



Survey Instrument and Results from the Utah Voter Poll, March 16 to March 27, 2007

Welcome to the Utah Voter Poll

Thank you for responding to our survey. Your time and opinions are greatly valued. Please note that your participation is voluntary and that all of your answers will remain strictly confidential. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. If you exit the survey before completion, you will not be able to resume it at a later time. To answer the questions, click on the circle (radio button) next to the answer of your choice. You can change your answer by clicking on a different circle, which removes your previous answer and replaces it with the new one. To begin the survey, click on the "Next" button below. During the survey you can use the navigation buttons on the bottom left of the screen to move between questions. If during the survey you do not see the buttons, scroll down until you see them.

First, we would like to ask your opinion about the performance of the current state government and leaders.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Jon Huntsman, Jr. is doing as Utah Governor?

- Strongly approve, 2.0%
- Approve, 50.7%
- Disapprove, 25.7%
- Strongly disapprove, 12.3%
- Don't know, 9.3%
- N=592

Do you approve or disapprove of how the Utah State Legislature is handling its job?

- Strongly approve 17.4%
- Approve 60.5%
- Disapprove 11.8%
- Strongly disapprove 4.4%
- Don't know 5.9%
- N=592

Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

"People like me don't have any say about what the government does."

- Strongly agree, 13.2%
- Somewhat agree, 32.5%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 12.8%
- Somewhat disagree, 30.4%

- Strongly disagree, 11.1%
- N=593

“I consider myself to be well qualified to participate in politics.”

- Strongly agree, 30.9%
- Somewhat agree, 40.1%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 18.7%
- Somewhat disagree, 8.1%
- Strongly disagree, 2.2%
- N=593

"The United States should be willing to help other countries who are less fortunate."

- Strongly agree, 32.5%
- Somewhat agree, 49.3%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 6.7%
- Somewhat disagree, 8.9%
- Strongly disagree, 2.5%
- N=594

We would like to ask you about a story that has been in the news recently.
(*Respondents were randomly assigned one of the following three stories.*)

The story is about the number of illegal immigrants who pay income and social security taxes. More illegal immigrants than ever before are coming forward to pay these taxes. A large majority of illegal immigrants will pay income and social security taxes this year. Have you seen or heard anything about this story on television, on radio, or in the newspaper?

- Yes, 35.9%
- No, 64.1%
- N=181

The story is about the number of illegal immigrants who pay income and social security taxes. Have you seen or heard anything about this story on television, on radio, or in the newspaper?

- Yes, 57.1%
- No, 42.9%
- N=196

The story is about Utah Valley State College becoming a master’s degree university called Utah Valley University. Have you seen or heard anything about this story on television, on radio, or in the newspaper?

- Yes, 75.2%
- No, 24.8%
- N=218

Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about how you view people, groups, and institutions.

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

- Most people can be trusted 62.3%
- You can't be too careful in dealing with people 33.6%

- Don't know 2.5%
- N=595

Generally speaking, would you say that most people try to be helpful, or that most people are just looking out for themselves?

- Most people try to be helpful, 71.8%
- Most people are just looking out for themselves, 23.7%
- Don't know, 4.5%
- N=595

We are interested in the dynamics of the family in which you were raised. In the next three questions we will present you with a series of statements about your experiences growing up. You may feel that more than one of these statements applies to your family. Choose the statement that you feel best describes the way you were raised. If you were not raised by both of your parents, think of the person who played the biggest role in raising you.

Which one of the following statements do you feel best describes the way you were raised?

- My parents have always encouraged verbal give-and-take whenever I have felt that family rules and restrictions were unreasonable, 48.3%
- My parents have always felt that what children need is to be free to make up their own minds and to do what they want to do, even if this does not agree with what their parents might want, 19.4%
- My parents have always felt that more force should be used by parents in order to get their children to behave the way they are supposed to, 32.3%
- N=588

Which one of the following statements do you feel best describes the way you were raised?

- Whenever my parents told me to do something as I was growing up, they expected me to do it immediately without asking any questions, 37.4%
- As I was growing up I knew what my parents expected of me in my family, but I also felt free to discuss those expectations with my parents when I felt that they were unreasonable, 50.2%
- As I was growing up my parents allowed me to form my own point of view on family matters and they generally allowed me to decide for myself what I was going to do, 12.4%
- N=588

Which one of the following statements do you feel best describes the way you were raised?

- While I was growing up my parents felt that in a well-run home the children should have their way in the family as often as the parents do, 8.4%
- As I was growing up, once family policy had been established, my parents discussed the reasoning behind the policy with the children in the family, 51.5%
- Even if their children didn't agree with them, my parents felt that it was for our own good if we were forced to conform to what they thought was right, 40.1%
- N=581

We now want to ask you some questions about your involvement in politics.

In talking to people about elections, we find that they are sometimes not able to vote because they're not registered, they don't have time, or they have difficulty getting to the polls. Think about presidential elections since you were old enough to vote. Have you voted in all of them, in most of them, in some of them, rarely voted in them, or have you never voted in a presidential election?

- All 65.9%
- Most, 27.1%
- Some, 4.4%
- Rarely, 1.4%
- Never, 1.2%
- N=586

People are active in their community and express their beliefs in many ways. Below is a list of some activities that people sometimes take part in to stay active and to express their beliefs. For each, please indicate if you have done it the last twelve months (since March 2006):

Have you worked as a volunteer, that is, for no pay at all or for only a token amount, for a candidate running for national, state, or local office?

- Yes, 22.3%
- No, 77.7%
- N=583

Have you contributed money to an individual candidate, a party group, a political action committee, or any other organization that supported candidates?

- Yes, 36.5%
- No, 63.5%
- N=583

Have you attended any official local government board or council that deals with community problems and issues, such as a town council, a school board, a zoning board, a planning board, or the like?

- Yes, 52.9%
- No, 47.1%
- N=584

Have you gotten together informally with or worked with others in your community or neighborhood to try to deal with some community issue or problem?

- Yes, 57.0%
- No, 43.0%
- N=584

Have you contacted a national, state, or local government official about a problem or an issue of concern to you?

- Yes, 63.1%
- No, 36.9%
- N=582

Have you taken part in a protest, march, or demonstration on some national or local issue?

- Yes, 11.2%
- No, 88.8%
- N=579

The next few questions are about current issues facing the United States.

Thinking now about immigrants—that is, people who come from other countries to live here in the United States: In your view, should immigration be increased, decreased, or kept at its present level?

- Increased, 18.5%
- Decreased, 37.3%
- Kept at its present level, 44.2%
- N=577

Some communities have passed local laws to allow non-citizens, especially those who have children in schools, to vote in school board elections. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose laws that allow non-citizens to vote in school board elections?

- Strongly support, 11.1%
- Somewhat support, 17.5%
- Somewhat oppose, 22.3%
- Strongly oppose, 49.1%
- N=583

Which of the following options for immigration reform comes closest to your view about immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?

- Illegal immigrants should be required to go home immediately, 23.4%
- Most illegal immigrants should be required to go home, but some should be allowed to remain in the U.S. under a temporary guest worker program, 29.4%
- Most illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the U.S. but only as temporary workers who must eventually return home, 37.5%
- Illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay permanently in the U.S., 9.6%
- N=581

Some communities have passed local laws to fine businesses that hire illegal immigrants. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose laws to fine businesses in your community that hire illegal immigrants?

- Strongly support, 47.0%
- Somewhat support, 29.5%
- Somewhat oppose, 15.8%
- Strongly oppose, 7.7%
- N=583

Next we have a few questions about the government in Washington. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if there are questions you aren't sure about, just mark don't know or give your best guess and go to the next question. Please answer these questions without looking up the answers.

How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to override a presidential veto?

- A simple majority, 1.2%
- A two-thirds majority, 82.1%
- A three-fourths majority, 8.4%
- Don't know, 8.2%
- N=582

Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not? Is it the President, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

- The President, 0.5%
- The Congress, 3.1%
- The Supreme Court, 92.4%
- Don't know, 4.0%
- N=582

Please indicate which public office Dick Cheney currently holds:

- Chief of Staff, 0.2%
- Secretary of State, 0.0%
- Vice President, 98.4%
- Secretary of Defense, 0.5%
- Don't know, 0.9%
- N=579

What party has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington DC?

- The Democratic Party, 93.9%
- The Republican Party, 4.3%
- Don't know, 1.7%
- N=578

What party is more conservative than the other at the national level?

- The Democratic Party, 3.3%
- The Republican Party, 92.5%
- Don't know, 4.2%
- N=577

We're almost finished. Our last series of questions is for classification purposes and will help us properly analyze responses to this survey. As you may already know, we never disclose the identity of any individual. Your answers will always be kept strictly confidential. We only report results for groups of people, not for individuals.

How often do you use the Internet?

- Once or more per day, 87.0%
- A few times a week, 11.2%
- A few times a month, 1.5%
- Hardly ever, 0.2%
- N=578

What year were you born?

(1900 - 1988)

- 18-24, 5.2%
- 25-34, 27.4%
- 35-44, 17.1%
- 44-54, 19.9%
- 55-64, 21.6%
- 65 or older, 8.9%
- N=574

Are you:

- Male, 57.5%
- Female, 42.5%
- N=576

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a(n):

- Strong Democrat, 6.8%
- Not so strong Democrat, 3.1%
- Independent leaning Democrat, 13.5%
- Independent, 9.4%
- Independent leaning Republican, 18.1%
- Not so strong Republican, 16.8%
- Strong Republican, 29.2%
- Other, 2.6%
- Don't know, 0.5%
- N=576

On most political matters do you consider yourself:

- Strongly conservative, 25.6%
- Moderately conservative, 37.7%
- Neither, middle of the road, 16.7%
- Moderately liberal, 14.1%
- Strongly liberal, 4.7%
- Don't know, 1.2%
- N=575

What was the last year of school you completed?

- Eighth grade or less, 0.2%
- Some high school, 0.2%
- High school graduate, 6.3%
- Some college, 33.9%
- College graduate, 34.0%
- Post-graduate, 25.5%
- N=576

What, if any, is your religious preference?

- Protestant, 6.2%
- Catholic, 2.9%
- LDS / Mormon, 72.3%
- Jewish, 0.3%
- Other, 3.1%
- No preference / No religious affiliation, 11.6%
- Prefer not to say, 3.5%
- N=577

How active do you consider yourself in the practice of your religious preference?

- Very active, 67.7%
- Somewhat active, 8.2%
- Not very active, 4.9%
- Not active, 8.3%
- Does not apply, 9.0%

- Prefer not to say, 1.9%
- N=575

There are many kinds of organizations that people join, for example, unions or professional associations, fraternal groups, recreational organizations, political issue organizations, community or school groups and so on. Not including membership in a local church or synagogue, how many organizations do you belong to?

- 0, 27.5%
- 1, 22.8%
- 2, 27.0%
- 3, 10.6%
- 4, 4.9%
- 5, 2.4%
- More than 5, 4.7%
- N=574

What is your current employment status?

- Self-employed, 13.9%
- Employed by someone else, 59.8%
- Unemployed, 0.7%
- Homemaker, 9.9%
- Retired, 10.8%
- Student, 4.9%
- N=575

Besides English, do you speak any of the following languages? (Check all that apply.)

- Chinese, 1.0%
- French, 5.9%
- German, 7.5%
- Japanese, 1.6%
- Portuguese, 1.9%
- Russian, 1.0%
- Spanish, 18.5%
- Other language(s) not listed here, 9.1%
- N=574

Have you ever lived abroad or outside of the United States for three months or more?

- Yes, 38.6%
- No, 61.4%
- N=568

Are you:

- American Indian / Native American, 0.3%
- Asian, 0.3%
- Black / African American, 0.3%
- Hispanic / Latino, 1.7%
- White / Caucasian, 95.6%
- Pacific Islander, 0.3%
- Other, 1.2%
- N=573

What is your marital status?

- Married, 78.7%
- Divorced, 6.8%
- Widowed, 1.0%
- Never married, 13.5%
- N=572

What do you expect your 2007 family income to be?

- Under \$25,000, 11.0%
- \$25,000 - \$39,999, 12.6%
- \$40,000 - \$49,999, 10.7%
- \$50,000 - \$74,999, 26.2%
- \$75,000 - \$99,999, 19.0%
- \$100,000 - \$149,999, 11.9%
- Over \$150,000, 8.5%
- N=562

Would you like to receive an email detailing the results of this survey?

- Yes, 87.4%
- No, 12.6%
- N=572

Finally, for quality control purposes, please rate your experience taking this poll. Would you consider the experience:

- Excellent, 27.9%
- Good, 58.5%
- Fair, 11.4%
- Poor, 0.7%
- Don't know, 1.4%
- N=560