

Hello, my name is _____. The UA's Arkansas Poll has hired Issues & Answers to ask people in your part of Arkansas about some things that have been in the news.

I am not selling anything and I am not asking for money. All of your answers will be kept strictly confidential.

Please know these calls are randomly monitored for quality and training purposes.

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 years01 *(enter number of years)*
 - Less than one year.....96
 - All my life97
 - Don't know98
 - Refused99
 - Do not currently live in Arkansas90 *[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)

- Male1
 - Female.....2
 - Don't know8 *[TERMINATE]*
 - Refused9 *[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	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

Q3

In your opinion, what do you think is the most important problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today? (*READ LIST, SELECT ONE*)

[RANDOMIZE]

The Economy	01
Education	02
Healthcare	03
Drugs	05
Politics/Politicians.....	13
Taxes.....	
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 THESE ... BUT KEEP 4 AND 5 TOGETHER; KEEP 6 AND DDD TOGETHER; KEEP 7 AND 8 TOGETHER; QEEE is always last*)

Q4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Asa [*A-suh*] Hutchinson is handling his job as governor in Little Rock? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q5

And do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job in Little Rock? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q6

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

QDDD

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job in Washington, D.C.?

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Don't know 8
Refused 9

Q7

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

- Approve 1
 - Disapprove 2
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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Q8

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
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QEEE

And how would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak? *(ROTATE ITEMS)*

- President Donald Trump
- State elected officials
- Your local elected officials
- Hospitals and medical centers in your area

- Excellent
 - Good
 - Only Fair
 - Poor
 - Don't know
 - Refused
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Q99A

Thank you. Now let's look ahead to the election in November. Let's start with the presidential race. At this point, are you likely to vote for... *[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES] (READ LIST, SELECT ONE)*

- Donald Trump, the Republican 1 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
 - Joe Biden, the Democrat 2 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
 - Another candidate (specify) 3 *[CONTINUE TO Q99B]*
 - (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
 - (DO NOT READ) Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
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Q99B

For whom do you plan to vote? *[OPEN-END]* _____

QxxxxA

And what about in the U.S. Senate race this fall? At this point, are you likely to vote for... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES]** (READ LIST, SELECT ONE; NOTE: THERE IS NO DEMOCRAT ON THE BALLOT)

- Tom Cotton, the Republican 1 **[SKIP TO Q100A]**
- Ricky Dale Harrington, Jr., the Libertarian 2 **[SKIP TO Q100A]**
- Another candidate (specify) 3 **[CONTINUE TO QxxxxB]**
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 **[SKIP TO Q100A]**
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 9 **[SKIP TO Q100A]**

QxxxxB

For whom do you plan to vote? **[OPEN-END]** _____

COMM

Thank you. Moving from people to issues, you may be aware that in addition to voting on candidates this November, Arkansans *[Ar KAN sinz]* will be asked to vote on several issues. Please listen carefully to a summary of these and tell me if you favor or oppose it: **[NOTE THE SPLIT SAMPLE FOR ALL]**

QAAAA

[IF SPLIT A]

Referred Amendment 1 would authorize the continuation of a one-half percent sales tax to use for state highways and local roads. Given this description, do you favor or oppose this measure? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Favor 1
- Oppose 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

QAAAB

[IF SPLIT B]

Referred Amendment 1 would make permanent the one-half percent sales tax for state highways and local roads that was set to expire in 2023. Given this description, do you favor or oppose this measure? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Favor 1
- Oppose 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

QBBBA

[IF SPLIT A]

Referred Amendment 2 would amend the term limits applicable to members of the General Assembly. Given this description, do you favor or oppose this measure? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Favor	1
Oppose	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

QBBBB

[IF SPLIT B]

Referred Amendment 2 would amend term limits. Specifically, it would eliminate the current lifetime limit of 16 years for state legislators. Instead, legislators would be prohibited from serving more than 12 years in a row. If they take a break, the clock starts over. Given this description, do you favor or oppose this measure? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Favor	1
Oppose	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

QCCA

[IF SPLIT A]

Referred Amendment 3 would amend the process for the submission and approval of proposed initiated acts, constitutional amendments, and referenda. Given this description, do you favor or oppose this measure? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Favor	1
Oppose	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

[IF SPLIT B]

Referred Amendment 3 would change the process for how ballot measures are handled in Arkansas. The changes include moving the due date for signatures to January instead of July, increasing the number of counties from which signatures must be collected from 15 to 45, and setting an April deadline for filing legal challenges to citizen-initiated ballot measures. Given this description, do you favor or oppose this measure? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

Favor	1
Oppose	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

And let's mix things up again: *[another split sample here ... randomize into EITHER 1 or 2. But, keep the options in same order for each respondent]*

QLLAa

(Treatment 1) We would like to ask for your predictions about the upcoming presidential election:

1. What percentage of the vote from the state of Arkansas do you expect that Donald Trump will receive in the 2020 presidential election? (and)
2. What percentage of the vote from the state of Arkansas do you expect that Joe Biden will receive in the 2020 presidential election?

QLLAb

Thank you. And what if I tell you about the findings from a recent poll: In that poll, 47% of Arkansas respondents said they intended to vote for Donald Trump and 45% of respondents said they intended to vote for Joe Biden.

3. Now, what percentage of the vote from the state of Arkansas do you expect that Donald Trump will receive in the 2020 presidential election?
4. Now, what percentage of the vote from the state of Arkansas do you expect that Joe Biden will receive in the 2020 presidential election?

QLLBa

(Treatment 2) We would like to ask for *your predictions* about this poll. We will be interviewing approximately 800 other Arkansans [*Ar KAN sinz*], also asking them about the upcoming presidential election.

1. What percentage of respondents do you expect will say that they plan to vote for Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election?
2. What percentage of respondents do you expect will say that they plan to vote for Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election?

QLLBb

Thank you. And what if I tell you about the recent findings from a different poll? In that poll, 47% of Arkansas respondents said they intended to vote for Donald Trump and 45% of respondents said they intended to vote for Joe Biden.

3. Now, what percentage of the respondents to this poll do you expect will say that they plan to vote for Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election?
4. Now, what percentage of the respondents to this poll do you expect will say that they plan to vote for Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election?

COMM602

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

[ROTATE TOPICS but keep cultural differences battery LAST. Also, keep abortion questions together (rotate them but 3rd one always last); keep Q93 and QFFF 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

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

Q608

Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances or illegal in all circumstances?

Legal under any circumstances	1
Legal only under certain circumstances	2
Illegal in all circumstances	3
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q609

In making your decision about who to vote for, is the issue of abortion be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very important	1
Somewhat important	2
Not too important	3
Not at all important.....	4
Don't know	8
Refused	9

QZZZZ

And, from what you've read and heard, how do you feel about the Black Lives Matter Movement? [Reverse response options for half of sample] Do you...

Strongly support
 Somewhat support
 Somewhat oppose
 Strongly oppose
 Don't know
 Refused

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

QFFF

And, let's mix things up again. Please tell me if you do, or don't do, each of the following in your everyday life in order to help protect the environment?

- Yes, I do this.....1
- No, I do not do this.....2
- Don't know.....8
- Refused9

(Randomize items)

- Eat less meat
- Drive less or carpool
- Reduce your food waste
- Use fewer plastics that cannot be reused (e.g., plastic bags, straws, cups, etc.)
- Reduce the amount of water you use
- Recycle

COMM

QGGG

Thank you. Next I have a series of statements regarding cultural differences. There are no wrong or right answers. Please respond with your first impression by telling me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement. Are you ready? [*RANDOMIZE ALL STATEMENTS*]

Strongly Disagree (1) Disagree (2) Uncertain (3) Agree (4) Strongly Agree (5)

1. I think people from other cultures are narrow-minded.
2. I am pretty sure of myself in interacting with people from different cultures.
3. I find it very hard to talk in front of people from different cultures.
4. I always know what to say when interacting with people from different cultures.
5. I can be as sociable as I want to be when interacting with people from different cultures.
6. I don't like to be with people from different cultures.
7. I respect the values of people from different cultures.
8. I feel confident when interacting with people from different cultures.
9. I respect the ways people from different cultures behave.
10. I would not accept the opinions of people from different cultures.
11. I think my culture is better than other cultures.

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 *[Ar KAN sinz]* .

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

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
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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

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 *[Ar KAN sinz]*.

Q34

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

- Republican 1 *[CONTINUE TO 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]*
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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 *[CONTINUE TO Q35A]*
Moderate 2 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
Conservative 3 *[SKIP TO Q35B]*
Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
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Q35A

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

- Strongly Liberal 1 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
Somewhat Liberal 2 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
-
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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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Q110

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 2019 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
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Q111

How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper? *[NUMERIC OPEN END]*

- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 98
 - (DO NOT READ) Refused 99
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Q112

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

- (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

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]*
- None..... 5 *[SKIP TO Q41]*
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q41]*
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9 *[SKIP TO Q41]*

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

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

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 (go to 47b)
- Likely 2 (go to 47b)
- Unlikely 3 (go to QHHH)
- Very unlikely 4 (go to QHHH)
- (DO NOT READ) Already voted 5 (go to 47b)
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 (go to QHHH)
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 9 (go to QHHH)

Q47b

And, which best describes how you plan to vote/or did already vote (*rotate options*):

- Absentee
- Early and in person
- In person on Election Day
- Don't know
- Refused

QH HH

And did you vote in 2016?

Yes (*go to QHHHb*)

No (*skip to Q48*)

Don't know (*Skip to Q48*)

Refused (*skip to Q48*)

QH HHb

And for whom did you vote in the 2016 presidential election? Was it.. *[ROTATE]*

Donald Trump, the Republican

Hillary Clinton, the Democrat

Someone else (*silent*)

Did not vote in 2016 (*silent*)

Don't know (*silent*)

Refused (*silent*)

Q48

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

_____ Enter Year

[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]

ZIP

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

_____ Enter zip code

COMM7

Thank you very much for helping us with the 22nd annual Arkansas Poll. Please look for results to be reported publicly at the end of this month. Have a nice day/afternoon/evening.
