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About *The Missouri State University Poll*, February 19, 2010

The Missouri State University Poll was conducted from January 16th to 31st, with a scientifically selected random call sample using Random Digit Dialing (RDD) of **880 Missouri adults (including 816 registered voters)**. The poll was commissioned by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities and was conducted through the Center for Social Sciences and Public Policy Research on the campus of Missouri State University, under the supervision of poll director Brian Calfano, Ph.D.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population (e.g., Missouri residents), versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for the Missouri resident sample of 880 adults is +/- 3.3 percent, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Therefore, if 50 percent of Missouri residents favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure would be between 46.7 and 53.3 percent, had all Missouri residents been interviewed. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or contextual effects.

Survey results were weighted according to the following variables: age, sex, race/ethnicity, income, and education level. An iterative weighting algorithm (sample balancing) was used to determine the weights. Using weights helps to ensure that poll respondents are reflective of the Missouri population in general (as determined by U.S. Census data). This is especially important concerning the age variable, as younger Missouri residents are more likely to have cell phone numbers only, which are not covered by standard RDD procedures. These results should be viewed as a general public opinion survey of Missouri residents *during the time the poll was in the field*. Non-replies to each question below are not included in the table summary for that question.

Public Knowledge of Someone with a Developmental Disability (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: *Do you know someone with a developmental disability?*

Responses: "Yes", "No", "Don't know"

Know Someone	Yes	No	Don't know
<i>Respondent Demographics</i>			
Democrat	46.3%	52.7%	1.0%
Republican	83.1%	16.8%	.1%
Other Party	78.3%	19.6%	2.1%
Registered Voters Only	63.1%	35.7%	1.1%
Missouri Residents Overall	62.7%	35.4%	1.7%

Public Opinion on New Tax for Developmental Disability Services (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: *How likely would you be to support a new tax to be specifically dedicated to services for people with developmental disabilities?*

Responses: "Very likely", "Likely", "Neither likely nor unlikely", "Unlikely", "Very unlikely"

New Tax	Very Likely	Likely	Neither	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
<i>Respondent Demographics</i>					
Democrat	31.7%	59.2%	4.9%	2.9%	1.3%
Republican	10.1%	75.2%	4.7%	7.4%	2.7%
Other Party	15.1%	47.3%	10.8%	16.7%	10.2%
Registered Voters Only	21.8%	60.0%	7.0%	7.4%	3.8%
Residents Overall	21.5%	59.6%	6.7%	7.8%	4.4%

Public Opinion on 1% Increase in Insurance Premiums for Children with Disabilities (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: *How likely would you be to support a 1% increase in your health insurance premium that would be used for therapy services to help children with disabilities learn to walk, talk, or do other things to help them function?*

Responses: “Very likely”, “Likely”, “Neither likely nor unlikely”, “Unlikely”, “Very unlikely”

Insurance Premiums	Very Likely	Likely	Neither	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	31.4%	37.3%	2.0%	27.8%	1.6%
Republican	7.5%	19.7%	51.0%	17.0%	4.8%
Other Party	13.6%	51.6%	7.1%	13.6%	14.1%
Registered Voters Only	20.9%	36.2%	15.6%	21.4%	6.0%
Residents Overall	20.4%	37.5%	14.5%	21.1%	6.5%

Public Opinion on Patronizing Businesses with Employees with Developmental Disabilities (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: *How likely would you be to patronize a business that hired people with developmental disabilities?*

Responses: “Very likely”, “Likely”, “Neither likely nor unlikely”, “Unlikely”, “Very unlikely”

Patronize Businesses	Very Likely	Likely	Neither	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	40.9%	31.9%	3.5%	22.0%	1.6%
Republican	82.3%	15.0%	2.0%	.1%	.6%
Other Party	38.4%	52.1%	6.3%	2.6%	.5%
Registered Voters Only	50.0%	33.8%	3.2%	11.9%	1.1%
Residents Overall	49.5%	34.4%	3.9%	11.2%	1.1%

Public Opinion on Support for People with Disabilities Living in the Community (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: People with disabilities should receive support to live in the community, rather than having to live in institutions or nursing homes.

Responses: "Strongly agree", "Agree", "Neither agree nor disagree", "Disagree", "Strongly disagree"

Support for Living	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	23.1%	24.7%	34.7%	11.4%	6.2%
Republican	10.0%	57.9%	14.3%	7.9%	10.0%
Other Party	42.9%	12.0%	21.7%	15.8%	7.6%
Registered Voters Only	27.2%	29.0%	24.5%	12.2%	7.0%
Residents Overall	25.7%	28.0%	26.5%	12.3%	7.5%

Public Opinion on Children with and Without Disabilities Educated Together (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: When children with and without disabilities are educated together, all children benefit.

Responses: "Strongly agree", "Agree", "Neither agree nor disagree", "Disagree", "Strongly disagree"

Educated Together	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	31.8%	57.2%	3.5%	6.8%	.6%
Republican	57.1%	23.8%	10.9%	6.1%	2.0%
Other Party	14.0%	65.1%	7.5%	8.6%	4.8%
Registered Voters Only	33.3%	53.5%	4.6%	6.4%	2.1%
Residents Overall	32.3%	51.4%	6.4%	7.8%	2.1%

Public Opinion on Treating People with Disabilities like Everyone Else (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: People with disabilities should be treated just like everyone else.

Responses: "Strongly agree", "Agree", "Neither agree nor disagree", "Disagree", "Strongly disagree"

Treated like Everyone Else	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	38.1%	54.8%	2.2%	2.9%	1.9%
Republican	66.2%	22.3%	3.4%	8.0%	.1%
Other Party	19.6%	69.6%	5.4%	4.9%	.5%
Registered Voters Only	50.6%	41.4%	3.1%	3.6%	1.3%
Residents Overall	48.9%	42.1%	3.4%	4.6%	1.1%

Public Opinion on People with Disabilities Having Same Rights as Other Citizens (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: People with disabilities have the same rights and responsibilities as any other citizen.

Responses: "Strongly agree", "Agree", "Neither agree nor disagree", "Disagree", "Strongly disagree"

Same Rights	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	35.7%	59.8%	3.5%	.6%	.3%
Republican	58.8%	23.6%	8.8%	8.7%	.1%
Other Party	23.4%	26.6%	14.4%	35.1%	.5%
Registered Voters Only	38.7%	40.5%	8.2%	12.4%	.3%
Residents Overall	37.3%	41.8%	8.2%	12.4%	.3%

Public Opinion on People with Disabilities Being Productive Workers (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: With the right training and support, most people with developmental disabilities can be very productive workers.

Responses: "Strongly agree", "Agree", "Neither agree nor disagree", "Disagree", "Strongly disagree"

Productive Workers	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	32.3%	61.7%	4.5%	1.5%	.1%
Republican	20.3%	71.6%	2.0%	6.0%	.1%
Other Party	25.8%	65.8%	7.4%	1.0%	.1%
Registered Voters Only	28.1%	65.1%	5.0%	1.6%	.1%
Residents Overall	27.9%	64.5%	5.3%	2.3%	.1%

Public Opinion on Tax Dollars Helping People with Disabilities Get Jobs (Weighted Data)

Survey Question: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: I would prefer my tax dollars go to helping people with developmental disabilities get jobs, earning a real wage.

Responses: "Strongly agree", "Agree", "Neither agree nor disagree", "Disagree", "Strongly disagree"

Get Jobs	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Respondent Demographics					
Democrat	52.4%	39.9%	3.2%	4.4%	.1%
Republican	12.2%	71.4%	13.6%	2.6%	.1%
Other Party	20.5%	35.7%	6.5%	34.6%	2.7%
Registered Voters Only	34.1%	45.7%	5.9%	13.4%	.8%
Residents Overall	33.8%	45.6%	7.3%	12.5%	.8%

Demographic Indicators Referenced in this Report

(Sample characteristics¹ are *prior* to weighting on age, sex, income, race/ethnicity, and educational attainment. Non-responses are not included.)

1) *Do you currently identify as a Democrat, Republican, or something else?*

Democrat	(27.6%)
Republican	(24.9%)
Other	(33.3%)
Not Sure	(1.1%)

2) *What is your gender?*

Female	(56.4%)
Male	(32.9%)

3) *What is the highest level of education you have completed?*

Graduate or professional degree	(17.5%)
Undergraduate degree	(20.3%)
Some college	(28.0%)
High school	(19.6%)
Less than high school	(2.7%)

4) *What was your age on your last birthday?*

18-24	(2.0%)
25-44	(16.9%)
45-64	(38.0%)
65 and above	(23.6%)

5) *Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?*

Yes	(82.5%)
No	(6.5%)

¹ Some aggregate cell counts may equal 99% or 101% due to rounding. Non-responses to questions are not included.

6) *What is your estimated annual income*

Less than \$35,000	(23.5%)
\$35,000-50,000	(17.2%)
\$50,000-75,000	(13.2%)
\$75,000-100,000	(9.1%)
\$100,000+	(8.4%)

7) *What is your race or ethnicity? Do you consider yourself*

African-American	(4.4%)
Asian	(0.7%)
White/Caucasian	(79.2%)
Hispanic	(0.5%)
Native American	(1.1%)
Other	(1.7%)

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