

2025 SOUTH CAROLINA Priorities Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. 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?				
70% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	70%	75%	64%	69%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	23%	18%	32%	21%
Unsure	7%	7%	4%	10%
2. Would you support or oppose cross-checking employment and wage data against welfare rolls at least monthly to ensure that recipients are truly qualified for the programs?				
85% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	85%	89%	79%	84%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	8%	17%	8%
Unsure	5%	3%	4%	8%
3. 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?				
66% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	66%	74%	65%	55%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	26%	18%	31%	32%
Unsure	8%	7%	5%	13%
4. Would you support or oppose requiring unemployment applications to be checked against existing data to help ensure that those receiving unemployment benefits are truly eligible for them?				
89% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	89%	92%	86%	88%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	7%	5%	11%	7%
Unsure	4%	4%	3%	5%

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

60% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	33%	23%	47%	34%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	60%	71%	46%	58%
Unsure	7%	6%	8%	8%

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

86% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	11%	8%	19%	6%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	86%	90%	78%	88%
Unsure	3%	2%	2%	6%

7. 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?

78% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	78%	76%	80%	78%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	10%	11%	11%	7%
Unsure	12%	13%	10%	15%

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

63% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	63%	63%	66%	59%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	21%	21%	21%	20%
Unsure	16%	16%	13%	20%

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

65% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	28%	14%	54%	24%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	65%	80%	38%	70%
Unsure	7%	6%	8%	6%

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10. Critical race theory teaches that the United States government and its laws were established with the express purpose of discriminating against minorities and that people are naturally racist. Would you support or oppose allowing critical race theory to be taught in South Carolina's public schools?

54% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	35%	20%	59%	34%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	54%	70%	26%	57%
Unsure	11%	10%	15%	9%

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

78% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	78%	80%	75%	79%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	16%	15%	18%	15%
Unsure	6%	5%	7%	6%

12. 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 South Carolina?

50% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

Strongly or Somewhat Support	37%	29%	51%	34%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	50%	57%	38%	50%
Unsure	13%	14%	10%	16%

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

83% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	83%	85%	79%	82%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	8%	15%	12%
Unsure	6%	6%	6%	6%

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

51% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	51%	52%	50%	51%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	31%	31%	35%	29%
Unsure	17%	17%	15%	20%

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15. 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%	71%	73%	75%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	13%	17%	11%
Unsure	14%	15%	11%	14%

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

88% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	88%	90%	84%	90%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	8%	7%	11%	7%
Unsure	4%	3%	5%	3%

17. Would you support or oppose allowing public school teachers who are not in a union to receive pay raises based on good performance?

70% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	70%	68%	73%	69%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	17%	14%	9%
Unsure	16%	15%	13%	22%

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

62% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	62%	67%	52%	66%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	24%	23%	33%	17%
Unsure	13%	9%	15%	17%

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

85% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	85%	86%	85%	84%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	10%	9%	12%	11%
Unsure	5%	6%	3%	5%

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20. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose lowering property taxes in South Carolina?

90% OF LIKELY VOTERS STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly or Somewhat Support	90%	90%	92%	87%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	8%	6%	8%	11%
Unsure	2%	4%	0%	2%



DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY AFFILIATION			AGE			EDUCATION		GENDER	
43% GOP	29% DEM	29% IND	34% 18-44	36% 45-64	30% 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 506 likely South Carolina voters.

The survey was conducted October 17-21, 2024. The margin of sampling error is ± 4.36 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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