

Q1 Past Voting

Main Prompt:

Thinking back on the different local, state, and federal elections in which you have been eligible to vote over the last 5 or 6 years, would you say that you have always vote, voted in nearly every election, voted in most elections, voted in about half of the elections, or voted less than half of the time?

Prompt	LV
If you have always voted over the last 5 or 6 years	64
If you have voted in nearly every election	24
If you have voted in most elections	8
If you have voted in about half of the elections	2
If you have voted less than half of the time	1
If you are not sure	1

Q2 Skip Lower

Main Prompt:

When you go to vote, there are often questions on the ballot in addition to races between two or more candidates. Many people vote for the candidates in races like President, Governor and Congress, but do not always vote on the other questions at the end of the ballot, like on amendments or elections for judges. Do you usually vote on these questions or not, and if so do you vote only when you have a good understanding of the candidates running or of both sides of the issue, when you have at least some understanding of the issue, or always on every question regardless of how much you know about it?

Prompt	LV
If you sometimes don't always vote on matters other than President, Governor and Congress	19
If you only vote on other matters when you have a good understanding of both sides of the issue	35
If you vote on other matters when you have at least some understanding of the issue	27
If you always vote on other matters, regardless of how much you know about them	17
If you are not sure	2

Q3 Looking Ahead

Main Prompt:

And looking ahead to election time this year, I know it's a long way off but how certain are you that you will vote this November here in Missouri. Are you certain that you will vote, will you probably vote, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

Prompt	LV
If you are certain to vote this November	93
If you think you will probably vote this November	6
If you think you will probably not vote this November	1
If you think you will definitely not vote this November	0
If you are not sure	0

Q4 Judicial Court race awareness

Main Prompt:

How much have you heard or read about the judicial circuit court race between Pat Joyce and Brian Stumpe? Have you heard a great deal, some or very little?

Prompt	LV
If you have heard a great deal	58
If you have heard some	27
If you have heard very little	14
If you are not sure	1

Q5 Court job

Main Prompt:

Overall how would you rate the job being done by the court system here in Missouri?

Prompt	LV
If you think the court system is doing an excellent job	23
If you think the court system is doing a good job	39
If you think the court system is only doing a fair job	22
If you think the court system is doing a poor job	9
If you are not sure	7

Q6 Traits

Main Prompt:

Thinking about the judicial circuit court here in cole county, I'm going to read you some words and phrases that people might use to describe different traits that apply to the court. For each one, please tell me how important it is that the specific trait describe the court?

A Check on legislature

Main Prompt:

Serve as a check and balance on the state legislature.

Prompt	LV
If it is extremely important that the Judicial Circuit court here in Cole County [reason]	52
very important	22
somewhat important	14
not too important	4
If it is not at all important	0
If you are not sure	4

B Fair

Main Prompt:

Be fair and impartial.

Prompt	LV
If it is extremely important that the Judicial Circuit court here in Cole County [reason]	88
very important	8
somewhat important	2
not too important	0
If it is not at all important	0
If you are not sure	1

Justice at Stake
Cole County, Missouri Likely Voters
Oct 18-21, 2014
LV = 579 Likely Voters, moe +/- 4.1%

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C Uphold Constitution

Main Prompt:

Uphold the state constitution.

Prompt	LV
If it is extremely important that the Judicial Circuit court here in Cole County [reason]	82
very important	13
somewhat important	3
not too important	1
If it is not at all important	0
If you are not sure	1

D Reflect opinion

Main Prompt:

Reflect the mainstream opinion of Missourians.

Prompt	LV
If it is extremely important that the Judicial Circuit court here in Cole County [reason]	43
very important	19
somewhat important	15
not too important	9
If it is not at all important	0
If you are not sure	3

Q7 Contributions

Main Prompt:

During a campaign, candidates running for judge often raise money for their campaigns by taking contributions from individuals, attorneys, businesses and interest groups that may later have a court case in front of an elected judge. How much influence do you think campaign contributions made to judges have on their decisions - a great deal of influence, some influence, just a little influence or no influence at all?

Prompt	LV
If you think contributions have a great deal of influence on later decisions	36
If you think contributions have some influence on later decisions	37
If you think contributions have only a little influence on later decisions	13
If you think contributions have no influence at all on later decisions	11
If you are not sure	3

Q8 Instead

Main Prompt:

Sometimes instead of contributing directly to a candidate's campaign, individuals, attorneys, businesses and interest groups that may later have a court case in front of an elected judge will place their own ads to support the judicial candidate they want to win. How much influence do you think this kind of independent spending in support of a judge has on the judge's later decisions, a great deal of influence, some influence, just a little influence or no influence at all?

Prompt	LV
If you think it has a great deal of influence on later decisions	31
If you think it has some influence on later decisions	38
If you think it has just a little influence on later decisions	17
If you think it has no influence on later decisions	12
If you are not sure	3

Q9 Concerned with role of money in Cole

Main Prompt:

How concerned are you about the role that money and special interests are playing in the Cole County judicial elections?

Prompt	LV
If you are very concerned	51
somewhat concerned	26
not too concerned	14
If you are not concerned at all	4
If you are not sure	4

Q10 Concerns

Main Prompt:

I'd like to read you a few aspects of the upcoming election for Cole County Circuit Court judge and have you tell me if each makes you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not concerned at all.

A Out of state money

Main Prompt:

How concerned are you about the role that out-of-state money and out-of-state special interests are playing in the Cole County judicial elections?

Prompt	LV
If you are very concerned	51
somewhat concerned	20
not too concerned	18
If you are not concerned at all	7
If you are not sure	4

B Politics pressure opinions

Main Prompt:

How concerned are you that politically charged judicial elections might put pressure on judges to decide cases based on public opinion, rather than the facts of the case and the law?

Prompt	LV
If you are very concerned	45
somewhat concerned	26
not too concerned	17
If you are not concerned at all	8
If you are not sure	3

C Fair minded people won't run

Main Prompt:

How concerned are you that qualified, fair-minded people may decide not to become judges - or to run for re-election, because the position has become too political?

Prompt	LV
If you are very concerned	45
somewhat concerned	27
not too concerned	17
If you are not concerned at all	7
If you are not sure	5

Demos

Main Prompt:

Now we just have a few final questions to make sure that a representative sample of all adults have been called.

Q11 Age

Main Prompt:

Can you tell me how old you are?

Prompt	LV
If you are between the ages of 18-29	7
If you are between the ages of 30-44	22
If you are between the ages of 45-64	45
If you are 65 years of older	23
If you would rather not say	2

Q12 Gender

Main Prompt:

Can you tell me whether you are a male or a female?

Prompt	LV
If you are a male	46
If you are a female	52
If you would rather not say	1

Q13 Race

Main Prompt:

Do you come from a Hispanic or Spanish speaking background, or not?

Prompt	LV
* If you are from a Hispanic or Spanish speaking background	2
* If you are not from a Hispanic background	94
* If you are not sure	1
* If you would rather not say	3

* *Follow-up Prompt:*

And what do you consider to be your main race?

Prompt	LV
If you are white	83
If you are black or african american	10
If you are american indian or alaska native	1
If you are asian	0
If you are native hawaiian or other pacific islander	0
If you are some other race	1
If you are a member of more than one race	1
If you are not sure	0
If you would rather not say	3

Q14 Party

Main Prompt:

Thinking of the political parties in this country, what party do you consider yourself to be a member of?

Prompt	LV
If you always or usually consider yourself a	21
If you always or usually consider yourself a	40
If you are an independent who is a member of no party	34
If you are a member of a third party	1
If you are not sure	3

Follow-up Prompt:

And even though you don't consider yourself to be a member of one of the two major parties, most races come down to a choice between a Democrat and Republican. Who do you usually pick?

Prompt	LV
Democrats + If you usually pick the Democrat in most races	28
Republicans + If you usually pick the Republican in most races	53

Q15 Ideology

Main Prompt:

Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Prompt	LV
If you are a liberal	12
If you are a moderate	36
If you are a conservative	47
If you are not sure	5