

**NBC News/Marist Poll  
February 2015  
South Carolina Questionnaire**

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<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in South Carolina?

**HH SELECTION – LANDLINE FRAME ONLY**

**GENDER GUESS**

**February 2015: Registered voters: n=877, MOE +/- 3.3%; Residents: n=1015, MOE +/- 3.1%**

**Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?**

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Approve		44
Disapprove		53
Unsure		3
Total		100
	RESIDENTS	February 2015
Approve		44
Disapprove		51
Unsure		5
Total		100

**February 2015: Potential Republican Electorate: n=450, MOE +/- 4.6%**

**If the 2016 Republican presidential primary in South Carolina were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate):**

	POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN ELECTORATE	February 2015
Lindsey Graham		17
Jeb Bush		15
Scott Walker		12
Mike Huckabee		10
Ben Carson		10
Rand Paul		7
Chris Christie		6
Marco Rubio		4
Rick Perry		4
Rick Santorum		3
Ted Cruz		1
Undecided		11
Total		100

**February 2015: Potential Democratic Electorate: n=352, MOE +/- 5.2%**

**If the 2016 Democratic presidential primary in South Carolina were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate):**

	POTENTIAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTORATE	February 2015
Hillary Clinton		65
Joe Biden		20
Bernie Sanders		3
Martin O'Malley		2
Jim Webb		2
Undecided		8
Total		100

**February 2015: Potential Republican Electorate: n=450, MOE +/- 4.6%**

**Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the choice of candidates you have for the Republican presidential nomination?**

	POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN ELECTORATE	February 2015
Satisfied		64
Dissatisfied		25
Unsure		11
Total		100

**February 2015: Potential Democratic Electorate: n=352, MOE +/- 5.2%**

**Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the choice of candidates you have for the Democratic presidential nomination?**

	POTENTIAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTORATE	February 2015
Satisfied		72
Dissatisfied		18
Unsure		10
Total		100

**February 2015: Registered voters: n=877, MOE +/- 3.3%**

**If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat		45
Jeb Bush, the Republican		48
Undecided		7
Total		100

**February 2015: Registered voters: n=877, MOE +/- 3.3%**

**If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:**

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat		46
Scott Walker, the Republican		46
Undecided		8
Total		100

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Which ONE of the following issues is most important to you for the 2016 presidential election?

REGISTERED VOTERS		February 2015
Job creation and economic growth		31
Health care		20
Military action against ISIS that is the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria		19
The deficit and government spending		16
Income equality		9
Looking out for the interests of women		2
Unsure		3
Total		100
RESIDENTS		February 2015
Job creation and economic growth		32
Health care		20
Military action against ISIS that is the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria		18
The deficit and government spending		15
Income equality		8
Looking out for the interests of women		3
Unsure		3
Total		100

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Which ONE of the following issues is your second choice?

REGISTERED VOTERS		February 2015
Job creation and economic growth		27
Health care		22
The deficit and government spending		22
Military action against ISIS that is the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria		14
Income equality		7
Looking out for the interests of women		6
Unsure		1
Total		100
RESIDENTS		February 2015
Job creation and economic growth		25
Health care		23
The deficit and government spending		22
Military action against ISIS that is the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria		14
Income equality		8
Looking out for the interests of women		7
Unsure		1
Total		100

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Is a candidate who supports Common Core education standards:

REGISTERED VOTERS		February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable		60
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable		32
Unsure		8
Total		100

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Is a candidate who supports immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants:

REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable	54
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable	43
Unsure	4
Total	100

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Is a candidate who wants to repeal the federal health care law:

REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable	57
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable	41
Unsure	3
Total	100

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Is a candidate who believes climate change is man-made and action should be taken to combat it:

REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable	52
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable	44
Unsure	4
Total	100

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Is a candidate who opposes same-sex marriage:

REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable	39
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable	58
Unsure	3
Total	100

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Is a candidate who supports raising taxes on the wealthy:

REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable	63
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable	34
Unsure	2
Total	100

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Is a candidate who supports sending more U.S. troops to Iraq and Syria to combat ISIS:

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Totally acceptable-Mostly acceptable		55
Mostly unacceptable-Totally unacceptable		41
Unsure		3
Total		100

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Nikki Haley is doing as governor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Approve		64
Disapprove		32
Unsure		4
Total		100
	RESIDENTS	February 2015
Approve		61
Disapprove		32
Unsure		7
Total		100

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South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham says he is "testing the waters" for a possible presidential run.

Do you think Lindsey Graham should or should not run for president in 2016?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Yes		35
No		58
Unsure		6
Total		100
	RESIDENTS	February 2015
Yes		36
No		55
Unsure		9
Total		100

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Are you male or female?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	February 2015
Male		46
Female		54
Total		100
	RESIDENTS	February 2015
Male		48
Female		52
Total		100