

**NBC News/WSJ/Marist Poll
January 2016
South Carolina Questionnaire**

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<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in South Carolina?

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GENDER GUESS

January 2016: Registered Voters: n=2340, MOE +/- 2.0%; Residents: n=2508, MOE +/- 2.0%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	January 2016
Approve		43
Disapprove		52
Unsure		5
Total		100
	RESIDENTS	January 2016
Approve		42
Disapprove		52
Unsure		6
Total		100

January 2016: Likely Republican Primary Voters: n=718, MOE +/-3.7; Potential Republican Electorate: n=1197, MOE +/- 2.8%

If the 2016 Republican presidential primary in South Carolina were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate):

	LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016
Donald Trump		36
Ted Cruz		20
Marco Rubio		14
Jeb Bush		9
Ben Carson		8
Mike Huckabee		2
Chris Christie		2
Rand Paul		1
John Kasich		1
Carly Fiorina		1
Other		0
Undecided		6
Total		100

	POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN ELECTORATE	January 2016
Donald Trump		35
Ted Cruz		18
Marco Rubio		13
Ben Carson		9
Jeb Bush		9
Rand Paul		2
Mike Huckabee		2
Chris Christie		2
John Kasich		1
Carly Fiorina		1
Other		0
Undecided		7
Total		100

January 2016: Likely Republican Primary Voters with a Candidate Preference: n=641, MOE +/-3.9%; Potential Republican Electorate with a Candidate Preference: n=1053, MOE +/- 3.0%

Who is your second choice for the 2016 Republican presidential primary in South Carolina (including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate):

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS WITH A CANDIDATE PREFERENCE	January 2016
Ted Cruz	21
Marco Rubio	17
Donald Trump	15
Ben Carson	13
Jeb Bush	9
Chris Christie	5
Mike Huckabee	5
Carly Fiorina	3
John Kasich	3
Rand Paul	2
Other	1
Undecided	6
Total	100

POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN ELECTORATE WITH A CANDIDATE PREFERENCE	January 2016
Ted Cruz	21
Marco Rubio	17
Donald Trump	15
Ben Carson	13
Jeb Bush	9
Chris Christie	5
Mike Huckabee	5
Carly Fiorina	3
John Kasich	3
Rand Paul	2
Other	1
Undecided	6
Total	100

January 2016: Likely Republican Primary Voters with a Candidate Preference: n=641, MOE +/-3.9%; Potential Republican Electorate with a Candidate Preference: n=1053, MOE +/- 3.0%

Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on Primary Day?

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS WITH A CANDIDATE PREFERENCE	January 2016
Strongly support	56
Somewhat support	29
Might vote differently	13
Unsure	2
Total	100

POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN ELECTORATE WITH A CANDIDATE PREFERENCE	January 2016
Strongly support	54
Somewhat support	30
Might vote differently	14
Unsure	2
Total	100

January 2016: Likely Democratic Primary Voters: n=446, MOE +/- 4.6%; Potential Democratic Electorate: n=887, MOE +/-3.3%

If the 2016 Democratic presidential primary in South Carolina were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate):

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016
Hillary Clinton	64
Bernie Sanders	27
Martin O'Malley	2
Other	0
Undecided	7
Total	100

POTENTIAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTORATE	January 2016
Hillary Clinton	61
Bernie Sanders	29
Martin O'Malley	2
Other	0
Undecided	7
Total	100

January 2016: Likely Democratic Primary Voters with a Candidate Preference: n=386, MOE +/- 5.0%; Potential Democratic Electorate with a Candidate Preference: n=760, MOE +/-3.6%

Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on Primary Day?

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS WITH A CANDIDATE PREFERENCE	January 2016
Strongly support	65
Somewhat support	25
Might vote differently	10
Unsure	1
Total	100

POTENTIAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTORATE WITH A CANDIDATE PREFERENCE	January 2016
Strongly support	59
Somewhat support	27
Might vote differently	13
Unsure	1
Total	100

January 2016: Residents: n=2508, MOE +/-2.0%; Likely Republican Primary Voters: n=718, MOE +/- 3.7%; Likely Democratic Primary Voters: n=446, MOE +/- 4.6%

Which one of the following issues is most important to you for the 2016 presidential election:

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Job creation and economic growth	27	15	42
National security and terrorism	24	34	13
Health Care	13	6	19
The deficit and government spending	11	15	6
Religious and moral values	10	15	4
Immigration	5	8	2
Climate change	2	0	5
All of them equally	5	5	6
None of these	0	0	0
Other	1	1	1
Unsure	1	0	1
Total	100	100	100

January 2016: Residents Split Sample: n=1244, MOE +/-2.8%; Likely Republican Primary Voters Split Sample: n=365, MOE +/- 5.1%; Likely Democratic Primary Voters Split Sample: n=220, MOE +/-6.6%

Do you support or oppose making laws covering the sale of firearms more strict?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	50	28	81
Oppose	46	67	16
Unsure	4	4	3
Total	100	100	100

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Do you support or oppose free trade with foreign countries?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	59	62	62
Oppose	28	28	25
Unsure	13	10	13
Total	100	100	100

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Do you support or oppose immigration policies which include a pathway to citizenship for undocumented or illegal immigrants?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	45	35	60
Oppose	46	59	32
Unsure	9	6	8
Total	100	100	100

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Do you support or oppose sending U.S. combat troops to Iraq and Syria to fight ISIS?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	53	68	35
Oppose	39	25	57
Unsure	9	7	9
Total	100	100	100

January 2016: Residents Split Sample: n=1264, MOE +/-2.8%; Likely Republican Primary Voters Split Sample: n=353, MOE +/- 5.2%; Likely Democratic Primary Voters Split Sample: n=226, MOE +/-6.5%

Do you support or oppose same-sex marriage, that is, allowing gay or lesbian couples to legally marry?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	40	23	57
Oppose	55	73	38
Unsure	5	5	4
Total	100	100	100

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Do you support or oppose the government taking action to combat climate change?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	52	35	72
Oppose	36	57	17
Unsure	12	8	11
Total	100	100	100

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Do you support or oppose banning Muslims from entering the United States?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
Support	33	48	16
Oppose	57	42	75
Unsure	10	10	9
Total	100	100	100

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Are you male or female?

	RESIDENTS	January 2016
Male		48
Female		52
Total		100
	REGISTERED VOTERS	January 2016
Male		48
Female		52
Total		100
	LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016
Male		52
Female		48
Total		100
	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	January 2016
Male		41
Female		59
Total		100