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August 2013 Edition

TOPLINE FINDINGS

Total WV Sample n=400

Field Dates: August 15-22, 2013

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Note: All percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding error

1. What is your gender?

48% Male
52% Female

2. Are you age 18 or older?

100% Yes
No (TERMINATE)

3. Are you a resident of West Virginia, or not?

100% Yes
No (TERMINATE)

4. Next, do you consider yourself a sports fan, or not?

68% Yes (CONTINUE)
32% No (SKIP TO Q7)

5. As you probably know, Dana Holgorsen (HOLE –GER – SON) is the head football coach of the WVU football team. Based on what you've read or heard, how much confidence do you have in Holgorsen to lead a successful Mountaineer football program?

24%	A lot of confidence	
44%	Some confidence	Net Confidence – 68%
15%	Only a little confidence	
10%	No confidence at all	Net Low/No Confidence – 25%
7%	Not sure	

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6. Over the years, the two major league baseball teams with the most fans in West Virginia are the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates (**ROTATE**). Generally speaking, are you a bigger fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates or the Cincinnati Reds (**ROTATE**)?

45% Cincinnati Reds
 40% Pittsburgh Pirates
 15% Not sure

7. Turning to some other issues, during the next 12 months do you think nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

18% Economy will get better
 40% Economy will get worse
 35% Economy will stay about the same
 7% Not sure

8. And, during the next 12 months do you think West Virginia's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

13% Economy will get better
 35% Economy will get worse
 45% Economy will stay about the same
 7% Not sure

9. Next, please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job the following public figures are doing . . . ? (**ROTATE**)

ROTATE	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	NOT SURE
Barack Obama as president	28%	65%	7%
Earl Ray Tomblin as governor	51%	24%	25%
Jay Rockefeller as a US senator	52%	29%	20%
Joe Manchin as a US senator	43%	37%	21%
Shelley Moore Capito as a US congresswoman	50%	24%	26%

10. And, thinking about the 2014 elections, what is your preference for the outcome of NEXT year's congressional elections: a US Congress in Washington controlled by Republicans or a US Congress Controlled by Democrats (**ROTATE**)?

40% A Republican-controlled Congress
 39% A Democrat-controlled Congress
 21% Not sure

11. Thinking about the West Virginia Legislature, what is your preference for the outcome of NEXT year's state house and senate elections? A West Virginia Legislature in Charleston controlled by Republicans or a West Virginia Legislature controlled by Democrats (**ROTATE**)?

35% A Republican-controlled WV Legislature
 42% A Democrat-controlled WV Legislature
 23% Not sure

12. Overall, based on what you read and hear, or by your own experience, how satisfied are you with the quality of public schools in West Virginia?

8%	Very satisfied	Net Satisfied – 50%
42%	Somewhat satisfied	
27%	Somewhat dissatisfied	
18%	Very dissatisfied	Net Dissatisfied – 45%
6%	Not sure	

13. Which of these two points-of-view do you agree with most: **(ROTATE)**

23%	The West Virginia Legislature is on the right track to improving the quality of public education in the state
OR	
50%	The West Virginia Legislature is off track on how to improve the quality of public education in the state
27%	Not sure

14. How much confidence and trust do you have in the following to improve the overall quality of education in West Virginia?

ROTATE	A Lot of Confident/Trust	Some Confidence/Trust	Little Confidence/Trust	No Confidence/Trust	Not Sure
Governor Earl Ray Tomblin	15%	37%	24%	15%	10%
The West Virginia Legislature	6%	33%	38%	17%	7%
The school board in your county	13%	33%	28%	19%	7%
Teachers unions in West Virginia	15%	34%	22%	20%	10%

15. As you may or may not know there will be an election NEXT year for the US Senate in West Virginia to replace Jay Rockefeller, who is retiring. If the election for US Senator from West Virginia were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[ROTATE]**

45%	Shelley Moore Capito, the Republican
40%	Natalie Tennant, the Democrat
15%	Not sure

Note: Includes leaners

16. Do you have health insurance?

83%	Yes
18%	No (SKIP TO Q19)

17. What type of health insurance do you have?

10%	A plan you purchase yourself
43%	Company/union partially paid
9%	Company/union fully paid
26%	Medicare
4%	Medicaid
5%	Other government health insurance such as Tricare
2%	Prefer not to say
1%	Not sure

Note: Reduced base/n=330 – respondents with health insurance

18. As you may or may not know the Affordable Care Act – commonly known as Obamacare – will go into effect next year. Based on what you read and hear, do you expect the cost of your health insurance to increase, decrease or stay about the same next year?

60%	Increase
6%	Decrease
23%	Stay about the same
12%	Not sure

Note: Reduced base/n=330 – respondents with health insurance

DEMOGRAPHICS/CLASSIFICATIONS

The following questions are to help us analyze the data.

19. Into which of the following categories does your age happen to fall?

8%	18 – 34
23%	35 – 44
21%	45 – 54
30%	55 – 64
18%	65+

20. Which of the following best describes your level of education?

3%	Some high school or less
23%	High school graduate or equivalent (GED)
5%	Technical school graduate
17%	Some college
9%	Associate's degree
28%	Bachelor's degree
16%	Graduate or professional degree

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21. Into which of the following categories does your total annual household income happen to fall?

6%	Less than \$10,000
4%	\$10,000 - \$14,999
11%	\$15,000 - \$24,999
10%	\$25,000 - \$34,999
15%	\$35,000 - \$49,999
24%	\$50,000 - \$74,999
10%	\$75,000 - \$99,999
17%	\$100,000 - \$149,999
3%	Over \$150,000

22. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be . . . ?

7%	Very liberal	Net Liberal – 20%
13%	Somewhat liberal	
32%	Moderate	
22%	Somewhat conservative	
18%	Very conservative	Net Conservative – 40%
8%	Not sure	

END: Those are all of my questions, thank you very much for helping us with the **August Edition of *The West Virginia Poll*.**



Methodology Statement

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All reported margins of statistical error include the computed effects for weighting and sample design. In addition to these errors, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. The overall margin of statistical error for this survey is +/- 4.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence interval.

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