

«INTRO »

5: INT02

Int02. Hello, my name is \$I and I'm calling from the University of Arkansas' Survey Research Center. The Political Science Department is conducting the Arkansas Poll to learn from concerned residents about important issues in politics. May I speak with the person at home who is 18 or over and has most recently celebrated a birthday?

Yes Y1

No, I'm not interested in taking the survey N1

No, I'm not 18

No, I'm not the person who had the last birthday N3

Absent (Prompt: Is there a better time when I could call back?)

Spanish Speaker SS

6: INT03

Dialing \$N

Int03. Hello, my name is \$i and I'm calling from the University of Arkansas' Survey Research Center. The Political Science Department is conducting the Arkansas Poll to learn from concerned residents about important issues in politics. May I speak with the person at home who is 18 or over and has most recently celebrated a birthday?

Yes Y1

No, I'm not interested in taking the survey N1

No, I'm not 18 N2

No, I'm not the person who had the last birthday N3

Absent (Prompt: Is there a better time when I could call back?)

7: INT04

Int04. I'm not trying to sell anything and it's really important that we hear from a diverse group of people. Could you please help us out by answering some important questions?

Yes Y1

No, Soft Refusal SR

No, Hard Refusal HR

Callback CB

Absent (Prompt: Is there a better time I could call back?) AB

8: INT05

Int05. Great! Thanks for your help. I just want to confirm that you are at least 18 years old and, of those who are currently home, you were the last person to celebrate a birthday.

Yes Y1

No, I'm not 18 N1

No, I was not the last person to celebrate a birthday N2

9: INT06

Int06. I'm sorry, today I'm trying to get the opinions of only those people who are 18 or older. Is there someone else in the house over 18 with whom I may speak? (May I please speak with him/her?)

Yes Y1

No, Soft Refusal SR

No, Hard Refusal HR

Callback CB

10: INT07

Int07. I'm sorry but, of the people who are home, we're only looking for the person who is over 18 and last celebrated a birthday. May I please speak with him or her?

Yes Y1

No, Soft Refusal SR

No, Hard Refusal HR

Callback CB

11: INT08

Int08. Before we begin, I want to let you know that all your answers will be kept completely confidential. The survey takes about 15 minutes. Your participation is voluntary and if you feel you can't answer some questions, please let me know. May I begin?

Yes Y1

No, Soft Refusal SR

No, Hard Refusal HR

Callback CB

12: Q1

[ENTER A NUMBER OR SELECT AN OPTION]

1. I would like to start by asking you, how many years you have lived in Arkansas, or have you lived here all of your life?

\$E 1 199

Less than 1 year 991

All my life 992

Don't know 998

Refused 999

3: Q2

Where did you spend most of your life before coming to Arkansas?

Alaska	AK	
Alabama	AL	
Arkansas	AR	
Arizona	AZ	
California	CA	
Colorado	CO	
Connecticut	CT	
District of Columbia	DC	
Delaware	DE	
Florida	FL	
Georgia	GA	
Guam	GU	
Hawaii	HI	
Iowa	IA	
Idaho	ID	
Illinois	IL	
Indiana	IN	
Kansas	KS	
Louisiana	LS	
Massachusetts	MA	
Maryland	MD	
Maine	ME	
Michigan	MI	
Minnesota	MN	
Missouri	MO	
Mississippi	MS	
Montana	MT	
North Carolina	NC	
North Dakota	ND	
Nebraska	NE	
New Hampshire	NH	
New Jersey	NJ	
New Mexico	NM	
Nevada	NV	
New York	NY	
Ohio	OH	
Oklahoma	OK	
Oregon	OR	
Pennsylvania	PA	
Puerto Rico	PR	
Rhode Island	RI	
South Carolina	SC	
South Dakota	SD	
Tennessee	TN	
Texas	TX	
Utah	UT	
Virginia	VA	
Virgin Islands	VI	
Vermont	VT	
Washington	WA	
Wisconsin	WI	
West Virginia	WV	
Wyoming	WY	
Other: [RECORD RESPONSE]	01	O
Don't Know	08	
Refused	09	

14: Q3

3. Okay, thank you. Now, moving on to several important topics. First, in your opinion, what do you think is the most important problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today?

Record Response:	1	O
Don't Know	8	
Refused	9	

15: Q4

4. Is there another problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today you would like to mention?

Record Response:	1	O
No other problem or issue	2	
Don't Know	8	
Refused	9	

16: COM1

Thank you. Let's move on now to your thoughts on some of the people who are involved in government and politics.

17: Q5

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Huckabee is handling his job as Governor?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

18: Q6

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Blanche Lincoln is handling her job as a U.S. Senator?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

19: Q7

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tim Hutchinson is handling his job as a U.S. Senator?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

20: Q8

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as President?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

21: COM2

9. Now let's talk about your feelings toward some people who have been mentioned as potential candidates for statewide office. I'll read the name of a person and I will ask you to rate that person on a thermometer that runs from 0 to 100 degrees. Ratings between 50 and 100 mean that you feel favorable and warm toward that person. Ratings between 0 and 50 mean that you don't feel too favorable and are cool toward that person. You may use any number from 0 to 100 to tell me how favorable or unfavorable your feelings are for each person. If we come to a name you recognize, but you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person, you would rate the person at the 50 degree mark. If we come to a person whose name you do not recognize you don't need to rate that person. Just tell me and we'll move on to the next one. Are you ready?

22: Q9A

Sharon Priest

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\$E 0 100

Don't Know	998
Refused	999

23: Q9B

Mark Pryor

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\$E 0 100

Don't Know	998
Refused	999

24: Q9C

Marion Berry

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\$E 0 100

Don't Know 998

Refused 999

25: Q9D

Mike Beebe

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[ENTER A NUMBER BETWEEN 0 AND 100, OR SELECT AN OPTION]

\$E 0 100

Don't Know 998

Refused 999

26: Q9E

Jackson T. "Steve" Stephens

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«Q9E »

27: Q9F

Wesley Clark

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Refused 999

28: Q9G

Tim Hutchinson

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\$E 0 100

Don't Know 998

Refused 999

29: Q9H

Jim Bob Duggar

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[ENTER A NUMBER BETWEEN 0 AND 100, OR SELECT AN OPTION]

\$E 0 100

Don't Know 998

Refused 999

30: Q9I

Robin Wynne

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[ENTER A NUMBER BETWEEN 0 AND 100, OR SELECT AN OPTION]

\$E 0 100

Don't Know 998

Refused 999

31: Q10

10. Okay, thank you. Next, I have some questions about several issues that have been prominent in the news. First, in general, would you say you favor stricter gun control, less strict gun control, or should no change be made to existing gun control laws?

Stricter 1

Less Strict 2

No Change 3

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

32: Q11

11. Do you favor laws that would make it MORE DIFFICULT for a woman to get an abortion, favor laws that would make it EASIER to get an abortion or should NO CHANGE be made to existing abortion laws?

More difficult 1

Easier 2

No Change 3

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

33: Q12

12. And, do you favor allowing patients to use marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their medical doctor?

Yes 1

No 2

Depends [VOLUNTEERED, DO NOT READ] 3

Don't Know 8

No Answer / Refused 9

34: Q13

13. Okay. Do you think this country would be governed better or governed worse if more women were in political office?

Better 1

Worse 2

No Difference [ONLY IF VOLUNTEERED, DO NOT READ] 3

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

35: Q14A

14A. And, when it comes to strengthening the economy, do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better 1

Worse 2

Just as good 3

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

36: Q14B

14B. And, when it comes to dealing with healthcare reform, do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better 1

Worse 2

Just as good 3

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

37: Q14C

14C. And, when it comes to protecting the environment, do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better 1

Worse 2

Just as good 3

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

38: Q14D

14D. And, when it comes to balancing the federal budget , do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better	1
Worse	2
Just as good	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

39: Q14E

14E. And, when it comes to conducting diplomatic relations with other countries, do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better	1
Worse	2
Just as good	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

40: Q14F

14F. And, when it comes to improving justice for minority groups, do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better	1
Worse	2
Just as good	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

41: Q14G

14G. And, when it comes to handling a crisis, do you feel that women in public office could do a better job than men, a worse job than men, or just as good as men in public office?

Better	1
Worse	2
Just as good	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

42: Q15

15. Overall, how long do you think it will be before a woman is elected president within the next 10 years, within the next 25 years, within the next 100 years, sometime longer than that, or never?

Next 10 years	1
Next 25 years	2
Next 100 years	3
Longer than that	4
Never	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

43: Q16

16. And how long do you think it will be before a woman is elected Governor of Arkansas - within the next 10 years, within the next 25 years, within the next 100 years, sometime longer than that, or never?

Next 10 years	1
Next 25 years	2
Next 100 years	3
Longer than that	4
Never	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

44: Q17

17. Overall, how long do you think it will be before an African American is elected president within the next 10 years, within the next 25 years, within the next 100 years, sometime longer than that, or never?

Next 10 years	1
Next 25 years	2
Next 100 years	3
Longer than that	4
Never	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

45: Q18

18. And how long do you think it will be before an African American is elected Governor of Arkansas within the next 10 years, within the next 25 years, within the next 100 years, sometime longer than that, or never?

Next 10 years	1
Next 25 years	2
Next 100 years	3
Longer than that	4
Never	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

46: Q19

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

19. Okay, shifting gears to another policy area, which of the following environmental issues do you consider to be the most pressing? Is it:

Groundwater quality	01	
Air pollution	02	
Loss of wetlands	03	
Overdevelopment (Prompt: urban sprawl and loss of green space)	04	
Extinction of animal and plant species	05	
Loss of forest lands	06	
Toxic or hazardous waste disposal	07	
Or you would you suggest another issue? [ENTER RESPONSE]	08	O
Don't Know	09	
Refused	10	

47: Q20

Okay, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: 20. I trust state political leaders to balance the protection of the natural environment with economic development efforts.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

48: Q21

Okay, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: 21. I trust state political leaders to balance the protection of the natural environment with the state's need for energy.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

49: Q22

Okay, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: 22. The Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality is effective at enforcing environmental laws & regulations.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

50: Q23

Okay, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: 23. Political leaders value the input of ordinary citizens when making important development decisions.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

52: Q25

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

25. I will now read several issues surrounding national health care reform. Please tell me which ONE of the following is MOST important to you. Is it:

Providing high quality care for everyone regardless of cost	1
Giving everyone the choice to see the doctor they want	2
Guaranteeing health care coverage for everyone	3
Controlling health care costs for everyone	4
All [VOLUNTEERED, DO NOT READ]	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

53: Q26

26. If more taxes--such as an increase in your federal income tax--are necessary to pay for a health care reform proposal, how willing would you be to pay them in exchange for health care reform; would you be very willing, somewhat willing, or not willing at all?

Very willing	1
Somewhat willing	2
Not willing at all	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

54: Q27

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

27. People have different views on how well the health care delivery system is working. Thinking about the availability of adequate health care to the citizens of our state, would you say:

The health care system is working pretty well	1
The health care system needs some reform	2
The healthcare system is broken and needs major work	3
Don't know	8
Refused	9

55: Q28

28. Do you have any kind of health care coverage? This would include health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs (health maintenance organizations) or government plans such as Medicare.

Yes	1
No	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

56: Q29

29. Okay. And would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:

57: Q30

30. I feel that the health insurance coverage I have is enough to cover my health care needs.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

58: Q31

31. I feel that the health insurance coverage I have allows me to get medical help when I feel I need to get it.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

59: Q32

32. I feel that the health insurance coverage I have allows me to see the particular doctor I want to see.

Strongly Agree	1
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	4
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

60: COM3

Thank you. The next questions are about your general evaluation of the quality of life in our state.

61: Q33

33. First, how would you rate Arkansas as a place to live as compared to other states - that is, do you feel Arkansas is a much better place, a slightly better place, a slightly worse place, or much worse place in which to live? Or is it about the same?

Much better	1
Slightly better	2
Slightly Worse	3
Much Worse	4
Same	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

62: Q34

34. What about living in Arkansas now as compared to, say, five years ago? Is it a much better place, a slightly better place, a slightly worse place, or a much worse place in which to live? Or is it about the same?

Much better	1
Slightly better	2
Slightly Worse	3
Much Worse	4
Same	5
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

63: Q35

35. And, overall, do you feel that Arkansas is generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right	1
Wrong	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

64: Q36

36. On a more individual level, would you say you are better off financially, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

Better	1
Worse	2
About same	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

65: Q37

37. Now, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as now?

Better	1
Worse	2
About same	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

66: Q38

38. Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions about yourself so that we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans. Do you live in a city, a suburb, a small town or a rural area?

- City 1
- Suburb 2
- Small Town 3
- Rural Area 4
- Don't Know 8
- Refused 9

67: Q39

[IF R DOES NOT KNOW, READ FROM OPTIONS]

39. In what county do you live?

- Arkansas 01
- Ashley 02
- Baxter 03
- Benton 04
- Boone 05
- Bradley 06
- Calhoun 07
- Carroll 08
- Chicot 09
- Clarke 10
- Clay 11
- Cleburne 12
- Cleaveland 13
- Columbia 14
- Conway 15
- Craighead 16
- Crawford 17
- Crittenden 18
- Cross 19
- Dallas 20
- Desha 21
- Drew 22
- Faulkner 23
- Franklin 24
- Fulton 25
- Garland 26
- Grant 27
- Greene 28
- Hepmstead 29
- Hot Spring 30
- Howard 31
- Independence 32
- Izard 33
- Jackson 34
- Jefferson 35
- Johnson 36
- Lafayette 37
- Lawrence 38
- Lee 39
- Lincoln 40

Little River	41
Logan	42
Lonoke	43
Madison	44
Marion	45
Miller	46
Mississippi	47
Monroe	48
Montgomery	49
Nevada	50
Newton	51
Ouachita	52
Perry	53
Phillips	54
Pike	55
Poinsett	56
Polk	57
Pope	58
Prairie	59
Pulaski	60
Randolph	61
St. Francis	62
Saline	63
Scott	64
Searcy	65
Sebastian	66
Sevier	67
Sharp	68
Stone	69
Union	70
Van Buren	71
Washington	72
White	73
Woodruff	74
Yell	75
Don't Know	98
Refused	99

68: Q40

[READ FROM OPTIONS]

40. Which of the following education categories best describes your level of schooling?

Is it --- and I have a list here, so please feel free to stop me at any time.

No high school	1
Some high school	2
High school graduate or equivalent	3
Some college including business or trade schools	4
College graduate	5
Some graduate school	6
Graduate or professional degree	7
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

69: Q41

[READ FROM OPTIONS]

41. Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic group:

White	1
Black or African-American	2
Hispanic	3
Asian	4
Native American	5
Multi-Ethnic	6
Something Else	7
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

70: Q42A

42. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

Republican	1
Democrat	2
Independent	3
Other (ENTER RESPONSE]	4 O
Don't Know	8 => Q43A
Refused	9 => Q43A

71: Q42B

Would you call yourself a Strong Republican, or a not very Strong Republican?

Strong Republican	1
Not very Strong Republican	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

72: Q42C

Would you call yourself a Strong Democrat, or a not very Strong Democrat?

Strong Democrat	1
Not very Strong Democrat	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

73: Q42D

Well, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Closer to Republican	1
Closer to Democratic	2
Just Independent	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

74: Q43A

43. How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as a Liberal, Moderate, or Conservative?

Liberal	1
Moderate	2
Conservative	3
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

75: Q43B

Would you say you are Strongly Liberal or Somewhat Liberal?

Strongly Liberal	1
Somewhat Liberal	2
Don't Know	8
Refused	9

76: Q43C

Would you say you are Strongly Conservative, or Somewhat Conservative?

Strongly Conservative	1	=> Q44
Somewhat Conservative	2	=> Q44
Don't Know	3	=> Q44
Refused	4	=> Q44

77: Q44

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

44. All right then; we're nearly done. I have just a few more questions. First, which of the following income categories best describes your total 2000 household income? Was it - and I have a list here ... please feel free to stop me at any time:

\$7,500 or less	1
\$7,501 to \$15,000	2
\$15,001 to \$25,000	3
\$25,001 to \$35,000	4
\$35,001 to \$50,000	5
\$50,001 to \$75,000	6
\$75,001 to \$100,000	7
\$100,001 or over	8
Don't Know	9
Refused	10

78: Q45

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

45. About how often do you attend religious services? Is it:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Never | 1 |
| Once a year or less | 2 |
| Several times a year | 3 |
| About once a month | 4 |
| 2-3 times a month | 5 |
| Every week | 6 |
| More than once a week | 7 |
| Don't Know | 8 |
| Refused | 9 |

79: Q46

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

46. Which of the following best describes your current religious preference. Is it:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Protestant | 1 | |
| Catholic | 2 | |
| Jewish | 3 | |
| Something Else [ENTER RESPONSE] | 4 | O |
| None | 5 | |
| Don't Know | 8 | |
| Refused | 9 | |

80: Q47

[READ LIST FROM OPTIONS]

47. Which of the following best describes your present marital status:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Married | 1 |
| Not married but living together | 2 |
| Separated or Divorced | 3 |
| Widowed | 4 |
| Never married / single | 5 |
| Don't Know | 8 |
| Refused | 9 |

81: Q48

[ENTER A NUMBER OR SELECT AN OPTION]

48. How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

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| Don't Know | 98 |
| Refused | 99 |

82: Q49

[ENTER A NUMBER OR SELECT AN OPTION]

49. In what year were you born?

[ENTER A NUMBER OR SELECT AN OPTION]

Don't Know 9998

Refused 9999

83: Q50

50. And, I am required to ask you this, are you male or female?

Male 1

Female 2

Don't Know 8

Refused 9

Thank you very much for helping us with the Arkansas Poll. We plan to release our results in late October. Have a nice day/afternoon/evening.