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- U.S. Senate Primaries
- Presidential Primaries
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Other/Don't know, 16%

Sanders, 33%

Clinton, 51%
REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Other/Don’t know, 16%
Bush, 9%
Carson, 6%
Cruz, 15%
Kasich, 13%
Rubio, 14%
Trump, 28%
DEMOCRATIC U.S. SENATE PRIMARY

Duckworth, 52%

Other/Don't know, 37%

Harris, 4%

Zopp, 6%
REPUBLICAN U.S. SENATE PRIMARY

Kirk, 53%

Marter, 14%

Other/Don't know, 33%
JOHN S. JACKSON, PhD
VISITING PROFESSOR

- Job Approval
- Right Direction/Wrong Direction
- Budget
APPROVAL: GOVERNOR RAUNER

- Approve, 41%
- Disapprove, 50%
- Neither/Don't know, 10%
APPROVAL: GOVERNOR RAUNER

By area

- Chicago City
- Chicago Suburbs
- Downstate

Approve: 43%, 47%, 34%
Disapprove: 43%, 49%, 58%
Neither/Don't know: 8%, 10%, 8%

By year

- 2015
- 2016

Approve: 37%, 50%
Disapprove: 41%, 31%
Neither/Don't know: 10%, 10%
RIGHT DIRECTION, WRONG DIRECTION

- Right direction:
  - USA: 29%
  - Illinois: 9%
  - Local Area: 50%

- Wrong direction:
  - USA: 63%
  - Illinois: 84%
  - Local Area: 42%

- Don’t know:
  - USA: 8%
  - Illinois: 7%
  - Local Area: 8%
ILLINOIS: RIGHT DIRECTION, WRONG DIRECTION

- **Wrong Direction**
  - 2008: 79%
  - 2009: 68%
  - 2010: 80%
  - 2011: 75%
  - 2012: 70%
  - 2013: 75%
  - 2014a: 76%
  - 2014b: 68%
  - 2015: 63%
  - 2016: 84%

- **Right Direction**
  - 2008: 10%
  - 2009: 22%
  - 2010: 12%
  - 2011: 15%
  - 2012: 20%
  - 2013: 16%
  - 2014a: 15%
  - 2014b: 23%
  - 2015: 22%
  - 2016: 9%
EFFECTS OF THE BUDGET IMPASSE

Have you or someone in your immediate family been affected by the Illinois budget stalemate?

- Yes, 32%
- No, 62%
EFFECTS OF THE BUDGET IMPASSE

- Child care costs/services: 10%
- City government cuts: 7%
- Higher education (including MAP grants): 15%
- Infrastructure decline: 2%
- Job lost/threatened: 27%
- Local economy: 10%
- Housing (affordability, quality): 4%
- Social services: 27%
- Other/Don’t know: 24%
BUDGET: RAISE TAXES, CUT SPENDING, OR BOTH?

- Cuts, 47%
- Both, 33%
- Revenues, 10%
BUDGET: RAISE TAXES, CUT SPENDING, OR BOTH?
BUDGET: FAVORABILITY TOWARD CUTS

- Programs for people with disabilities: 15%
- K-12 education: 17%
- Programs for poor people: 25%
- Public safety spending: 26%
- State universities: 35%
- Natural resources: 38%
- State pension benefits: 49%
BUDGET: FAVORABILITY TOWARD REVENUES

- Tax retirement income: 22%
- Restore temporary income tax increase: 32%
- Raise gas tax: 41%
- Tax services: 45%
- Expand gambling: 50%
- Tax retirement income over $50k: 54%
- Graduated income tax: 66%
- Millionaires tax: 75%
BUDGET: FAVORABILITY TOWARD REVENUES

- Millionaires tax
- Graduated income tax
- Tax retirement income over $50k
- Expand gambling
- Tax services
- Raise gas tax
- Restore temporary state income tax increase
- Tax retirement income
• Marijuana
• Marriage Equality
• Abortion
• Veterans’ Courts
Favor, 82%

Oppose, 16%

Other/Don't know, 3%
MEDICAL MARIJUANA - REGION

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**Legend:**
- Orange: Chicago City
- Red: Chicago Suburbs
- Blue: Downstate
MEDICAL MARIJUANA - AGE

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA — PARTY

Favor
- Democrats: 88%
- Independents: 84%
- Republicans: 75%

Oppose
- Democrats: 10%
- Independents: 15%
- Republicans: 22%
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Yes, legal, 45%
No, not legal, 51%
Other/Don’t know, 4%
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Yes, legal

- Chicago City: 60%
- Chicago Suburbs: 44%
- Downstate: 72%
- Independents: 49%
- Republican: 52%
- Democrats: 48%
- 35-50 years: 29%
- 51-65 years: 53%
- 66+ years: 49%
- <35 years: 31%

No, not legal

- Chicago City: 44%
- Chicago Suburbs: 37%
- Downstate: 51%
- Independents: 49%
- Republican: 53%
- Democrats: 48%
- 35-50 years: 24%
- 51-65 years: 36%
- 66+ years: 44%
- <35 years: 24%
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA - REGION

- Yes, legal:
  - Chicago City: 60%
  - Chicago Suburbs: 44%
  - Downstate: 37%

- No, not legal:
  - Chicago City: 36%
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  - Downstate: 62%
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- Green: <35 years
- Purple: 35-50 years
- Brown: 51-65 years
- Orange: 66+ years
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA - PARTY

- Yes, legal:
  - Democrats: 53%
  - Independents: 48%
  - Republicans: 31%

- No, not legal:
  - Democrats: 44%
  - Independents: 47%
  - Republicans: 67%
ABORTION

Illegal in all circumstances, 15%

Legal under any circumstances, 36%

Legal under certain circumstances, 44%
ABORTION

- Legal under certain circumstances
- Legal under any circumstances
- Illegal under all circumstances

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MARRIAGE EQUALITY

- Allowed to legally marry, 53%
- Allowed to form civil unions, 25%
- No legal recognition of relationships, 16%
MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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- Allowed to form civil unions
- No legal recognition of relationships
Some say military veterans charged with crimes should be processed in so-called “veterans’ courts” that could offer post-traumatic stress treatment and substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration. Others say veterans should be processed in the same courts as everyone else...
QUALITY OF LIFE, ILLINOIS

- Excellent or Good
- Average
- Not so good or poor

2008: 48%
2009: 55%
2010: 45%
2011: 46%
2012: 51%
2014a: 51%
2014b: 57%
2015: 54%
2016: 51%

2008: 37%
2009: 33%
2010: 38%
2011: 34%
2012: 32%
2014a: 33%
2014b: 31%
2015: 31%
2016: 32%

2008: 14%
2009: 13%
2010: 17%
2011: 20%
2012: 17%
2014a: 16%
2014b: 12%
2015: 15%
2016: 16%
QUALITY OF LIFE, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND ILLINOIS

- **Excellent or Good**
  - Southern Illinois 2015: 32%
  - Illinois 2016: 51%

- **Average**
  - Southern Illinois 2015: 39%
  - Illinois 2016: 32%

- **Not so good or poor**
  - Southern Illinois 2015: 29%
  - Illinois 2016: 16%

**Source:** Southern Illinois 2015, Illinois 2016
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONCERNS

- Rural/small town way of life is dying: 73%
- Being able to afford to send kids to college: 54%
- Have earnings cut back: 63%
- Dealing with rising costs: 70%
- Being able to afford health care for my family: 66%
- Children won't have opportunities and will leave: 71%

*Respondents rated this concern a 6-10 out of 10*
*Across Illinois only 37% believe it is very important to improve downtown (SP2015 Simon Poll)*
LOCAL PRODUCTS

Thinking about a normal trip to the grocery store, does knowing that a product is locally produced make you … to purchase a product?

- More likely: 77%
- Less likely: 2%
- Does not affect: 19%
- Other/Don't know: 3%

*Across Illinois 58% would be more likely to buy a product because it’s local (Spring 2015 Simon Poll)*
THANK YOU FOR COMING!