Stockton Polling Institute
Political Issues Poll Spring 2022
Full Results-Weighted Frequencies
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MARIJUANA. - I'm now going to ask your opinion on various policies. Which best describes your view: Marijuana should be legal for medical and recreational use, legal for medical use only, or not legal?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Legal for medical and recreational use	58%	543
2	Legal for medical use only	32%	299
3	Not legal	7%	68
4	Not sure	2%	20
5	Refuse	0%	3
	Total	100%	933

POLICE - Should funding for police in your area increase, decrease, or stay the same?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase	40%	376
2	Decrease	9%	82
3	Stay the same	46%	427
4	Not sure	5%	45
5	Refuse	0%	2
	Total	100%	933

CRIME - In your view, should the justice system be tougher on crime or make an effort to reduce incarceration rates? Or are you satisfied with the system as is?

#	Answer	%	Count
2	Tougher on crime	43%	405
3	Reduce incarceration	35%	330
4	Satisfied as is	12%	108
5	Not sure	9%	84
6	Refuse	1%	6
	Total	100%	933

GUNCONTROL - Which of the following best describes your view toward legal gun ownership: Should the process to get a gun be more difficult, less difficult, or are you satisfied with gun laws as is?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	More difficult	51%	480
2	Less Difficult	15%	143
3	Satisfied as is	30%	280
4	Not sure	3%	25
5	Refuse	1%	6
	Total	100%	933

IMMIGRATION - Should immigration to the United States be more difficult, less difficult, or are you satisfied with immigration laws as is?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	More difficult	34%	313
2	Less difficult	34%	314
3	Satisfied as is	25%	238
4	Not sure	7%	63
5	Refuse	1%	5
	Total	100%	933

ABORTION - In your view, should abortion be legal is all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Legal in all cases	38%	350
2	Legal in most cases	37%	343
3	Illegal in most cases	12%	112
4	Illegal in all cases	7%	66
5	Not sure	5%	51
6	Refuse	1%	12
	Total	100%	933

ABORTION2 - Legality aside, do you think abortion is morally wrong, morally acceptable, or not a moral issue at all?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Wrong	30%	278
2	Acceptable	16%	148
3	Not a moral issue	42%	389
4	Not sure	11%	102
5	Refuse	2%	17
	Total	100%	933

ROEVWADE - If Roe v. Wade were overturned, would that influence your vote in the midterm elections or would that not be a factor in your decision?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Would influence vote	43%	405
2	Not a factor	45%	423
3	Not sure	7%	66
4	Refuse	0%	4
5	Not familiar with Roe v Wade	4%	34
	Total	100%	933

RELIGION - Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Religion plays a very important role in your life.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly agree	37%	347
2	Somewhat agree	24%	221
3	Somewhat disagree	17%	158
4	Strongly disagree	21%	195
5	Not sure	1%	7
	Total	100%	933

SCOTUS - Would you say Biden nominating a Black woman to the Supreme Court is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important to you?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	30%	276
2	Somewhat important	23%	210
3	Not very important	12%	114
4	Not at all important	33%	307
5	Not sure	2%	18
6	Refuse	1%	7
	Total	100%	933

Q9-15 - I'm now going to list the topics I just asked about. For each one, please rate how much of an impact your views on that topic have on your voting decisions.

For example, for the first one: Would a candidate's views on marijuana impact your vote greatly, somewhat, or not at all?

#	Question	Yes, g	reatly	Ye some	•	No im	ıpact	Not	sure	Ref	use	Total
1	Marijuana	21%	197	41%	383	36%	333	2%	17	0%	4	933
2	Police funding	39%	366	45%	417	13%	125	2%	22	0%	4	933
3	The justice system's response to crime	59%	553	33%	302	6%	57	2%	17	0%	4	933
4	Gun Laws	60%	561	31%	282	8%	75	1%	10	0%	4	933
5	Immigration	52%	481	39%	359	9%	82	1%	5	0%	4	933
6	Roe v. Wade	46%	425	28%	263	19%	182	6%	57	0%	5	933

VOTE2020 - Who did you vote for in the 2020 presidential election?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Biden	49%	460
2	Trump	33%	304
3	Some other candidate	5%	43
4	Didn't vote in that election	6%	53
5	Not sure	3%	31
6	Refuse	4%	42
	Total	100%	933

Demographics

AGE -

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Younger than 18	0%	0
2	18-29	11%	101
3	30-49	28%	257
4	50-64	33%	310
5	65 and older	28%	265
6	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	933

COUNTY - What New Jersey county do you live in?

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#	Answer	%	Count
1	Atlantic	6%	52
2	Bergen	8%	73
3	Burlington	7%	68
4	Camden	5%	44
5	Cape May	2%	17
6	Cumberland	2%	16
7	Essex	9%	85
8	Gloucester	4%	35
9	Hudson	4%	39
10	Hunterdon	2%	18
11	Mercer	5%	45
12	Middlesex	8%	75
13	Monmouth	8%	75
14	Morris	6%	58
15	Ocean	6%	57

16	Passaic	4%	33
17	Salem	1%	7
18	Somerset	5%	43
19	Sussex	3%	25
20	Union	6%	56
21	Warren	1%	13
22	Not sure (Please enter zip code)	0%	0
23	Other county	0%	0
24	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	933

Q27 – Are you registered to vote at this residence??

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	100%	933
2	No	0%	0
3	Not sure	0%	0
4	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	933

PHONE - We're almost done. These last few questions allow us to combine responses into statistics. Have I reached you on a cell phone or on a regular landline telephone?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Landline phone	16%	152
2	Cell phone	83%	773
3	Computer/VOIP	0%	3
4	Refuse	1%	5
	Total	100%	933

Q26 - Do you consider yourself to be a:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Democrat	34%	313
2	Republican	23%	215
3	Independent	31%	286
4	Or something else?	10%	94
5	Not sure	1%	9
6	Refuse	2%	16
	Total	100%	933

Q27 - Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	18%	164
2	No	80%	748
3	Not sure	0%	3
4	Refuse	2%	18
	Total	100%	933

Q28 - Which of the following best describes your race:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	White	67%	621
2	Black or African American	11%	102
3	Asian or Pacific Islander	5%	44
4	Native American	1%	7
5	Some other race alone	5%	47
6	More than one race	6%	54
7	Not sure	1%	14
8	Refuse	5%	43
	Total	100%	933

Q29 - Which of the following best describes your highest level of education?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Did not graduate high school	2%	18
2	High school or vo-tech graduate	15%	143
3	Some college or an associate's degree	26%	240
4	A four-year college degree	29%	270
5	A graduate degree	27%	250
6	Refuse	1%	13
	Total	100%	933

Q30 - Which of the following general categories best represents your household income last year before taxes:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than \$25,000	4%	39
2	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000	13%	122
3	\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	23%	211
4	\$100,000 to \$150,000	22%	206
5	More than \$150,000	27%	249
6	Not sure	2%	18
7	Refuse	9%	87
	Total	100%	933

Q31 - Lastly, what is your gender?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Man	49%	453
2	Woman	49%	455
3	Identify another way	1%	9
4	Refuse	2%	15
	Total	100%	933

Methodology

The poll of New Jersey registered voters was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy March 1-12, 2022. Live interviewers who are mostly Stockton University students called cell phones and landlines from the Stockton University campus. Opinion Services supplemented a portion of the fieldwork. Overall, 83 percent of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 16 percent on landline phones. A total of 933 New Jersey adult residents who were screened as registered voters were interviewed. Both cell and landline samples consisted of voter list and random digit dialing (RDD) sample. Black or African American voters were oversampled in order to collect enough responses to isolate this data, but weighted down proportionately in the full population results. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data for New Jersey on variables of age, race, ethnicity, education level, sex, and region. The poll's margin of error is +/- 3.2 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets.