

## Spring 2017

Survey Information:

Random Selection, Landline and Cell Telephone Survey

**Adult Wisconsin Residents – 303 Residents Sampled**

Interview Period: April 24 – May 8, 2017

Margin of Error: +/- 5.6% at the 95% confidence level.

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*Please see the longer version of the survey for more questions, details, and comparisons with past Wisconsin Surveys*

### President and Governor Approval Ratings:

Now I'd like to ask you about some major political figures and your opinion on how well they are doing their job. For each of the following, please tell me whether you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove with the way the person is doing their job.

	Strongly Approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
a) Donald Trump	13%	26%	19%	40%	2%
b) Scott Walker	10%	39%	20%	29%	3%

### Approval Ratings for President Trump:

All	39%
Republicans	90%
Democrats	8%
Independents	34%
Clinton Voters	5%
Trump Voters	98%
Did Not Vote	24%

## Walker Approval Ratings:

	Sp '11	Fall '11	Sp '12	Fall '12	Sp '13	Fall '13	Sp '14	Fall '14	Sp '15	Fall '15	Sp '16	Fall '16	Sp '17
Approve	46%	38%	52%	51%	52%	50%	59%	48%	41%	39%	43%	45%	49%
Disapprove	48%	58%	48%	46%	46%	45%	39%	49%	58%	60%	55%	53%	49%

## Approval Ratings for Governor Walker

All	49%
Republicans	88%
Democrats	22%
Independents	32%
Clinton Voters	23%
Trump Voters	90%
Did Not Vote	48%

## President Trump Approvals on the Issues:

Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling each of the following aspects of his job. Do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling....

	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
a. Syria	41%	55%	4%
c. The situation with North Korea	37%	57%	6%
d. The Economy	42%	46%	12%
e. Health care	31%	62%	8%
h. Immigration	39%	57%	4%
i. the environment	27%	61%	12%
k. Expanding the use of coal in the US	32%	57%	12%

## FBI; Climate Change; Steven Avery Case

Next, I'm going to ask you about some theories on major events. For each theory, please tell me whether you think that it is definitely true, probably true, probably not true, or definitely not true.

<b><u>ENTIRE SAMPLE</u></b>	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably Not True	Definitely Not True	Not Sure
President Obama ordered a wiretap of President Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign	4%	29%	24%	40%	2%
The Russian government tampered with the 2016 presidential election in order to influence the outcome of the election	21%	39%	26%	11%	2%
The vaccine industry purposely misrepresented or hid data about the safety of vaccines	13%	38%	23%	13%	14%
Most climate scientists exaggerate claims about climate change for their own gain	12%	28%	21%	38%	2%
The oil industry and others purposely seed doubt about climate change in order to protect their companies	31%	50%	13%	4%	3%
Manitowoc County law enforcement fabricated evidence to frame Steven Avery	10%	12%	29%	22%	28%

<b><u>REPUBLICANS ONLY</u></b>	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably Not True	Definitely Not True	Not Sure
President Obama ordered a wiretap of President Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign	14%	53%	14%	17%	2%
The Russian government tampered with the 2016 presidential election in order to influence the outcome of the election	1%	23%	40%	32%	4%
The vaccine industry purposely misrepresented or hid data about the safety of vaccines	11%	42%	20%	10%	17%
Most climate scientists exaggerate claims about climate change for their own gain	17%	46%	23%	11%	3%
The oil industry and others purposely seed doubt about climate change in order to protect their companies	10%	54%	25%	9%	3%
Manitowoc County law enforcement fabricated evidence to frame Steven Avery	2%	2%	38%	40%	18%

<b><u>DEMOCRATS ONLY</u></b>	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably Not True	Definitely Not True	Not Sure
President Obama ordered a wiretap of President Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign	0%	21%	21%	58%	0%
The Russian government tampered with the 2016 presidential election in order to influence the outcome of the election	33%	43%	23%	2%	0%
The vaccine industry purposely misrepresented or hid data about the safety of vaccines	16%	30%	24%	17%	13%
Most climate scientists exaggerate claims about climate change for their own gain	8%	19%	21%	52%	1%
The oil industry and others purposely seed doubt about climate change in order to protect their companies	43%	49%	4%	2%	2%
Manitowoc County law enforcement fabricated evidence to frame Steven Avery	14%	17%	30%	12%	27%

<b><u>INDEPENDENTS ONLY</u></b>	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably Not True	Definitely Not True	Not Sure
President Obama ordered a wiretap of President Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign	0%	21%	37%	39%	4%
The Russian government tampered with the 2016 presidential election in order to influence the outcome of the election	26%	47%	21%	4%	2%
The vaccine industry purposely misrepresented or hid data about the safety of vaccines	15%	31%	29%	12%	14%
Most climate scientists exaggerate claims about climate change for their own gain	12%	17%	25%	44%	2%
The oil industry and others purposely seed doubt about climate change in order to protect their companies	51%	30%	13%	4%	2%
Manitowoc County law enforcement fabricated evidence to frame Steven Avery	2%	6%	24%	24%	44%

## **WORRIES:**

For the following issues, how much would you say you worry about each one: a lot, some, not much, not at all

<b><u>ENTIRE SAMPLE</u></b>	Worry A Lot	Worry Some	Not Much	Don't Worry at all	Not sure
Environmental problems like air and water pollution	45%	38%	11%	6%	<1%
How fast technology is changing	25%	36%	21%	18%	<1%
Illegal Immigration	33%	28%	27%	12%	1%
Climate change	39%	35%	15%	10%	1%
A school shooting like Virginia Tech, Sandyhook, or San Bernadino?	63%	25%	7%	5%	1%
The country moving away from traditional values	53%	27%	8%	10%	2%
The political climate in the US	57%	32%	6%	4%	1%
The ability of the US to maintain its position in the world	37%	42%	10%	9%	3%

*For the Crosstabs below, all relationships are statistically significant except school shootings – in the WI population there is no difference on amount of worry about a school shooting between different partisan identifications*

<b><u>REPUBLICANS ONLY</u></b>	Worry A Lot	Worry Some	Not Much	Don't Worry at all	Not sure
Environmental problems like air and water pollution	19%	47%	20%	15%	0%
How fast technology is changing	19%	36%	14%	31%	0%
Illegal Immigration	50%	23%	24%	4%	0%
Climate change	10%	37%	31%	23%	0%
A school shooting like Virginia Tech, Sandyhook, or San Bernadino?	57%	23%	12%	9%	0%
The country moving away from traditional values	80%	17%	0%	2%	0%
The political climate in the US	44%	47%	4%	4%	0%
The ability of the US to maintain its position in the world	29%	50%	12%	10%	0%

<b><u>TRUMP VOTERS ONLY</u></b>	Worry A Lot	Worry Some	Not Much	Don't Worry at all	Not sure
Environmental problems like air and water pollution	16%	57%	16%	12%	0%
How fast technology is changing	23%	28%	15%	34%	0%
Illegal Immigration	48%	27%	23%	2%	0%
Climate change	7%	38%	37%	18%	0%
A school shooting like Virginia Tech, Sandyhook, or San Bernadino?	55%	23%	10%	12%	0%
The country moving away from traditional values	77%	19%	2%	2%	0%
The political climate in the US	46%	45%	6%	2%	0%
The ability of the US to maintain its position in the world	30%	49%	11%	10%	1%

<b><u>DEMOCRATS ONLY</u></b>	Worry A Lot	Worry Some	Not Much	Don't Worry at all	Not sure
Environmental problems like air and water pollution	66%	33%	0%	1%	0%
How fast technology is changing	27%	40%	20%	13%	0%
Illegal Immigration	24%	27%	30%	19%	1%
Climate change	54%	37%	6%	2%	1%
A school shooting like Virginia Tech, Sandyhook, or San Bernadino?	67%	27%	4%	1%	1%
The country moving away from traditional values	38%	38%	10%	10%	4%
The political climate in the US	68%	29%	2%	1%	1%
The ability of the US to maintain its position in the world	40%	50%	7%	2%	1%

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<b><u>INDEPENDENTS ONLY</u></b>	Worry A Lot	Worry Some	Not Much	Don't Worry at all	Not sure
Environmental problems like air and water pollution	38%	49%	9%	4%	0%
How fast technology is changing	23%	38%	21%	19%	0%
Illegal Immigration	36%	25%	26%	13%	0%
Climate change	46%	29%	15%	10%	0%
A school shooting like Virginia Tech, Sandyhook, or San Bernadino?	64%	23%	6%	8%	0%
The country moving away from traditional values	37%	31%	20%	12%	0%
The political climate in the US	57%	26%	15%	2%	0%
The ability of the US to maintain its position in the world	33%	31%	12%	12%	12%

Please tell me whether you generally agree or disagree with this statement: Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway.

Agree ..... 73%  
 Disagree..... 25%  
 Not Sure ..... 2%

Please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your own view:

Congress should support the president in order to carry out the president's agenda 22%  
 OR  
 Congress should act more strongly as a check on the president 75%  
 Not Sure ..... 3%

## **TRUST in Institutions:**

For each of the following, please tell me how much of the time you think you can trust this group to do the right thing: All of the time, most of the time, some of the time, rarely, or never.

<b><u>ENTIRE SAMPLE</u></b>	All of the Time	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
Your local government	4%	57%	24%	5%	9%	1%
Wisconsin state government	1%	46%	34%	10%	10%	<1%
The national/federal government	1%	22%	53%	15%	9%	1%
Medical doctors	15%	59%	18%	2%	5%	3%
Scientists	15%	43%	33%	5%	<1%	3%
Climate Scientists	13%	39%	32%	10%	3%	3%
Mainstream Media	6%	18%	27%	22%	27%	<1%

<b><u>DEMOCRATS ONLY</u></b>	All of the Time	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
Your local government	3%	55%	24%	5%	14%	0%
Wisconsin state government	1%	31%	41%	11%	16%	0%
The national/federal government	1%	28%	45%	17%	9%	0%
Medical doctors	13%	59%	15%	2%	10%	0%
Scientists	17%	51%	19%	12%	0%	1%
Climate Scientists	24%	42%	23%	10%	0%	1%
Mainstream Media	14%	27%	35%	8%	16%	0%

<b><u>REPUBLICANS ONLY</u></b>	All of the Time	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
Your local government	4%	62%	22%	10%	2%	0%
Wisconsin state government	1%	65%	32%	2%	0%	0%
The national/federal government	0%	17%	66%	12%	4%	0%
Medical doctors	9%	60%	21%	1%	2%	8%
Scientists	4%	40%	48%	0%	0%	8%
Climate Scientists	0%	31%	42%	14%	5%	8%
Mainstream Media	0%	4%	13%	44%	39%	0%

<b><u>TRUMP VOTERS ONLY</u></b>	All of the Time	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
Your local government	3%	61%	26%	5%	3%	1%
Wisconsin state government	2%	68%	24%	4%	0%	1%
The national/federal government	0%	20%	57%	16%	5%	1%
Medical doctors	13%	57%	20%	2%	2%	6%
Scientists	5%	34%	52%	0%	0%	9%
Climate Scientists	1%	27%	41%	14%	9%	9%
Mainstream Media	0%	3%	13%	48%	36%	0%

<b><u>INDEPENDENTS ONLY</u></b>	All of the Time	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
Your local government	2%	58%	37%	2%	2%	0%
Wisconsin state government	2%	45%	34%	15%	4%	0%
The national/federal government	0%	23%	45%	21%	11%	0%
Medical doctors	11%	66%	23%	0%	0%	0%
Scientists	17%	42%	38%	0%	0%	4%
Climate Scientists	13%	57%	15%	6%	8%	2%
Mainstream Media	0%	19%	30%	23%	28%	0%

## Direction of the Country/State and Economies

Generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or are they going in the wrong direction?

Right Direction .....	38%
Wrong Direction .....	54%
Not Sure .....	8%

Generally speaking, would you say that things in the state of Wisconsin are going in the right direction, or are they going in the wrong direction?

Right Direction .....	43%
Wrong Direction .....	48%
Not Sure .....	10%

Compared to a year ago, do you think the national economy has gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse?

Better .....	39%
Same .....	39%
Worse .....	21%
Not Sure .....	3%

Compared to a year ago, do you think the state economy has gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse?

Better .....	34%
Same .....	40%
Worse .....	23%
Not Sure .....	4%

# CLIMATE CHANGE:

When thinking about current effects of climate change or global warming, would you say that these effects around the world are currently

	<u>Sp '17</u>	<u>Sp '07</u>
Very Serious.....	53%	44%
Somewhat Serious.....	30%	39%
Not Too Serious.....	11%	11%
Not at All Serious.....	6%	4%
Not Sure.....	1%	3%

When thinking about climate change over the last 50 years, do you think the effects are primarily due to human activities, primarily natural changes in the environment, both equally, or neither – that climate change has not been occurring?

	<u>Sp '17</u>	<u>Sp '14</u>
Primarily Human Caused.....	44%	33%
Primarily Natural.....	13%	22%
Both Equally.....	34%	36%
Not Occurring.....	8%	5%
Not Sure.....	1%	4%

Would you say that the science about climate change is

Very Certain.....	38%
Somewhat Certain.....	35%
Not too Certain.....	14%
Not at all Certain.....	12%
Not Sure.....	2%

# DEMOGRAPHICS:

Generally speaking do you consider yourself to be a Democrat or Republican?

Democrat.....	41%
Republican .....	31%
Independent (volunteered) .....	17%
Other .....	10%
Not Sure .....	1%

Compared to a year ago, do you feel that you are financially better off now, or worse off now than a year ago?

Better off now .....	45%
Worse off now .....	17%
Same (volunteered).....	36%
Not Sure .....	2%

Do you expect that at this time **NEXT** year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?

Better off than now .....	53%
Worse off than now.....	19%
Same (volunteered).....	20%
Not Sure .....	8%

Respondent's gender. (DO NOT ASK!!!)

Male .....	49%
Female.....	51%

AREA CODE:

262.....	18%
414.....	16%
608.....	19%
715.....	24%
920.....	23%

What would you say is your **primary** source of news:

Local broadcast tv news .....	19%
National broadcast tv news .....	11%
Cable tv news .....	15%
Local newspaper.....	3%
Social media .....	13%
Other online sources.....	8%
News Radio .....	6%
Talk Radio.....	7%
Other.....	3%
Mix (VOL) .....	15%
Not Sure .....	<1%

Of the news source you cited in the previous question, what is the specific source? For example, if you said cable news, is it CNN, Fox, MSNBC etc., if it's your local tv station, is it the ABC, NBC etc... affiliate, or if you said social media is it Facebook, Twitter etc.. \_\_\_\_\_

Local Broadcast News:

46% ABC  
31% Fox  
17% CBS  
6% NBC

National Broadcast News:

38% ABC  
25% CBS  
25% NBC  
13% PBS

Cable News:

43% Fox  
39% CNN  
12% MSNBC  
6% HBO

Social Media – 90% was facebook, others were news sources

Other Online Sources:

45% Fox  
18% CNN  
14% HuffPo  
Various others

News Radio – Half were NPR/WPR rest were scattering

Talk Radio – almost all local; a couple said Rush Limbaugh