



Kansas Likely Voters, Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015  
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**Q1** Direction of things in Kansas

**LV**  
 28 Right Direction  
 64 Wrong Track  
 8 Not Sure

**Q2** Governor Vote in 2014

**LV**  
 44 Paul Davis, the Democrat  
 46 Sam Brownback, the Republican  
 7 Voted for Some Other Candidate  
 2 Refused to Say  
 1 Did Not Vote

**Q3** Now I am going to read the names of some people and things to you and ask you to rate them on a scale of 1 to 5 using the numbers on your phone, with 1 being the worst and 5 being the best. Think of it the same way restaurants or movies are rated in the newspaper - the more stars something gets the better it is. If you've heard a name but can't rate it, that's fine, and if you haven't heard a name before, that's fine too. [1-5 Scale converted to 0-100 Temperature scale and averaged for those who can rate - 50 implies a neutral balanced rating between negative and positive]

		1 (Worst)	2	3	4	5 (Best)	Can't Rate	Not Heard	Temperature	Total Rate	Total Heard
<b>A</b>	Barack Obama	<b>LV</b> 50	9	10	14	16	1	0	34	99	100
<b>B</b>	Sam Brownback	<b>LV</b> 45	11	16	11	15	1	0	35	99	100
<b>C</b>	Kansas Supreme Court	<b>LV</b> 10	13	27	18	11	16	5	52	79	95



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**Q4** Now, thinking for a moment about judges on the Kansas Supreme Court. As you may know, here in Kansas a panel made up of lawyers and non-lawyers interviews applicants for vacant Supreme Court seats. They identify several of the most qualified applicants, and send a list of finalists to the Governor at which point he selects one of the finalists to fill the vacancy. Once on the court, judges can keep their seat if they periodically win a retention election, where voters vote yes to keep them or no to remove them from the bench. This system is often referred to as "merit selection". Knowing this, do you favor or oppose merit selection, the current method used here in Kansas?

**LV**

53 Favor Merit Selection  
27 Oppose Merit Selection  
20 Not Sure

**Q5** Some people have proposed amending the state Constitution to increase the number of votes a judge would need to retain his or her seat on the Supreme Court. Under the proposal, judges would need 2/3s of voters, or 67% to vote Yes, an increase from the current simple 50% majority requirement. No other elected office in Kansas requires a candidate to get more than 50% of the vote. Would you favor or oppose amending the Constitution to increase the vote needed for justices to stay on the bench to 2/3 or 67%?

**LV**

32 Favor Amending Constitution to Change  
57 Oppose Amending the Constitution  
11 Not Sure

**Q6** Some people have proposed amending the state constitution to change the way supreme court judges are selected here in Kansas. Under the proposal, judges would be chosen by the Governor without first being recommended by the panel. They would then be confirmed by the state Senate. They would also still face periodic retention elections. If asked to vote on a constitutional amendment to switch from the current merit selection system to the proposed change, would you support or oppose changing the way judges are selected in Kansas?

**LV**

14 Favor Amending Constitution to Change  
76 Oppose Amending the Constitution  
10 Not Sure



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**Q7** Some people have proposed amending the state Constitution to change the way judges are selected here in Kansas. Under the proposal, judges would be chosen in contested elections, just like we currently choose people to serve as Governor or in the state legislature. Would you favor or oppose amending the Constitution to switch from merit selection to the proposed new way of electing judges in contested elections?

**LV**

31 Favor Amending Constitution to Change  
55 Oppose Amending the Constitution  
15 Not Sure

**Q8** Age

**LV**

5 18-29  
17 30-44  
45 45-64  
31 65 & Older  
2 Refused

**Q9** Gender

**LV**

51 Female  
48 Male  
1 Refused

**Q10** Ethnicity/Race

**LV**

3 Hispanic Total  
95 Not Hispanic  
0 Not Sure on Origin  
2 Refused Hispanic Answer

89 White Total  
4 Black Total  
1 American Indian/Alaska Native  
0 Asian  
0 Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander  
1 Other Race  
1 More Than One Race  
0 Not Sure on Race  
4 Refused on Race



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**Q11** Party

**LV**

25	Democrat
49	Republican
21	Independent
2	Third Party
3	Not Sure
34	Democratic Base = Democrats + Usually Choose Dem in two-way
56	Republican Base = Republicans + Usually Choose Rep in two-way

**Q12** And now think about how often you vote in elections. As you know, the main elections are held every four years for President, but there are also elections for things like Governor, Congress, Mayor and School Board. And in addition to the November elections, the political parties hold primary elections that decide who their nominees will be in the summer. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning hardly ever and 5 meaning you never miss an election, even a primary, how often would you say you vote?

**LV**

2	1 (Almost Never)
3	2
10	3
29	4
54	5 (Always Even Primaries)
2	Not Sure

**Q13** Ideology

**LV**

16	Liberal
39	Moderate
38	Conservative
7	Not Sure

**That concludes our survey today. Thank you for your time.**