

2022 SOUTH DAKOTA

Issues Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. Would you support or oppose allowing new South Dakota residents with active occupational licenses in good standing in another state to be granted the same license in South Dakota as long as they pay a licensing fee and pass a background check?				
Strongly Support	35%	34%	42%	29%
Somewhat Support	44%	42%	42%	50%
Somewhat Oppose	14%	17%	10%	15%
Strongly Oppose	7%	8%	5%	6%
2. Would you support or oppose the creation of a special unit that investigates election law violations?				
Strongly Support	42%	51%	23%	46%
Somewhat Support	35%	34%	39%	34%
Somewhat Oppose	9%	7%	17%	5%
Strongly Oppose	14%	8%	22%	15%
3. Would you support or oppose requiring absentee ballots to include a valid, government-issued ID number, such as a state ID number or the last four digits of a Social Security number?				
Strongly Support	49%	64%	23%	51%
Somewhat Support	25%	19%	36%	23%
Somewhat Oppose	14%	9%	24%	11%
Strongly Oppose	12%	7%	17%	15%

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4. Would you support or oppose allowing biased or partisan special interest groups to send absentee ballot applications to voters who did not request one?				
Strongly Support	4%	3%	9%	0%
Somewhat Support	17%	5%	27%	24%
Somewhat Oppose	22%	20%	22%	25%
Strongly Oppose	58%	71%	42%	51%

5. Would you support or oppose allowing government officials to send absentee ballot applications and ballots to voters who did not request one?				
Strongly Support	11%	2%	21%	17%
Somewhat Support	16%	6%	25%	22%
Somewhat Oppose	17%	18%	23%	11%
Strongly Oppose	56%	75%	31%	50%

6. Would you support or oppose allowing the state legislature to intervene in election lawsuits on behalf of South Dakota voters?				
Strongly Support	12%	21%	6%	6%
Somewhat Support	32%	39%	20%	31%
Somewhat Oppose	27%	21%	29%	35%
Strongly Oppose	29%	19%	46%	27%

7. Would you support or oppose requiring all communications from the federal government to state election officials regarding elections to be reported to the governor and the state legislature?				
Strongly Support	32%	46%	14%	26%
Somewhat Support	32%	34%	32%	30%
Somewhat Oppose	21%	13%	30%	25%
Strongly Oppose	15%	8%	23%	19%

8. Would you support or oppose requiring the state legislature to be notified about suggested federal guidance for elections before it is implemented and vote on whether the state should accept the guidance?				
Strongly Support	33%	40%	18%	36%
Somewhat Support	35%	38%	36%	28%
Somewhat Oppose	18%	16%	19%	19%
Strongly Oppose	15%	7%	27%	16%

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9. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to conduct a comprehensive audit of the voter rolls at least twice per year?				
Strongly Support	29%	36%	12%	34%
Somewhat Support	37%	39%	35%	34%
Somewhat Oppose	20%	16%	28%	18%
Strongly Oppose	15%	8%	25%	15%

10. Would you support or oppose requiring South Dakota election agencies to issue an annual report to the state legislature detailing their voter roll maintenance activities?				
Strongly Support	40%	48%	29%	37%
Somewhat Support	33%	36%	36%	27%
Somewhat Oppose	15%	10%	19%	18%
Strongly Oppose	12%	6%	16%	18%

11. Would you support or oppose allowing poll observers and challengers to be present for all ballot counting activities?				
Strongly Support	40%	57%	22%	30%
Somewhat Support	30%	29%	29%	34%
Somewhat Oppose	17%	9%	28%	19%
Strongly Oppose	13%	5%	21%	17%

12. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Some state funding should be set aside for parents to spend on approved educational expenses to support their children's learning needs."				
Strongly Agree	20%	21%	20%	17%
Somewhat Agree	43%	41%	41%	48%
Somewhat Disagree	20%	22%	23%	14%
Strongly Disagree	17%	15%	16%	21%

13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Safe, functional prisons are part of the proper role of state government."				
Strongly Agree	46%	49%	48%	40%
Somewhat Agree	43%	39%	42%	49%
Somewhat Disagree	8%	10%	8%	6%
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	2%	5%

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14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "An individual should be convicted of a crime before law enforcement is allowed to take any of their property."				
Strongly Agree	50%	52%	46%	49%
Somewhat Agree	29%	28%	37%	23%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	11%	10%	20%
Strongly Disagree	8%	8%	7%	8%

15. Would you support or oppose allowing South Dakota companies to use self-driving delivery vehicles?				
Strongly Support	5%	8%	6%	0%
Somewhat Support	30%	19%	41%	40%
Somewhat Oppose	34%	34%	31%	37%
Strongly Oppose	30%	39%	23%	23%

16. Some jobs require a special license from the government, called an occupational license, to do that job. Based on what you know, how easy or difficult is it to get an occupational license in South Dakota?				
Very Easy	6%	9%	4%	4%
Somewhat Easy	26%	23%	24%	30%
Somewhat Difficult	24%	23%	22%	27%
Very Difficult	4%	4%	6%	3%
Unsure	40%	41%	44%	37%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY AFFILIATION

45% R	27% D	29% I
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AGE

33% 18-44	39% 45-64	27% 65+
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GENDER

49% MALE	51% FEMALE
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Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a statewide sample of 518 likely South Dakota voters. Data for this survey research were collected by Cor Services, Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted October 1–4, 2022. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.31 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data were sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

Opportunity Solutions Project paid for all costs associated with this survey.