

The West Virginia Poll™
August 2014
TOPLINE FINDINGS

Total WV Sample n=401
Online – Screened for Registered, Likely Voters

Field Dates: August 15-23, 2014
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SCREENERS

1. What is your gender?

48% Male
52% Female

2. Are you age 18 or older?

100% Yes
0 No (**TERMINATE**)

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

100% Yes
0 No (**TERMINATE**)

4. In what county do you reside?

5. These days many people are so busy they can't find the time to register to vote, or they move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

100% Yes, registered
0 No, not registered (**TERMINATE**)
0 Not sure if registered, or not (**TERMINATE**)

6. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat, a Republican, as an Independent or some other party affiliation?

48% Democrat
 35 Republican
 16 Independent
 1 Other party

7. Do you plan to vote in the West Virginia general election November 4, 2014, or not?

100% Yes, plan to vote
 0 No, don't plan to vote **(TERMINATE)**

8. How likely is it that you will vote in the November 4, 2014 general election?

74% Absolutely certain
 26 Very likely
 0 Somewhat likely **(TERMINATE)**
 0 Not too likely **(TERMINATE)**
 0 Not at all likely **(TERMINATE)**

QUESTIONNAIRE

9. Next, please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job the following public figures are doing . . .

ROTATE	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	NOT SURE
	%	%	%
Barack Obama as president	25	63	12
Earl Ray Tomblin as West Virginia governor	40	28	32
Jay Rockefeller as a US senator	51	29	20
Joe Manchin as a US senator	45	31	24
Natalie Tennant as West Virginia secretary of state	37	29	34
Shelly Moore-Capito as a US congresswoman	50	25	25

10. As you may or may not know, there will be an election on November 4th 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]**

54% Shelly Moore Capito, the Republican
 37 Natalie Tennant, the Democrat

POLITICAL TYPOLOGY EXERCISE

For the next set of questions, you will see pairs of statements that help us understand how you feel about a number of things. You may find some of these questions are difficult to answer. For example, you may partly agree with both statements, or feel that neither quite describes your view. That's okay. In those cases, pick the answer that comes closest to your view, even if it isn't exactly right.

RANDOMIZE Q11-Q34, BUT DO NOT RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF THE STATEMENTS IN EACH PAIR

Note: US data from Pew Research, among registered and likely voters. Percentages do not add to 100% because responses of neither, both equally, and don't know were allowed if volunteered

11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
49%	47	Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest
51%	48	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good

12. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
68%	66	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard
32%	31	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people

13. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
51%	67	This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment
49%	29	This country has gone too far in its efforts to protect the environment

14. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
45%	40	Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world
55%	53	Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism

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15. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
20%	28	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days
80%	62	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition

16. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
61%	52	Business corporations make too much profit
39%	43	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable profit

17. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
69%	48	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return
31%	42	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently

18. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
37%	40	It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs
63%	55	We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home

19. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
56%	55	It IS NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values
44%	43	It IS necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values

20. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
63%	36	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values
37%	58	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society

21. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
69%	59	Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient
31%	38	Government often does a better job than people give it credit for

22. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
42%	49	Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority
58%	46	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children

23. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
82%	77	Too much power is concentrated in the hands of a few large companies
18%	19	The largest companies do NOT have too much power

24. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
45%	34	The best way to ensure peace is through military strength
55%	58	Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace

25. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
17%	15	Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control
83%	80	Everyone has it in their own power to succeed

26. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
56%	62	Homosexuality should be accepted by society
44%	32	Homosexuality should be discouraged by society

27. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
23%	23	Americans need to be willing to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism
77%	73	Americans shouldn't have to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism

28. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
61%	49	Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people dependent on government assistance
39%	45	Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until their basic needs are met

29. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
60%	41	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy
40%	54	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost

30. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
75%	51	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites
25%	45	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites

31. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
46%	38	U.S. efforts to solve problems around the world usually end up making things worse
54%	55	Problems in the world would be even worse without U.S. involvement

32. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
38%	41	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt
62%	54	The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy

33. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

WV	US	
38%	55	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents
62%	37	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and healthcare

DEMOGRAPHICS/CLASSIFICATION

The last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

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

14%	18 – 34
15	35 – 44
25	45 – 54
31	55 – 64
15	65 and over

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

2%	Less than \$10,000
2	\$10,000 - \$14,999
5	\$15,000 - \$24,999
11	\$25,000 - \$34,999
13	\$35,000 - \$49,999
27	\$50,000 - \$74,999
16	\$75,000 - \$99,999
15	\$100,000 - \$149,999
8	Over \$150,000

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

8%	Very liberal
16	Somewhat liberal
28	Moderate
27	Somewhat conservative
15	Very conservative

That's all the questions we have for you. Thank you for helping us with this edition of The West Virginia Poll.