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South Carolina Survey

Demographics of Poll

Foundation for Government Accountability commissioned a poll of 500 likely voters in the State of South Carolina between Tuesday, July 8 and Thursday, July 10. Likely voters were defined as having participated in the 2012 primary and were randomly selected for participation from a database of registered voters.

The poll was conducted by Advantage, Inc. with live calls from operators to both landlines and mobile phones. The poll has a margin of error of 4.38%.

By Gender		
Men		Women
53.2%		46.8%

By Age		
40 and Under	41-60	61 and Over
11.2%	32.4%	56.4%

Question 1

The federal Affordable Care Act, commonly known as ObamaCare, allows states to expand their Medicaid welfare program to provide free, taxpayer-funded Medicaid coverage to mostly working-age, non-disabled adults with no children who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. How supportive are you of ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
Very supportive of ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion	3.2%
Somewhat supporting of ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion	5.6%
Somewhat opposed to ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion	9.4%
Very opposed to ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion	73.2%
Undecided	6.8%
No Opinion	1.8%

By Gender			
Men		Women	
Very supportive of Medicaid expansion	3.01%	Very supportive of Medicaid expansion	3.42%
Somewhat supporting of Medicaid expansion	6.77%	Somewhat supporting of Medicaid expansion	4.27%
Somewhat opposed to Medicaid expansion	9.02%	Somewhat opposed to Medicaid expansion	9.83%
Very opposed to Medicaid expansion	73.68%	Very opposed to Medicaid expansion	72.65%
Undecided	5.64%	Undecided	8.12%
No Opinion	1.88%	No Opinion	1.71%

By Age					
40 and Under		41-60		61 and Over	
Very supportive of Medicaid expansion	0%	Very supportive of Medicaid expansion	2.47%	Very supportive of Medicaid expansion	4.26%
Somewhat supporting of Medicaid expansion	7.14%	Somewhat supporting of Medicaid expansion	5.56%	Somewhat supporting of Medicaid expansion	5.32%

Somewhat opposed to Medicaid expansion	7.14%	Somewhat opposed to Medicaid expansion	11.11%	Somewhat opposed to Medicaid expansion	8.86%
Very opposed to Medicaid expansion	76.79%	Very opposed to Medicaid expansion	72.84%	Very opposed to Medicaid expansion	72.69%
Undecided	7.14%	Undecided	6.79%	Undecided	6.74%
No Opinion	1.79%	No Opinion	1.23%	No Opinion	2.13%

Question 2

If you knew a Republican governor implemented an ObamaCare Medicaid welfare expansion in his or her state, how would that affect your opinion of that governor overall?

All Likely Voters	
Opinion of that governor would significantly improve	6.6%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat improve	20.8%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat decline	50.8%
Opinion of that governor would significantly decline	21.8%

By Gender			
Men		Women	
Opinion of that governor would significantly improve	5.26%	Opinion of that governor would significantly improve	8.12%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat improve	23.68%	Opinion of that governor would somewhat improve	17.52%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat decline	50%	Opinion of that governor would somewhat decline	51.71%
Opinion of that governor would significantly decline	21.05%	Opinion of that governor would significantly decline	22.65%

By Age					
40 and Under		41-60		61 and Over	
Opinion would significantly improve	7.14%	Opinion would significantly improve	5.55%	Opinion would significantly improve	7.09%

Opinion would somewhat improve	23.21%	Opinion would somewhat improve	24.69%	Opinion would somewhat improve	18.09%
Opinion would somewhat decline	55.36%	Opinion would somewhat decline	53.09%	Opinion would somewhat decline	48.58%
Opinion would significantly decline	14.29%	Opinion would significantly decline	16.67%	Opinion would significantly decline	26.24%

Question 3

If you knew a Republican governor who implemented ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion in his or her state was lobbying for Medicaid expansion in other states, how would that affect your opinion of that governor overall?

All Likely Voters	
Opinion of that governor would significantly improve	2%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat improve	4%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat decline	21.2%
Opinion of that governor would significantly decline	54.6%
Does not affect opinion	18.2%

By Gender			
Men		Women	
Opinion of that governor would significantly improve	1.5%	Opinion of that governor would significantly improve	2.56%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat improve	3.76%	Opinion of that governor would somewhat improve	4.27%
Opinion of that governor would somewhat decline	21.05%	Opinion of that governor would somewhat decline	21.37%
Opinion of that governor would significantly decline	54.51%	Opinion of that governor would significantly decline	54.7%
Does not affect opinion	19.17%	Does not affect opinion	17.09%

By Age					
40 and Under		41-60		61 and Over	
Opinion would significantly improve	1.79%	Opinion would significantly improve	2.47%	Opinion would significantly improve	1.77%
Opinion would somewhat improve	8.93%	Opinion would somewhat improve	2.47%	Opinion would somewhat improve	3.9%
Opinion would somewhat decline	14.28%	Opinion would somewhat decline	23.46%	Opinion would somewhat decline	21.28%
Opinion would significantly decline	62.5%	Opinion would significantly decline	55.55%	Opinion would significantly decline	52.48%
Does not affect opinion	12.5%	Does not affect opinion	16.05%	Does not affect opinion	20.57%

Question 4

How likely would you be to support a Republican running in South Carolina's 2016 Republican presidential primary who supported ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion in his or her own state?

All Likely Voters	
Very likely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	5.4%
Somewhat likely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	9.6%
Somewhat unlikely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	14.6%
Very unlikely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	55.8%
Undecided	11.8%
No opinion	2.8%

By Gender			
Men		Women	
Very likely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	4.89%	Very likely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	5.98%
Somewhat likely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	11.65%	Somewhat likely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	7.26%
Somewhat unlikely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	14.29%	Somewhat unlikely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	14.96%

Very unlikely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	56.39%	Very unlikely to vote for a Medicaid expansion candidate	55.13%
Undecided	10.53%	Undecided	13.25%
No opinion	2.26%	No opinion	3.42%

By Age					
40 and Under		41-60		61 and Over	
Very likely	1.79%	Very likely	3.7%	Very likely	7.09%
Somewhat likely	10.71%	Somewhat likely	11.11%	Somewhat likely	8.51%
Somewhat unlikely	17.86%	Somewhat unlikely	16.67%	Somewhat unlikely	12.77%
Very unlikely	51.78%	Very unlikely	58.03%	Very unlikely	55.32%
Undecided	14.29%	Undecided	8.64%	Undecided	13.12%
No opinion	3.57%	No opinion	1.85%	No opinion	3.19%