



2013 SURVEY OF REGISTERED AND ACTIVE VOTERS IN RHODE ISLAND
SURVEY RESULTS

Methodological Note: the obtained sample consists of 401 registered voters with at least a nominal voting history. The sample was derived from a random selection of individuals from Rhode Island's voter registration rolls, excluding those without a telephone number or with no voter history. Interviews were conducted by telephone from January 31 to February 2, 2013. Interviewing was conducted via both landlines and mobile telephones. The obtained sample was weighted in a two-step process by age and sex, then by party affiliation, in order to make the obtained sample conform to known characteristics of the sampling universe. The margin of sampling error for a sample of 401 is $\pm 4.9\%$.

[BEGIN INTERVIEW; ASK FOR LISTED INDIVIDUAL]

Hello, this is (interviewer name), and I'm calling from QEV Analytics, a public opinion research firm. We're calling to learn your opinions regarding some important issues of the day. This is not a sales call; we won't ask you to buy or do anything, and we are not calling on behalf of a candidate or political party. My questions should take only about 5 minutes.

1. We are looking to speak today with people who are registered to vote in the state of Rhode Island. Are you currently registered to vote in Rhode Island?

100% YES (CONTINUE)
0% NO (ASK IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE AT HOME WHO IS REGISTERED TO VOTE)
0% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE (THANK AND TERMINATE)

2. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

0% YES (THANK AND TERMINATE)
100% NO (CONTINUE)
0% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE (THANK AND TERMINATE)

3. How would you say things going in the state of Rhode Island today: would you say Rhode Island is generally headed in the right direction, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

37% RIGHT DIRECTION
53% WRONG DIRECTION
10% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE



4. How would you rate the job performance of Governor Lincoln Chafee: has his job performance been excellent, good, only fair or poor – or have you not heard enough to say one way or the other?

4% EXCELLENT
21% GOOD
35% ONLY FAIR
31% POOR
7% HAVE NOT HEARD ENOUGH TO SAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER
2% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

5. Have you heard or read anything in the news recently about the issue of same-sex marriage in Rhode Island?

96% YES
4% NO
0% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

6. Recently, the Rhode Island House of Representatives voted to redefine marriage to include two persons of the same sex. A resolution has been introduced in the Senate to allow the people to vote on the definition of marriage. Which of these two positions do you think is correct: do you think the definition of marriage should be decided by the voters of Rhode Island, or should it be decided by the Rhode Island General Assembly?

74% VOTERS
20% GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

7. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: “voters in 35 other states have been able to vote on the definition of marriage in their state, and Rhode Island voters deserve that same opportunity.” Do you ...

60% STRONGLY AGREE
18% SOMEWHAT AGREE
10% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
8% OR STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THAT STATEMENT?
4% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE [DO NOT READ]

8. Regardless of how you feel about the issue of same-sex marriage, should the Governor and General Assembly consider making same-sex marriage legal while there is an economic crisis in our state, or should the economic crisis be dealt with first before the issue of same-sex marriage is considered?

31% FIRST STATEMENT
55% SECOND STATEMENT
15% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE



I have just a few more questions to ask you for statistical purposes ...

9. Gender [BY OBSERVATION, DO NOT READ UNLESS UNCERTAIN]

46% MALE
54% FEMALE
0% NO RESPONSE

10. May I know your age, please? [RECORD ACTUAL AGE]

13% 18 - 39
16% 40 - 49
37% 50 - 60
34% 60+

11. Are you currently married or are you single? [IF SINGLE] Have you ever been married?

64% MARRIED
21% SINGLE, PREVIOUSLY MARRIED
14% SINGLE, NOT PREVIOUSLY MARRIED
1% NO RESPONSE

12. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

27% YES
73% NO
0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

13. Which of the following best describes your religious preference: are you ... [READ OPTIONS]

44% CATHOLIC;
27% A CHRISTIAN OTHER THAN CATHOLIC;
9% OF ANOTHER FAITH, OR
17% NOT A MEMBER OF A RELIGIOUS FAITH?
2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

14. And in a typical month, how often do you attend Church or a religious service? [RECORD ACTUAL RESPONSE]

39% 0
26% 1 - 3
22% 4
9% 5+
4% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED



15. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something other than these?
IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK: Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/ Democrat)?
IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING ELSE, ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democrat Party?

8% REPUBLICAN/STRONG
3% REPUBLICAN/NOT STRONG
10% INDEPENDENT LEAN REPUBLICAN
20% INDEPENDENT NO LEAN
9% INDEPENDENT LEAN DEMOCRAT
11% DEMOCRAT/NOT STRONG
30% DEMOCRAT/STRONG
8% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

15. [SUBTOTALS]

40% DEMOCRATIC
40% INDEPENDENT
11% REPUBLICAN

16. When thinking about fiscal issues, like taxes and government spending, do you consider yourself to be ...

16% VERY CONSERVATIVE
29% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
29% MODERATE
12% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
10% VERY LIBERAL
4% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

17. When thinking about social issues, like abortion and gay marriage, do you consider yourself to be ...

17% VERY CONSERVATIVE
11% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
20% MODERATE
21% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
24% VERY LIBERAL
7% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

That's the last of my questions. Thank you very much for your time and participation in this research.