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## 2023 WISCONSIN

## Issues Poll

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1. Many patients report being surprised by a medical bill, sometimes costing thousands of dollars, that they must pay out of pocket after a test, doctor's appointment, or procedure, because they weren't aware of the cost ahead of time. Would you support or oppose giving patients the ability to know what their real price and actual out-of-pocket costs will be at least 72 hours ahead of time for non-emergency care?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ | $90 \%$ | $93 \%$ | $88 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

2. Would you support or oppose allowing high school students to work part time without having to obtain a government work permit?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $73 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $19 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

3. Would you support or oppose allowing college students interested in child development-related majors to work in childcare centers, and count them toward staff-to-child ratios?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{8 1 \%}$ | $81 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $76 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $12 \%$ |

4. Would you support or oppose reducing the number of staff members required per child at daycare centers in order to make childcare more affordable for working parents while still keeping children safe?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ | $51 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $37 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ |

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5. Would you support or oppose allowing new Wisconsin residents with active occupational licenses in good standing in another state to be granted the same license in Wisconsin as long as they pay a licensing fee and pass a background check?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{8 2 \%}$ | $80 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $80 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

6. Would you support or oppose allowing individuals to count relevant work experience toward occupational licensing education requirements?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{7 7 \%}$ | $74 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $76 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

7. Would you support or oppose allowing small business owners to run a business out of their home without having to obtain a permit from their local government?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{5 9 \%}$ | $70 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ | $24 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

8. Currently, Wisconsin does not have rules about how quickly local governments must approve new construction permits. Would you support or oppose requiring local governments to review and act on new construction permits within 20 business days?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{7 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 5 \%}$ | $78 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |

9. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose lowering the state income tax?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $73 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Unsure | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

10. Would you support or oppose allowing students and parents to opt out of sexual and gender education and other controversial subjects?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{5 5 \%}$ | $71 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $17 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $20 \%$ |


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| 11. Would you support or oppose requiring school boards to publicly disclose all proposed school <br> curricula? |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{7 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 \%}$ | $67 \%$ |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $13 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ |

12. Would you support or oppose allowing Wisconsin public school students to attend the school of their choice, even if the preferred school is in a different district?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $66 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $19 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Unsure | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

13. Do you support or oppose the teaching of gender identity and sexual orientation topics in Wisconsin's public elementary schools?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{4 1 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ | $72 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $10 \%$ |

14. Do you support or oppose investing taxpayer money in banks and investment funds that make business decisions based on their political agenda?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $17 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{6 4 \%}$ | $60 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| Unsure | $19 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

15. Would you support or oppose requiring unemployment applications to be checked against existing data to help ensure those who are receiving unemployment benefits are truly eligible for them?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{8 1 \%}$ | $84 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

16. Would you support or oppose restricting individuals convicted of unemployment fraud from receiving unemployment payments for five years or until they repay the fraudulent payments?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{8 1 \%}$ | $85 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $79 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ |


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17. Would you support or oppose reducing the length of time individuals can remain on unemployment when unemployment is low?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $70 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $17 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

18. Some individuals are required to work, train, or volunteer to remain eligible for welfare. Would you support or oppose requiring public agencies to allow those individuals to volunteer at the agency to meet that requirement?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ | $82 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

19. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults under 60 years old with no children under six to work, train, or volunteer at least part time as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{7 5 \%}$ | $81 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

20. Would you support or oppose requiring individuals to cooperate with the state's attempt to collect child support as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{7 1 \%}$ | $77 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ | $13 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

21. People receiving taxpayer-funded food stamp benefits do not always report financial changes that could make them ineligible for the program, even though they are legally required to do so. Would you support or oppose requiring food stamp recipients to report changes in their financial circumstances that could make them ineligible for the program within 10 days of that change?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $79 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $79 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $12 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ |


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22. Rather than requiring voters to select one candidate on their ballot, some states and cities require voters to rank all candidates for a particular office in order of personal preference. This is called ranked-choice voting. Would you support or oppose allowing ranked-choice voting in Wisconsin?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{3 9 \%}$ | $37 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{4 8 \%}$ | $50 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $16 \%$ |

23. Currently, Wisconsin awards its electoral votes for president based on who wins the most votes in Wisconsin. Would you support or oppose changing this policy to award Wisconsin's electoral votes to the candidate who wins the most votes nationally, even if that candidate doesn't win the most votes in Wisconsin?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $37 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{5 6 \%}$ | $58 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ | $16 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ |


| 24. Would you support or oppose the creation of a special unit that investigates election law <br> violations? |
| :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed |
| Unsure |

25. Some school board elections occur at alternating intervals where only some of the positions appear on the ballot in any given election. Would you support or oppose requiring all school board elections to occur at the same time?

| Strongly or Somewhat Supportive | $\mathbf{5 7 \%}$ | $63 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Opposed | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $20 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Unsure | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $23 \%$ |

26. Do you think an individual should have to be a U.S. citizen to vote in Wisconsin's state and local elections?

| Yes | $85 \%$ | $96 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $88 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No | $8 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Unsure | $7 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

## DEMOGRAPHICS



## Poll \#1 (Questions 1-14)

Results for this poll were collected using a mixed-mode sampling frame that combines responses from automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Services, Inc., with responses from an online panel collected by the Center for Excellence in Polling. The combined statewide sample is of 532 likely Wisconsin voters.
The survey was conducted February $2-5,2023$. The margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.25$ percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.
Data were post-stratified 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 was used to construct sample target weights.
Opportunity Solutions Project paid for all costs associated with this survey.

## Poll \#2 (Questions 15-26)

Results for this poll were collected using a mixed-mode sampling frame that combines responses from automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Services, Inc., with responses from an online panel collected by the Center for Excellence in Polling. The combined statewide sample is of 538 likely Wisconsin voters.
The survey was conducted February $2-5,2023$. The margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.23$ percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.
Data were post-stratified 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 was used to construct sample target weights.
Opportunity Solutions Project paid for all costs associated with this survey.

