



Illinois Statewide Education Poll Results

Q1. How often do you vote in political elections in your state—always, usually, about half the time, usually don't, or never vote?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Always vote	584	73.0
Usually vote	116	14.5
About half the time	29	3.6
Usually don't vote	28	3.5
Never vote	29	3.7
Unsure	14	1.8

Now I'm going to read you a list of names and organizations. After I read each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of them.

Q7. Governor J.B. Pritzker

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Favorable	325	40.6
Unfavorable	328	41.0
No opinion	147	18.4

Q8. The Black Lives Matter Organization

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Favorable	384	48.0
Unfavorable	290	36.2
No opinion	126	15.7

Q9. Police officers

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Favorable	542	67.8
Unfavorable	122	15.2
No opinion	136	17.0

Q10. The University of Illinois

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Favorable	440	55.1
Unfavorable	84	10.5
No opinion	276	34.5

Q11. Teachers Unions

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Favorable	412	51.5
Unfavorable	246	30.8
No opinion	142	17.7

Q12. Your local school board

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Favorable	369	46.2
Unfavorable	167	20.9
No opinion	264	33.0

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the state of education in Illinois today.

Q13. Generally speaking, do you think the K-12 public education system in Illinois does an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
GOOD OR BETTER	351	43.9
WORSE THAN GOOD	382	47.7
NET GOOD OR BETTER	-31	-3.8
Excellent	48	6.0
Good	303	37.9
Not so good	231	28.8
Poor job	151	18.9
Unsure	67	8.4

Q14. Generally speaking, do you think public universities in Illinois do an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job at educating students?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
GOOD OR BETTER	490	61.2
WORSE THAN GOOD	192	24.0
NET GOOD OR BETTER	298	37.2
Excellent	100	12.5
Good	390	48.7
Not so good	117	14.7
Poor job	75	9.4
Unsure	118	14.7

Q15. Do you think public universities in Illinois are too liberal, too conservative, or fair and balanced in the way they teach students?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Too liberal	279	34.9
Too conservative	49	6.1
Fair and balanced between political perspectives	284	35.6
Unsure	188	23.5

Q16. Generally speaking, do you think Americans are too politically correct, not politically correct enough, or just right when it comes to political correctness?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Too politically correct	337	42.2
Not politically correct enough	243	30.3
Just right when it comes to political correctness	81	10.2
Unsure	139	17.3

Q17. How often, if ever, do you stop yourself from expressing your opinion on controversial political and social issues?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Often	238	29.8
Sometimes	270	33.8
Rarely	146	18.2
Never	109	13.6
Unsure	37	4.6

Q18. What is the main reason you stop yourself from expressing your opinion on controversial political and social issues?

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	N	Percent
Total	508	100.0
Will be unfairly criticized	114	22.4
Do not want to hurt other people's feelings	102	20.2
worried about professional or academic consequences if I say the wrong thing	112	22.0
want to fit in	5	.9
Another reason	135	26.5
Unsure	40	8.1

The next series of questions present two views.

Q19. Please indicate which is closest to your own view.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Our K-12 schools should institute new curriculums that teach children to understand that America is founded on slavery and remains systemically racist today.	302	37.8
K-12 schools should focus on teaching students about American founding principles and the documents that established the first free and democratic country in the world.	386	48.2
Unsure	112	14.0

Q20. Please indicate which is closest to your own view.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Fighting racism means using government to make sure that people of all races have equal outcomes - including the same average salaries, equal employment rates, and equal acceptance rates at colleges	323	40.4
Fighting racism means making sure that everyone regardless of race has the same opportunities and equal protection under the law - but it's not the government's role to mandate equal outcomes for everyone	401	50.1
Unsure	76	9.5

Q21. Please indicate which is closest to your own view.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
K-12 teachers should work to expose students to a variety of perspectives about the country's founding and history, and to equip them to think critically about its successes and failures.	497	62.1
K-12 teachers should embrace progressive viewpoints and perspectives when teaching U.S. history, to encourage students to advocate for social justice causes.	188	23.4
Unsure	115	14.5

Q22. Please indicate which is closest to your own view.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Teacher preparation programs in Illinois should prioritize teaching progressive viewpoints and social justice advocacy, to help teachers overcome their own biases and build more inclusive classrooms.	269	33.6
Teacher preparation programs in Illinois should focus on making teachers better equipped to help students develop core skills and competencies, not on social justice or progressive politics.	459	57.4
Unsure	72	9.0

Q23. Please indicate which is closest to your own view.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Public universities should work to combat systemic racism and structural inequality by teaching students about white privilege.	212	26.5
Public universities should work to educate citizens in US history and founding principles as the basis for reasoned debate and civil dialogue.	497	62.2
Unsure	91	11.3

Q24. Please indicate which is closest to your own view.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
During the college admissions process, it is appropriate to prioritize racial diversity in the student body even if it means accepting some students with lower grades and test scores.	219	27.4
During the college admissions process, all people should be treated equally based on merit, even if that results in less racial diversity at selective colleges and universities.	501	62.7
Unsure	80	9.9

Now I'm going to tell you about movements taking place on college campuses today. Please say if you support or oppose them.

Q25. Efforts to rename buildings on college campuses if they are named after historical figures who held opinions considered racist by today's standard.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Support	308	38.6
Oppose	361	45.1
Unsure	131	16.3

Q26. Efforts to prevent speakers from expressing opinions that some members of the campus find offensive.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Support	158	19.7
Oppose	472	59.1
Unsure	170	21.2

Now I am going to read you more statements. After I tell you each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

Q27. White students and professors at American colleges and universities should be encouraged to acknowledge they are inherently racist as part of mandated diversity training.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Agree	167	20.9
Disagree	508	63.5
Unsure	125	15.6

Q28. All people should be treated equally based on merit.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Agree	675	84.4
Disagree	63	7.9
Unsure	62	7.8

Q29. Taxpayer funds should not support public universities that discourage student and faculty speech based on viewpoint or ideology.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Agree	359	44.8
Disagree	214	26.8
Unsure	227	28.4

Q30. Obstructing Jewish students from expressing support for the State of Israel is a form of anti-Semitism.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Agree	398	49.8
Disagree	202	25.3
Unsure	200	24.9

Q31. Taxpayer funds should not support public universities that tolerate any form of anti-Semitism.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Agree	584	73.0
Disagree	94	11.7
Unsure	122	15.3

Q32. The presence of police officers on college campuses does more harm than good for students and should therefore be reduced.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Agree	154	19.3
Disagree	527	65.9
Unsure	119	14.9

Now I am going to read you more sets of two statements.

Q33. After I tell you each one, please tell me with which statement you agree.

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Public universities should spend more money on diversity and inclusion programs, even if it means college tuition will go up	225	28.1
Public universities should have policies in place against discrimination but should prioritize lowering tuition, even if it means cutting funding to diversity and inclusion programs	432	54.0
Unsure	143	17.9

Q34. After I tell you each one, please tell me with which statement you agree.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Freedom of speech and open deliberation is the foundation of our democracy. Differing views and ideologies should be discussed in public, even if that means tolerating viewpoints that some people find offensive	549	68.6
Not all speech protected by the First Amendment should be tolerated in society. If a person of color says an issue or argument is offensive, discussion should be limited even if no one intended to cause offense.	134	16.8
Unsure	117	14.6

Now I am going to read you more statements. After I tell you each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

Q35. The state legislature should fund programs at the University of Illinois that promote viewpoint diversity.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Agree	481	60.1
Disagree	160	20.0
Unsure	159	19.9

Q36. The University of Illinois should do its best to promote a balance of conservative and liberal faculty.

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Agree	553	69.1
Disagree	118	14.8
Unsure	129	16.1

Q39. Did you vote in the 2020 Presidential election?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Yes	745	93.2
No	55	6.8

Q40. If so, did you vote for Democratic candidate Joe Biden, Republican candidate Donald Trump, or someone else?

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	N	Percent
Total	745	100.0
Voted Joe Biden	409	54.9
Voted Donald Trump	234	31.4
Voted for someone else	64	8.6
Refused	38	5.2

Q2. And for statistical purposes, to which age group do you belong:

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
18 - 34	192	24.0
35 - 49	192	24.0
50 - 64	208	26.0
65 and over	192	24.0
Can't say	16	2.0

Q3. And what is your gender?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Male	360	45.0
Female	408	51.0
Something Else	16	2.0
Refused	16	2.0

Q4. And again, for statistical purposes only, are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish speaking background?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Yes, Hispanic or Latino	98	12.3
No	679	84.8
Unsure	23	2.9

Q5. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, Black, Hispanic, or something else?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Caucasian or white	519	64.9
African American or Black	109	13.6
Hispanic or Latino	104	13.0
Another background	68	8.5

Q6. And what is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
LESS THAN COLLEGE GRAD	426	53.2
COLLEGE GRAD	359	44.8
High school graduate or less	169	21.1
Some college, vocational, or associate's degree	257	32.1
College graduate	190	23.7
Post graduate degree	169	21.1
Unsure	15	2.0

Q37. With which political party do you affiliate most closely?

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	N	Percent
Total	800	100.0
Republican	198	24.8
Democrat	314	39.2
Independent or third party	217	27.2
Unsure	71	8.8

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Q38. And would you say you're a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative in your political beliefs?

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Liberal	226	28.2
Moderate	279	34.9
Conservative	201	25.2
Unsure	94	11.7

Media Market

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
CHAMPAIGN&SPRNGFLD-DECATUR	51	6.4
CHICAGO	552	69.0
DAVENPORT-R.ISLAND-MOLINE	26	3.3
EVANSVILLE	4	.5
PADUCAH-CAPE GIRARD-HARSBG	23	2.9
PEORIA-BLOOMINGTON	54	6.7
QUINCY-HANNIBAL-KEOKUK	5	.6
ROCKFORD	29	3.6
ST. LOUIS	52	6.5
TERRE HAUTE	4	.5

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Chicago	552	68.9
Other DMA	248	31.1

Phone Type

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	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	800	100.0
Cellphone	560	70.0
Landline	240	30.0