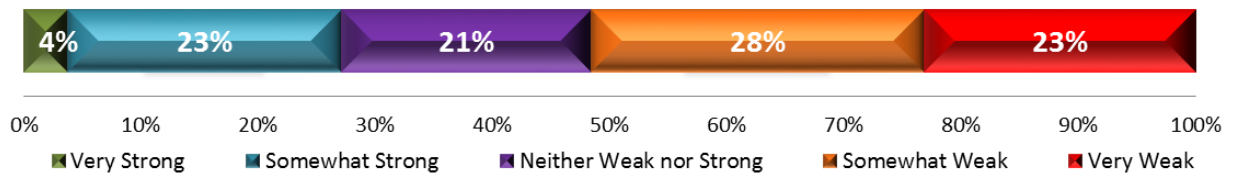
Who would you vote for in the general election if the two presidential candidates are: (n=475)



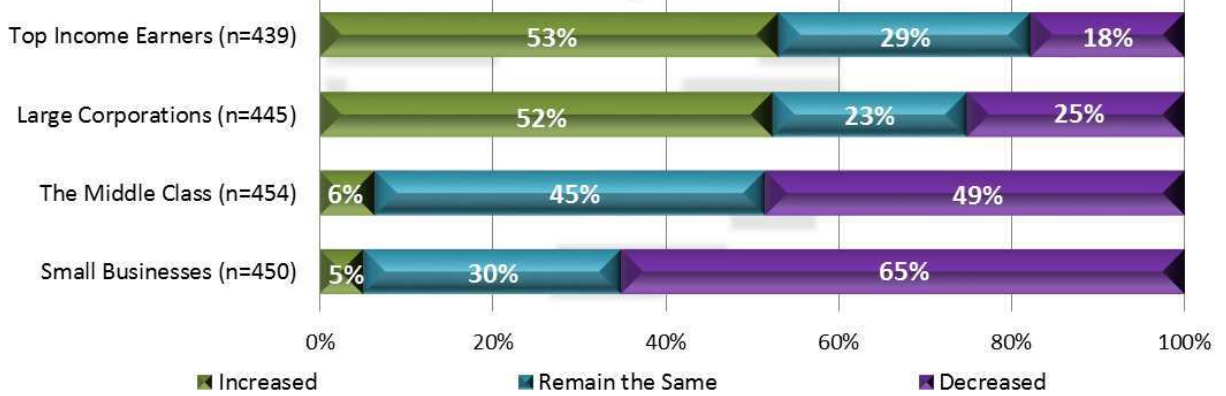
Should Justice Scalia's replacement on the US Supreme Court be nominated now or after the next president takes office? (n=468)



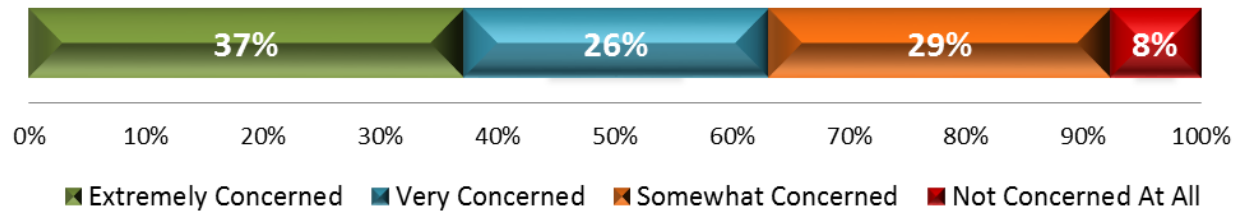
How would you describe the state of the US economy? (n=465)



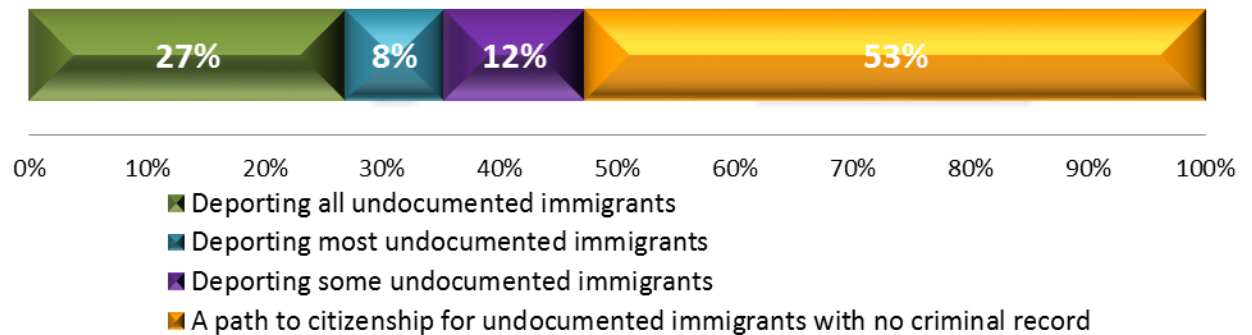
Should federal taxes on each group be increased, remain the same, or decreased?



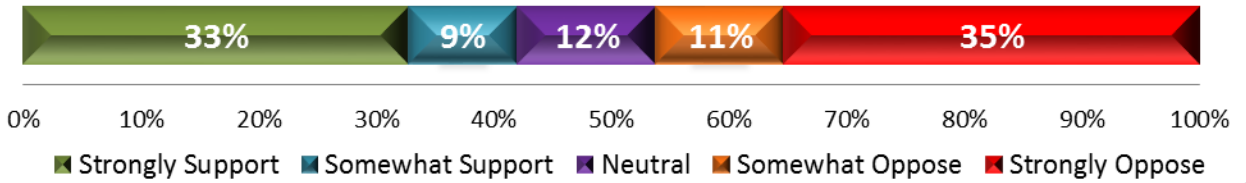
How concerned are you about the size of the federal debt? (n=465)



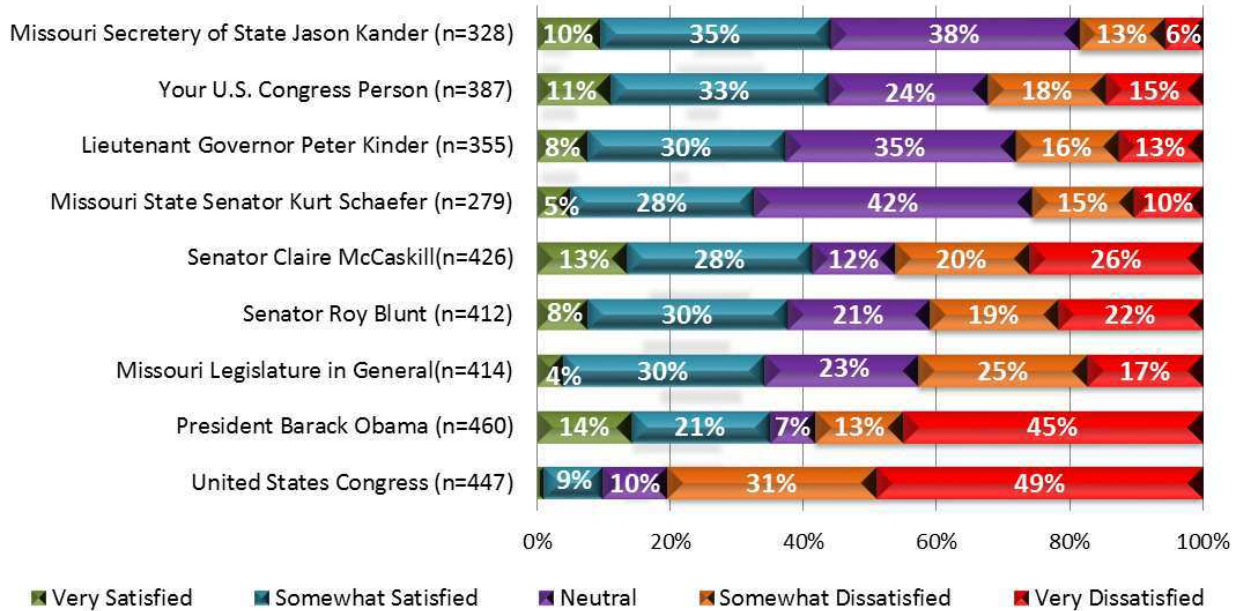
Opinion on policies regarding illegal or undocumented immigrants from Mexico, Central and South America. I support _____. (n=432)



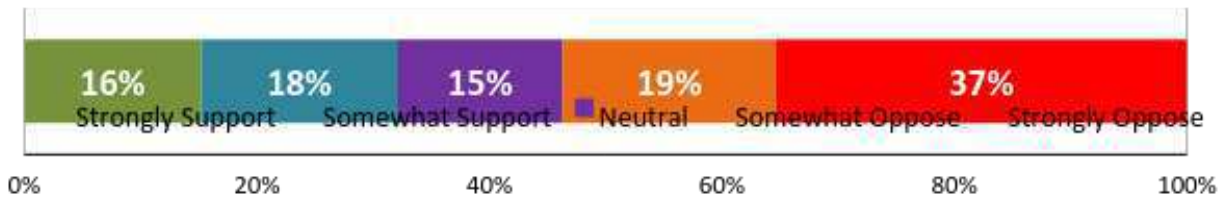
Level of Support or Opposition for the Defunding of Planned Parenthood (n=433)



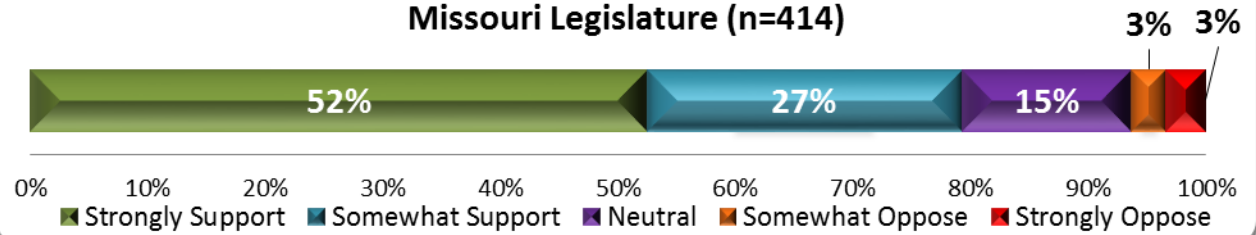
Satisfaction with Performance of Public Officials (sorted by mean rating)



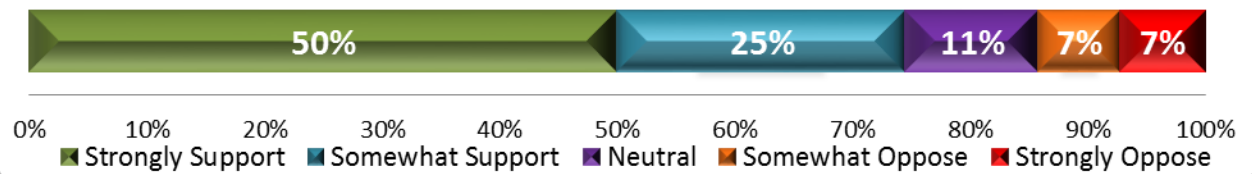
Level of Support or Opposition for a Bill That Would Make it Illegal For Companies to Make Paid Participation in a Labor Union a Condition of Employment (n=428)



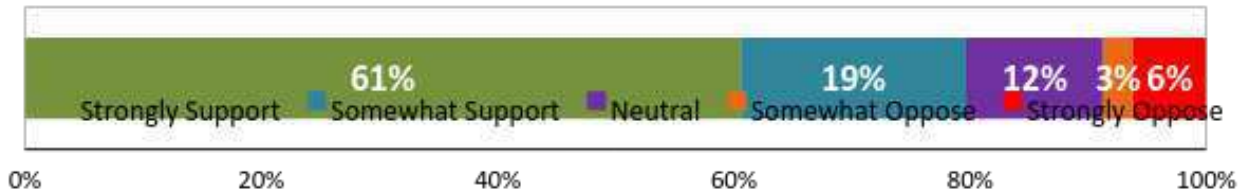
Level of Support or Opposition for Tighter Ethics Law for the Missouri Legislature (n=414)



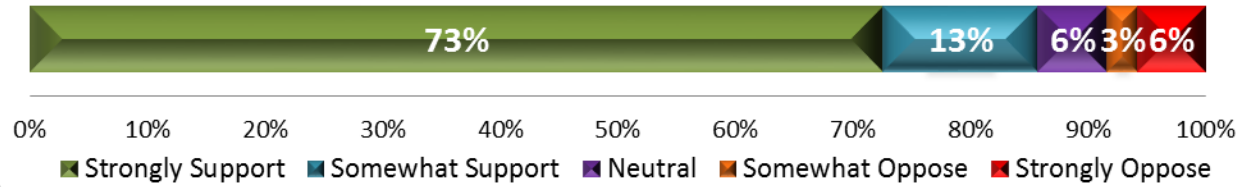
Level of Support or Opposition for Contribution Limits for State Political Campaigns (n=444)



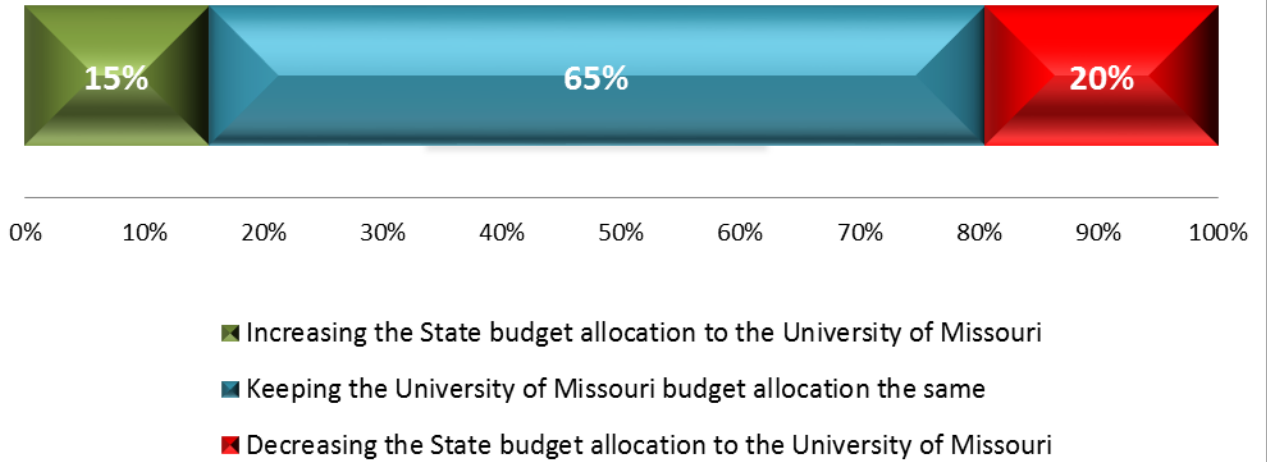
Level of Support or Opposition for Requiring Lawmakers to Wait One Year After They Leave Office Before They Can Take a Job as a Lobbyist (n=439)



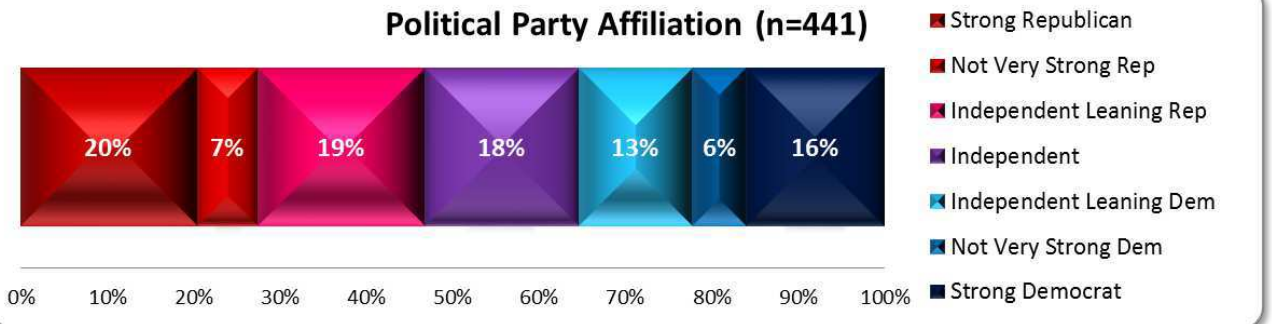
Level of Support or Opposition for Banning Lawmakers From Accepting Gifts From Lobbyists (n=455)



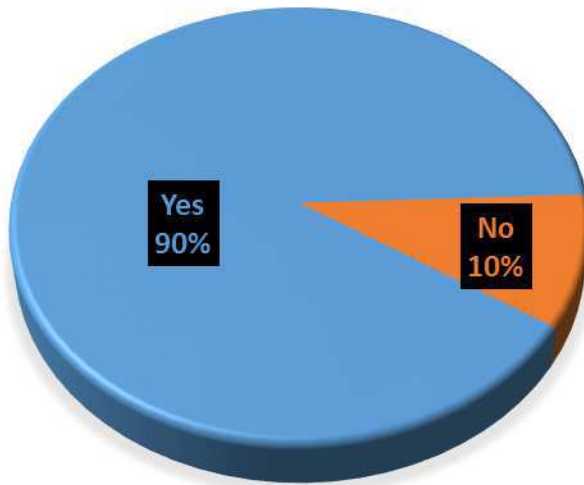
Last fall, protests brought national attention to the University of Missouri. As a response to these protests and that attention, which of the following best describes how you feel the State should respond? (n=415)



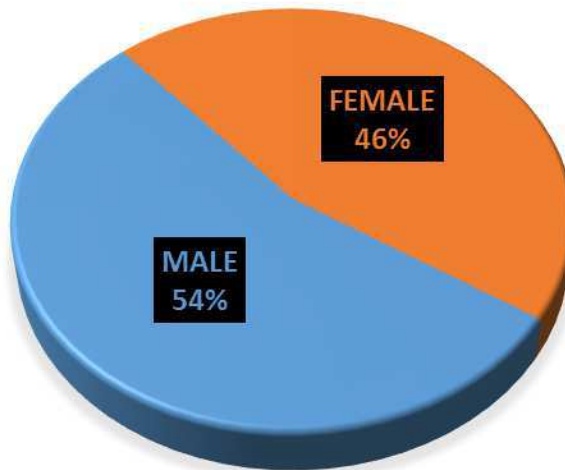
Political Party Affiliation (n=441)



**VOTED IN THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION (N=459)**



Gender (n=459)



Appendix A: Survey Instrument

Qual

First, are you currently residing in the State of Missouri?

1 Yes "GoTo Q1"

2 No

NotQual Display If "(Qual=2)"

Thank you but the survey is intended for Missouri residents. Have a great _____.

1 Select to End Survey

Q1

Do you plan to participate in the upcoming political primary to be held in Missouri on March 15th?

1 Yes

2 No "GoTo Q6"

3 Maybe

8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE "GoTo Q6"

Q2 Display If "(Q1=1||Q1=3)"

Do you plan to vote in the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary?

1 Democratic Primary

2 Republican Primary

8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE "GoTo Q6"

Q3

Would this be your first time participating in the primary?

1 First Time

2 Participated in Caucus Prior

8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q4Dem Display If "(Q2=1)"

Who do you plan to vote for in the Democratic Primary or who do you currently support the most?

1 HILLARY CLINTON

2 BERNIE SANDERS
99 OTHER _____
88 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q4Repub Display If "(Q2=2)"
Who do you plan to vote for in the Republican Primary or who do you currently support the most?

1 DONALD TRUMP
2 MARCO RUBIO
3 TED CRUZ
4 JOHN KASICH
5 BEN CARSON
99 OTHER _____
88 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q5Dem Display If "(Q4Dem<88)"
How strong is your support for [Answer for Q4Dem]?

1 Extremely strong
2 Very strong
3 Somewhat strong
4 Weak
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q5Repub Display If "(Q4Repub<88)"
How strong is your support for [Answer for Q4Repub]?

1 Extremely strong
2 Very strong
3 Somewhat strong
4 Weak
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q5 Display If "(Q1=1||Q1=3)"
What other candidates running for President have you heard or read about?
Select All That Apply

1 HILLARY CLINTON Display If "(Q4Dem Is Different From 1)"
2 BERNIE SANDERS Display If "(Q4Dem Is Different From 2)"
3 DONALD TRUMP Display If "(Q4Repub Is Different From 1)"
4 MARCO RUBIO Display If "(Q4Repub Is Different From 2)"
5 TED CRUZ Display If "(Q4Repub Is Different From 3)"
6 JOHN KASICH Display If "(Q4Repub Is Different From 4)"

7 BEN CARSON Display If "(Q4Repub Is Different From 5)"
99 OTHER _____
88 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE ->S

Q6

Please tell us who you would vote for in the general election if the two presidential candidates are...

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump?

1 Hillary Clinton
2 Donald Trump
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump?

1 Bernie Sanders
2 Donald Trump
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Hillary Clinton and Ted Cruz?

1 Hillary Clinton
2 Ted Cruz
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Bernie Sanders and Ted Cruz?

1 Bernie Sanders
2 Ted Cruz
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Hillary Clinton and Marco Rubio?

1 Hillary Clinton
2 Marco Rubio
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Bernie Sanders and Marco Rubio?

1 Bernie Sanders

2 Marco Rubio
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q7

Should Justice Scalia's replacement on the US Supreme Court be nominated now or after the next president takes office?

1 NOW
2 AFTER NEXT PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

Q8

How would you describe the state of the US economy? Would you say it is...

1 Very Strong
2 Somewhat Strong
3 Neither Weak Nor Strong
4 Somewhat Weak, or
5 Very Weak
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q9

I'm going to name four groups and ask you to tell me whether federal taxes on each group should be increased, remain the same or decreased.

	Increase d	Remai n the Same	Decreas e	DON'T KNOW/REFUS E
Large Corporations?	1	2	3	8
Top Income Earners?	1	2	3	8
The Middle Class?	1	2	3	8
Small Businesses?	1	2	3	8

Q10

How concerned are you about the size of the federal debt? Would you say you are...

1 Extremely Concerned
2 Very Concerned

- 3 Somewhat Concerned, or
- 4 Not Concerned At All
- 8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q11

Which of the following best describes your opinion on policies regarding illegal or undocumented immigrants from Mexico, Central and South America? Would you support...

- 1 Deporting all undocumented immigrants,
- 2 Deporting most undocumented immigrants,
- 3 Deporting some undocumented immigrants, or
- 4 would you support a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants with no criminal record?
- 8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q12

Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose" or "Strongly Oppose" the defunding of Planned Parenthood?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose
- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q14

Please tell us if you are "Very Satisfied", "Somewhat Satisfied", "Neutral", "Somewhat Dissatisfied", or "Very Dissatisfied" with the following....

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	DON'T KNOW/ REFUSE
Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder	1	2	3	4	5	8
Your U.S. Congress Person	1	2	3	4	5	8
Senator Roy Blunt	1	2	3	4	5	8

Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander	1	2	3	4	5	8
The Missouri Legislature in General	1	2	3	4	5	8
President Barack Obama	1	2	3	4	5	8
Senator Claire McCaskill	1	2	3	4	5	8
The United States Congress in General	1	2	3	4	5	8
Missouri State Senator Kurt Schaefer	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q15

Please tell us whether you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the following...

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED
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A bill that would make it illegal for companies to make paid participation in a labor union a condition of employment?	1	2	3	4	5	8
Tighter ethics law for the Missouri Legislature?	1	2	3	4	5	8
Contribution limits for state political campaigns?	1	2	3	4	5	8
Requiring lawmakers to wait for one year after they leave office before they can take a job as a lobbyist?	1	2	3	4	5	8
Banning lawmakers from accepting gifts from lobbyists?	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q16

Last fall, protests brought national attention to the University of Missouri. As a response to these protests and that attention, which of the following best describes how you feel the state should respond?

- 1 Increasing the state budget allocation to the University of Missouri
- 2 Keeping the University of Missouri budget allocation the same, or
- 3 Decreasing the state budget allocation to the University of Missouri?
- 8 DON'T KNOW/REUSED

Q17

Do you consider yourself a...

- 1 Strong Republican
- 2 Not Very Strong Republican
- 3 Independent..... Leaning Republican
- 4 Independent
- 5 Independent..... Leaning Democrat
- 6 Not Very Strong Democrat, or

7 Strong Democrat
88 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q18

What year were you born?

1 _____
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q19

Did you vote in the last Presidential Election held in 2012?

1 YES
2 NO
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q20

That is all the questions I have for you. The results should be released within the next week. Thank you for your time and have a great _____.

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Was the Respondent a Male or Female?

1 MALE
2 FEMALE
3 UNSURE