

2025 MISSOURI Priorities Poll

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1. Would you support or oppose requiring state bureaucratic agencies to get legislative approval before costly regulations are allowed to go into effect?

79% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	79%	82%	75%	79%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	12%	10%	14%	12%
Unsure	9%	7%	11%	9%

2. Would you support or oppose cutting state spending to local governments that make rules that violate state law?

70% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	70%	75%	63%	71%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	20%	15%	26%	19%
Unsure	10%	9%	10%	11%

3. Currently, Missouri 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?

80% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	80%	80%	80%	80%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	14%	13%	6%
Unsure	9%	6%	7%	14%

4. Would you support or oppose the government sending regular cash payments to every person without requiring them to work?

57% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	36%	29%	46%	34%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	57%	66%	44%	60%
Unsure	7%	5%	10%	6%

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5. 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?

80% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	80%	88%	76%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	6%	15%	13%
Unsure	9%	6%	9%	13%

6. Would you support or oppose legally defining a meaningful work search activity for individuals on unemployment as an activity that might directly lead to a job, such as filling out an application, attending a job fair, or going to an interview?

76% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	76%	83%	68%	76%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	18%	13%	25%	16%
Unsure	7%	5%	8%	8%

7. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to verify work search activity reports that are submitted by individuals seeking unemployment benefits?

60% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	60%	71%	49%	57%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	34%	23%	43%	37%
Unsure	6%	5%	8%	6%

8. Would you support or oppose requiring individuals on unemployment to perform at least one meaningful work search activity each business day?

75% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	75%	80%	70%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	19%	14%	25%	16%
Unsure	6%	5%	4%	10%

9. 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?

83% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	83%	92%	73%	82%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	12%	5%	21%	12%
Unsure	5%	3%	6%	6%

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10. Would you support or oppose temporarily suspending individuals from unemployment benefits if they repeatedly fail to show up for scheduled job interviews?

80% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	80%	84%	79%	77%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	10%	16%	15%
Unsure	6%	6%	5%	8%

11. Would you support or oppose reforms that could reduce spending on Medicaid so the state can continue to help the most vulnerable people in Missouri?

60% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	60%	69%	54%	54%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	30%	21%	33%	37%
Unsure	10%	10%	13%	9%

12. Would you support or oppose suspending hospitals from making decisions about a patient's Medicaid eligibility if they knowingly extend Medicaid benefits to ineligible patients three or more times?

54% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	54%	63%	53%	44%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	21%	16%	29%	20%
Unsure	24%	20%	18%	36%

13. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to verify whether Medicaid applicants are truly eligible for the program before they are allowed to enroll?

76% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	76%	80%	67%	79%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	17%	14%	25%	12%
Unsure	7%	6%	7%	9%

14. 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?

69% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	69%	78%	58%	70%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	27%	19%	39%	25%
Unsure	4%	3%	4%	5%

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15. Would you support or oppose checking eligibility for people on welfare more frequently and with better technology to help ensure those receiving benefits are still eligible?

84% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	84%	87%	83%	83%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	12%	10%	16%	9%
Unsure	4%	3%	2%	8%

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

78% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	14%	16%	18%	8%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	78%	75%	73%	89%
Unsure	7%	8%	9%	4%

17. Do you support or oppose allowing large banks to deny services to customers based on the customers' political, social, or religious views?

85% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	13%	13%	20%	4%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	85%	84%	76%	95%
Unsure	3%	3%	5%	1%

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

70% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	24%	24%	30%	16%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	70%	67%	62%	80%
Unsure	7%	8%	7%	3%

19. Would you support or oppose public colleges and universities requiring faculty applicants to agree with certain political positions regarding race, gender, and ideology before being hired?

69% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	22%	14%	28%	26%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	69%	76%	61%	68%
Unsure	9%	9%	11%	5%

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20. Would you support or oppose cutting taxpayer funding of divisive and politicized training for state employees?

52% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	52%	55%	42%	59%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	33%	32%	39%	27%
Unsure	15%	13%	19%	14%

21. Would you support or oppose colleges and universities considering an applicant's physical characteristics when making admissions decisions?

74% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	20%	20%	25%	14%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	74%	74%	68%	81%
Unsure	6%	5%	6%	5%

22. Would you support or oppose requiring public colleges and universities to make their admissions criteria available to the public?

84% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	84%	85%	84%	82%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	10%	8%	11%	13%
Unsure	6%	7%	6%	5%

23. 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?

79% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	79%	81%	75%	80%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	10%	9%	15%	6%
Unsure	11%	11%	10%	14%

24. Would you support or oppose requiring ballots to include the party affiliation for school board candidates?

61% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	61%	68%	55%	57%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	29%	22%	33%	34%
Unsure	11%	10%	13%	9%

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

73% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	73%	77%	67%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	19%	16%	25%	15%
Unsure	8%	7%	8%	10%

26. Would you support or oppose allowing Missouri's public colleges and universities to seek accreditation from an organization that aligns with Missouri's interests?

65% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	65%	73%	56%	65%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	17%	12%	22%	17%
Unsure	18%	16%	22%	18%

27. Many states require an education degree or similar coursework to get a teaching license. Would you support or oppose allowing other ways to become a certified teacher, such as career experience or military service?

67% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	67%	69%	65%	67%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	24%	23%	28%	21%
Unsure	9%	8%	7%	11%

28. Would you support or oppose increasing the availability of career-focused courses in Missouri's middle and high schools?

91% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	91%	91%	92%	90%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	4%	3%	4%	5%
Unsure	5%	6%	4%	4%

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

81% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	81%	91%	76%	72%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	13%	6%	17%	19%
Unsure	6%	3%	7%	9%

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30. Would you support or oppose allowing the state legislature to intervene in election lawsuits on behalf of Missouri voters?

77% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	77%	82%	68%	81%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	9%	17%	7%
Unsure	11%	8%	14%	12%

31. 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?

74% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	74%	86%	66%	68%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	17%	9%	25%	20%
Unsure	8%	5%	9%	12%

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

78% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	78%	81%	76%	77%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	12%	10%	13%	12%
Unsure	10%	9%	11%	10%

33. Would you support or oppose requiring the state legislature to vote on election rule changes before they are allowed to be implemented?

55% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	55%	67%	50%	47%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	27%	20%	33%	29%
Unsure	18%	14%	17%	24%

34. Would you support or oppose requiring the state legislature to be notified about new federal election funding and vote on whether to accept the new funding?

73% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	73%	81%	66%	72%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	7%	17%	9%
Unsure	16%	12%	17%	19%

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35. Would you support or oppose allowing the governor to remove a local prosecutor who repeatedly refuses to prosecute crimes?

80% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	80%	88%	73%	77%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	12%	6%	19%	11%
Unsure	8%	6%	7%	12%

36. Would you support or oppose requiring local prosecutors to send a yearly report about criminal cases and victims of crime to the state legislature?

82% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	82%	88%	76%	81%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	10%	7%	14%	9%
Unsure	8%	5%	10%	10%

37. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose lowering property taxes in Missouri?

90% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	90%	94%	87%	87%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	6%	5%	8%	7%
Unsure	4%	1%	6%	6%

38. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose lowering Missouri's state income tax?

82% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	82%	84%	77%	85%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	10%	15%	8%
Unsure	7%	5%	8%	8%

39. Would you support or oppose government unions holding a vote each year to remain active?

73% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	73%	80%	68%	69%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	10%	22%	12%
Unsure	13%	10%	10%	19%

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40. Would you support or oppose government unions getting members' consent to take dues from their paychecks?

62% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	62%	73%	49%	64%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	23%	14%	35%	20%
Unsure	15%	13%	16%	16%

41. Would you support or oppose getting rid of government jobs that have not been filled for an extended time?

69% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	69%	68%	66%	72%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	21%	20%	25%	18%
Unsure	10%	12%	9%	10%

42. Would you support or oppose government union rules being the same across the whole state?

76% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	76%	77%	75%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	13%	12%	14%	13%
Unsure	12%	12%	11%	13%



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PARTY AFFILIATION			AGE			EDUCATION		GENDER	
39% GOP	33% DEM	29% IND	37% 18-44	36% 45-64	27% 65+	63% NO FOUR-YEAR DEGREE	37% FOUR-YEAR DEGREE	46% MALE	54% FEMALE

Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame from an online panel collected by the Center for Excellence in Polling. The statewide sample is of 521 likely Missouri voters.

The survey was conducted October 3-6, 2024. The margin of sampling error is ± 4.29 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.