



## Top Line Results for February 2023 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from February 8 to February 14 about current political issues, gun policy, and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for most survey questions. The margin of error for survey results for the full sample is 3.72%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below. Original data and analyses from the SLU Poll Directors are available at <http://www.slu.edu/poll>.

### **Funding and Support**

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### **About Saint Louis University**

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic institutions. Rooted in Jesuit values and its pioneering history as the first university west of the Mississippi River, SLU offers more than 13,500 students a rigorous, transformative education of the whole person. At the core of the University's diverse community of scholars is SLU's service-focused mission, which challenges and prepares students to make the world a better, more just place.

## Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1126 respondents with 998 completing the full survey. YouGov conducted a benchmarking survey of Missouri Likely voters using a census click methodology, which involves sampling in such a way that all starts to a particular survey are representative of the known demographic characteristics of a specific target group. In this case, YouGov sampled so all starts were representative of Missouri registered voters population, as defined by the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) November.

The sample of all starts was matched from 1015 respondents to 900 completes, yielding a target subsample of 900 MO likely voters. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, which was then subsetted to only include MO likely voters. It is based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were then weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined, and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame, and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories). From there, the matched and weighted cases had all MO likely voters extracted, and their weights centered around 1 in order to produce the final dataset.

POLS001

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... President Joe Biden?**

- Strongly Approve: 15%
- Approve: 21%
- Disapprove: 12%
- Strongly Disapprove: 50%
- Not Sure: 3%

POLS002

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... The US Congress?**

- Strongly Approve: 2%
- Approve: 20%
- Disapprove: 47%
- Strongly Disapprove: 21%
- Not Sure: 11%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 443. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is  $\pm 5.50\%$ .*

POLS003

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The Missouri State Legislature?**

- Strongly Approve: 8%
- Approve: 43%
- Disapprove: 15%
- Strongly Disapprove: 24%
- Not Sure: 11%

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POLS004

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Governor Mike Parson?**

- Strongly Approve: 11%
- Approve: 39%
- Disapprove: 19%
- Strongly Disapprove: 24%
- Not Sure: 8%

POLS005

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Eric Schmitt?**

- Strongly Approve: 15%
- Approve: 29%
- Disapprove: 11%
- Strongly Disapprove: 24%
- Not Sure: 21%

POLS006

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Josh Hawley?**

- Strongly Approve: 22%
- Approve: 25%
- Disapprove: 11%
- Strongly Disapprove: 33%
- Not Sure: 9%

POLS007

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The US Supreme Court?**

- Strongly Approve: 7%
- Approve: 41%
- Disapprove: 21%
- Strongly Disapprove: 23%
- Not Sure: 9%

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POLS009

**Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri state government?**

- Economy: 44%
- Health care: 17%
- Education: 18%
- Infrastructure: 15%
- Other, please specify: 6%

POLS010

How would you rate the condition of the following...The Economy in the United States?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 13%
- Fair: 30%
- Poor: 53%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS011

How would you rate the condition of the following ...The Economy in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 18%
- Fair: 50%
- Poor: 28%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS012

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Public Schools in your community?

- Excellent: 6%
- Good: 31%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 5%

POLS013

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Public Schools in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 22%
- Fair: 42%
- Poor: 27%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS014

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Crime in your community?

- Excellent: 5%
- Good: 30%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 29%
- Not sure: 5%

POLS016

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Race relations in your community?

- Excellent: 9%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 19%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS017

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Your physical health in the last month?

- Excellent: 16%
- Good: 46%
- Fair: 24%
- Poor: 13%
- Not sure: 1%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is  $\pm 5.17\%$ .*

POLS018

How would you rate the condition of the following ...Your mental health in the last month?

- Excellent: 27%
- Good: 37%
- Fair: 25%
- Poor: 11%
- Not sure: 1%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is  $\pm 5.17\%$ .*

POLS019

**How would you rate the condition of the following ...Roads and infrastructure in the State of Missouri?**

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 15%
- Fair: 45%
- Poor: 36%
- Not sure: 3%

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POLS020

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction?**

- Agree: 16%
- Disagree: 73%
- Not sure: 12%

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POLS021

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The State of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction?**

- Agree: 40%
- Disagree: 44%
- Not sure: 17%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 443. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is  $\pm 5.50\%$ .*

POLS022

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... Parents of students should have the right to object to the instructional materials used in their child's classroom.**

- Agree: 62%
- Disagree: 26%
- Not sure: 12%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 443. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is  $\pm 5.50\%$ .*

POLS023

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... Betting on collegiate and professional sports should be legal in Missouri.

- Agree: 35%
- Disagree: 41%
- Not sure: 24%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 443. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.50%.*

POLS024

Amending the Missouri State Constitution via an initiative should require the support of at least:

- 50% of voters: 13%
- 60% of voters: 22%
- 66% of voters: 33%
- Voters should not be able to amend the state constitution via an initiative.: 15%
- Not sure: 18%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.17%.*

POLS025

Missouri's Sunshine Act allows the public to make requests for government documents (e.g., meeting records or public officials' communications). Do you favor or oppose the following changes to Sunshine Act...Limit public access to drafts of proposed legislation?

- Favor: 16%
- Oppose: 67%
- Not Sure: 17%

*Subsample Question The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.17%.*



POLS026

Missouri's Sunshine Act allows the public to make requests for government documents (e.g., meeting records or public officials' communications). Do you favor or oppose the following changes to Sunshine Act...Permit redaction of names and emails of citizens in requests for communications (e.g., emails between a public official and citizen)?

- Favor: 44%
- Oppose: 32%
- Not Sure: 24%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.17%.*

POLS027

Missouri's Sunshine Act allows the public to make requests for government documents (e.g., meeting records or public officials' communications). Do you favor or oppose the following changes to Sunshine Act...Adding fees for the time it takes the custodians of records to redact documents?

- Favor: 27%
- Oppose: 48%
- Not Sure: 25%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.17%.*

POLS028

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Requiring criminal background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales?

- Favor: 79%
- Oppose: 16%
- Not Sure: 6%

POLS029

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Requiring mental health background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales?

- Favor: 69%
- Oppose: 19%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS030

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Requiring people to be 21 years old before purchasing a gun?

- Favor: 69%
- Oppose: 24%
- Not Sure: 7%

POLS031

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Requiring people who purchase handguns to wait 72 hours before they receive that gun?

- Favor: 60%
- Oppose: 29%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS032

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people that are believed to pose a danger to themselves or others?

- Favor: 60%
- Oppose: 25%
- Not Sure: 15%

POLS033

Do you support banning the following gun-related sales, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers...The sale of all guns?

- Ban: 7%
- Do not ban: 85%
- Not Sure: 8%

POLS034

Do you support banning the following gun-related sales, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers...The sale of all handguns?

- Ban: 10%
- Do not ban: 83%
- Not Sure: 7%

POLS035

Do you support banning the following gun-related sales, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers...The sale of all hunting rifles?

- Ban: 6%
- Do not ban: 88%
- Not Sure: 6%

POLS036

Do you support banning the following gun-related sales, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers...The sale of magazine clips for semi-automatic weapons?

- Ban: 39%
- Do not ban: 49%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS037

Do you support banning the following gun-related sales, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers...The sale of semi-automatic weapons?

- Ban: 39%
- Do not ban: 50%
- Not Sure: 11%

EDU003

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...The permanent reduction from a five to a four-day school week in your local public school district?

- Favor: 34%
- Oppose: 46%
- Not Sure: 20%

EDU004

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Expanding public schools' curricula related to racial and ethnic groups?

- Favor: 41%
- Oppose: 43%
- Not Sure: 16%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.04%.*

EDU005

**Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Limiting public schools' curricula related to racial and ethnic groups?**

- Favor: 35%
- Oppose: 47%
- Not Sure: 17%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 443. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.50%.*

EDU006

**Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Expanding public schools' curricula related to sexual orientation?**

- Favor: 29%
- Oppose: 55%
- Not Sure: 16%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 457. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.04%.*

EDU007

**Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Limiting public schools' curricula related to sexual orientation?**

- Favor: 49%
- Oppose: 41%
- Not Sure: 10%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 443. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.50%.*

EDU008

**Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Employers who provide childcare assistance should receive a state tax credit for 30 percent of expenses paid to the childcare facility?**

- Favor: 64%
- Oppose: 13%
- Not Sure: 23%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 439. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.17%.*

EDU009

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Childcare providers with at least three employees may claim state credit equal to their employers withholding tax and 30% of their capital expenditures?

- Favor: 41%
- Oppose: 12%
- Not Sure: 48%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 461. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.37%.*

EDU010

How would you rate the condition of the following...Safety at your local public school?

- Excellent: 15%
- Good: 41%
- Fair: 25%
- Poor: 8%
- Not sure: 11%

EDU011

How would you rate the condition of the following... Safety in public schools across Missouri?

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 31%
- Fair: 36%
- Poor: 13%
- Not sure: 15%

EDU012

How worried are you about the possibility of a shooting ever happening...in your local public school?

- Not worried: 20%
- Slightly worried: 37%
- Somewhat worried: 26%
- Very worried: 12%
- Not Sure: 5%

EDU013

How worried are you about the possibility of a shooting ever happening...in public schools across Missouri?

- Not worried: 7%
- Slightly worried: 33%
- Somewhat worried: 34%
- Very worried: 22%
- Not Sure: 5%

EDU014

How worried are you about the possibility of a shooting ever happening...at your grocery store?

- Not worried: 27%
- Slightly worried: 33%
- Somewhat worried: 26%
- Very worried: 11%
- Not Sure: 3%

EDU015

How worried are you about the possibility of a shooting ever happening...at your place of worship?

- Not worried: 41%
- Slightly worried: 22%
- Somewhat worried: 17%
- Very worried: 9%
- Not Sure: 11%

EDU016

Do you favor or oppose the following policies in schools... Allowing teachers and school administrators to carry guns in schools?

- Favor: 48%
- Oppose: 37%
- Not Sure: 16%

EDU017

Do you favor or oppose the following policies in schools...Requiring public schools to have a police officer on campus (often referred to as school resource officers)?

- Favor: 77%
- Oppose: 11%
- Not Sure: 12%

EDU018

Do you favor or oppose the following policies in schools... Requiring mental health screenings of students?

- Favor: 43%
- Oppose: 33%
- Not Sure: 23%

EDU019

Do you favor or oppose the following policies in schools... Requiring metal detectors in all schools?

- Favor: 63%
- Oppose: 19%
- Not Sure: 18%

EDU020

Do you favor or oppose the following policies in schools...Requiring the use of cameras and video security in schools?

- Favor: 83%
- Oppose: 7%
- Not Sure: 10%

EDU021

Do you favor or oppose the following policies in schools... Requiring visitors to schools to receive pre-approval from the school before visiting?

- Favor: 67%
- Oppose: 16%
- Not Sure: 17%