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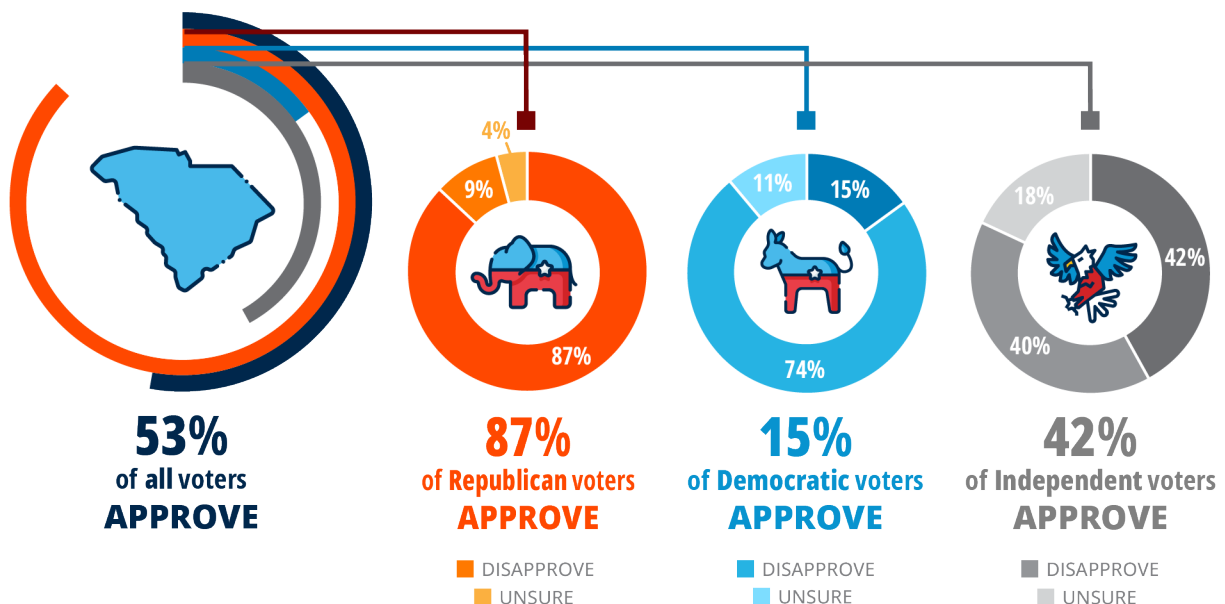
SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS



On the Issues

Executive Summary

The Center for Excellence in Polling (CEP) recently conducted a poll of likely South Carolina voters on behalf of the Opportunity Solutions Project and the Palmetto Promise Institute. Results indicate that a majority of likely voters in South Carolina approve of the job Governor Henry McMaster is doing (53%). The governor's approval rating is strongest among Republicans and a plurality of Independent voters.



CEP also surveyed voters on several reforms ranging from health care to the workforce. Voters support policies that will provide **transparency in health care**, promote **commonsense reform in education**, unleash the **power of a free economy**, and **get South Carolinians back to work**.

Support for these reforms is broad and bipartisan, indicating that pursuing an agenda that includes these reforms would be well-received by the citizens of South Carolina.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS WANT

Transparency, not bureaucracy, in health care

84% Health care providers should give patients **actual out-of-pocket costs** at least 72 hours before a non-emergency procedure. 6% OPPOSE
9% UNSURE

75% Hospitals should be required to **prove they are providing the required level of community care** in order to receive tax breaks. 12% OPPOSE
13% UNSURE

56% Hospitals should have the ability to **expand capacity and open new facilities** without having to obtain special permission from the state. 21% OPPOSE
23% UNSURE

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS SUPPORT

Commonsense education reforms

70% Public school boards should be required to **disclose proposed school curricula**. 17% OPPOSE
13% UNSURE

63% Public schools should **not provide instruction on gender identity and sexual education** for elementary students. 28% SUPPORT
10% UNSURE

53% Public schools should **not teach critical race theory** or its concepts. 33% SUPPORT
14% UNSURE

51% School board candidates should **have their party affiliation listed** on the ballot. 30% OPPOSE
19% UNSURE

52% The state should **set aside education funds** parents can use to enhance their children's education. 27% OPPOSE
22% UNSURE



SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS WANT

Reforms that will get South Carolinians back to work

67% The state should **grant new residents the same occupational license they had in their previous state** as long as they pass the South Carolina background check and pay the licensing fee. 17% OPPOSE
17% UNSURE

60% Individuals on unemployment should perform **at least one meaningful job search activity every business day.** 24% OPPOSE
17% UNSURE

47% Unemployment benefits should be **tied to current economic conditions.**¹ 33% OPPOSE
20% UNSURE

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS WANT

Reforms that unleash the power of a free economy

82% The state should **not invest state taxpayer dollars in banks and investment funds** that make business decisions based on a political agenda. 6% SUPPORT
12% UNSURE

67% Utility companies in the state should be **allowed to compete with one another** for the business of customers. 22% OPPOSE
10% UNSURE

60% Local governments should be **required to review and take action on new construction permits** within 20 business days. 19% OPPOSE
22% UNSURE



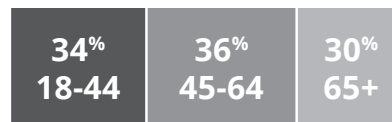
518 LIKELY SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS



DEMOGRAPHICS



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Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a statewide sample of 518 likely South Carolina voters. Data for this survey research were collected by Cor Services Inc. The surveys were conducted September 24-26, 2022.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.31 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data were sampled using weighted demographic information from state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

Opportunity Solutions Project paid for all costs associated with this survey.



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¹Previous polling has shown that GOP voters are generally opposed to extended unemployment benefits (<https://excellenceinpolling.com/poll/2022-michigan-issues-poll/>), especially in the wake of COVID-19 unemployment program expansion (<https://excellenceinpolling.com/poll/national-unemployment-bonus-expiration-poll/>). And after North Carolina began indexing UI benefits to the unemployment rate, GOP voters became much more supportive of the measure (<https://excellenceinpolling.com/poll/2022-north-carolina-issues-poll/>).