

Hello, my name is _____. The UA's Arkansas Poll has hired Issues & Answers to ask people in your part of Arkansas about some things that have been in the news.

I am not selling anything and I am not asking for money. All of your answers will be kept strictly confidential.

Please know these calls are randomly monitored for quality and training purposes.

Q1

I would first like to ask you how many years you have lived in Arkansas, or have you lived here all of your life?

- Gave number of years01 *(enter number of years)*
 - Less than one year.....96
 - All my life97
 - Don't know98
 - Refused99
 - Do not currently live in Arkansas90 *[TERMINATE]*
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Q49

(RECORD GENDER BY OBSERVATION. IF UNSURE, ASK: And, I am required to ask you this, are you male or female?) (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Male1
 - Female.....2
 - Don't know8 *[TERMINATE]*
 - Refused9 *[TERMINATE]*
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In what county do you live? (*DO NOT READ LIST, SELECT ONE*)

Don't know	98	Independent	10
Refused	99	Izard.....	11
Arkansas.....	01	Jackson	12
Ashley	47	Jefferson	62
Baxter	02	Johnson.....	40
Benton	35	Lafayette.....	63
Boone	36	Lawrence	13
Bradley	48	Lee.....	14
Calhoun	49	Lincoln	64
Carroll	37	Little River	65
Chicot.....	50	Logan.....	66
Clark.....	51	Lonoke.....	15
Clay	03	Madison.....	41
Cleburne.....	04	Marion	42
Cleveland	52	Miller.....	67
Columbia.....	53	Mississippi.....	16
Conway	27	Monroe	17
Craighead	05	Montgomery.....	68
Crawford	38	Nevada.....	69
Crittenden.....	06	Newton	43
Cross	07	Ouachita	70
Dallas	54	Perry	29
Desha.....	55	Philips.....	18
Drew.....	56	Pike.....	71
Faulkner	28	Poinsett.....	19
Franklin	39	Polk	72
Fulton	08	Pope.....	44
Garland.....	57	Prairie	20
Grant	58	Pulaski	30
Greene	09	Randolph	21
Hempstead.....	59	Saline.....	31
Hot Springs	60	Scott.....	73
Howard.....	61	Searcy	23
		Sebastian	45
		Sevier.....	74
		Sharp	24
		St. Francis.....	22
		Stone.....	25
		Union.....	75
		Van Buren	32
		Washington	46
		White	33
		Woodruff	26
		Yell.....	34

Q3

In your opinion, what do you think is the most important problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today? today? (DO NOT READ LIST, SELECT ONE. IF CAN'T SELECT, TYPE VERBATIM INTO "OTHER SPECIFY")

[RANDOMIZE]

The economy/Jobs/Unemployment/Poverty	01
Education.....	02
Healthcare/Health insurance/Access to doctors/Costs.....	03
Drugs.....	04
Taxes/"Big government"	05
Immigration	06
Budget/Deficit/Debt.....	10
Crime	11
Morality/Family breakdown/Religion (God/Bible, etc.).....	12
Politicians/Politics.....	13
Racism.....	14
Roads.....	15
War/Afghanistan/Iraq/Terrorism	16
Environment/Climate change/Global warming	17
Fuel/Energy/Gas prices.....	18
Other (specify).....	19
Don't know	88
Refused	99

COMM1

Thank you. Let's move on to your thoughts on some of the people who are involved in government and politics.

[ROTATE ORDER OF APPROVAL SERIES; keep governor and state legislature together; then national figures together]

Q4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Asa [A-suh] Hutchinson is handling his job as governor in Little Rock? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q5

And do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job in Little Rock? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve	1
Disapprove	2
Don't know.....	8
Refused	9

Q6

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
(DO NOT READ LIST)

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Don't know 8
Refused 9

QDDD

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job in Washington, D.C.?

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
Don't know 8
Refused 9

Q7

Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boozman (BOZE'man) is handling his job as U.S. Senator? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- Approve 1
 - Disapprove 2
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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Q8

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Cotton is handling his job as U.S. Senator? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- Approve 1
 - Disapprove 2
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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[PRIMING EXPERIMENT. RANDOMIZE SO THAT HALF OF RESPONDENTS RECEIVE THIS QUESTION BEFORE NEXT BATTERY; HALF OF RESPONDENTS DON'T HEAR THIS; ONLY GET THE BATTERY ABOUT WOMEN IN POLITICS.]

[THESE LAST 2 APPROVAL QUESTIONS – FOR THE HALF OF RESPONDENTS WHO RECEIVE IT – ARE ALWAYS LAST, AND ROTATED WITH EACH OTHER]

QSAN

And what about Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the former White House press secretary: Do you approve or disapprove of her campaign for Arkansas governor? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- Approve 1
- Disapprove..... 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

And what about Leslie Rutledge, the state's attorney general: Do you approve or disapprove of her campaign for Arkansas governor?

QRUT

(*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- Approve 1
- Disapprove..... 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

COMM

Now, let's switch things up. I'd like to ask you about the qualifications of politicians *generally*. I'm going to read you a list of statements and for each one, I'd like for you to tell me whether you [agree or disagree] with it. (ROTATE/RANDOMIZE the five statements in this battery; AND ADD "strongly" probe to all five.)

Q14

1. Male politicians are typically better at handling most political issues.

- Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?) Q15
2. Female politicians often let their emotions influence their political decisions.
Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?) Q16
3. I have some reservations about electing a female to the presidency.
Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?) Q17
4. Female politicians don't have the expertise to deal with foreign policy issues, like wars.
Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?) Q18
5. Male politicians are generally better communicators through speeches and media appearances.
Agree, disagree, don't know, refused (if agree or disagree, is that strongly?)

Q99A

Thank you. And what about the Arkansas governor's race in 2022: At this point, are you likely to vote for... *[RANDOMIZE ORDER] (READ LIST, SELECT ONE)*

- the Republican 1 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
- the Democrat.....2 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
- Another candidate (specify).....3 *[CONTINUE TO Q99B]*
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know8 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*
- (DO NOT READ) Refused.....9 *[SKIP TO Q100A]*

Q99B

For whom do you plan to vote? *[OPEN-END]* _____

COMM602

Thank you. Next, I have a couple of questions about some issues that are often in the news.

[ROTATE ... But, please keep like-topics together.]

Q12

In general, would you say that you favor stricter gun control, less strict gun control, or should no change be made to the existing gun control laws? *(DO NOT READ LIST)*

- Stricter..... 1
- Less strict2
- No change3
- Don't know8
- Refused9

And, do you think it is more important to:

Protect gun rights or control gun violence?

Protect gun rights.....	1
Control gun violence	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

COVIDa

Thank you. And what about the current pandemic? Do you personally know someone who has been hospitalized or died as a result of having COVID-19?

(DO NOT READ LIST)

yes.....	1
no	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

COVIDb

And as part of efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus, do you favor or oppose requiring people to wear a mask before being allowed to do each of the following: (RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

Travel by airplane	
Go to a sporting event or concert	
Attend public colleges and universities in person	
Attend a K-12 public school	
Eat inside of a restaurant	
Shop inside stores and businesses	
favor.....	1
oppose.....	2
Don't know	8
Refused.....	9

COVIDc

And as part of efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus, would you favor or oppose requiring eligible people to show proof of vaccination before being allowed to do each of the following: (RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

Travel by airplane?

Go to a sporting event or concert?

Attend public colleges and universities in person?

Attend a K-12 public school?

Eat inside of a restaurant?

Shop inside stores and businesses?

favor..... 1

oppose..... 2

Don't know 8

Refused..... 9



Q13

Do you favor laws that would make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion, favor laws that would make it easier to get an abortion, or should no change be made to existing abortion laws? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

More difficult	1
Easier	2
No change	3
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q608

Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances or illegal in all circumstances?

Legal under any circumstances	1
Legal only under certain circumstances	2
Illegal in all circumstances	3
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q89

Do you support or oppose the death penalty as the punishment for people convicted of murder?

Support	1
Oppose	2
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q93

Do you think global warming, or climate change, will pose a serious threat to you or your way of life in your lifetime? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

Yes	1
No	2
Not a problem	3
Don't know	8
Refused	9

DEMO

Thank you. Next, I'll ask you some questions about yourself so that we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans *[Ar KAN sinz]* .

Q19

First, do you live in a city, a suburb, a small town or a rural area? (*INTERVIEWER: If respondent asks for a definition for one of these, tell them, "Whatever it means to you"*) (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- City..... 1
- Suburb..... 2
- Small town 3
- Rural area 4
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q20

Which of the following education categories best describes your highest level of schooling? I have a list here, so feel free to stop me at any time. Is it...? (*READ LIST, SELECT ONE*)

- No high school 1
- Some high school 2
- High school graduate 3
- Some college including business or trade school..... 4
- College graduate 5
- Some graduate school 6
- Graduate or professional degree 7
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q21

And, which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic group: (*READ LIST, SELECT ONE*)

- White..... 1
 - Black or African-American..... 2
 - Hispanic 3
 - Asian 4
 - Native American 5
 - Multi-Ethnic..... 6
 - Something else 7
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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Thank you. The next questions are about your general evaluation of the quality of life in our state.

Q31

Overall, do you feel that Arkansas is generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction? *(DO NOT READ LIST)*

- Right..... 1
- Wrong 2
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused 9

Q32

On a more individual level, would you say you are better off financially, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago? *(DO NOT READ LIST)*

- Better..... 1
- Worse 2
- About the same 3
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused 9

Q33

And, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now, you will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as now? *(DO NOT READ LIST)*

- Better..... 1
- Worse 2
- About the same 3
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused 9

DEMOb

Thank you. I have just a few more questions about you so we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans *[Ar KAN sinz]*.

Q34

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what? *(DO NOT READ LIST)*

- Republican 1 *[CONTINUE TO Q34A]*
- Democrat..... 2 *[SKIP TO Q34B]*
- Independent..... 3 *[SKIP TO Q34C]*
- Other 4 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
- Don't know..... 8 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
- Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q35]*

Q34A

Would you call yourself a strong Republican, or a not very strong Republican? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Strong Republican..... 1 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
 - Not very strong Republican 2 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
 - Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
 - Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
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Q34B

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat, or a not very strong Democrat? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Strong Democrat 1 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
 - Not a very strong Democrat 2 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
 - Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
 - Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q35]*
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Q34C

Well, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Closer to Republican..... 1
 - Closer to Democrat 2
 - Just Independent..... 3
 - Don't know 8
 - Refused 9
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Q35

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as a Liberal, Moderate, or Conservative? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Liberal 1 *[CONTINUE TO Q35A]*
 - Moderate 2 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
 - Conservative 3 *[SKIP TO Q35B]*
 - Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
 - Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
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Q35A

Would you say you are strongly Liberal or somewhat Liberal? (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Strongly Liberal 1 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
 - Somewhat Liberal 2 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
 - Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
 - Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q110]*
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Q35B

Would you say that you are strongly Conservative or somewhat Conservative? (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- Strongly Conservative..... 1
 - Somewhat Conservative..... 2
 - Don't know..... 8
 - Refused 9
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Q110

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics? (*READ LIST*)

- Always 1
- Most of the time 2
- About half of the time 3
- Some of the time 4
- Never..... 5
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q36

Which of the following income categories best describes your total 2020 household income? I have a list here, feel free to stop me at any time. Was it...? *(READ LIST)*

- \$7,500 or less 01
- \$7,501 to \$15,000 02
- \$15,001 to \$25,000 03
- \$25,001 to \$35,000 04
- \$35,001 to \$50,000 05
- \$50,001 to \$75,000 06
- \$75,001 to \$100,000 07
- \$100,001 or over 08
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 98
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 99

Q111

How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper? *[NUMERIC OPEN END]*

- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 98
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 99

Q112

How many days in the past week did you watch the local TV news shows in the evening? *[NUMERIC OPEN END]*

- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 98
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 99

Q38

About how often do you attend religious services? Is it.. *(READ LIST)*

- Never..... 1
- Once a year 2
- Several times a year 3
- About once a month..... 4
- 2-3 times a month..... 5
- Every week..... 6
- More than once a week 7
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 9

Q39

Which of the following best describes your current religious preference? Is it...
(*READ LIST*) (*INTERVIEWER: Any Christian faith that is not Catholic or Greek Orthodox should be classified as Protestant. Greek Orthodox is classified as "Other".*)

- Protestant (Prah-test-ant) 1
- Catholic 2
- Jewish..... 3 *[SKIP TO Q41]*
- Something else 4 *[SKIP TO Q41]*
- None..... 5 *[SKIP TO Q41]*
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q41]*
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9 *[SKIP TO Q41]*

Q40

Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian? (*INTERVIEWER: If the respondent asks for a definition of either of these terms, tell them, "We want to know how you feel about yourself. Do you identify with either of these labels?"*) (*DO NOT READ LIST*)

- Yes 1
- No..... 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q41

Which of these best describes your present marital status? (*READ LIST*)

- Married..... 1
- Not married but living together..... 2
- Separated or divorced 3
- Widowed..... 4
- Never married or single 5
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused..... 9

Q42

How many people, including yourself, live in your household? (*INTERVIEWER: This would include children*) (*DON'T KNOW=98, REFUSED=99*)

_____ Enter Number

Q43

Do you have any school aged children? (INTERVIEWER: THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 ONLY) (DO NOT READ LIST)

- Yes 1
- No..... 2 *[SKIP TO Q44]*
- Don't know 8 *[SKIP TO Q44]*
- Refused 9 *[SKIP TO Q44]*

Q43A

How many school aged children do you have? (DON'T KNOW=98, REFUSED=99)

_____ Enter Number

Q44

What is your current employment status? Is it...? (READ LIST, SELECT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

- Employed full-time 1
- Employed part-time 2
- Self-employed 3
- Unemployed..... 4
- Retired..... 5
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 9

Q46

Are you a registered voter?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2 *[SKIP TO Q48]*
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

Q47

And, how likely are you to vote in the next election? Are you:

- Very Likely 1 (go to 47b)
- Likely 2 (go to 47b)
- Unlikely 3 (go to QHHH)
- Very unlikely 4 (go to QHHH)
- (DO NOT READ) Already voted 5 (go to 47b)
- (DO NOT READ) Don't know 8 (go to QHHH)
- (DO NOT READ) Refused 9 (go to QHHH)

Q48

In what year were you born? (*DON'T KNOW=9998, REFUSED=9999*)

_____ Enter Year

[ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE ONLY]

ZIP

What is your zip code? (*DON'T KNOW=99998, REFUSED=99999*)

_____ Enter zip code

COMM7

Thank you very much for helping us with the 23rd annual Arkansas Poll. Please look for results to be reported publicly at the end of this month. Have a nice day/afternoon/evening.
