

2005

Q1

I would first like to ask you how many years you have lived in Arkansas, or have you lived here all of your life?

Record number of years below		
Less than 1 year	96	
All my life.....	97	=> /Q3
Don't know.....	98	
Refused	99	

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

Alabama	01
Alaska	02
Arizona	03
Arkansas	04
California	05
Colorado	06
Connecticut	07
Delaware	08
District of Columbia	09
Florida	10
Georgia	11
Hawaii	12
Idaho	13
Illinois	14
Indiana	15
Iowa	16
Kansas	17
Kentucky	18
Louisiana	19
Maine	20
Maryland	21
Massachusetts	22
Michigan	23
Minnesota	24
Mississippi	25
Missouri	26
Montana	27
Nebraska	28
Nevada	29
New Hampshire	30
New Jersey	31
New Mexico	32
New York	33
North Carolina	34
North Dakota	35
Ohio	36
Oklahoma	37
Oregon	38
Pennsylvania	39
Rhode Island	40
South Carolina	41
South Dakota	42
Tennessee	43
Texas	44
Utah	45
Vermont	46
Virginia	47
Washington	48
West Virginia	49
Wisconsin	50
Wyoming	51
Other	52 O

Don't know 98
 Refused 99

Q3

Most important problem

In your opinion, what do you think is the most important problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today?

Enter response 1 O
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

Q4

Most important problem

Is there another problem or issue you would like to mention?

Enter response 1 O
 No 2
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

PUB

Public Figure Approval Ratings

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

Q5

Public Figure Approval Ratings

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

Q6

Public Figure Approval Ratings

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

Q7

Public Figure Approval Ratings

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Pryor is handling his job as a U.S. Senator?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q8

Public Figure Approval Ratings

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

Q9

Public Figure Approval Ratings

If the next governor's election were held today, for whom would you most likely vote:

Rotate first two choices randomly

Asa Hutchinson for the Republicans	1	=> /Q10
Mike Beebe for the Democrats	2	=> /Q10
Other (silent)	3	O => /Q10
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	=> /Q10

Q9A

Public Figure Approval Ratings

Well, if you had to say would you lean toward Asa Hutchinson or Mike Beebe?

Rotate first two choices randomly

Asa Hutchinson for the Republicans	1	
Mike Beebe for the Democrats	2	
Other (silent)	3	O
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

Q10

Public Figure Approval Ratings

You might have heard that the current governor of Arkansas, Mike Huckabee, may seek the Republican nomination for the next presidential election. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Huckabee running for president in 2008?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

CUR

Current Issues

Next I have a couple of questions about some issues that are often prominent in the news.

Q11

Rotate with Q12

Current Issues

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

Q12

Current Issues

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

Q13

Education

Let's shift gears and talk about schools. First, how much do you trust the public school system in Arkansas? Would you say you completely trust it, somewhat trust it, somewhat distrust it or completely distrust it?

Interviewer: This question refers to the statewide public school system.

Completely trust.....	1
Somewhat trust	2
Neither trust nor distrust (silent).....	3
Somewhat distrust.....	4
Completely distrust.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q14

Education

Would you say that you strongly approve, approve, disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way that the public school system in Arkansas is doing its job?

Strongly approve.....	1
Approve	2
Neither approve nor disapprove (silent)	3
Disapprove.....	4
Strongly disapprove.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q15

Education

As you may know, charter schools operate under a charter or contract that frees them from many of the state regulations imposed on public schools and permits them to operate independently. Do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove or strongly disapprove of charter schools in Arkansas?

Strongly approve.....	1
Approve	2
Neither approve nor disapprove (silent)	3
Disapprove.....	4
Strongly disapprove.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q16

Education

Some states are initiating policies allowing parents to send their school-age children to any private or church-related school they choose. For those parents choosing non-public schools, the parents are given government financial assistance to support this choice. Do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove or strongly disapprove of this policy?

Interviewer: If the respondent asks what "government financial assistance" means, propose "this could be in the form of a tuition tax credit or voucher".

- Strongly approve..... 1
- Approve 2
- Neither approve nor disapprove (silent) 3
- Disapprove 4
- Strongly disapprove 5
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q17

Education

In which level of government do you have the most trust to handle the improvement of public schools: the federal government, state government, or local government?

Interviewer: If the respondent says "school board" or "local school board", code this as "local government".

- Federal 1
- State 2
- Local 3
- Other (specify) 4 O
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

DEMA

Demographics- Part One

Great. Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself so we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans.

Q18

Demographics- Part One

Which of the following education categories best describes your level of schooling? I have a list here, so feel free to stop me at any time. Is it:

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

Q19

Demographics, Part One

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

- White (Caucasian) 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

Q20

Demographics, Part One

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

- Republican 1 => /Q21
- Democrat..... 2 => /Q22
- Independent..... 3 => /Q23
- Other 4 O => /Q24
- Don't know 8 => /Q24
- Refused 9 => /Q24

Q21

Demographics, Part One

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- Strong Republican 1 => /Q24
- Not very strong Republican 2 => /Q24
- Don't know 8 => /Q24
- Refused 9 => /Q24

Q22

Demographics, Part One

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

Strong Democrat.....	1	=> /Q24
Not very strong Democrat	2	=> /Q24
Don't know	8	=> /Q24
Refused	9	=> /Q24

Q23

Demographics, Part One

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

Closer to Republican.....	1	=> /Q24
Closer to Democratic	2	=> /Q24
Just Independent	3	=> /Q24
Don't know	8	=> /Q24
Refused	9	=> /Q24

Q24

Demographics, Part One

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

Liberal.....	1	=> /Q25
Moderate	2	=> /Q27
Conservative	3	=> /Q26
Don't know	8	=> /Q27
Refused	9	=> /Q27

Q25

Demographics, Part One

Would you say you are strongly Liberal or somewhat Liberal?

Strongly Liberal.....	1	=> /Q27
Somewhat Liberal	2	=> /Q27
Don't know	8	=> /Q27
Refused	9	=> /Q27

Q26

Demographics, Part One

Would you say you are strongly Conservative or somewhat Conservative?

Strongly Conservative	1	=> /Q27
Somewhat Conservative	2	=> /Q27
Don't know	8	=> /Q27
Refused	9	=> /Q27

Q27

Demographics, Part One

Which of the following income categories best describes your total 2004 household income? I have a list here, again feel free to stop me at any time. Was it:

Interviewer: Do not read the "1" in the categories. For example, "\$7501-\$15,000" should be read as "\$7500-\$15,000".

\$7500 or less.....	01
\$7501 to \$15,000	02
\$15,001 to \$25,000	03
\$25,001 to \$35,000	04
\$35,001 to \$50,000	05
\$50,001 to \$75,000	06
\$75,001 to \$100,000	07
\$100,001 or over.....	08
Don't know.....	98
Refused	99

Q28

Demographics, Part One

About how often do you attend religious services:

Never.....	1
Once a year	2
Several times a year	3
About once a month.....	4
2-3 times per month.....	5
Every week	6
More than once a week	7
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q29

Demographics, Part One

How important would you say religion is in your own life:

Extremely important.....	1
Very important.....	2
Fairly important.....	3
Not very important.....	4
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q30

Demographics, Part One

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

Interviewer: Protestant is pronounced Prah-test-ant. Protestant includes any Christian faith that is not Catholic or Greek Orthodox. Greek Orthodox is categorized as other.

- Protestant 1
- Catholic 2
- Jewish 3 => /Q32
- Something else 4 => /Q32
- None 5 => /Q32
- Don't know 8 => /Q32
- Refused 9 => /Q32

Q31

Demographics, Part One

Do you consider yourself a born again or evangelical Christian?

Interviewer: If the respondent asks for a definition of either of these, tell them, "We want to know how you feel about yourself. Do you identify with either of these labels"?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q32

Demographics, Part One

Which of the following best describes your present marital status:

- Married 1
- Not married but living together 2
- Separated or divorced 3
- Widowed 4
- Never married or single 5
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q33

Demographics, Part One

In what year were you born?

- Enter response below
- Don't know 9998
- Refused 9999

Q34

Demographics, Part One

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

- Male 1
- Female..... 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

QUAL

Quality of Life in Arkansas

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

Q35

Quality of Life in Arkansas

Overall, do you feel that Arkansas is generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Interviewer: If R asks if this relates to quality of life, say "Whatever it means to you."

- Right direction 1
- Wrong direction 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q36

Quality of Life in Arkansas

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 off..... 1
- Worse off 2
- About the same 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q37

Quality of Life in Arkansas

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 off..... 1
- Worse off 2
- About the same 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

GL

Gays and Lesbians

Next, we're interested in Arkansans' views of gays and lesbians. Please remember that if you're not comfortable answering a question, you can let me know and we'll move on, okay?

Q38

Rotate with Q39

Gays and Lesbians

Do you approve or disapprove of allowing openly homosexual men and women to serve in the armed forces of the United States?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q39

Gays and Lesbians

Do you approve or disapprove of a law that would allow a lesbian or gay man to adopt a child if the court found them fit in all other ways to become an adoptive parent?

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q43

Gays and Lesbians

Which of the following policy positions most closely resembles your own view regarding relationships between two people of the same sex:

Invert first three choices randomly

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	1
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions or domestic partnerships, but not legally marry	2
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	3
Don't know	8
Refused	9

«Q43 »

Q40

Rotate with Q41 and Q42

Gays and Lesbians

Do you approve or disapprove of a law that would prohibit an employer from discriminating against homosexuals in employment? Interviewer: If "approve"

then the respondent agrees that employers should NOT discriminate against homosexuals in employment.

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q41

Gays and Lesbians

Do you approve or disapprove of a law that would prevent gays and lesbians from serving as foster parents?

Interviewer: If "approve" then the respondent agrees that gays and lesbians should NOT serve as foster parents.

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q42

Gays and Lesbians

Do you approve or disapprove of a law that would prohibit Arkansas textbooks from defining marriage as anything other than a relationship between one man and one woman?

Interviewer: If "approve" then the respondent agrees that textbooks should NOT talk about marriage as anything other than a man-woman relationship.

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q44

Alternate Q44 to Q45 with Q38 to Q42

Gays and Lesbians

Do you personally know or work with anyone who is gay or lesbian?

Yes	1	
No	2	=> /Q45_2
Don't know	8	=> /Q45_2
Refused	9	=> /Q45_2

Q44A

Gays and Lesbians

Is this person a member of your family, a close friend, or someone you know only as a colleague or an acquaintance?

Interviewer: If the respondent knows more than one gay or lesbian person, ask them about the person they are closest to.

- Member of my family 1
- Close friend..... 2
- Colleague or acquaintance 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q45

Gays and Lesbians

Do you personally know any gay or lesbian couples that have been together for more than one year?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q46

Gays and Lesbians

Do you think that sexual relations between two adults of the same sex is:

Invert first four choices randomly

- Always wrong 1
- Almost always wrong 2
- Wrong only sometimes 3
- Not wrong at all 4
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q47

Gays and Lesbians

If you had been asked the previous question when you were 18 years old, how would you have answered the question- that sexual relations between two adults of the same sex is:

Invert first four choices randomly

- Always wrong 1
- Almost always wrong 2
- Wrong only sometimes 3
- Not wrong at all 4
- I am 18 years old now (silent) 5
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q48

Gays and Lesbians

Which of the following factors would you say has had the most influence on your current attitude towards sexual relations between two adults of the same sex:

Interviewer: If the respondent asks what changes in scientific knowledge we're talking about, tell them, "Some scientists doubt that homosexuality is a matter of choice and are examining evidence that it may be a matter of biology or nature."

Rotate first four choices randomly

- Knowing someone who is gay 1
- Teachings of your religion..... 2
- Learning about gays and lesbians through the media 3
- Changes in scientific knowledge about homosexuality 4
- Something else 5
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q49B

Gays and Lesbians

Okay, I'd like to get your feelings toward lesbians and gay men. How would you rate your feelings toward lesbians and gay men on the following scale? Are your feelings very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable?

- Very favorable 1 => /Q50
- Somewhat favorable 2 => /Q50
- Neither favorable nor unfavorable 3 => /Q50
- Somewhat unfavorable 4 => /Q50
- Very unfavorable 5 => /Q50
- Don't know 8 => /Q50
- Refused 9 => /Q50

Q50

Gays and Lesbians

Some people say that gay rights leaders have been trying to push too fast. Others feel that they are going too slowly. How about you? Do you think that gay rights leaders are:

- Trying to push too fast 1
- Are going too slowly 2
- Are moving at about the right speed 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

DEMB

Demographics, Part Two

Okay, we're nearly done. We'll wrap up with just a few more questions about you so, again, we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of people.

Demographics, Part Two

First, do you live in a city, a suburb, a small town or a rural area? Interviewer: If the respondent asks for a definition of one of these terms, tell them, "It's whatever it means to you."

City	1
Suburb.....	2
Small town.....	3
Rural area.....	4
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Demographics, Part Two

What county do you live in?

Arkansas	01
Ashley	02
Baxter	03
Benton	04
Boone	05
Bradley	06
Calhoun	07
Carroll	08
Chicot	09
Clark	10
Clay	11
Cleburne	12
Cleveland	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
Hempstead	29
Hot Springs	30
Howard	31
Independent	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
Philips.....	54
Pike.....	55
Poinsett.....	56
Polk.....	57
Pope.....	58
Prairie.....	59
Pulaski.....	60
Randolph.....	61
Saline.....	62
Scott.....	63
Searcy.....	64
Sebastian.....	65
Sevier.....	66
Sharp.....	67
St. Francis.....	68
Stone.....	69
Union.....	70
Van Buren.....	71
Washington.....	72
White.....	73
Woodruff.....	74
Yell.....	75
Don't know.....	98
Refused.....	99

Q53

Demographics, Part Two

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

Enter response below.....	
Don't know.....	98
Refused.....	99

Q54

Skip this question if Q53 = 1

Demographics, Part Two

And, do you have school-aged children?

Interviewer: School-aged children is K through 12 only.

Yes.....	Y
No.....	N
Don't know.....	8
Refused.....	9

Q55

Demographics, Part Two

Do you identify yourself as gay or lesbian, heterosexual or straight, bisexual, other or would you prefer not to say?

- Gay or lesbian 1
 - Heterosexual or straight 2
 - Bisexual 3
 - Other 4 O
 - Prefer not to say 5
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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Q56

How likely are you to vote in the next elections that will take place in November 2006? Are you:

- Very likely 1
 - Likely 2
 - Unlikely 3
 - Very unlikely 4
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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