THE WISCONSIN SURVEY - Spring 2010

## State Issues

## Survey Information:

## Random Selection, Landline Telephone Survey

Number of Adult Wisconsin Resident Respondents: 400
Interview Period: 3/23/10-3/31/10
Margin of Error: +/- 5\% at the 95\% confidence level.

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- NOTE: Percentages may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.


## Biggest Problem Facing Wisconsin

Please tell me what you feel is the most important problem facing the State of Wisconsin? (Open-ended)

1. Economy and Jobs ..................................................54\%
2. Budget/Deficit/Debt/Taxes ...................................... $21 \%$
3. Education ..................................................................7\%
4. Gov't Ethics ..............................................................5\%
5. Health Care...............................................................2\%
6. Environment............................................................. $1 \%$

- Other 2\%
- Don't Know .5\%
- None 1\%
- Refused..................................................................................2\%

|  |  <br> Budget | Education | $\frac{\text { Economy \& }}{\text { Jobs }}$ | Health Care | Environment | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Welfare } \\ & \text { Issues } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\text { Crimel }}{\text { Drugs }}$ | $\frac{\text { Gas }}{\text { Prices }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Gov't } \\ & \hline \text { Ethics } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
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| Fall '94 | 21\% | - | 7 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 27 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| Fall '95 | 21\% | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 15 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| Fall '96 | 14\% | 7 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 16 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| Fall '97 | 18\% | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 15 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| Fall '98 | 30\% | 11 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| Fall '99 | 29\% | 20 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| Fall '00 | 26\% | 13 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | $N A$ | $N A$ |
| $\underline{S p^{\prime} 02}$ | 51\% | 14 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| $\underline{\text { Fall '02 }}$ | 49\% | 11 | 13 | 4 | $<1$ | $<1$ | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| $\underline{S p}{ }^{\prime} 03$ | 54\% | 10 | 20 | 4 | $<1$ | 1 | 1 | <1 | 2 |
| $\underline{S p^{\prime} 04}$ | 30\% | 9 | 32 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $<1$ | 4 |
| $\underline{S p^{\prime} 05}$ | 40\% | 15 | 15 | 8 | 3 | <1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Fall '05 | 29\% | 9 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Sp '06 | 26\% | 12 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| $\underline{S p \text { '07 }}$ | 22\% | 12 | 14 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| Fall '07 | 35\% | 8 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| $\underline{S p \text { ' } 08}$ | 33\% | 7\% | 21\% | 7\% | 2\% | 3\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% |
| $\underline{S p}$ '10 | 21\% | 7\% | 54\% | 2\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 5\% |

## Governor and State Legislature Approval Ratings

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jim Doyle is handling his job as Governor?

| Approve | 34\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Disapprov | . $50 \%$ |
| Not Sure | . $16 \%$ |
| Refused | . $<1 \%$ |

Governor Doyle Approval Ratings


| Sp '03 | $68 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fall '03 | $65 \%$ |
| Sp '05 | $62 \%$ |
| Fall '05 | $64 \%$ |
| Sp '06 | $57 \%$ |
| Sp '07 | $60 \%$ |
| Fall '07 | $54 \%$ |
| Sp '08 | $59 \%$ |
| Sp '09 | $45 \%$ |
| Sp '10 | $34 \%$ |

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the State Legislature is handling its job?
Approve......................................................................32\%
Disapprove .45\%

Not Sure

.22\%

Refused .......................................................................2\%

| Approval rating | Spring ‘03 | Fall '03 | Spring '06 | Spring '07 | Spring '09 | Spring <br> '10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| $49 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## The Race for Governor

If the Republican primary election for Wisconsin Governor were held today, and the race was between Mark Neumann and Scott Walker, would you be more likely to vote for Mark Neumann, Scott Walker, or another Republican candidate? (ROTATE BOLD)
Mark Neumann ..... 23\%
Scott Walker ..... 24\%
Another Republican candidate ..... 10\%
I do not plan to vote in the election ..... 7\%
Not Sure ..... 33\%
Refused ..... 2\%

If the election for Wisconsin Governor were held today, and the race was between Democrat Tom Barrett and Republican Mark Neumann as the major party nominees, would you be more likely to vote for Democrat Tom Barrett, Republican Mark Neumann, or an independent/third party candidate? (ROTATE BOLD)

| Democrat Tom Barrett | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Republican Mark Neumann | $\mathbf{4 3 \%}$ |
| A Third Party or Independent Candidate | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ |
| I do not plan to vote in the election | $<1 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $17 \%$ |
| Refused | $1 \%$ |

If the election for Wisconsin Governor were held today, and the race was between Democrat Tom Barrett and Republican Scott Walker as the major party nominees, would you be more likely to vote for Democrat Tom Barrett, Republican Scott Walker, or an independent/third party candidate? (ROTATE BOLD)
Democrat Tom Barrett ..... 28\%
Republican Scott Walker ..... 44\%
A Third Party or Independent Candidate ..... 13\%
I do not plan to vote in the election ..... <1\%
Not Sure ..... 14\%
Refused ..... 1\%
U.S. Senate and House Races

In this year's U.S. Senate election between Senator Russ Feingold and a Republican challenger would you be more likely to vote for Russ Feingold, the Republican Challenger or an independent/third party candidate? ROTATE

| Russ Feingold | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Republican Challenger | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ |
| Independent/Third Party | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ |
| Probably won't vote | $<1 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $10 \%$ |
| Refused | $1 \%$ |

If Republican Tommy Thompson decided to run against Democrat Russ Feingold for the Senate, would you be more likely to vote for Tommy Thompson, Russ Feingold, or an independent/third party candidate? (ROTATE BOLD)

| Tommy Thompson | $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Russ Feingold | $\mathbf{3 3 \%}$ |
| Independent/Third Party | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ |
| Probably Won't Vote | $<1 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $7 \%$ |
| Refused | $1 \%$ |

Regarding the race for the U.S. House of Representatives in your Congressional District, will you be voting for your Representative who is currently in office, a Republican challenger, a Democratic challenger, or an independent/third party candidate for your district?

| Incumbent | $25 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Republican | $28 \%$ |
| Democrat | $13 \%$ |
| Independent/Third Party | $12 \%$ |
| Probably Won't Vote | $1 \%$ |
| Not Sure | $20 \%$ |
| Refused | $1 \%$ |

