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<u>Top Line Results for August 2023 SLU/YouGov Poll</u>

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from July 27 to August 08 about current political issues, gun policy, and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for most survey questions. The margin of error for survey results for the full sample is 4.02%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below. Original data and analyses from the SLU Poll Directors are available at http://www.slu.edu/poll.

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About Saint Louis University
Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic institutions. Rooted in Jesuit values and its pioneering history as the first university west of the Mississippi River, SLU offers more than 13,500 students a rigorous, transformative education of the whole person. At the core of the University's diverse community of scholars is SLU's service-focused mission, which challenges and prepares students to make the world a better, more just place.

Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1135 Missouri (MO) registered voters, with the goal of screening for and surveying Missouri likely voters. The Missouri registered voters were then matched down to a sample of 1015, yielding a target subsample of 900 likely voters including 450 from each group_treatment. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, education and group treatment. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and 2020 presidential vote. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post- stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (3-categories), and education (4-categories). The weighted dataset of registered MO voters was then subsetted on likely MO voters, and the weights were trimmed and recentered around 1, to produce the final weights for likely Missouri voters.

POLS001

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job… President Joe Biden?

- Strongly Approve: 13%
- Approve: 25%
- Disapprove: 9%
- Strongly Disapprove: 51%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS002

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job… The US Congress?

- Strongly Approve: 1%
- Approve: 15%
- Disapprove: 50%
- Strongly Disapprove: 24%
- Not Sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.54%.

POLS003

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job…The Missouri State Legislature?

- Strongly Approve: 5%
- Approve: 41%
- Disapprove: 22%
- Strongly Disapprove: 23%
- Not Sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.50%.

POLS004

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job…Governor Mike Parson?

- Strongly Approve: 13%
- Approve: 36%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly Disapprove: 27%
- Not Sure: 8%

POLS005

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job…Senator Eric Schmitt?

- Strongly Approve: 13%
- Approve: 29%
- Disapprove: 13%
- Strongly Disapprove: 25%
- Not Sure: 20%

POLS006

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job…Senator Josh Hawley?

- Strongly Approve: 26%
- Approve: 21%
- Disapprove: 10%
- Strongly Disapprove: 35%
- Not Sure: 8%

POLS007

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job…The US Supreme Court?

- Strongly Approve: 9%
- Approve: 34%
- Disapprove: 29%
- Strongly Disapprove: 23%
- Not Sure: 5%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.82%.

POLS007_s

If the election for President of the United States were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Joe Biden (Democratic Candidate): 35%
- Republican Candidate: 50%
- Other: 6%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS008

Which of the following candidates would you be most likely to support?

- Donald Trump: 52%
- Ron DeSantis: 17%
- Nikki Haley: 5%
- Mike Pence: 9%
- Tim Scott: 5%
- Other, please specify: 12%

Subsample Question: This question was only asked to voters who did not indicate they would vote for Joe Biden for President. The sample size for this question is 536. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.13%. Please note, we did not specifically sample a Republican sample.

POLS010

Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri state government?

- Economy: 44%
- Health care: 19%
- Education: 14%
- Infrastructure: 16%
- Other, please specify: 7%

POLS011

How would you rate the condition of the following...The Economy in the United States?

- Excellent: 3%
- Good: 16%
- Fair: 28%
- Poor: 53%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS012

How would you rate the condition of the following ...The Economy in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 18%
- Fair: 53%
- Poor: 26%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS013

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Public Schools in your community?

- Excellent: 6%
- Good: 32%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 23%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS014

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Public Schools in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 21%
- Fair: 42%
- Poor: 29%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS015

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Crime in your community?

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 27%
- Fair: 34%
- Poor: 27%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.54%.

POLS017

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Race relations in your community?

- Excellent: 10%
- Good: 42%
- Fair: 29%
- Poor: 14%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.82%.

POLS018

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Your physical health in the last month?

- Excellent: 12%
- Good: 51%
- Fair: 28%
- Poor: 8%
- Not sure: 0%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.54%.

POLS019

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Your mental health in the last month?

- Excellent: 21%
- Good: 46%
- Fair: 20%
- Poor: 12%
- Not sure: 0%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.54%.

POLS020

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Roads and infrastructure in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 19%
- Fair: 42%
- Poor: 36%
- Not sure: 1%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.54%.

POLS021

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 20%
- Disagree: 68%
- Not sure: 11%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.82%.

POLS022

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The State of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 40%
- Disagree: 41%
- Not sure: 19%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.82%.

POLS023

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... The Missouri state government should spend more to aid the poor.

- Agree: 53%
- Disagree: 31%
- Not sure: 17%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.82%.

POLS024

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... The U.S. Supreme Court was correct in striking down President Biden's student loan debt forgiveness program.

- Agree: 52%
- Disagree: 36%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.82%.

EDU005

Do you support or oppose the following policies? Charter schools should be allowed to operate in my school district.

- Support: 52%
- Oppose: 20%
- Not Sure: 28%

EDU006

Do you support or oppose the following policies? Charter schools should be allowed to operate in all areas of the state.

- Support: 55%
- Oppose: 19%
- Not Sure: 26%

EDU007

Do you support or oppose the following policies? Public schools slated for closure should be able to convert to a charter school to remain open.

- Support: 52%
- Oppose: 17%
- Not Sure: 31%

EDU008

Do you support or oppose the following policies? Traditionally homeschooled students should have access to attend a charter school where students would split their time learning in school and at home.

- Support: 62%
- Oppose: 15%
- Not Sure: 23%

EDU009

Do you think your local community would support the following policies…Charter schools should be allowed to operate in my school district?

- Local community would support: 38%
- Local community would oppose: 24%
- Not Sure: 38%

EDU010

Do you think your local community would support the following policies…Charter schools should be allowed to operate in all areas of the state?

- Local community would support: 39%
- Local community would oppose: 19%
- Not Sure: 42%

EDU011

Would you advise a young adult to take up teaching in public schools as a career?

- Yes: 35%
- No: 45%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU014

Do you think that public school teacher salaries should...

- Increase: 81%
- Decrease: 2%
- Stay the same: 17%

EDU015

How big of a problem is the K-12 teacher shortage in your local area?

- A very big problem: 17%
- Somewhat of a problem: 37%
- Not a very big problem: 12%
- Not a problem: 4%
- Not sure: 28%

EDU016

Do you have trust and confidence in the men and women who are teaching children in the public schools?

- A great deal: 13%
- A good amount: 38%
- Just some: 28%
- No, do not have confidence: 15%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS026

Do you favor or oppose the following policies? Colleges being allowed to consider an applicant's race among other factors when making decisions on admissions.

- Favor: 22%
- Oppose: 67%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS027

Do you favor or oppose the following policies? Marriages between same-sex couples should be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages.

- Favor: 56%
- Oppose: 34%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS028

Do you favor or oppose the following policies? Allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the gender they were assigned at birth.

- Favor: 18%
- Oppose: 67%
- Not Sure: 15%

EDU017

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to…discuss sexual orientation issues with students in elementary schools?

- Favor: 18%
- Oppose: 69%
- Not Sure: 12%

EDU018

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to…discuss sexual orientation issues with students in middle schools?

- Favor: 38%
- Oppose: 54%
- Not Sure: 8%

EDU019

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to…discuss sexual orientation issues with students in high schools?

- Favor: 56%
- Oppose: 35%
- Not Sure: 9%

EDU020

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to…ban books with stories about gay or lesbian youth?

- Favor: 33%
- Oppose: 54%
- Not Sure: 13%

EDU021

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to...discuss gender identity issues with students in elementary schools?

- Favor: 19%
- Oppose: 71%
- Not Sure: 10%

EDU022

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to...discuss gender identity issues with students in middle schools?

- Favor: 34%
- Oppose: 59%
- Not Sure: 6%

EDU023

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to...discuss gender identity issues with students in high schools?

- Favor: 51%
- Oppose: 40%
- Not Sure: 9%

EDU024

Do you favor or oppose public schools being allowed to...ban books with stories about transgendered youth?

- Favor: 38%
- Oppose: 49%
- Not Sure: 13%

POLS029

Do you favor or oppose allowing someone younger than 18 to receive gender transition medical care like: gender affirming counseling?

- Favor: 44%
- Oppose: 44%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS030

Do you favor or oppose allowing someone younger than 18 to receive gender transition medical care like: hormone therapy or medication that can temporarily prevent the effects of puberty?

- Favor: 24%
- Oppose: 63%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS031

Do you favor or oppose allowing someone younger than 18 to receive gender transition medical care like: gender affirming surgery?

- Favor: 14%
- Oppose: 73%
- Not sure: 13%