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I&A Job#16587

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Quotas (n=800)

Gender* (Q49)		Type	
Male	320	Landline	600
Female	480	Cell Phone Only/Mostly	200

*This is a loose quota—480 represents the maximum number of females that can be obtained.

[PROGRAMMER: ALL ANSWER CODES, QUESTION NUMBERING, ETC. MUST MATCH THIS SURVEY, AN "X" NEXT TO AN ANSWER CODE MEANS THAT OPTION IS MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE]

Introduction

[IF LANDLINE SAMPLE]

Hi, my name is _____. Researchers at the University of Arkansas have asked me to gather opinions from people like you about current events in Arkansas. We are not selling anything and this interview is strictly confidential. May I please speak to the youngest male in the household who is available? (IF NONE ARE AVAILABLE: Then may I please speak to the youngest female who is at home right now?)

[QUALIFIES FOR LANDLINE QUOTA – SKIP TO Q1]

[IF CELL PHONE SAMPLE]

Hi, my name is _____. Researchers at the University of Arkansas have asked me to gather opinions from people like you about current events in Arkansas. We are not selling anything and this interview is strictly confidential.

[CONTINUE TO CELL PHONE QUESTIONS – QA]

QA

[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]

Have I reached you on your cell phone? (IF NEEDED: By cell phone we mean a wireless phone that is mobile and usable outside of your neighborhood.)

- Yes..... 1 [CONTINUE TO QB]
- No 2 [TERMINATE]
- Don't Know 8 [TERMINATE]

QB

Is this a safe time to talk with you now or are you driving?

- Yes, safe 1 [CONTINUE TO QC]
- No, driving..... 2 [ARRANGE CALLBACK TIME]

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QC

Do you also have a landline telephone in your home that is used to make and receive calls? (IF NEEDED: By landline telephone, we mean a "regular" phone in your home that is connected to outside telephone lines. Please include landline phones used for business and personal use as well as telephone service over the Internet.)

- Yes..... 1 [CONTINUE TO QD]
- No 2 [QUALIFY FOR CELL QUOTA]
- Don't Know 8 [THANK AND TERMINATE]

QD

[IF QC=1/HAVE LANDLINE]

Thinking about all the phone calls that you make or receive on your landline or cell phone, what percent of all your calls are over your cell phone? (Don't Know=998, Refused=999)

_____ Enter Percent (0 to 100)

[IF 51% or more IN QD, QUALIFY FOR CELL QUOTA AND CONTINUE TO Q1, ELSE THANK AND TERMINATE]

PROGRAMMER:

IF LANDLINE SAMPLE QUALIFY AS LANDLINE
IF QC=2/NO LANDLINE PHONE QUALIFY AS CELL ONLY/MOSTLY
IF QD=51% OR MORE, QUALIFY AS CELL ONLY/MOSTLY

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?

- Gave number of years..... 01 (enter number of years)
- Less than one year 96
- All my life..... 97
- Don't know 98
- Refused 99
- Do not currently live in Arkansas 90 [TERMINATE]

Q49

(RECORD GENDER BY OBSERVATION. IF UNSURE, ASK: And, I am required to ask you this, are you male or female?) (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

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Q2

In what county do you live? (DO NOT READ LIST, SELECT ONE)

Don't know	98	Independent	10
Refused	99	Izard	11
Arkansas	01	Jackson	12
Ashley	47	Jefferson	62
Baxter	02	Johnson	40
Benton	35	Lafayette	63
Boone	36	Lawrence	13
Bradley	48	Lee	14
Calhoun	49	Lincoln	64
Carroll	37	Little River	65
Chicot	50	Logan	66
Clark	51	Lonoke	15
Clay	03	Madison	41
Cleburne	04	Marion	42
Cleveland	52	Miller	67
Columbia	53	Mississippi	16
Conway	27	Monroe	17
Craighead	05	Montgomery	68
Crawford	38	Nevada	69
Crittenden	06	Newton	43
Cross	07	Ouachita	70
Dallas	54	Perry	29
Desha	55	Philips	18
Drew	56	Pike	71
Faulkner	28	Poinsett	19
Franklin	39	Polk	72
Fulton	08	Pope	44
Garland	57	Prairie	20
Grant	58	Pulaski	30
Greene	09	Randolph	21
Hempstead	59	Saline	31
Hot Springs	60	Scott	73
Howard	61	Searcy	23
		Sebastian	45
		Sevier	74
		Sharp	24
		St. Francis	22
		Stone	25
		Union	75
		Van Buren	32
		Washington	46
		White	33
		Woodruff	26
		Yell	34

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Q3

In your opinion, what do you think is the most important problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today? (DO NOT READ LIST, SELECT ONE)

[KEEP DK/REFUSED AT BOTTOM]

The economy/Jobs/Unemployment/Poverty	01
Education	02
Healthcare/Health insurance/Access to doctors/Costs	03
Drugs	04
Taxes/"Big government"	05
Immigration	06
Budget/Deficit/Debt.....	10
Crime	11
Morality/Family breakdown/Religion (God/Bible, etc.).....	12
Politicians/Politics	13
Racism	14
Roads	15
War/Afghanistan/Iraq/Terrorism	16
Environment/Climate change/Global warming	17
Fuel/Energy/Gas prices.....	18
Other (specify).....	19
Don't know	88
Refused	99

COMM1

Thank you. Let's move on to your thoughts on some of the people who are involved in government and politics. [ROTATE Q4-Q7]

Q4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Asa Hutchinson is handling his job as governor? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve	1
Disapprove.....	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q5

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve	1
Disapprove.....	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

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Q6

Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boozman is handling his job as U.S. Senator?
(DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve	1
Disapprove.....	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q7

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Cotton is handling his job as U.S. Senator?
(DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve	1
Disapprove.....	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q84

Thank you. Now let's look ahead to the next presidential race. As of today, are you more likely to vote for...? (READ LIST, SELECT ONE) [RANDOMIZE CODES 1 AND 2]

The Republican candidate.....	1
The Democratic candidate	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know	8
(DO NOT READ) Refused.....	9

Q85

Now I'm going to mention some features or services in Arkansas. Please rate each one by telling me if you are... very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. Are you ready? [RANDOMIZE A-F]

Very satisfied	1
Somewhat satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.....	3
Somewhat unsatisfied	4
Very unsatisfied.....	5
Don't know	8
Refused.....	9

- a. The present condition of roads and highways in our state
- b. The quality of parks and recreation facilities in our state
- c. Colleges and universities in our state
- d. The public welfare system in our state
- e. The Kindergarten through 12th grade public schools in our state
- f. The quality of state and local government service considering the taxes you pay

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COMM3

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

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q12, Q13, Q14, Q86 AND 97; KEEP Q12 AND Q97 TOGETHER] Q12

In general, would you say that you favor stricter gun control, less strict gun control, or should no change be made to the existing gun control laws? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Stricter 1
- Less strict..... 2
- No change..... 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

Q97

And you may know there's been some debate in Arkansas recently about whether it is okay for people to "open carry" a handgun. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose an "open carry" law here?

- Support 1
- Oppose..... 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

Q13

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? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- More difficult..... 1
- Easier 2
- No change..... 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

Q14

Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be regarding undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States. Should the government: (READ LIST)

- Allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States to work for a limited amount of time. 1
- Allow undocumented immigrants to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain criteria like learning English and paying their back-taxes. 2
- Deport all undocumented immigrants..... 3
- Allow undocumented immigrants to become permanent residents with no requirements. 4
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

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Q86

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

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

[RANDOMIZE Q87, Q88, AND Q55]

Q87

Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages? (READ LIST)

- Should be recognized..... 1
- Should not be recognized..... 2
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q88

In general, do you think gays and lesbians should or should not have equal rights in terms of housing ... renting and leasing, for example?

- Yes, they should have equal rights. 1
- No, they should not have equal rights..... 2
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

[QUESTION WAS NOT ASKED LAST YEAR BUT HAS BEEN ASKED IN PRIOR YEARS]

Q55

In general, do you think gays and lesbians should or should not have equal rights in terms of job opportunities?

- Yes, they should have equal rights. 1
- No, they should not have equal rights..... 2
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

COMM9

Next, we're interested in your positions on the death penalty.

[ASK HALF OF SAMPLE Q89A AND OTHER HALF Q89B]

Q89A

Do you support or oppose the death penalty as the punishment for people convicted of murder?

- Support 1
- Oppose..... 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

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Q89B

Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder; the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?

- The death penalty..... 1
- Life in prison 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q90

Would you support abolishing (ending) the use of the death penalty for people convicted of murder if the punishment was life in prison with no chance of parole?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2 [SKIP TO Q91B]
- Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q92]
- Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q92]

Q91A

Now, I'm going to list some of the reasons people give for why they support ending the use of the death penalty. For each one I want you to tell me whether you agree or disagree that this is a reason the death penalty should be ended. (PROBE: IS THAT STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE) [RANDOMIZE A-C]

- Strongly agree..... 4
- Somewhat agree..... 3
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Strongly disagree 1
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

- a. Killing is morally wrong
- b. The risk of executing an innocent person is too great
- c. The death penalty is not applied fairly

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Q91B

Now, I'm going to list some of the reasons people give for why they support the death penalty. For each one I want you to tell me whether you agree or disagree that this is a reason the death penalty should not be ended. (PROBE: IS THAT STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE) [RANDOMIZE A-D]

- Strongly agree..... 4
- Somewhat agree..... 3
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Strongly disagree 1
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

- a. People who commit murder deserve to die
- b. To provide a sense of closure to the victims' family members
- c. To discourage others from committing murder
- d. To ensure that the offender is never released from prison

COMM10

Thank you. Next, we're interested in your thoughts on climate change, or global warming.

Q92

Thinking about what is said in the news, in your view is the seriousness of global warming, or climate change..? (READ LIST)

- Generally underestimated 1
- Generally correct 2
- Generally exaggerated 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q93

Do you think global warming, or climate change, will pose a serious threat to you or your way of life in your lifetime? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Not a problem 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q94

And, do you believe increases in the Earth's temperature over the last century are due more to...? (READ LIST)

- Human activities 1
- Natural causes..... 2
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

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Q77

As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of it?

- Favorable 1
- Unfavorable 2
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

DEMO

Thank you. Next, I'll ask you some questions about yourself so that we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans.

Q19

First, do you live in a city, a suburb, a small town or a rural area? (INTERVIEWER: If respondent asks for a definition for one of these, tell them, "whatever it means to you") (DO NOT READ LIST)

- City 1
 - Suburb 2
 - Small town..... 3
 - Rural area..... 4
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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Q20

Which of the following education categories best describes your highest level of schooling?
I have a list here, so feel free to stop me at any time. Is it...? (READ LIST, SELECT ONE)

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

Q21

And, which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic group: (READ LIST, SELECT ONE)

- 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

COMM6

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

Q31

Overall, do you feel that Arkansas is generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction? (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

Q32

On a more individual level, would you say you are better off financially, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago? (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

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Q33

And, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now, you will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as now? (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

DEMOB

Thank you. We're nearly done. I have just a few more questions so we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans.

Q34

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Republican..... 1
- Democrat 2 [SKIP TO Q34B]
- Independent 3 [SKIP TO Q34C]
- Other 4 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q35]

Q34A

Would you call yourself a strong Republican, or a not very strong Republican? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Strong Republican 1 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Not very strong Republican 2 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q35]

Q34B

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat, or a not very strong Democrat? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Strong Democrat..... 1 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Not a very strong Democrat..... 2 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q35]
- Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q35]

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Q34C

Well, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Closer to Republican 1
Closer to Democrat 2
Just Independent 3
Don't know 8
Refused 9

Q35

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as a Liberal, Moderate, or Conservative? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Liberal 1
Moderate 2 [SKIP TO Q36]
Conservative 3 [SKIP TO Q35B]
Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q36]
Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q36]

Q35A

Would you say you are strongly Liberal or somewhat Liberal? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Strongly Liberal 1 [SKIP TO Q36]
Somewhat Liberal 2 [SKIP TO Q36]
Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q36]
Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q36]

Q35B

Would you say that you are strongly Conservative or somewhat Conservative? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Strongly Conservative 1
Somewhat Conservative 2
Don't know 8
Refused 9

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Q36

Which of the following income categories best describes your total 2014 household income?
I have a list here, feel free to stop me at any time. Was it...? (READ LIST)

- \$7,500 or less 01
- \$7,501 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
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 98
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 99

Q37

Do you have some form of health insurance or health coverage? (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

Q38

About how often do you attend religious services? Is it.. (READ LIST)

- Never 1
- Once a year 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
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q39

Which of the following best describes your current religious preference? Is it...(READ LIST)
(INTERVIEWER: Any Christian faith that is not Catholic or Greek Orthodox should be classified as Protestant. Greek Orthodox is classified as "Other".)

- Protestant (Prah-test-ant) 1
- Catholic..... 2
- Jewish 3 [SKIP TO Q41]
- Something else..... 4 [SKIP TO Q41]
- (DO NOT READ) None 5 [SKIP TO Q41]
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q41]
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9 [SKIP TO Q41]

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Q40

Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian? (INTERVIEWER: If the respondent asks for a definition of either of these terms, tell them, "We want to know how you feel about yourself. Do you identify with either of these labels?") (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

Q41

Which of these best describes your present marital status? (READ LIST)

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

Q42

We're nearly done: How many people, including yourself, live in your household? (INTERVIEWER: This would include children) (DON'T KNOW=98, REFUSED=99)

_____ Enter Number

Q43

Do you have any school aged children? (INTERVIEWER: THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 ONLY) (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Yes..... 1
- No 2 [SKIP TO Q44]
- Don't know 8 [SKIP TO Q44]
- Refused 9 [SKIP TO Q44]

Q43A

How many school aged children do you have? (DON'T KNOW=98, REFUSED=99)

_____ Enter Number

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Q44

What is your current employment status? Is it...? (READ LIST, SELECT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

- Employed full-time..... 1
- Employed part-time 2
- Self-employed..... 3
- Unemployed 4
- Retired 5
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q46

Are you a registered voter?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2 [SKIP TO Q48]
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

Q47

And, how likely are you to vote in the election next month? Are you:

- Very Likely..... 1
- Likely..... 2
- Unlikely 3
- Very unlikely 4
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q48

In what year were you born? (DON'T KNOW=9998, REFUSED=9999)

_____ Enter Year

ZIP

[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]

What is your zip code? (DON'T KNOW=99998, REFUSED=99999)

_____ Enter zip code

COMM7

Thank you very much for helping us with the Arkansas Poll. Have a nice day/afternoon/evening.