



Marquette Law School Poll Toplines-  
May 23-26, 2012

(Reported total sample size may differ from 720 due to rounding of weighted data.)

**S2**

Gender

	N	%
Male	343	48
Female	377	52

**S4**

Region

	N	%
Milwaukee City	91	13
Rest of Milwaukee media market	235	33
Madison media market	121	17
Green Bay/Appleton media market	133	18
Rest of state media markets	139	19

**S5**

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or ward where you now live, or aren't you?

	N	%
Yes, registered to vote	685	95
No, not registered to vote	34	5
Don't know/Refused (v)	2	0

**S6**

Do you plan to register to vote, or is there a chance that you may not register?

	N	%
Plan to Register	35	100

**Q1**

Some people seem to follow what's going on in politics most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in politics most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

	N	%
Most of the time	494	69
Some of the time	162	23
Only now and then	38	5
Hardly at all	25	3
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q2**

What are the chances that you will vote in the November 2012 general election for President, Congress, and other offices -- are you absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	N	%
Absolutely certain	625	87
Very likely	56	8
50-50	20	3
Will not vote	19	3
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q2b**

What are the chances that you will vote in a June recall election for Governor -- are you absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	N	%
Absolutely certain	600	83
Very likely	42	6
50-50	39	5
Will not vote	35	5
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	3	0

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\*\*To assess the impact of the economy on approval (of Obama and Walker), half the sample was asked the economic evaluation questions (Q3 and Q4) before job approval, and half were asked approval before the economy. The results reported below include all respondents regardless of which set of questions they were asked first.

### Q3

Over the past year, do you feel the economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	N	%
Gotten better	211	29
Gotten worse	193	27
Stayed the same	304	42
Don't know (v)	11	2
Refused (v)	1	0

### Q4

Looking ahead, over the next year do you expect the economy to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	N	%
Get better	332	46
Get worse	94	13
Stay the same	244	34
Don't know (v)	48	7
Refused (v)	3	0

### Q5

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	N	%
Approve	372	52
Disapprove	312	43
Don't know (v)	31	4
Refused (v)	5	1

### Q6

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Walker is handling his job as Governor of Wisconsin?

	N	%
Approve	371	51
Disapprove	322	45
Don't know (v)	22	3
Refused (v)	6	1

**Q7**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Barack Obama?

	N	%
Favorable	399	55
Unfavorable	297	41
Haven't heard enough	12	2
Don't know (v)	11	2
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q8**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Mitt Romney?

	N	%
Favorable	287	40
Unfavorable	336	47
Haven't heard enough	74	10
Don't know (v)	21	3
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q9**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Scott Walker?

	N	%
Favorable	365	51
Unfavorable	330	46
Haven't heard enough	16	2
Don't know (v)	6	1
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q10**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Tom Barrett?

	N	%
Favorable	299	41
Unfavorable	335	46
Haven't heard enough	65	9
Don't know (v)	16	2
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q11**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Rebecca Kleefisch?

	N	%
Favorable	219	30
Unfavorable	236	33
Haven't heard enough	224	31
Don't know (v)	38	5
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q12**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Mahlon Mitchell?

	N	%
Favorable	120	17
Unfavorable	89	12
Haven't heard enough	416	58
Don't know (v)	92	13
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q13**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Tammy Baldwin?

	N	%
Favorable	190	26
Unfavorable	190	26
Haven't heard enough	284	39
Don't know (v)	54	8
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q14**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Tommy Thompson?

	N	%
Favorable	333	46
Unfavorable	276	38
Haven't heard enough	83	12
Don't know (v)	26	4
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q15**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Mark Neumann?

	N	%
Favorable	184	26
Unfavorable	167	23
Haven't heard enough	307	43
Don't know (v)	56	8
Refused (v)	6	1

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**Q16**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Jeff Fitzgerald?

	N	%
Favorable	130	18
Unfavorable	188	26
Haven't heard enough	331	46
Don't know (v)	68	9
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q17**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Eric Hovde?

	N	%
Favorable	106	15
Unfavorable	91	13
Haven't heard enough	440	61
Don't know (v)	80	11
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q18**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Public employee unions?

	N	%
Favorable	291	40
Unfavorable	324	45
Haven't heard enough	77	11
Don't know (v)	26	4
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q19**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

Private employee unions?

	N	%
Favorable	320	44
Unfavorable	253	35
Haven't heard enough	114	16
Don't know (v)	31	4
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q20**

(I'm now going to read you a list of people and organizations. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of them or if you haven't heard enough about him yet to have an opinion.)

The Tea Party?

	N	%
Favorable	232	32
Unfavorable	314	44
Haven't heard enough	118	16
Don't know (v)	54	8
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q21 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In an election to recall the governor between Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Tom Barrett, would you vote for Walker or for Barrett?

	N	%
Walker	358	50
Barrett	318	44
Undecided	26	4
Would not vote (v)	2	0
Someone else (v)	2	0
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	10	1

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**Q21 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In an election to recall the governor between Republican Scott Walker and Democrat Tom Barrett, would you vote for Walker or for Barrett?

	N	%
Walker	310	52
Barrett	269	45
Undecided	9	2
Would not vote (v)	1	0
Someone else (v)	0	0
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	8	1

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**Q22 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

In an election to recall the lieutenant governor, if the candidates were Republican Rebecca Kleefisch and Democrat Mahlon Mitchell, would you vote for Kleefisch or for Mitchell?

	N	%
Kleefisch	314	44
Mitchell	277	38
Undecided	66	9
Would not vote (v)	9	1
Someone else (v)	5	1
Don't know (v)	41	6
Refused (v)	9	1

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**Q22 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

In an election to recall the lieutenant governor, if the candidates were Republican Rebecca Kleefisch and Democrat Mahlon Mitchell, would you vote for Kleefisch or for Mitchell?

	N	%
Kleefisch	276	46
Mitchell	244	41
Undecided	46	8
Would not vote (v)	6	1
Someone else (v)	0	0
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	8	1

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**Q23 (ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)**

If the 2012 election for President were held today, would you vote for Barack Obama, the Democrat or for Mitt Romney, the Republican?

	N	%
Obama	377	52
Romney	291	40
Undecided (v)	28	4
Would not vote (v)	7	1
Someone else (v)	6	1
Don't know (v)	8	1
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q23 (LIKELY VOTERS)**

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	N	%
Obama	320	51
Romney	269	43
Undecided (v)	18	3
Would not vote (v)	4	1
Someone else (v)	5	1
Don't know (v)	7	1
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q24**

Thinking just about the state of Wisconsin, do you feel things in Wisconsin are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

	N	%
Right direction	375	52
Wrong track	320	44
Don't know (v)	24	3
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q25**

Do you think the legislation passed in the last year limiting collective bargaining for public employees has increased jobs, decreased job, or had no effect?

	N	%
Increased jobs	199	28
Decreased jobs	284	39
Had no effect	189	26
Don't know (v)	45	6
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q26**

Do you think the legislation passed in the last year reducing regulation and offering incentives to businesses to stay in the state or more here has increased jobs, decreased jobs, or had no effect?

	N	%
Increased jobs	306	43
Decreased jobs	104	14
Had no effect	250	35
Don't know (v)	57	8
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q27**

Do you agree or disagree? The middle class in the state won't catch a break unless we ask the rich to pay their fair share.

	N	%
Agree	465	65
Disagree	224	31
Don't know (v)	28	4
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q28**

Do you agree or disagree? The middle class in the state won't catch a break unless we get state spending under control.

	N	%
Agree	557	77
Disagree	125	17
Don't know (v)	34	5
Refused (v)	4	1

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**Q29**

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose.)

Requiring public employees to contribute to their own pensions and pay more for health insurance?

	N	%
Favor	540	75
Oppose	158	22
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q30**

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose.)

Limiting collective bargaining for most public employees?

	N	%
Favor	394	55
Oppose	296	41
Don't know (v)	29	4
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q31**

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose.)

Cutting spending by reducing state aid to public schools?

	N	%
Favor	208	29
Oppose	482	67
Don't know (v)	26	4
Refused (v)	3	0

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**Q32**

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose.)

Cutting spending by limiting the number of people eligible for health insurance in the BadgerCare program?

	N	%
Favor	241	33
Oppose	413	57
Don't know (v)	61	8
Refused (v)	5	1

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**Q33**

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose.)

Legalizing possession of concealed weapons?

	N	%
Favor	339	47
Oppose	356	49
Don't know (v)	20	3
Refused (v)	5	1

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**Q34**

(As you know, last year a number of changes were made concerning state employees, state spending, and policies. For each, please tell me if this is something you favor or oppose.)

Requiring a government-issued photo id to vote?

	N	%
Favor	439	61
Oppose	266	37
Don't know (v)	14	2
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q35**

In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more:

	N	%
Higher taxes and more services	332	46
Lower taxes and fewer services	346	48
Don't know (v)	33	5
Refused (v)	9	1

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**Q36**

Do you think Tom Barrett or Scott Walker would be better at creating jobs in the state?

	N	%
Barrett	306	43
Walker	360	50
No difference (v)	17	2
Don't know (v)	35	5
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q37**

Do you think Tom Barrett or Scott Walker would be better at balancing the budget in the state?

	N	%
Barrett	268	37
Walker	393	55
No difference (v)	19	3
Don't know (v)	39	5
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q38**

Do you think Tom Barrett or Scott Walker would be better at improving the quality of education in the state?

	N	%
Barrett	351	49
Walker	322	45
No difference (v)	14	2
Don't know (v)	32	4
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q39**

Do you think Tom Barrett or Scott Walker would be better at holding down taxes in the state?

	N	%
Barrett	227	32
Walker	415	58
No difference (v)	28	4
Don't know (v)	45	6
Refused (v)	4	1

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**Q40**

Do you think Tom Barrett or Scott Walker would be better at making taxes fair in the state?

	N	%
Barrett	307	43
Walker	358	50
No difference (v)	14	2
Don't know (v)	40	6
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q41**

Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion of how Scott Walker has done as Governor?

	N	%
I like what he's done as Governor	282	39
I like what he's done but not how he's done it	151	21
I don't like what he's done	274	38
Mixed/Some good, some bad (v)	2	0
Don't know (v)	8	1
Refused (v)	4	1

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**Q42**

Would you like to see collective bargaining for public employees returned to what it was before last year or keep the current law that eliminated most collective bargaining?

	N	%
Return collective bargaining	322	45
Keep as it is now	360	50
Don't know (v)	33	5
Refused (v)	5	1

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**Q43a**

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Talked to people and tried to show them why they should vote for or against a candidate?

	N	%
Yes, have done	391	54
No, have not done	325	45
Don't know (v)	3	0
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q43b**

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Put up a yard sign or bumper sticker to express your political views?

	N	%
Yes, have done	184	26
No, have not done	534	74
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q43c**

(Since January 2011, have you...)

Been contacted by a campaign by phone, in person, or by mail?

	N	%
Yes, have been	560	78
No, have not been	158	22
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q44**

Have you been contacted by a campaign either by phone, in person, or by mail in the last week?

	N	%
Yes, have been contacted	419	58
No, have not been contacted	291	40
Don't know (v)	9	1
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q45**

Was that someone supporting Democrats, Republicans, or were you contacted by both parties?

	N	%
Democrats	60	14
Republicans	95	23
Both	248	59
Someone else (v)	1	0
Don't know (v)	14	3
Refused (v)	1	0

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**Q46a**

(How often do you talk about politics with...)

Family and friends?

	N	%
More than once a week	285	40
About once a week	195	27
Once or twice a month	123	17
A few times a year	60	8
Never	56	8
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q46b**

(How often do you talk about politics with...)  
Co-workers?

	N	%
More than once a week	171	24
About once a week	150	21
Once or twice a month	99	14
A few times a year	43	6
Never	249	35
Don't know (v)	5	1
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q47**

Is there anyone you have stopped talking with about politics due to disagreements over the recall elections or Scott Walker?

	N	%
Yes	248	34
No	470	65
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q48**

How satisfied are you with the job the public schools are doing in your community? Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	N	%
Very satisfied	164	23
Satisfied	344	48
Dissatisfied	124	17
Very dissatisfied	48	7
Mixed feelings/Some good, some bad (v.)	12	2
Don't know (v)	27	4
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q49**

Thinking about all the changes in state government over the past year, do you think Wisconsin is better off in the long run because of these changes or worse off in the long run?

	N	%
Better off	388	54
Worse off	300	42
Neither/Made no difference (v.)	8	1
Don't know (v)	23	3
Refused (v)	2	0

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**Q50**

Thinking about the state as a whole, do you think there are more jobs now compared to a year ago, fewer jobs, or about the same?

	N	%
More jobs	277	38
Fewer jobs	216	30
About the same	211	29
Don't know (v)	16	2
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q51**

Have you heard or read anything about the Milwaukee prosecutor's investigation, called a "John Doe" investigation, which has led to charges against several former aides or associates of Scott Walker while he was Milwaukee County executive?

	N	%
Yes, heard or read	558	77
No, haven't heard or read	156	22
Heard of but don't know much/anything about (v)	7	1
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	0	0

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**Q52**

Do you think the "John Doe" investigation is just more politics, or is it really something serious?

	N	%
Just more politics	264	47
Really something serious	262	46
Don't know (v)	36	6
Refused (v)	2	0

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**F1**

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

	N	%
Republican	198	28
Democrat	239	33
Independent	259	36
Other/No preference (v)	12	2
Don't know (v)	5	1
Refused (v)	7	1

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**PARTY ID WITH LEANERS**

Party identification including those who lean toward one party or another

	N	%
Republican	306	43
Democrat	346	48
Neither/Just Independent (v)	58	8
Don't know/Refused (v)	10	1

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**F3 RECODE**

What is the highest level of education you completed?

	N	%
Less than high school	36	5
High school graduate	181	25
Some college, no degree	139	19
Associate's degree	84	12
Bachelor's degree or more	278	39
Don't know/Refused (v)	3	0

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**F4 RECODE**

Age Category

	N	%
18-29 years old	118	16
30-44 years old	127	18
45-59 years old	262	36
60 years or older	210	29
Don't know/Refused (v)	3	0

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**F5**

Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	N	%
Married	442	61
Widowed	45	6
Divorced	68	9
Separated	16	2
Never Married	145	20
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	4	1

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**RACE/ETHNICITY RECODE**

Race/Ethnicity

	N	%
White, non-Hispanic	612	85
Black, non-Hispanic	38	5
Hispanic	16	2
Other Race	38	5
Don't know/Refused (v)	15	2

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**F8**

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services...more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	N	%
More than once a week	63	9
Once a week	212	29
Once or twice a month	121	17
A few times a year	119	16
Seldom	113	16
Don't know (v)	84	12
Refused (v)	10	1

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**F9**

What is your religious preferences - are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another religion, or no religion?

	N	%
Protestant	207	29
Roman Catholic	235	33
Jewish	3	0
Muslim/Islam	4	1
Mormon/Latter-Day Saints	3	0
Other Christian religion	111	15
Other Non-Christian religion	45	6
No Religion/Atheist/Agnostic	80	11
Don't know (v)	8	1
Refused (v)	24	3

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**F11**

Last year, that is in 2011, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	N	%
Less than \$10,00	41	6
10 to under \$20,000	47	7
20 to under \$30,000	57	8
30 to under \$40,000	72	10
40 to under \$50,000	49	7
50 to under \$75,000	120	17
75 to under \$100,000	102	14
100 to under \$150,000	88	12
\$150,000 or more	41	6
Don't know (v)	16	2
Refused (v)	88	12

**F12**

Overall, which of the following best describes how the recession affected your own personal financial situation?

	N	%
Major effect, and finances not recovered	209	29
Major effect, but finances recovered	225	31
No major effect	267	37
Don't know (v)	7	1
Refused (v)	12	2

**F13**

In general would you describe your political views as ...

	N	%
Very conservative	64	9
Conservative	238	33
Moderate	227	32
Liberal	118	16
Very liberal	48	7
Don't know (v)	13	2
Refused (v)	12	2

**F14**

Are you or any member of your household a member of a local or national labor union?

	N	%
Yes, respondent	111	15
Yes, another household member	62	9
No, nobody in household	536	74
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	11	2

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**F15**

Do you or a member of your household work for federal, state, or local government - for example, as a public school teacher, police officer, firefighter, or other government job?

	N	%
Yes	148	21
No	562	78
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	10	1

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**F17**

How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

	N	%
None	174	24
One day	70	10
Two days	82	11
Three days	49	7
Four days	36	5
Five days	35	5
Six days	17	2
Seven days or every day	249	34
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	10	1

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**F18**

How many days in the past week did you watch the local TV news at 5, 6, or 10 o'clock?

	N	%
None	118	16
One day	37	5
Two days	55	8
Three days	49	7
Four days	43	6
Five days	52	7
Six days	7	1
Seven days or every day	349	48
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	10	1

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**F18b**

How many days in the past week did you go online to read about state and local news at news websites or political blogs?

	N	%
None	294	41
One day	53	7
Two days	64	9
Three days	49	7
Four days	23	3
Five days	41	6
Six days	16	2
Seven days or every day	168	23
Don't know (v)	1	0
Refused (v)	11	2

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**F18c**

How many days in the past week did you go online to read about state and local news through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, or e-mails?

	N	%
None	396	55
One day	47	7
Two days	56	8
Three days	40	6
Four days	18	3
Five days	28	4
Six days	12	2
Seven days or every day	112	16
Don't know (v)	0	0
Refused (v)	11	2

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**F19**

Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...?

	N	%
All or almost all on a cell phone	187	26
Some on a cell phone and some on a home phone	189	26
All or almost all on a home phone	330	46
Don't know (v)	2	0
Refused (v)	12	2

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**F20**

And did I reach you by dialing (PHONE NUMBER)?

	N	%
Yes	719	100
No	1	0

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**F22**

Is this a cell phone or not?

	N	%
Yes	197	27
No	523	73

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**F23**

Did you vote in the November 2010 election for governor or did something prevent you from voting?

	N	%
Yes, voted	576	80
No, did not vote	128	18
Don't know (v)	4	1
Refused (v)	12	2

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**F24**

Did you vote for the Republican Scott Walker or for the Democrat Tom Barrett in November 2010 or did you vote for someone else?

	N	%
Scott Walker	290	50
Tom Barrett	244	42
Someone else	17	3
Did not vote for governor	3	1
Don't know (v)	9	2
Refused (v)	13	2

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