

2025 SOUTH DAKOTA Priorities Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. Would you support or oppose requiring local governments to cooperate with U.S. and state agencies trying to enforce federal and state laws?				
59% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	59%	58%	66%	53%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	19%	20%	12%	26%
Unsure	22%	22%	22%	21%
2. Would you support or oppose reducing the length of time individuals can remain on unemployment when unemployment is low and there are plenty of jobs available?				
60% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	60%	72%	44%	57%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	27%	18%	41%	28%
Unsure	13%	10%	15%	16%
3. Would you support or oppose requiring individuals on unemployment to perform at least one meaningful work-search activity each business day?				
65% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	65%	77%	47%	62%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	26%	15%	39%	30%
Unsure	9%	8%	13%	8%
4. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to verify work-search activity reports that are submitted by individuals on unemployment?				
65% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	65%	76%	51%	60%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	22%	14%	35%	23%
Unsure	13%	10%	14%	17%

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5. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults to work, train, or volunteer at least twenty hours per week as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid?

60% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	60%	78%	45%	46%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	31%	15%	48%	39%
Unsure	9%	7%	7%	15%

6. Would you support or oppose limiting the kinds of foods that can be purchased with food stamps to foods with high nutritional value?

66% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	66%	79%	50%	59%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	24%	15%	39%	25%
Unsure	10%	5%	11%	16%

7. Would you support or oppose spending taxpayer dollars on programs that teach Americans they are "privileged" or "oppressors" based on their skin color or beliefs?

58% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	24%	19%	36%	21%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	58%	69%	40%	58%
Unsure	18%	12%	24%	21%

8. Would you support or oppose allowing South Dakota students to attend the school of their choice, even if the preferred school is a private school or is in a different district?

64% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	64%	76%	54%	56%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	26%	17%	38%	30%
Unsure	10%	7%	9%	15%

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

74% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	14%	19%	14%	6%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	74%	72%	71%	79%
Unsure	13%	10%	15%	16%

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10. Would you support or oppose requiring financial advisors to get their clients' consent before making investments based on a political agenda?

54% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	54%	57%	44%	57%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	32%	32%	37%	28%
Unsure	14%	11%	20%	15%

11. Would you support or oppose the creation of a special unit that investigates election law violations?

61% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	61%	82%	43%	47%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	26%	11%	46%	31%
Unsure	13%	8%	11%	22%

12. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to conduct a comprehensive audit of the voter rolls at least twice per year?

59% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	59%	78%	39%	51%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	27%	12%	45%	34%
Unsure	13%	10%	17%	15%

13. South Dakota allows citizen-initiated tax increases to be passed with a simple majority vote. Would you support or oppose requiring two-thirds of voters to approve a tax increase before it is allowed to go into effect?

65% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	65%	74%	52%	63%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	23%	17%	36%	20%
Unsure	12%	9%	11%	16%

14. South Dakota allows citizen-initiated fee increases to be passed with a simple majority vote. Would you support or oppose requiring two-thirds of voters to approve a fee increase before it is allowed to go into effect?

60% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	60%	71%	41%	60%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	25%	16%	40%	26%
Unsure	15%	12%	18%	14%

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15. School board voting is often held during special elections when voter turnout is low. Would you support or oppose requiring local school board elections to appear on the same ballot as other general elections for statewide or federal offices?

68% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	68%	72%	62%	66%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	21%	17%	27%	22%
Unsure	11%	11%	11%	12%

16. South Dakota voters will see Amendment F on the ballot this fall. If passed, this amendment would require able-bodied adults to fulfill some form of work requirement as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid. If the election were today, would you vote yes or no on Amendment F?

64% OF LIKELY GOP VOTERS WOULD VOTE YES

Yes	48%	64%	31%	38%
No	38%	26%	55%	42%
Unsure/Do not plan to vote	14%	10%	14%	20%



DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY AFFILIATION			AGE			EDUCATION		GENDER	
45% GOP	27% DEM	29% IND	33% 18-44	39% 45-64	27% 65+	56% NO FOUR-YEAR DEGREE	44% FOUR-YEAR DEGREE	49% MALE	51% FEMALE

Results for this poll were collected using a mixed-mode sampling frame that combines responses from automated telephone interviews with responses from an online panel. All data were collected by Cor Services, Inc. The combined statewide sample is of 514 likely South Dakota voters.

The survey was conducted October 12-15, 2024. The margin of sampling error is ± 4.32 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.

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