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MINNESOTA STATEWIDE VOTER SURVEY

Field Dates: February 27-March 1, 2018
Sample Size: N=500 Registered Voters (30% cell)
Margin of Error: +/-4.38%

Question 1

To start, thinking about things nationally, generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

28% RIGHT DIRECTION
59% WRONG TRACK
12% NO OPINION/NOT SURE

* REFUSED

Question 2

And, do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

36% APPROVE
53% DISAPPROVE
10% NO OPINION/NOT SURE

1% REFUSED

Question 3

Next, turning our attention to things here in Minnesota, generally speaking, would you say that things in Minnesota are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

61% RIGHT DIRECTION
26% WRONG TRACK
13% NO OPINION/NOT SURE

* REFUSED



Question 4

Thinking now about some issues, which TWO of the following issue areas do you believe should be the top priorities for the Governor and State Legislature here in Minnesota?

| 1st | 2nd | Comb | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|
| 18% | 12% | 30% | EDUCATION |
| 12% | 14% | 26% | HEALTH CARE |
| 10% | 6% | 16% | CRIME AND DRUGS |
| 10% | 6% | 16% | TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE |
| 9% | 6% | 15% | TAXES |
| 6% | 9% | 15% | THE ECONOMY |
| 6% | 7% | 13% | STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING |
| 7% | 5% | 11% | MORAL ISSUES AND DECLINE OF THE FAMILY |
| 5% | 6% | 11% | JOBS HERE IN MINNESOTA |
| 6% | 5% | 11% | POVERTY |
| 3% | 5% | 8% | RACE RELATIONS |
| 4% | 3% | 7% | CLIMATE CHANGE |
| 3% | -- | 3% | ALL OF THESE |
| 1% | -- | 1% | NONE OF THE ABOVE |
| 1% | -- | 1% | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED |

Question 5

Turning our attention to the economy, over the last year, do you think Minnesota's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

- 32% GOTTEN BETTER
- 8% GOTTEN WORSE
- 55% STAYED ABOUT THE SAME

- 5% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED



Question 6

And, compared to the rest of the country, do you believe Minnesota's economy is better, worse, or about the same as the national economy?

- 58% BETTER
- 7% WORSE
- 31% ABOUT THE SAME

- 5% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- REFUSED

Question 7

Do you believe that a four-year college degree is necessary to achieve the American Dream?

- 27% YES
- 71% NO

- 2% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- REFUSED

Question 8

How closely related is your current job to the field or major you received your college degree in?

- 34% VERY CLOSELY
- 14% SOMEWHAT CLOSELY
- 5% NOT VERY CLOSELY
- 32% NOT AT ALL RELATED

- 11% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- 3% REFUSED

- 48% TOTAL CLOSELY**
- 37% TOTAL NOT CLOSELY**



Question 9

Does your current job require a college degree, or not?

- 36% YES
- 56% NO

- 6% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- 2% REFUSED

Question 10

Next, if you had to choose, which do you think is more important for young people to succeed today:

Earning a four-year college degree from a well-respected college or university,
...or...

Obtaining the knowledge or skills needed to do a specific job in today's economy?

- 25% EARNING A DEGREE
- 66% SKILLS NEEDED TO DO A SPECIFIC JOB

- 8% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED



Question M1-M7

Next, I am going to read you a few different phrases, and, after I read each one, please tell me if you think that is a good value for the money or not? **(RANDOMIZE)**

YES NO DK (DNR) REF (DNR)

(M1) A four-year college degree
57% 32% 10% 1%

(M2) A community or technical college associate degree or industry certification
88% 6% 6% *

(M3) Health insurance coverage
63% 33% 3% 1%

(M4) A ticket to a Minnesota Vikings game
15% 79% 6% *

(M5) A Mercedes Sedan or SUV
20% 72% 7% --

(M6) A master's degree
54% 37% 8% *

(M7) Apprenticeships
88% 6% 6% --

Question 11

Thinking some more about education, have you personally or do you have any children or close family members who have attended a community college or technical college?

37% YES, SELF
60% YES, OTHER
25% NO

1% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
-- REFUSED

74% TOTAL YES



Question 12

And, which of the following do you think do a better job of contributing to the local economy by training workers for local industries and businesses: four-year colleges and universities...or...community and technical colleges?

- 15% FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- 69% COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES
- 11% BOTH
- 2% NEITHER

3% DON'T KNOW /REFUSED

Question 13

As you may know, there is currently a Minnesota state estate tax, which is a tax on the property and money people leave when they die. Do you favor or oppose eliminating this tax, or do you not know enough to say?

- 48% FAVOR
- 19% OPPOSE

33% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY
1% REFUSED

Question 14

And, how many families do you think have to pay the Minnesota state estate tax when someone dies, everyone, almost everyone, just a few, or hardly anyone has to pay the Minnesota state estate tax?

- 13% EVERYONE PAYS
- 24% ALMOST EVERYONE PAYS
- 29% JUST A FEW PAY
- 12% HARDLY ANYONE PAYS

20% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY
* REFUSED

38% TOTAL EVERYONE/ALMOST EVERYONE
41% TOTAL FEW/HARDLY ANYONE



Question D4

And what is the last grade you completed in school?

- SOME GRADE SCHOOL
- 3% SOME HIGH SCHOOL
- 16% GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL
- 9% TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- 24% SOME COLLEGE
- 31% GRADUATED COLLEGE
- 17% POST-GRADUATE
- * REFUSED

- 19% HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS**
- 33% SOME COLLEGE**
- 48% COLLEGE+**

Question D5

In politics today, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

- 14% STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 6% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 10% LEAN REPUBLICAN
- 32% INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE
- 7% LEAN DEMOCRAT
- 8% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 22% STRONG DEMOCRAT

1% NOT SURE/REFUSED

- 30% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 32% TOTAL INDEPENDENT**
- 37% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**



Question D6

Generally speaking, on most political issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

- 15% VERY CONSERVATIVE
- 19% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
- 36% MODERATE
- 14% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 12% VERY LIBERAL
- 2% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 2% REFUSED

- 34% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE**
- 36% TOTAL MODERATE**
- 25% TOTAL LIBERAL**

Question D7

And, thinking about the recent 2016 presidential election, regardless of how you may feel today, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President?

AMONG TOTAL SAMPLE

- 38% DONALD TRUMP
- 39% HILLARY CLINTON
- 4% GARY JOHNSON
- 1% JILL STEIN
- 2% SOMEONE ELSE
- 5% DID NOT VOTE
- 12% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

AMONG TOTAL VOTED

- 45% DONALD TRUMP
- 47% HILLARY CLINTON
- 5% GARY JOHNSON
- 1% JILL STEIN
- 2% SOMEONE ELSE



Question D8

How would you describe the area where you currently live?

- 28% A CITY
- 37% A SUBURBAN AREA
- 20% A SMALL TOWN
- 12% A RURAL AREA

- DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 3% REFUSED

Question D2

Gender.

- 48% TOTAL MALE**
- 30% EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
- 4% EMPLOYED PART-TIME
- * HOMEMAKER
- 12% RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
- 1% REFUSED

- 52% TOTAL FEMALE**
- 23% EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
- 7% EMPLOYED PART-TIME
- 3% HOMEMAKER
- 17% RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
- 1% REFUSED