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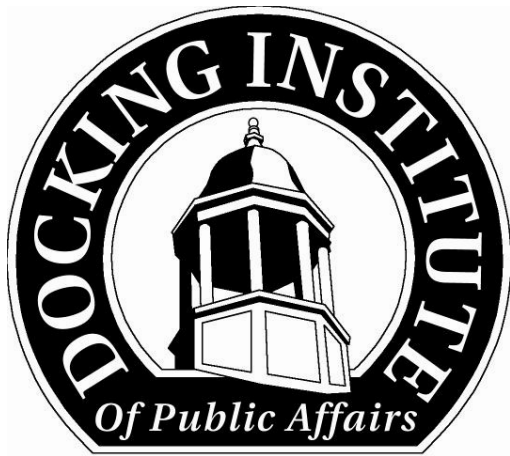


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Executive Summary

- When asked to rate Kansas as a place to live, about half of respondents indicated Kansas was a “very good” or “excellent” place to live. Six percent of respondents, a record high, said Kansas was a “poor” or “very poor.” Republican and Independent respondents were more likely to rate Kansas highly as a place to live.
- When asked where they think they will be in 5 years, 81% of respondents indicated they would be living in the same community they are now. Nine percent indicated they would move to another location in Kansas. Ten percent indicated they would relocate to a state other than Kansas.
- Only 10% of respondents said they felt the State economy was “very good” or “excellent,” while 26% indicated they felt the economy was “poor” or “very poor.” These results are very similar to the fall 2016 results 6 months ago. Republicans and independents were more likely to rate the Kansas economy as “very good” and “good”.
- Over one-fourth of respondents were “very concerned” about the future economy threatening their families’ welfare, these results are very similar to the fall 2016 results 6 months ago. Over one-fourth were “moderately concerned.” Females and Democrats were more likely to express concern over the Kansas economy.
- Slightly less than two-thirds of respondents indicated they felt Kansas was on the “wrong track”, while slightly more than one-third believe Kansas is on the “right track.” Males, Republicans and those with a lower level of education were more likely to say Kansas was on the right track.
- When asked their preference for addressing the budget deficit, just over two-fifths wanted to cut spending exclusively, while another one-fourth wanted to increase taxes exclusively. Just over one-third favored a combination of tax increases and lower spending. Republicans and those with lower education levels were more likely to favor spending cuts, while Democrats and those with higher education levels were more likely to favor increasing taxes.
- Respondents who said they were in favor of “increasing taxes” or “both” were asked which taxes they would increase. Over half (56%) favored increasing income tax, 39% favored increasing sales tax, and 19% favored increasing property tax. Republicans and females were more likely to favor increasing sales tax, while Democrats and males were more likely to favor increasing income tax.

- Of respondents who said they favored “decreasing spending” or “both,” one third (32%) favored decreasing spending on social services, 30% favored decreasing spending for higher education, 25% favored decreasing spending on roads and highways, and 13% favored decreasing spending on K-12 education. Republicans were more likely to favor decreasing spending on higher education and social services. Males were more likely favor cuts to K-12 education.
- Similar to results of previous years, when asked about preferences for various taxation categories, respondents were most in favor of raising taxes on large corporations and the top income earners. The vast majority were against raising taxes on small business and the middle class.
- When asked to compare what they paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax two years ago to the amount that they currently pay, about two-thirds (65%) of respondents felt that their tax burden had increased, 27% felt no change, and 8% felt their tax burden had decreased compared to two years ago.
- Over two-thirds (69%) of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars.
- Over two-thirds (68%) of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” increasing taxes on alcohol.
- Respondents were asked about level of support for legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas. Half (50%) of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older, while two fifths (40%) of respondents “somewhat oppose” or “strongly oppose”.
- Seventy percent of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” closing the LLC loophole.
- Dissatisfaction with Governor Brownback slightly declined from fall 2016, with 56% saying they are “very dissatisfied,” down from 62% one year ago, and slightly less than three-fourths (71%) saying they are to some degree dissatisfied with Brownback, down from 74% one year ago.
- Forty-five percent of respondents showed some level of satisfaction with President Donald Trump, while forty-four percent of respondents showed some level of dissatisfaction.
- Respondents were asked to rate President Donald Trump on a 0 to 10 scale in 6 different areas. Shares my values (4.32) had the lowest mean rating, followed by trustworthiness (4.47), managing the national debt (4.71), national security (5.09) ability to lead others (5.24) and the

economy (5.25). Males, Republicans and respondents with lower levels of education consistently rated President Trump more highly on each of these attributes.

- Forty-nine percent of respondents were at least “somewhat uncomfortable”, while slightly less than one-third (32%) were at least “somewhat comfortable”, with the reported relationships between President Trump and the Russian government or Vladimir Putin. Males and Republicans tended to be the most comfortable, with Democrats and Independents being more likely to express discomfort.
- When asked if they have heard of any of the following Kansas politicians, slightly over three-quarters (77%) of respondents have heard of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, slightly over half (53%) of respondents have heard of 2014 Democratic Nominee for Governor of Kansas, Paul Davis, slightly over half (52%) of respondents have heard of State Senator Susan Wagle, less than half (46%) of respondents have heard of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, one third (33%) of respondents have heard of former Mayor of Wichita Carl Brewer and slightly less than one third (32%) of respondents have heard of Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer.
- Among those who had heard of each politician, Paul Davis and Carl Brewer were the most highly rated, followed by Derek Schmidt. Kris Kobach, while the most heard of politician of the nine we asked about, was rated the lowest.
- Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for President Trump’s travel ban on seven predominantly Muslim countries. Slightly less than half (48%) at least “somewhat support” the travel ban. Forty-three percent of respondents at least “somewhat oppose” the travel ban. Republicans and males were more likely to support the ban, while females were more likely to strongly oppose the ban.
- When asked about the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, slightly more than one-quarter (26%) of respondents “support repeal even if not replaced,” two-fifths (40%) of respondents “support the repeal only if replaced” and slightly more than one third (34%) “oppose repealing”. Males and Republicans were more likely to favor repeal.
- Half (50%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” Joey’s Law, while twenty-nine percent at least “somewhat oppose”.
- Over three-quarters (76%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” medical marijuana, while 14% of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”. Of the political categories, only the strongest Republicans were more likely to oppose than support allowing medical marijuana.

- Slightly less than three-fifths (59%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” prohibiting conceal and carry firearms in public health facilities, while slightly less than one-third (31%) of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”.
- Almost two-thirds (65%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” reinstating Kansas teacher’s right to an appeal process to contest their termination, while 15% of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”.
- Eighty percent of respondents at least “somewhat support”, while eight percent of respondents at least “somewhat oppose” a law that would require financial restitution for each year a wrongfully convicted person serves in prison for a crime. Democrats and Independents were more likely than Republicans to support restitution.
- Respondents to the Spring 2017 *Kansas Speaks* survey rated Kansas as a place to live similarly to respondents to the Fall 2016 survey.
- Respondents to the Spring 2017 *Kansas Speaks* reported being slightly less concerned that the economy would threaten their interests compared to respondents to the Fall 2016 survey.

Introduction and Methods

To assess attitudes and opinions of Kansans, the Docking Institute has surveyed a random sample of Kansas residents age 18 and older every year since 2009. For this year's survey, the Docking Institute purchased from Scientific Telephone Samples a random sample consisting of Kansas landline telephone numbers and cell phone numbers. Interviewers are highly trained student researchers pursuing degrees at Fort Hays State University. From February 23rd to April 11th, a total of 1,362 Kansas residents were contacted by telephone, with 573 of them completed the survey, resulting in a 42% response rate. The margin of error was 4% at the 95% confidence level. A margin of error of 4% means that there is a 95% probability that findings among the sample vary no more than +/- 4% from the value that would be found if all adult Kansas residents were surveyed, assuming no response bias.

The questionnaire was developed by Institute staff under the guidance of Dr. Chapman Rackaway, Docking Institute Senior Policy Fellow, Professor and Interim Dean of the Graduate School at Fort Hays State University, and Docking Institute Policy Fellow, Dr. Michael Smith, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Emporia State University.

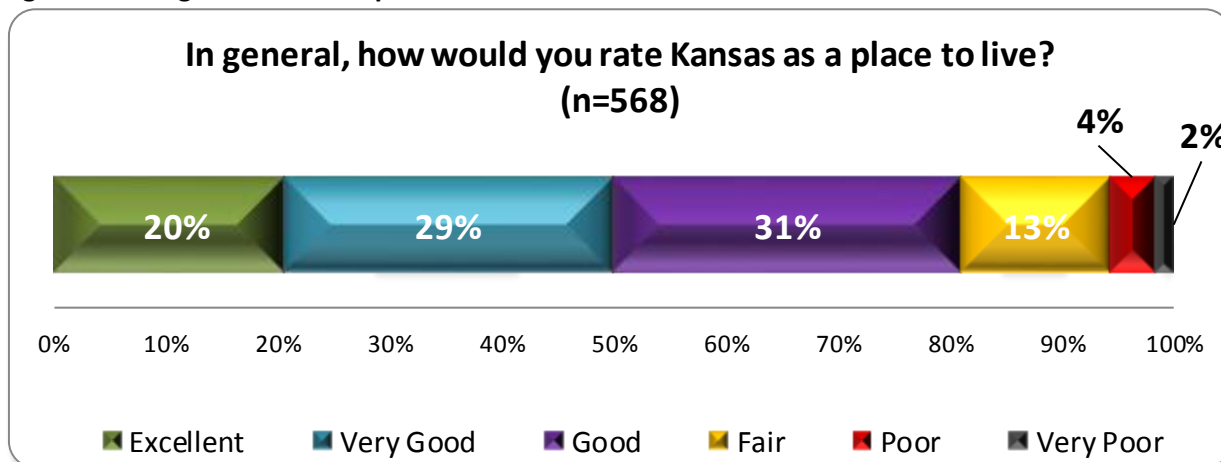
The following analysis contains four sections:

- 1) **Overall Quality of Life in Kansas.** This section shows how Kansans generally feel about Kansas as a place to live.
- 2) **Taxes & Economy.** This section shows results on questions addressing various economic concerns to citizens and fair and effective personal and business taxation policies.
- 3) **Government and Politicians.** This section presents the results of citizens' ratings of the state government in general, as well as their state elected officials.
- 4) **Public Policy Issues.** This section looks at citizens' opinions on several key policy issues, such as Kansas school funding, open/conceal carrying weapons on college campuses, and illegal immigration.

These sections present not only descriptive analyses of respondents' answers to each question, but also statistically significant relationships with key demographic variables to see how citizens in various social categories differ in their opinions and policy preferences on various issues. Except for the questions asking about respondents' demographic information, all of the survey questions are displayed verbatim under those graphs presenting descriptive analyses.

Section 1: Overall Quality of Life in Kansas

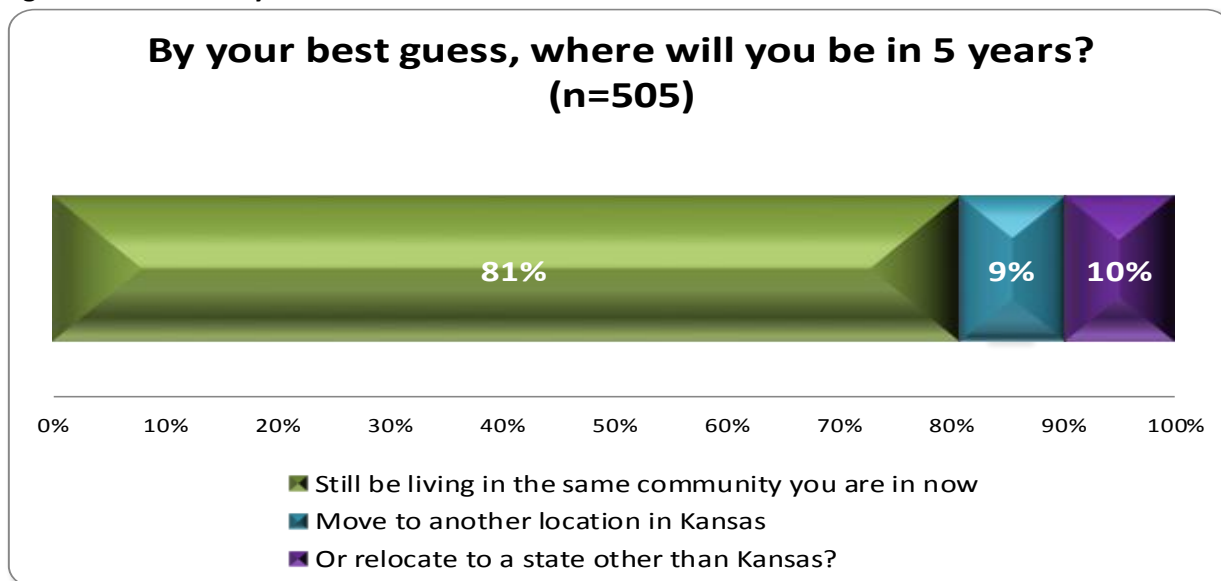
Figure 1: Rating of Kansas as a place to live



Question: *In general, how would you rate Kansas as a place to live?*

When asked to rate Kansas as a place to live, about half (49%) indicated Kansas was a “very good” or “excellent” place to live, while only 6% said Kansas was a “poor” or “very poor.” Similar to last year’s distribution, it suggests that respondents remain devoted to the future of Kansas. Republican and Independent respondents were more likely to rate the economy and Kansas as a place to live highly.

Figure 2: Where will you be in 5 Years?

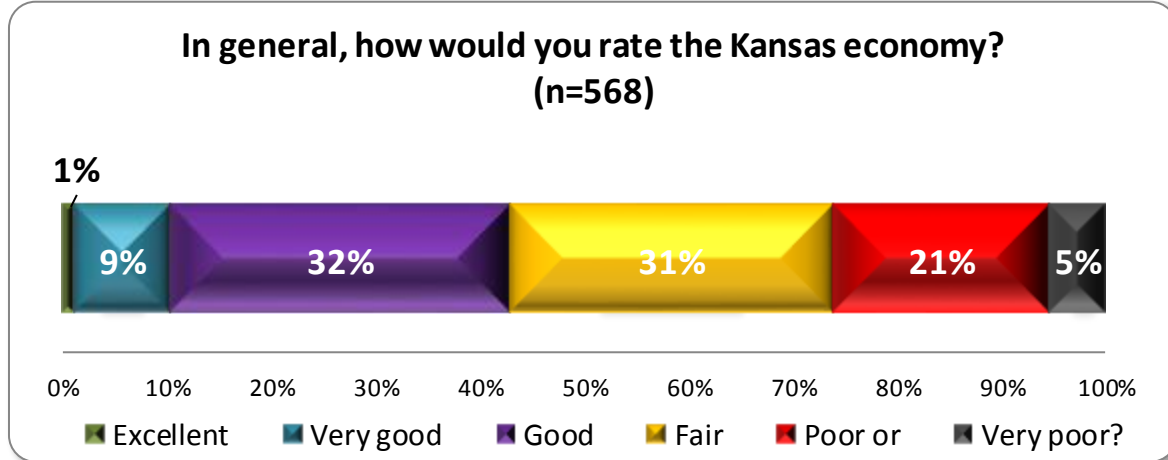


Question: *By your best guess, where will you be in 5 years? Are you likely to still be living in the same community you are now, move to another location in Kansas, or relocate to a state other than Kansas?*

When asked where they will be in 5 years, 81% of respondents said they would be living in the same community that they live in now, 9% said they would be moving to another location in Kansas and 10% said they would relocate to a state other than Kansas.

Section 2: Taxes and the Economy

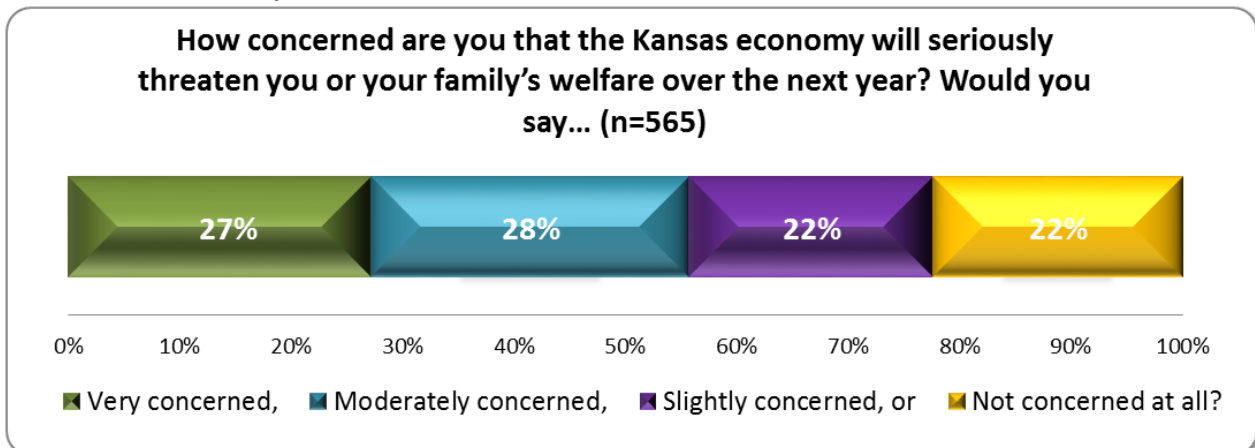
Figure 3: Rating of Kansas Economy



Question: *In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy?*

When asked to rate the Kansas economy, only 10% of respondents said they felt the State economy was “very good” or “excellent,” while 26% indicated they felt the economy was “poor” or “very poor.” These results are very similar to one year ago. Republicans and independents were more likely to rate the Kansas Economy as “very good” and “good”.

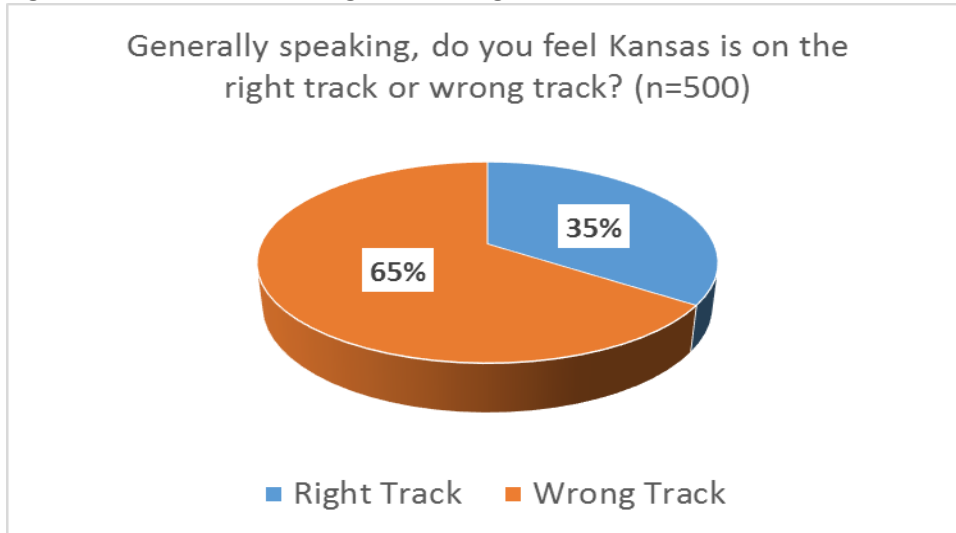
Figure 4: Level of Concern that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten individuals’ or families’ welfare over the next year



Question: *How concerned are you that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten you or your family’s welfare in the coming year?*

Over one-fourth (27%) of respondents were “very concerned” about the future economy threatening their families’ welfare. While 28% of respondents were “moderately concerned,” “slightly concerned” and “not concerned at all” were both 22% of respondents. Females and Democrats were more likely to express concern over the Kansas economy.

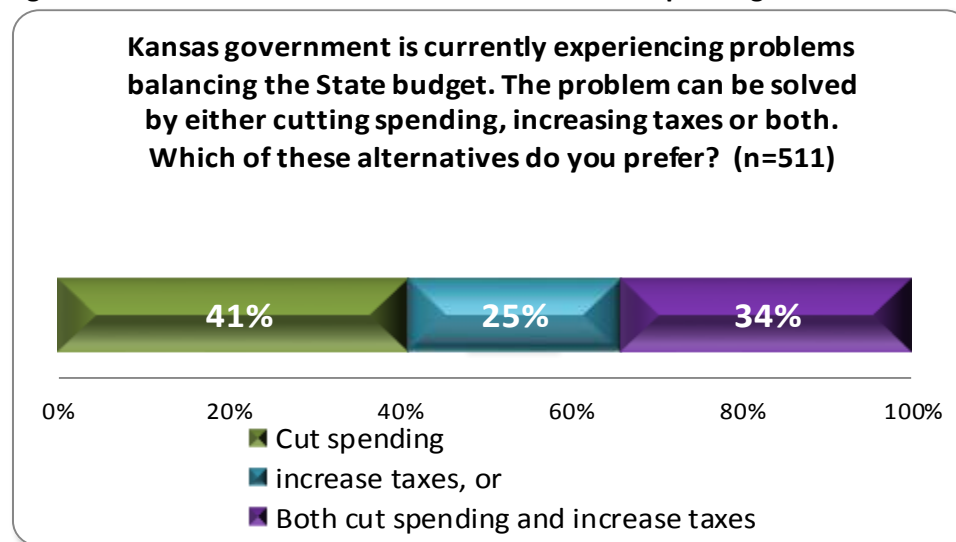
Figure 5: Is Kansas on the Right or Wrong Track?



Question: *Currently, do you think Kansas is on the right track or wrong track?*

Slightly less than two-thirds (65%) of respondents indicated they felt Kansas was on the “wrong track”, and slightly over one third (35%) of respondents who believe Kansas is on the “right track,” suggesting the vast majority of Kansans want change. Males, Republicans and those with a lower level of education were more likely to say Kansas was on the right track.

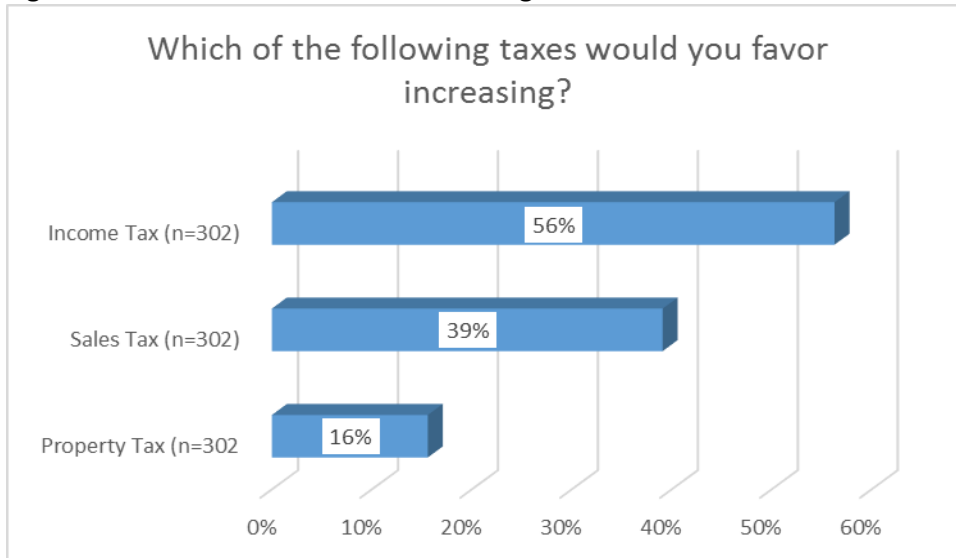
Figure 6: Belief about Kansas Government Taxes and Spending



Question: *The State of Kansas cannot spend more money than it takes in, Kansas government is currently experiencing problems balancing the State budget. The problem can be solved by either cutting spending, increasing taxes or both. Which of these alternatives do you prefer?*

When respondents were asked their preferred method for filling budget deficits, just over two-fifths (41%) wanted to cut spending exclusively, while one-quarter (25%) wanted to increase taxes exclusively. Just over one-third (34%) favored a combination of tax increases and lower spending. Republicans and those with lower education levels were more likely to favor spending cuts, while Democrats and those with higher education levels were more likely to favor increasing taxes.

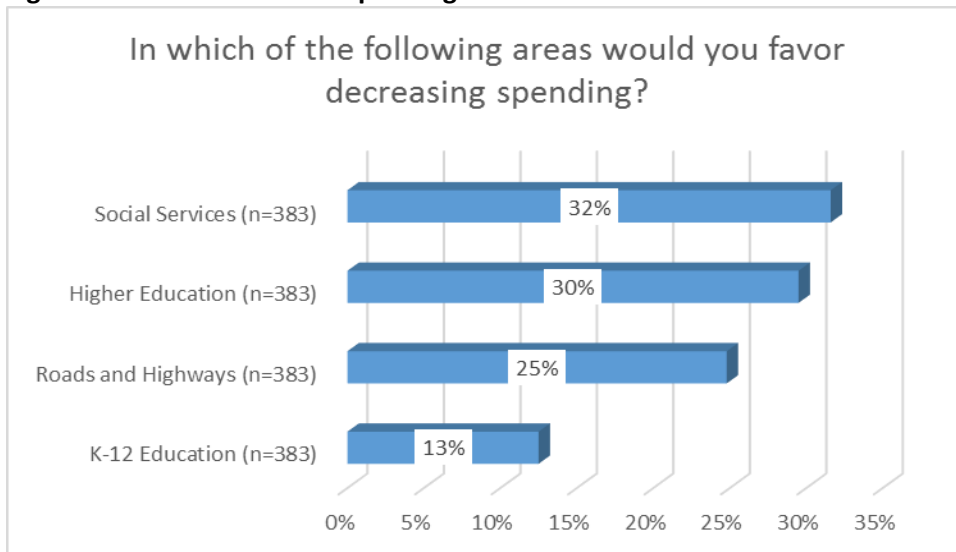
Figure 7: Taxes You Would Favor Increasing



Question: *Which of the following taxes would you favor increasing?*

Respondents who said they favor “increasing taxes” or “both” were asked which taxes they would increase. Over half (56%) favored increasing income tax, 39% favor increasing sales tax, and 16% favored increasing property tax. Republicans and females were more likely to favor increasing sales tax, while Democrats and males were more likely to favor increasing income tax.

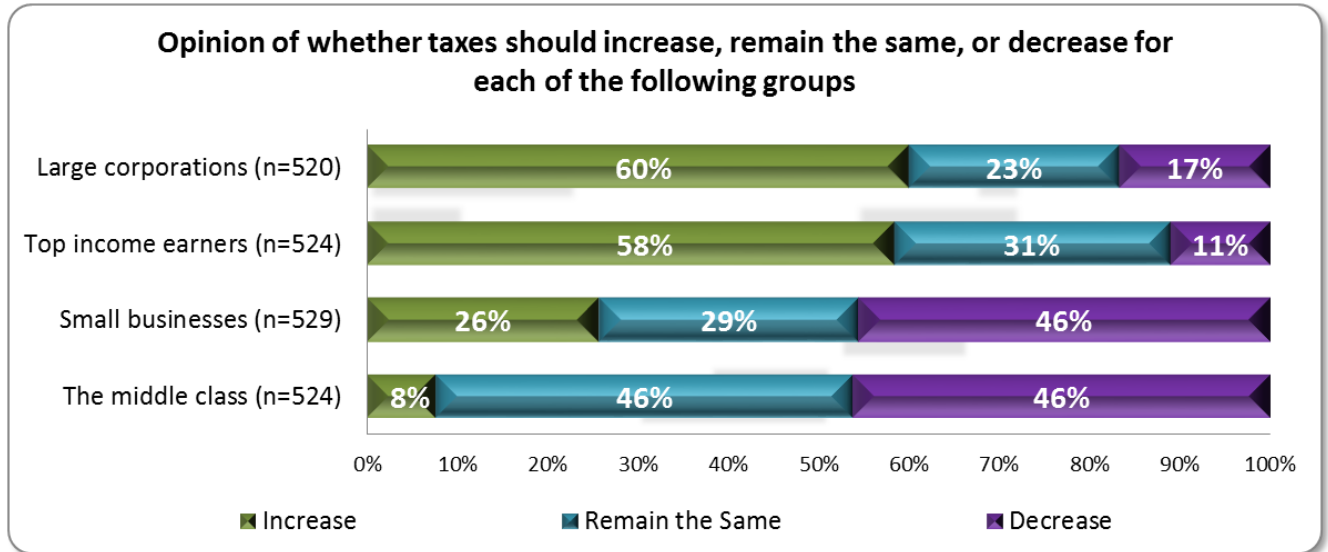
Figure 8: Areas to Decrease Spending



Question: *In which of the following areas would you favor decreasing spending?*

Respondents who said they were in favor of “decreasing spending” or “both” were asked in which areas they would favor decreasing spending. One third (32%) of respondents favored decreasing spending on social services, 30% favored decreasing spending for higher education, 25% favored decreasing spending on roads and highways, and 13% favored decreasing spending on K-12 education. Republicans were more likely to favor decreasing spending on higher education and social services. Males were more likely to favor cuts to K-12 education.

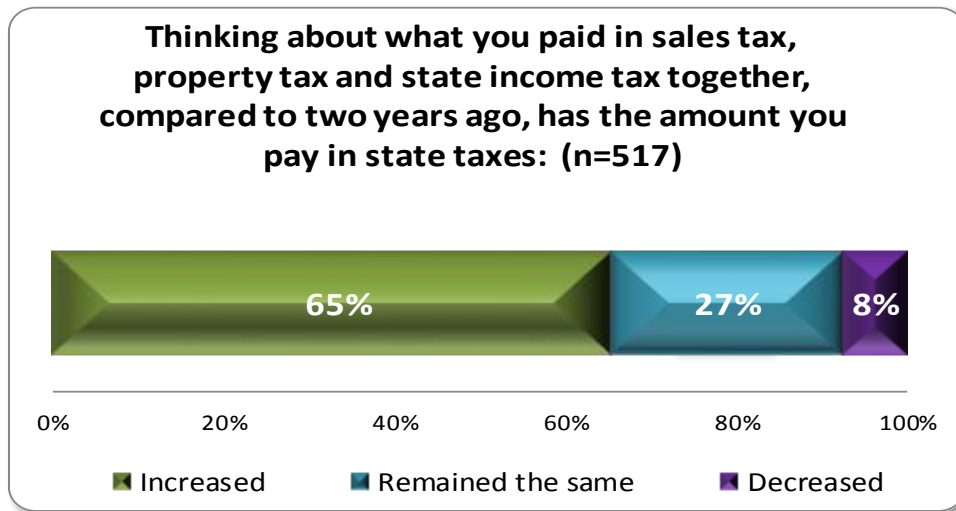
Figure 9: Tax Changes on Various Groups



Question: *Now we have a few questions regarding your opinions on taxation and spending by the State of Kansas. I'm going to name four groups and ask you to tell me whether taxes on each group should be increased, remain the same or decreased. First...*

Similar to results of previous years, when asked about preferences for various taxation categories, respondents were most in favor of raising taxes on large corporations and the top income earners. The vast majority were against raising taxes on small business and the middle class. Democrats and females were more likely to prefer increasing taxes on large corporations and the top income earners. Republicans were more likely to favor tax decreases on the middle class and small businesses.

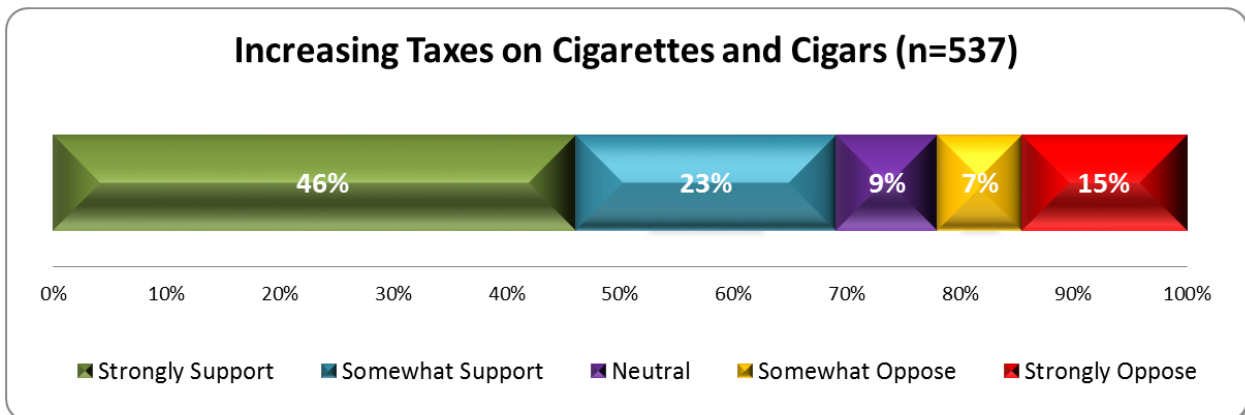
Figure 10: Change in Tax Burden



Question: *Thinking about what you paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax together, compared to two years ago, the amount you pay in state taxes has increased, remained the same or decreased?*

Respondents were asked to compare what they paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax two years ago to the amount that they currently pay. Slightly less than two-thirds (65%) of respondents felt that their tax burden had increased, 27% felt no change, and 8% felt their tax burden had decreased compared to two years ago.

Figure 11: Taxes on Cigarettes and Cigars

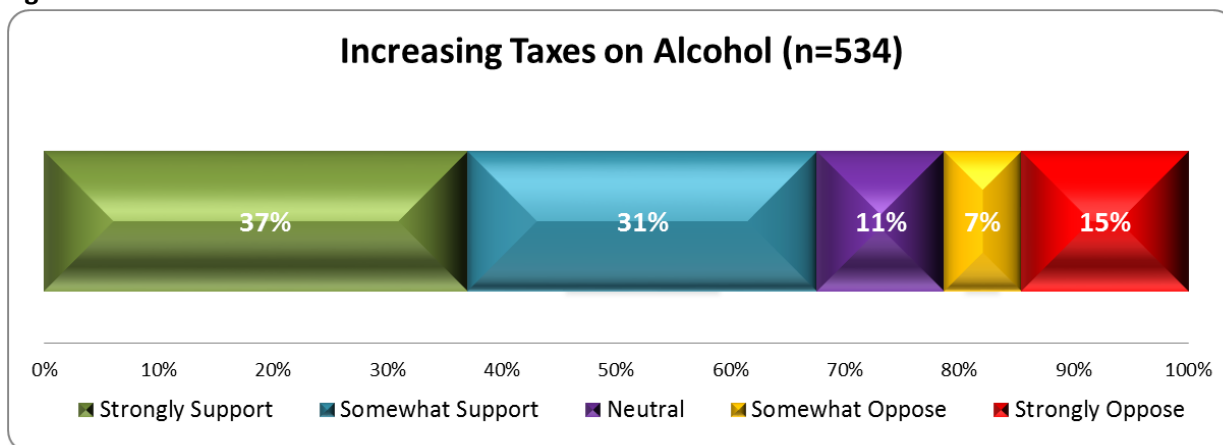


Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas' revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were first asked about increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars. Over two-thirds (69%) of respondents

at least “somewhat support” increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars, while over one fifth (22%) at least “somewhat oppose”.

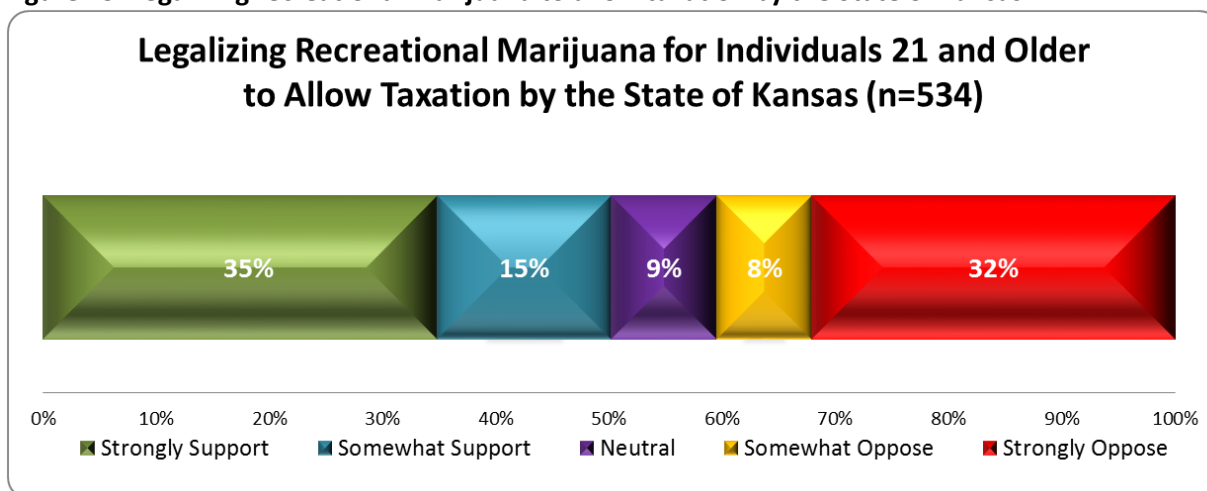
Figure 12: Taxes on Alcohol



Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas’ revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Increasing taxes on alcohol*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were asked about level of support for increasing taxes on alcohol. Over two-thirds (68%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” increasing taxes on alcohol, while over one fifth (22%) at least “somewhat oppose”.

Figure 13: Legalizing recreational marijuana to allow taxation by the State of Kansas

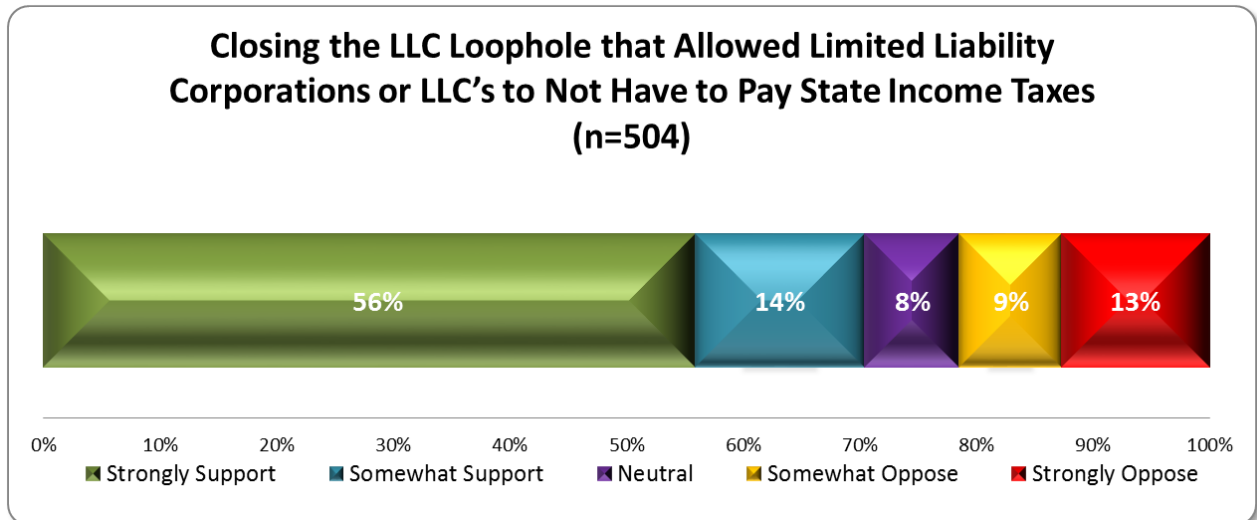


Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas’ revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were asked about level of support for legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to

allow taxation by the State of Kansas. Half (50%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older, while two fifths (40%) of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”. Democrats and independents were more likely to support allowing legalization of marijuana to allow taxation by the state.

Figure 14: Closing the LLC loophole

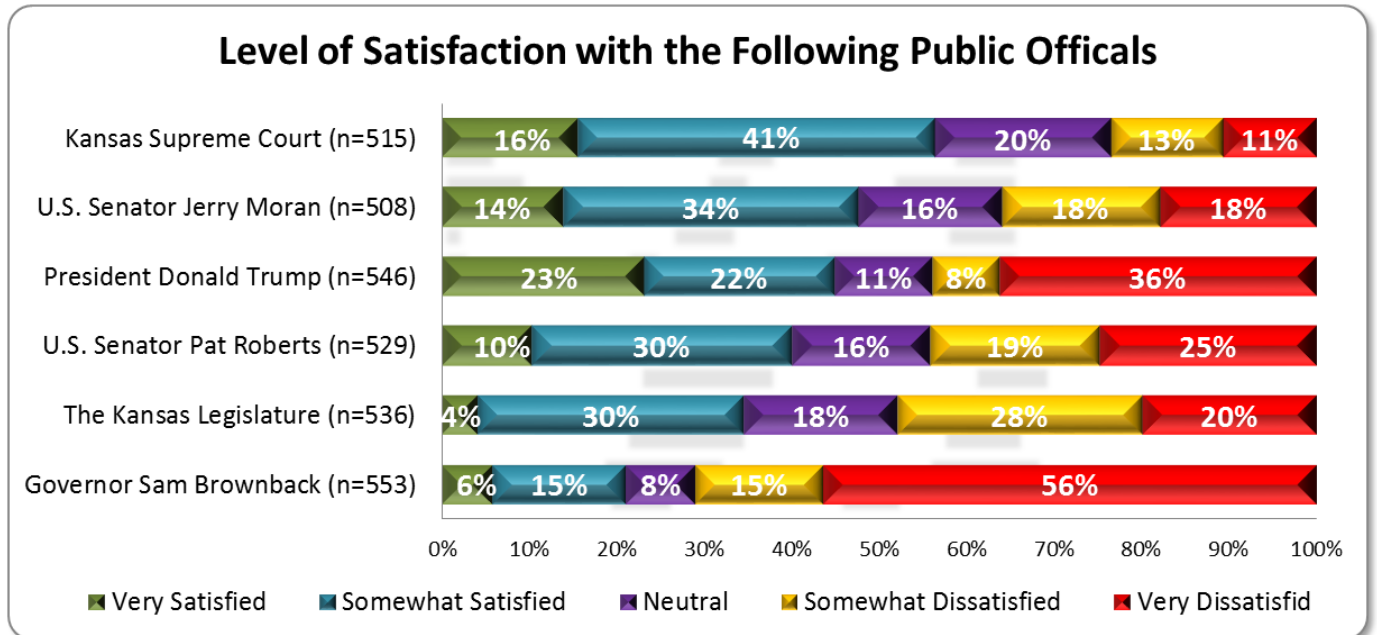


Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas’ revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Closing the LLC loophole that allowed limited liability corporations or LLC’s to not have to pay state income taxes*

Respondents were given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were asked about level of support for closing the LLC loophole that allowed limited liability corporations or LLC’s to not have to pay state income taxes. Seventy percent of respondents at least ‘somewhat support’ closing the LLC loophole, while over one-fifth (22%) of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”. Democrats were more likely to support closing the LLC loophole.

Section 4: Government and Politicians

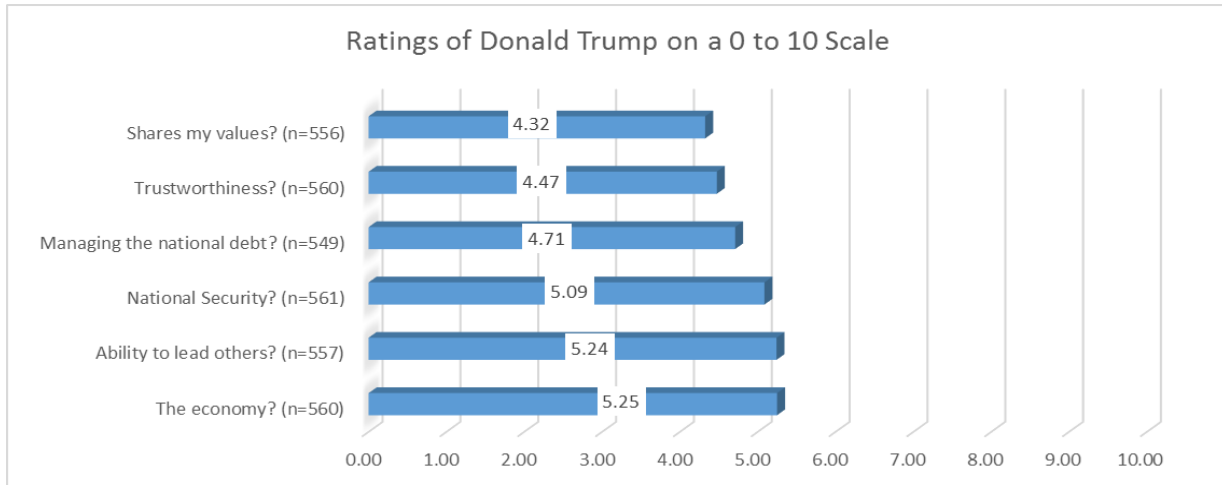
Figure 15: Satisfaction with the Overall Performance of Elected Officials



Question: *How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the Kansas Legislature? Kansas Supreme Court? Senator Pat Roberts? Senator Jerry Moran? Governor Brownback? President Trump?*

This graph shows the level of satisfaction of several important political figures or institutions, ordered from highest to lowest satisfaction. The Kansas Supreme Court, closely followed by Senator Jerry Moran, yielded the highest satisfaction levels, with over half (57%) being satisfied with the Court and just under half (48%) satisfied with Moran. Less than three-fourths (71%) said they are to some degree dissatisfied with Brownback, down from 74% one year ago. Although the Kansas Legislature fared better than the Governor, satisfaction with President Trump is higher than with the Governor or State Legislature. Republicans and those with lower education levels tended to be more satisfied with the Kansas Legislature, Senator Moran, Senator Roberts and Governor Brownback, while Democrats and those with higher education levels tended to be more satisfied with the Kansas Supreme Court. Males, Republicans, Independents and those with lower levels of education tended to be more satisfied with President Trump, while females were much more likely than males to be very dissatisfied with President Trump.

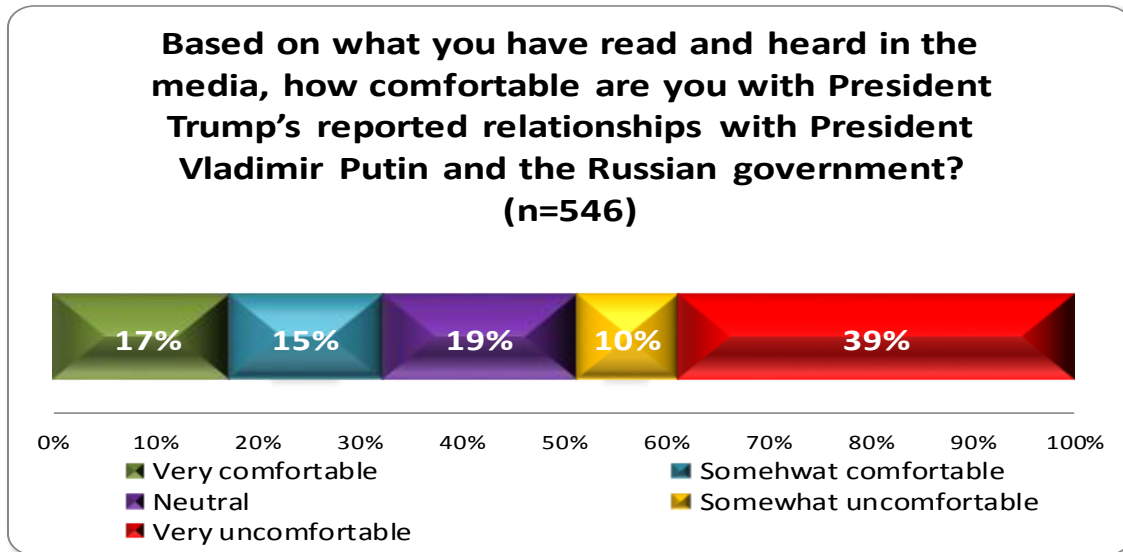
Figure 16: Ratings of Donald Trump



Question: *On scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive. Please rate President Donald Trump on the following areas.*

Respondents were asked to rate President Donald Trump on a 0-10 scale on a few different areas. “Shares my values” had the lowest mean at 4.32, followed by trustworthiness with a mean of 4.47. Third was “managing the national debt with a mean of 4.71. President Trump rated highest in “the economy” with a mean of 5.25, followed by “ability to lead others” with a mean of 5.24. Third was “national security” with a mean of 5.09. Males, Republicans and respondents with lower levels of education consistently rated President Trump more highly on each of these attributes.

Figure 17: Level of Comfort in Reported Relationship between President Trump and Russia

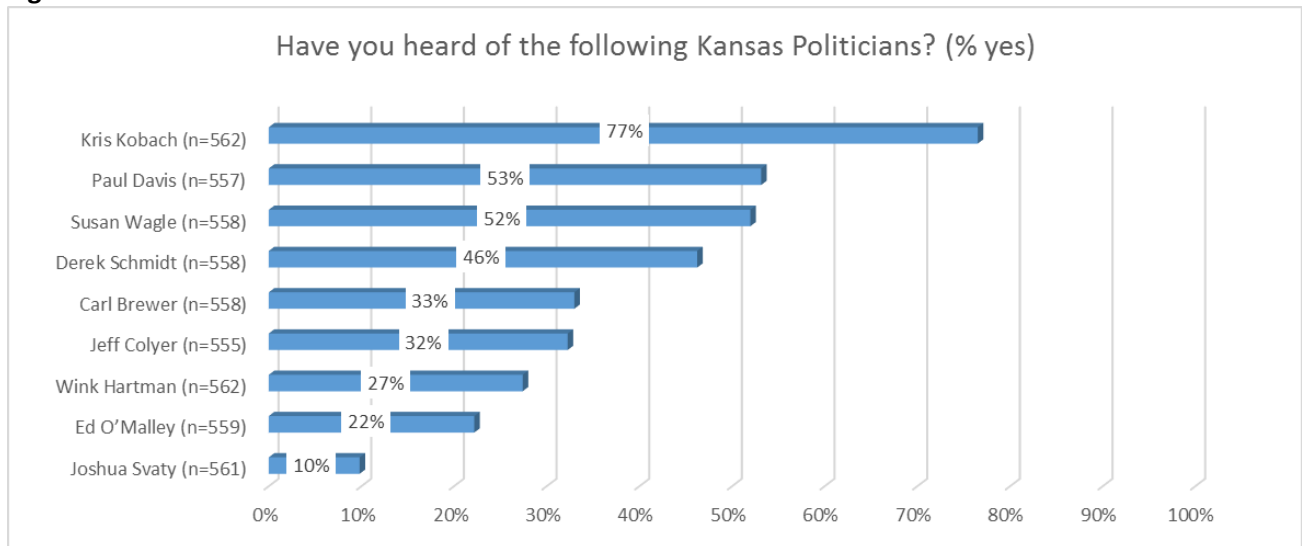


Question: *Based on what you have read and heard in the media, how comfortable are you with President Trump’s reported relationships with President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government?*

Respondents were asked their level of comfort with the reports by the media of Presidents Trump’s reported relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government. Slightly less

than half (49%) were at least “somewhat uncomfortable”, while slightly less than one-third (32%) were at least “somewhat comfortable” with the reported relationships. Males and Republicans tended to be the most comfortable, with Democrats and Independents being more likely to express discomfort.

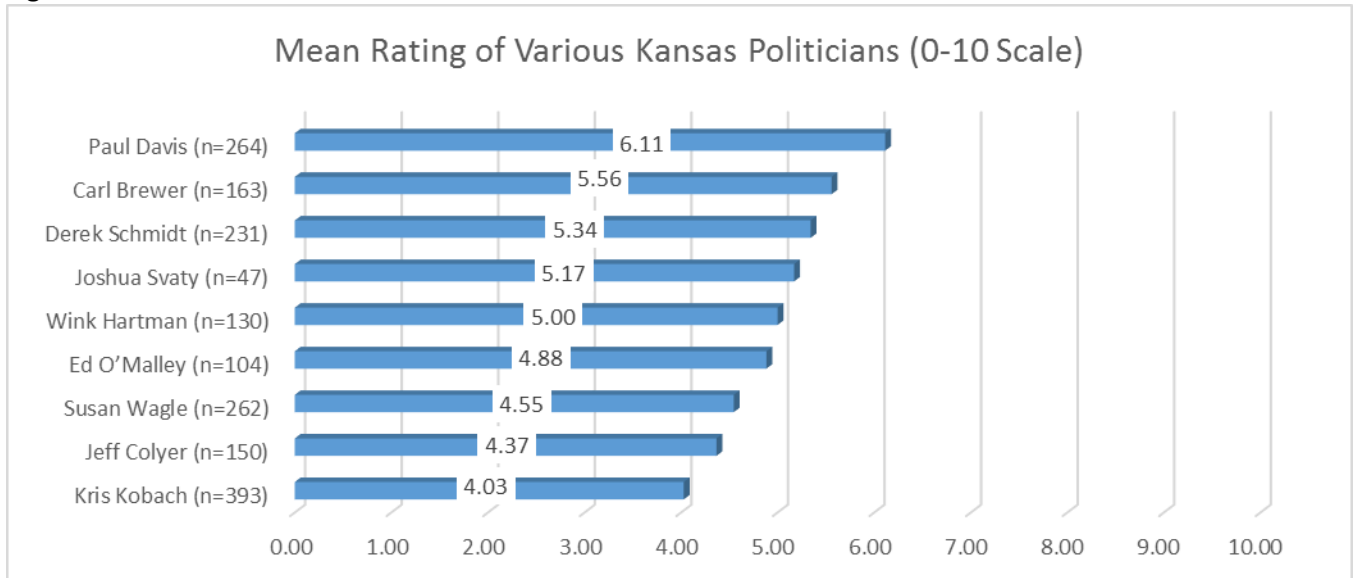
Figure 18: Kansas Politicians



Question: *Have you heard of any of the following Kansas politicians? Kris Kobach? Derek Schmidt? Susan Wagle? Carl Brewer? Paul Davis? Jeff Colyer? Wink Hartman? Ed O'Malley? Joshua Svaty?*

Respondents were asked if they have heard of the following Kansas politicians. These politicians were specifically identified as potential gubernatorial candidates in 2018. Slightly over three-quarters (77%) of respondents have heard of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. Slightly over half (53%) of respondents have heard of 2014 Democratic nominee for Governor of Kansas, Paul Davis, though it does appear now that Paul Davis will not seek to run for governor in 2018. Slightly over half (52%) of respondents have heard of State Senator Susan Wagle. Less than half (46%) of respondents have heard of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. One third (33%) of respondents have heard of former Mayor of Wichita Carl Brewer. Slightly less than one third (32%) of respondents have heard of Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer. Slightly more than one-quarter (27%) have heard of Wichita businessman Wink Hartman. Slightly more than one-fifth (22%) of respondents have heard of former representative and current president of the Kansas Leadership Center Ed O'Malley. Ten percent of respondents have heard of former Kansas Agriculture Secretary Joshua Svaty. Males were more likely than females to have heard of Derek Schmidt, Jeff Colyer and Ed O'Malley, while Democrats were more likely to recognize Paul Davis.

Figure 19: Level of Satisfaction with Various Politicians

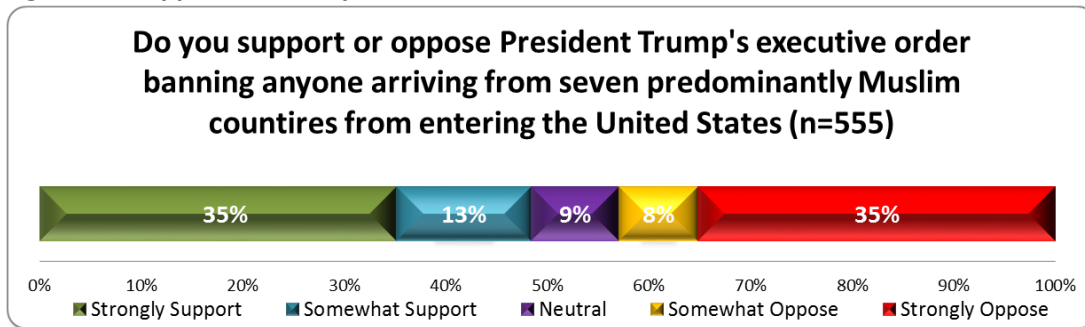


Question: *Please rate the following Kansas politicians on scale from negative 5 meaning highly negative, 0 meaning neutral and positive 5 meaning highly positive. Kris Kobach? Derek Schmidt? Susan Wagle? Carl Brewer? Paul Davis? Jeff Colyer? Wink Hartman? Ed O'Malley? Joshua Svaty?*

Respondents who said they had heard of these Kansas politicians were asked to rate the politicians they have heard of. Those that have heard of Paul Davis and Carl Brewer were rated highest, followed by Derek Schmidt and Joshua Svaty. Kris Kobach, while the most heard of politician of the nine, was rated the lowest.

Section 5: Public Policy Issues

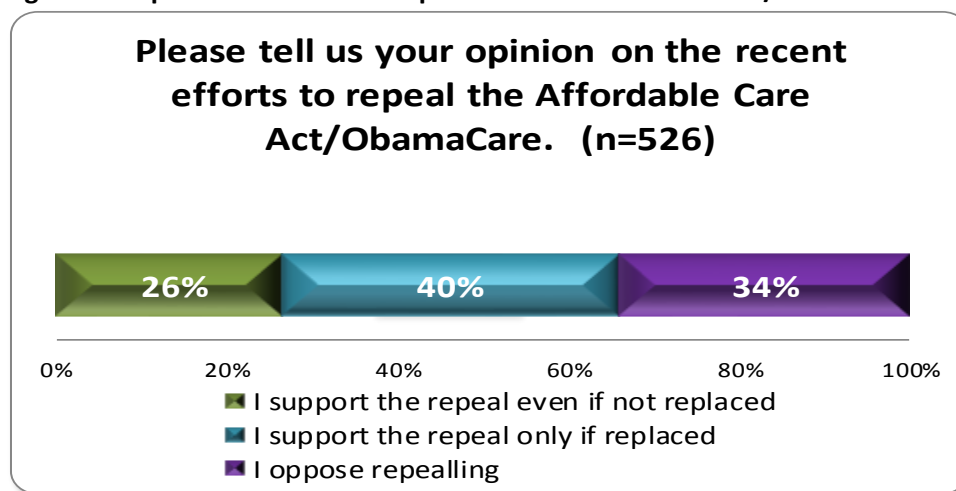
Figure 20: Support for Trump Travel Ban



Question: *Recently, President Trump signed an executive order banning anyone arriving from seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States. Do you Strongly Support, Somewhat Support, Neutral, Somewhat Oppose, or Strongly Oppose this travel ban?*

Respondents were asked to provide their level of support for President Trump's travel ban on predominantly Muslim countries. Slightly less than half (48%) at least "somewhat support" the travel ban. Forty-three percent of respondents at least "somewhat oppose" the travel ban. Republicans and males were more likely to support the ban, while females were more likely to strongly oppose the ban.

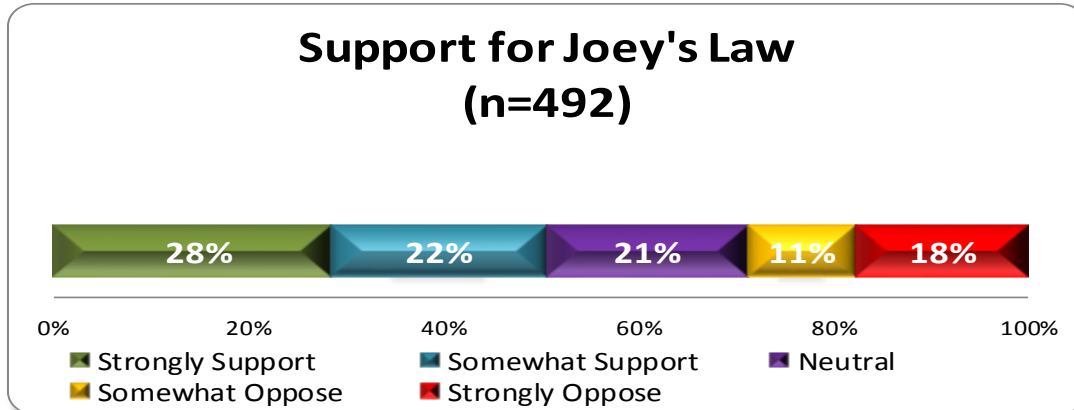
Figure 21: Opinion on efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare



Question: *Please tell us your opinion on the recent efforts to repeal... (50% of sample had "the affordable care act" and 50% of the sample had "Obamacare")*

Respondents were asked to give their opinions on the recent efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare. There have been studies conducted that show individuals have differing opinions on the ACA when it is called Obamacare rather than the Affordable Care Act, even though they are the same thing. We found no statistical significant difference in respondents who got the Obamacare wording or the Affordable Care Act wording. Slightly more than one-quarter (26%) of respondents "support repeal even if not replaced," two-fifths (40%) of respondents "support the repeal only if replaced" and slightly more than one third (34%) "oppose repealing". Males and Republicans were more likely to favor repeal.

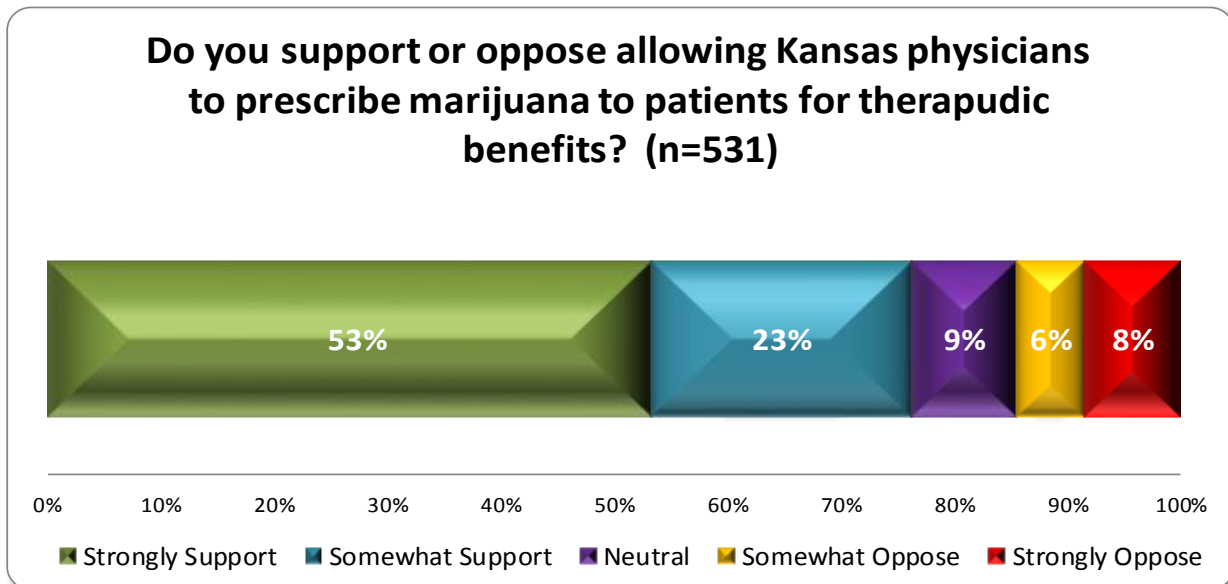
Figure 22: Level of Support for Joey's Law



Question: *Would you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" Joey's Law, a law that would require the State to put notification information on driver's licenses, motor vehicle registration, ID, license plate and provide a placard similar to handicap drivers for an individual who has autism?*

Respondents were asked to provide their level of support for Joey's Law, a law that would require the State to put notification information on driver's licenses, motor vehicle registration, ID, license plate and provide a placard similar to handicap drivers for an individual who has autism. Half (50%) of respondents at least "somewhat support" Joey's Law, while twenty-nine percent at least "somewhat oppose".

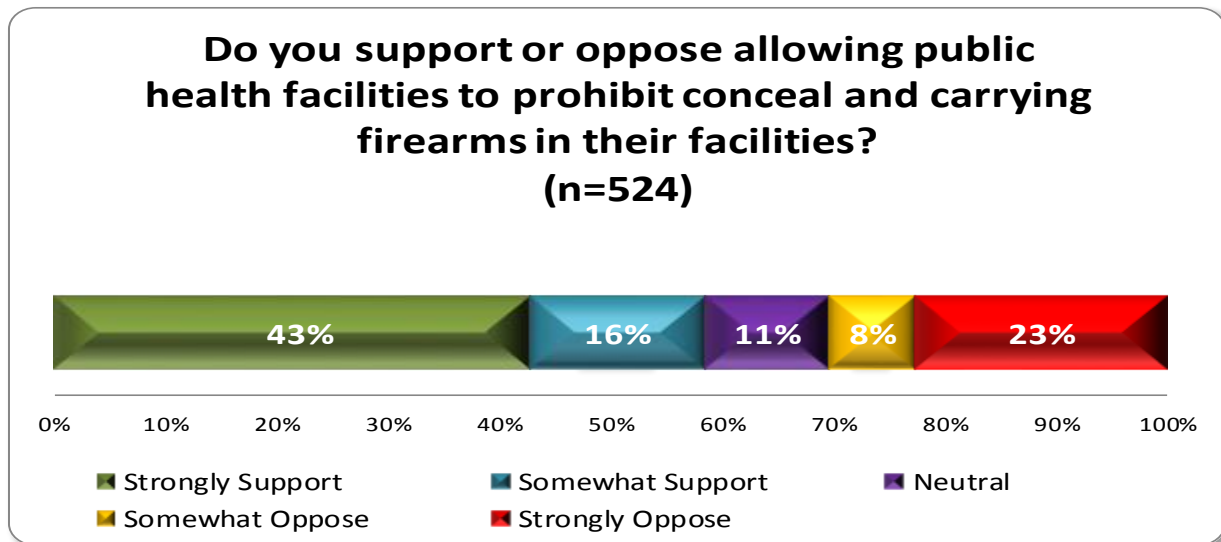
Figure 23: Level of Support of Medical Marijuana



Question: *Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" allowing Kansas physicians to prescribe marijuana to their patients for the therapeutic benefits?*

Respondents were asked their level of support for allow physicians to prescribe marijuana to patients for therapeutic benefits. Over three-quarters (76%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” medical marijuana, while 14% of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”. Of the political categories, only the strongest Republicans were more likely to oppose allowing medical marijuana.

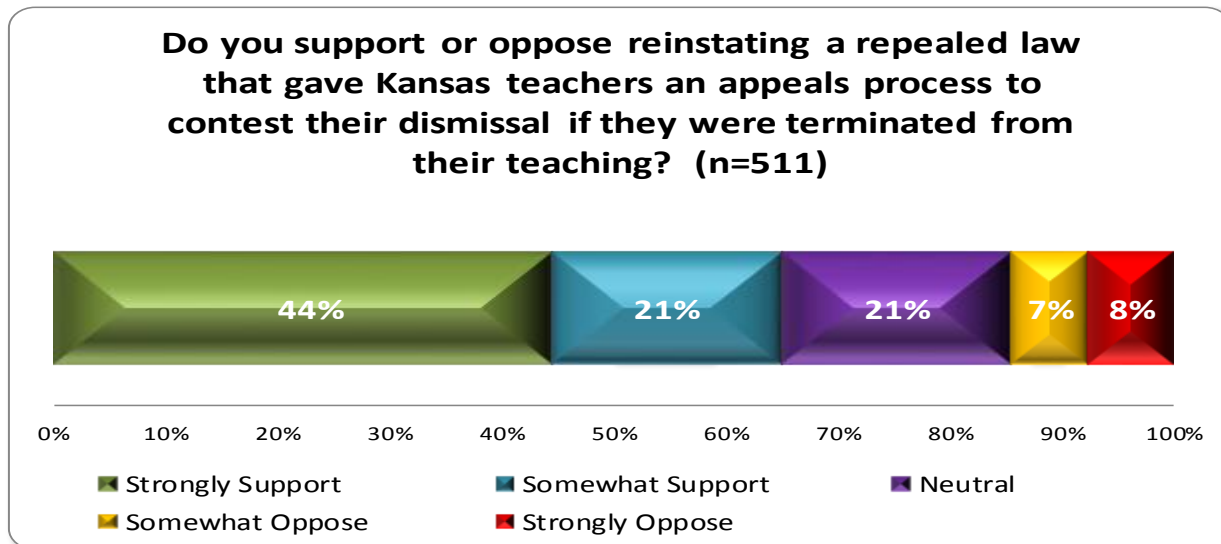
Figure 24: Opinion on allowing public health facilities to prohibit conceal and carrying firearms in their facilities



Question: *Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" allowing public health facilities to prohibit conceal and carrying firearms in their facilities?*

Respondents were asked their level of support for prohibiting conceal and carry firearms in public health facilities. Slightly less than three-fifths (59%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” prohibiting conceal and carry firearms in public health facilities, while slightly less than one-third (31%) of respondents at least “somewhat oppose”.

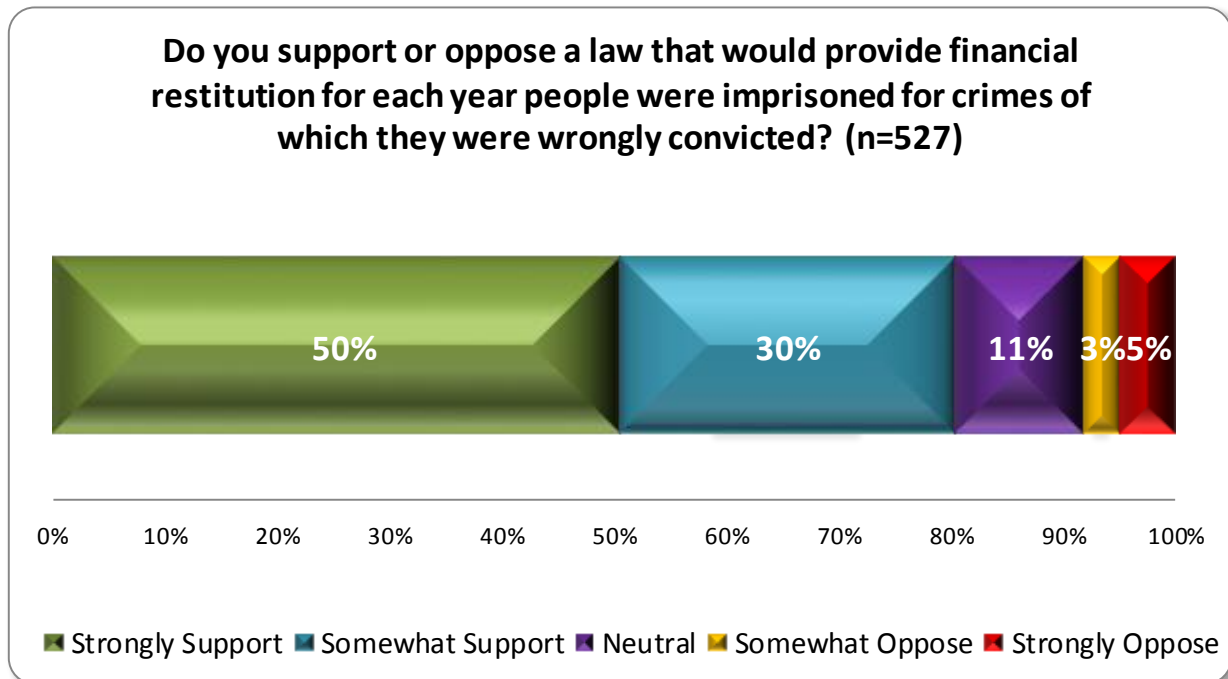
Figure 25: Level of Support for Reinstating Teacher’s Appeal Rights



Question: *Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" reinstating a repealed law that gave Kansas teachers an appeals process to contest their dismissal if they were terminated from their teaching?*

Respondents were asked their level of support for reinstating Kansas teachers' rights to an appeal process to contest their termination. Almost two-thirds (65%) of respondents at least "somewhat support" reinstating these rights, while 15% of respondents at least "somewhat oppose".

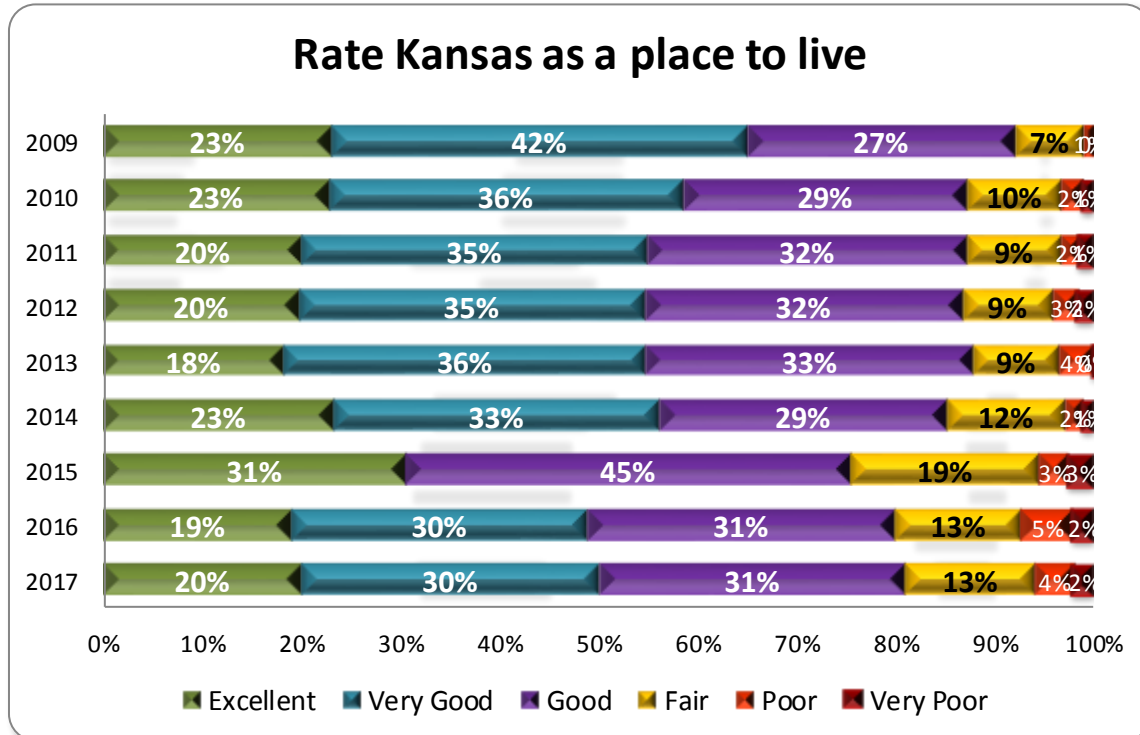
Figure 26: Level of Support for a Law that would Provide Financial Restitution for People Wrongfully Convicted of a Crime



Question: *Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" a law that would provide financial restitution for each year people were imprisoned for crimes of which they were wrongfully convicted?*

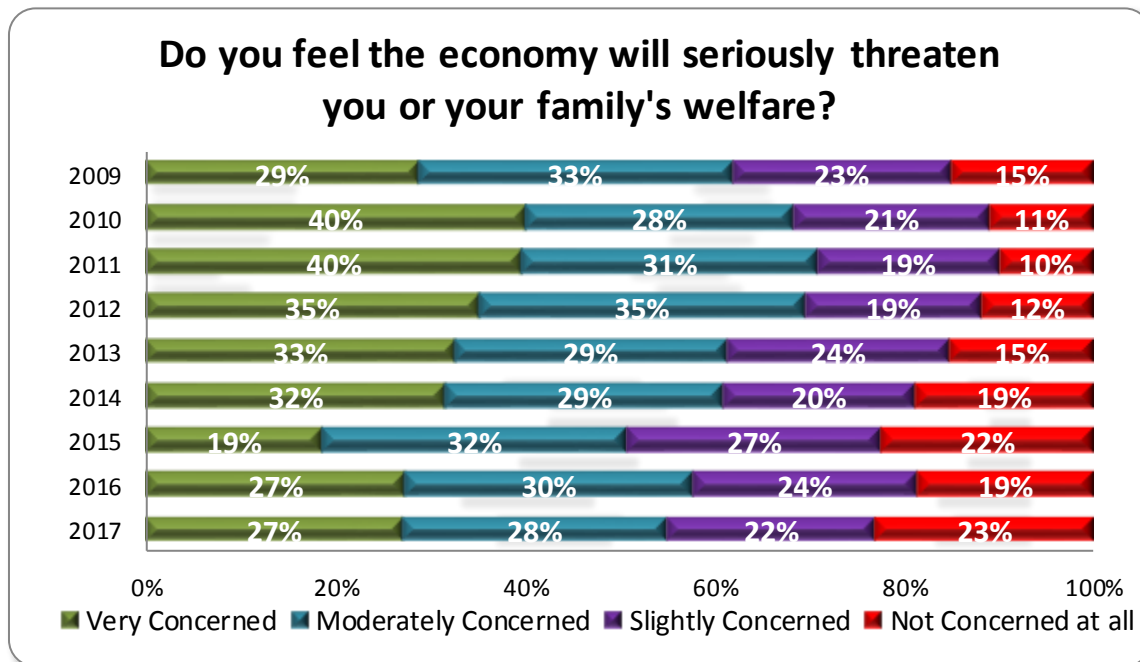
Eighty percent of respondents at least "somewhat support", while eight percent of respondents at least "somewhat oppose" a law that would require financial restitution for each year a wrongfully convicted person serves in prison for a crime. Democrats and Independents were more likely than Republicans to support restitution.

Figure 27: Rating of the Kansas Economy (Trend Analysis)



Respondents to the Spring 2017 *Kansas Speaks* survey rated Kansas as a place to live similarly to respondents to the Fall 2016 survey.

Figure 28: Concern Kansas Economy Will Seriously Threaten Welfare (Trend Analysis)



Respondents to the Spring 2017 *Kansas Speaks* reported being slightly less concerned that the economy would threaten their interests compared to respondents to the Fall 2016 survey.

Appendix A: Demographic Characteristics of the Sample

Social Indicators		Sample	Study Population*
Gender		(n=568)	
	Male	47.0%	49.6%
	Female	53.0%	50.4%
Household Income		(n=464)	
	Under \$10,000	4.0%	7.0%
	\$10,000-\$24,999	6.3%	17.6%
	\$25,000-\$34,999	6.3%	11.5%
	\$35,000-\$49,999	21.1%	15.5%
	\$50,000-\$74,999	21.3%	19.9%
	\$75,000-\$99,999	24.1%	12.0%
	\$100,000-\$150,000	11.6%	10.8%
	150,000 or More	8.0%	5.8%
Political Party Affiliation		(n=510)	
	Strong Republican	22.5%	n/a
	Not Very Strong Rep	6.3%	n/a
	Independent Leanin	17.1%	n/a
	Independent	20.6%	n/a
	Independent Leanin	14.1%	n/a
	Not Very Strong Der	5.1%	n/a
	Strong Democrat	14.3%	n/a

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Appendix B: Survey Instrument

Qual

Do you currently reside in the State of Kansas?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
 Field2=88
OT
- 8 DONT KNOW
 Field2=88
OT
- 9 REFUSED
 Field2=88
OT

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Q1

In general, how would you rate Kansas as a place to live?

Read Options

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very Good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor
- 6 Very Poor
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q2a

In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy? Would you say it is...

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor or
- 6 Very poor?
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q2b

How concerned are you that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten you or your family's welfare over the next year? Would you say...

- 1 Very concerned,
- 2 Moderately concerned,
- 3 Slightly concerned, or
- 4 Not concerned at all?
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q3

Generally speaking, do you feel Kansas is on the right track or wrong track?

- 1 Right Track
- 2 Wrong Track
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q4

Please indicate if you are "Very satisfied", "Somewhat satisfied", "Neutral", "Somewhat dissatisfied" or "Very dissatisfied" with the following public officials. First... (Rows Randomized)

	1 Very satisfied	2 Somewhat satisfied	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat dissatisfied	5 Very dissatisfied	8 DON'T KNOW	9 REFUSED
G0 .1 The Kansas Legislature in general?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .2 U.S. Senator Jerry Moran? Pronounced: More-Ran	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .3 U.S. Senator Pat Roberts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .4 Governor Sam Brownback?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .5 President Donald Trump?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .6 Kansas Supreme Court?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q5

On scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive. please rate President Donald Trump on the following areas...

	0 0 (Highly Negative)	1	2	3	4	5 5 (Neutral)	6
.1 Trustworthiness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Ability to lead others?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 National Security?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 The economy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 Managing the national debt?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 Shares my values?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q6a

Please tell me if you have heard of any of the following Kansas politicians? First... (Rows Randomized)

	1 Yes	2 No	8 DON'T KNOW	9 REFUSED
G0 .1 Kris Kobach (Pronounced: Co'-bawk)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

G0 .2 Derek Schmidt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .3 Jeff Colyer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .4 Paul Davis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .5 Carl Brewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .6 Joshua Svaty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .7 Susan Wagle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .8 Wink Hartman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .9 Ed O'Malley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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O6b

Please rate the following Kansas politicians on scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive. First... (Rows Randomized)

	0 0 (Highly Negative)	1	2	3	4	5 5 (Neutral)	6
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .1 Kris Kobach (Pronounced: Co'-bawk)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .2 Derek Schmidt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .3 Jeff Colyer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .4 Paul Davis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .5 Carl Brewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .6 Joshua Svaty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .7 Susan Wagle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .8 Wink Hartman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 <input type="checkbox"/> .9 Ed O'Malley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q7

Recently, President Trump signed an executive order banning anyone arriving from seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States. Do you Strongly Support, Somewhat Support, Neutral, Somewhat Oppose, or Strongly Oppose this travel ban?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose
- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q8

Please tell us your opinion on the recent efforts to repeal Affordable Care Act/Obamacare (half of the sample got the Affordable Care Act, the other half got Obamacare)...

- 1 I support the repeal even if not replaced
- 2 I support the repeal only if replaced
- 3 I oppose reaping
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

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Q9

Based on what you have read and heard in the media, how comfortable are you with President Trump's reported relationships with President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government? Would you say you are...

- 1 Very comfortable
- 2 Somewhat comfortable
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat uncomfortable
- 5 Very uncomfortable
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

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Q10

Now we have a few questions regarding your opinions on taxation and spending by the State of Kansas. I'm going to name four groups and ask you to tell me whether taxes on each group should be increased, remain the same or decreased. First...

	1 Increase	2 Remain the Same	3 Decrease	8 DONT KNOW	9 REFUSED
.1 Large corporations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Top income earners?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 The middle class?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Small businesses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q11

Thinking about what you paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax together, compared to two years ago, has the amount you pay in state taxes:

- 1 Increased
- 2 Remained the same, or
- 3 Decreased?
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q12a

The State of Kansas cannot spend more money than it takes in, Kansas government is currently experiencing problems balancing the State budget. The problem can be solved by either cutting spending, increasing taxes or both. Which of these alternatives do you prefer?

- 1 Cut spending
- 2 Increase taxes, or
- 3 Both cut spending and increase taxes
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Page pQ12b if (Q12a==2)|(Q12a==3)

Q12b

Which of the following taxes would you favor increasing?

READ OPTIONS

- 1 Sales Tax
- 2 Property Tax
- 3 Income Tax
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Page pQ12c if (Q12a==1)|(Q12a==3)

Q12c

In which of the following areas would you favor decreasing spending?

READ OPTIONS

- 1 K-12 Education
- 2 Higher Education
- 3 Social Services
- 4 Roads and Highways
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

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Q13

There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas' revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources:

	1 Strongly Support	2 Somewhat Support	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat Oppose	5 Strongly Oppose	8 DONT KNOW	9 REFUSED
G0 .1 Increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .2 Increasing taxes on alcohol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .3 Legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G0 .4 Closing the LLC loophole that allowed limited liability corporations or LLC's to not have to pay state income taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q14

Would you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" Joey's Law, a law that would require the State to put notification information on driver's licenses, motor vehicle registration, ID, license plate and provide a placard similar to handicap drivers for an individual who has autism?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose
- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q15

Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" allowing Kansas physicians to prescribe marijuana to their patients for the therapeutic benefits?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose
- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

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Q16

Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" allowing public health facilities to prohibit conceal and carrying firearms in their facilities?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose

- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q17

Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" reinstating a repealed law that gave Kansas teachers an appeals process to contest their dismissal if they were terminated from their teaching positions?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose
- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q18

Do you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" a law that would provide financial restitution for each year people were imprisoned for crimes of which they were wrongly convicted?

- 1 Strongly Support
- 2 Somewhat Support
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat Oppose
- 5 Strongly Oppose
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

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Q19a

We are about finished and just have a few more questions to help analyze the results of the study. How much thought did you give to the 2016 presidential election? Quite a lot, some or only a little?

- 1 Quite a lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Only a little
- 4 NONE
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

Q19b

Do you happen to know where people who live in your neighborhood go to vote?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

Q19c

Have you ever voted either in person or by mail in your precinct or election district?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

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Q19d

How often would you say you vote? Always, Nearly always, Some of the time or Seldom?

- 1 Always
- 2 Nearly Always

- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Seldom
- 5 NEVER
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

Q19e

In the election for president in November 2016, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

- 1 Yes, voted
- 2 No, didn't vote
- 3 No, was not old enough
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

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Q20

By your best guess, where will you be in 5 years? Are you likely to...

- 1 Still be living in the same community you are in now
- 2 Move to another location in Kansas
- 3 Or relocate to a state other than Kansas?
- 8 DONT KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

Q21

Do you consider yourself a...

- 1 Strong Republican
- 2 Not Very Strong Republican
- 3 Independent..... Leaning Republican
- 4 Independent
- 5 Independent..... Leaning Democrat
- 6 Not Very Strong Democrat
- 7 Strong Democrat
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

Q22

What is the highest level of education you have received?

- 1 Less than high school
- 2 High school diploma or equivalency
- 3 Some college
- 4 Associates or Technical degree
- 5 Bachelors degree
- 6 Postgraduate Degree
- 88 DONT KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

Q23

Was your total family income for last year ABOVE or BELOW \$50,000?

If ABOVE start at *OK - Was it at least \$50,000 but under \$75,000*

If BELOW, start with *OK - Was it *Less than \$10,000*

- 1 OK - Was it Less than 10,000
- 2 At least 10,000 but under 25,000
- 3 At least 25,000 but under 35,000
- 4 At least 35,000 but under 50,000
- 5 OK - Was it at least 50,000 but under 75,000
- 6 At least 75,000 but under 100,000
- 7 At least 100,000 but under 150,000
- 8 150,000 or more
- 88 DONT KNOW

99 REFUSED

Q24

What year were you born?

1

8 DONT KNOW

9 REFUSED

Q25

That's our last question. Thank you for participating in this important research. The results will be released to the media in April. Have a great _____.

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Was the respondent a...

1 Male

2 Female

8 Unsure