

**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]

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**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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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	Phillips .....	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. IF CAN'T SELECT, TYPE VERBATIM INTO "OTHER SPECIFY")  
[RANDOMIZE]

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

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**COMM1**

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

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**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

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**Q5**

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

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

Q6

Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boozman (BOZE-muhn) 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

[PRIMING EXPERIMENT. RANDOMIZE SO THAT HALF OF RESPONDENTS RECEIVE THIS QUESTION BEFORE NEXT BATTERY; HALF OF RESPONDENTS DON'T HEAR THIS ... ONLY GET THE NEXT BATTERY.

ALSO, ROTATE OTHER APPROVAL QUESTIONS. THIS ONE IS ALWAYS LAST] And what about Sarah Huckabee Sanders? Did you approve or disapprove of the way she handled her job as White House press secretary? (DO NOT READ LIST)

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

Now, let's switch things up slightly. I'd like to ask you about the qualifications of politicians generally. I'm going to read you a list of statements and for each one, I'd like for you to tell me whether you [agree or disagree] with it. (ROTATE/RANDOMIZE the five statements in this battery; AND ADD "strongly" probe to all five)

- 1. Male politicians are typically better at handling most political issues. Q14  
 Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?)
- 2. Female politicians often let their emotions influence their political decisions. Q15  
 Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?)
- 3. I have some reservations about electing a female to the presidency. Q16  
 Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?)
- 4. Female politicians don't have the expertise to deal with foreign policy issues, like wars. Q17  
 Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?)
- 5. Male politicians are generally better communicators through speeches and media appearances. Q18  
 Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?)

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

[ROTATE TOPICS]

TOPICS

- GUN CONTROL: Q12 ALL STAY TOGETHER, YOU CAN SEE THE “SETS”
- ABORTION: Q13 AND 606 STAY TOGETHER
- DEATH PENALTY Q89
- GLOBAL WARMING Q92 AND Q93 STAY 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

Q12a

And, do you think it is more important to:

Protect gun rights or control gun violence?

- Protect gun rights ..... 1
- Control gun violence ..... 2
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refused ..... 9

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Do you think Congress should or should not pass legislation to [ROTATE THESE]

Q12b-j

- increase funding for mental health screening and treatment
- require background checks for gun purchases at gun shows or other private sales
- create a national red flag law, that is, a gun control law that allows police or family members to request that a judge temporarily remove guns from a person who may be a danger to others or themselves
- require individuals to obtain a license before being able to purchase a gun
- ban the purchase of high capacity ammunition magazines
- ban the sale of semi-automatic assault guns such as the AK-47 or the AR-15
- create a mandatory buyback program of assault guns
- allow schoolteachers to carry guns

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And what about the Arkansas state legislature? Do you approve or disapprove of recent gun-related legislation here including: [ROTATE]

Q12k-p

- Reducing the cost of a concealed-carry handgun license from \$100 to \$50
- Permitting ownership of machine guns, sawed-off shotguns and gun silencers
- Allowing people with enhanced-carry permits to take concealed handguns onto college campuses
- Allowing people with enhanced-carry permits to take concealed handguns into bars

- Allowing people with enhanced-carry permits to take concealed handguns into churches
- Allowing people with enhanced-carry permits to take concealed handguns into most public buildings

**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

**Q606**

And would you consider yourself: Pro-Life, Pro-Choice, neither, or both? (READ LIST)

[ROTATE ITEM 1 AND ITEM 2 IN LIST]

Pro life.....	1
Pro choice.....	2
Neither.....	3
Both.....	4
(DO NOT READ) Don't know.....	8
(DO NOT READ) Refused.....	9

**Q89**

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

**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
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 8
- (DO NOT READ) 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

**Qxxx**

Please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose each of the following proposals.  
[RANDOM ORDER]

- Allowing immigrants living in the U.S. illegally the chance to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements over a period of time..... 1
- Hiring significantly more border patrol agents ..... 2
- Significantly expanding the construction of walls along the U.S-Mexico border 3
- Deporting all immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home country. 4
- (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

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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)

**[SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY]**

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

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**Q21**

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

**[SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY]**

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

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COMM6

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

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**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

**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. Finally, I'd like to ask you a few more questions about yourself 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 [ASK Q34A]
- 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
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**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 [ASK Q35A]
  - Moderate..... 2 [SKIP TO Q81]
  - Conservative ..... 3 [SKIP TO Q35B]
  - Don't know ..... 8 [SKIP TO Q81]
  - Refused ..... 9 [SKIP TO Q81]
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**Q35A**

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

- Strongly Liberal..... 1 [SKIP TO Q81]
  - Somewhat Liberal..... 2 [SKIP TO Q81]
  - Don't know ..... 8 [SKIP TO Q81]
  - Refused ..... 9 [SKIP TO Q81]
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**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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Q81

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics? (READ LIST)

- Always..... 1
- Most of the time..... 2
- About half of the time..... 3
- Some of the time..... 4
- Never ..... 5
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q36

Which of the following income categories best describes your total 2018 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

Q82

How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

- RECORD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 98
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 99

Q83

How many days in the past week did you watch the local TV news shows in the late evening?  
[NUMERIC OPEN END]

RECORD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 98  
(DO NOT READ) Refused..... 99

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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

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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 ..... 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

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**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

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**Q42**

We're nearly done: How many people, including yourself, live in your household?  
(INTERVIEWER: THIS WOULD INCLUDE CHILDREN)

- RECORD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 98
  - (DO NOT READ) Refused ..... 99

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**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]

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Q43A

How many school aged children do you have?

RECORD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 98  
(DO NOT READ) Refused..... 99

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Q44

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

[UP TO 2 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

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Q46

Are you a registered voter?

Yes ..... 1 [ASK Q47]  
No ..... 2 [SKIP TO Q48]  
Don't know ..... 8 [SKIP TO Q48]  
Refused ..... 9 [SKIP TO Q48]

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Q47

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

Very Likely..... 1  
Likely..... 2  
Unlikely ..... 3  
Very unlikely ..... 4  
(DO NOT READ) Already voted ..... 5  
(DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 8  
(DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

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Q48

In what year were you born?

RECORD YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DO NOT READ) Don't know ..... 9998  
(DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9999

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[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]

**ZIP**

What is your zip code?

RECORD 5-DIGIT ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

(DO NOT READ) Don't know .....99998

(DO NOT READ) Refused.....99999

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**COMM7**

Thank you very much for helping us with the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Arkansas Poll. Have a nice day/afternoon/evening.

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