

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE OPINION POLL

1988 STATE FAIR

TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE, LIKE THIS: ←

QUESTION 1		
Before visiting our booth here today, were you able to identify your State Senator was?	2,009 YES ←	78.1 %
	563 NO ←	21.9 %
QUESTION 2		
Should Minnesota have a mandatory recycling law?	1,972 YES ←	76.6 %
	461 NO ←	17.9 %
	140 NO OPINION ←	5.5 %
QUESTION 3		
Current state law places certain restrictions on smoking in public places. Would you support a total ban on smoking in all public buildings?	2,024 YES ←	78.4 %
	515 NO ←	17.9 %
	43 NO OPINION ←	1.7 %
QUESTION 4		
Do you feel state law should allow individuals who are of sound mind to sign a statement directing hospital authorities not to prolong their lives by artificial means should they become terminally ill?	2,137 YES ←	82.9 %
	334 NO ←	12.9 %
	107 NO OPINION ←	4.2 %
QUESTION 5		
Would you favor a state tax-exempt savings bond program to help families save for their children's college education?	2,079 YES ←	80.6 %
	355 NO ←	13.8 %
	144 NO OPINION ←	5.6 %
QUESTION 6		
Recently, a federal appeals court upheld the constitutionality of Minnesota's law which requires minors to notify both biological parents or get a judge's permission before having an abortion. Do you support the appeals court ruling?	1,370 YES ←	53.1 %
	1,096 NO ←	42.4 %
	116 NO OPINION ←	4.5 %
QUESTION 7		
During the last legislative session the Legislature mandated that by 1990 every school district in the state must participate in Minnesota's open enrollment program (allowing parents and students to select the school of their choice without regard to district boundaries). Do you support this?	1,238 YES ←	48.0 %
	1,120 NO ←	43.4 %
	223 NO OPINION ←	8.6 %
QUESTION 8		
Should surrogate parenting be permitted in Minnesota? (That is, paying a woman to carry a child, then turn the child over to a paying couple)?	589 YES ←	22.8 %
	1,723 NO ←	66.7 %
	270 NO OPINION ←	10.5 %
QUESTION 9		
Should the state legislature place further restrictions on the use of herbicides and pesticides on farm produce?	1,704 YES ←	66.2 %
	446 NO ←	17.3 %
	425 NO OPINION ←	16.5 %
QUESTION 10		
Do you feel the state should allow simulcast betting of horse racing from Canterbury Downs? (The ability to view and bet on races from Canterbury Downs via state-regulated entertainment centers throughout Minnesota.)	917 YES ←	35.7 %
	1,354 NO ←	52.6 %
	301 NO OPINION ←	11.7 %
QUESTION 11		
Do you support the concept of a state-paid health care plan which would provide full health care coverage for those individuals that do not receive these benefits at work or are unemployed?	1,293 YES ←	50.3 %
	1,039 NO ←	40.4 %
	241 NO OPINION ←	9.3 %
QUESTION 12		
Would you favor restoration of the tax credit previously given to individuals for political contributions (up to \$100 for individuals and \$200 for married couples)?	1,322 YES ←	51.3 %
	990 NO ←	38.4 %
	264 NO OPINION ←	10.3 %
QUESTION 13		
Should an elected official be able to run for another office while still holding their first office?	1,169 YES ←	45.4 %
	1,200 NO ←	46.6 %
	208 NO OPINION ←	8.0 %
QUESTION 14		
Should Minnesota's Governor, like the President of the United States, be limited in the number of terms he/she may serve in that office?	1,741 YES ←	67.5 %
	711 NO ←	27.6 %
	127 NO OPINION ←	4.9 %

\* Please Note

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This survey is an unscientific one. It is simply a measure of the opinions expressed by the individuals that visited the Senate State Fair Booth within the Education Building and who thus took the time to fill out our questionnaire. Our main purpose in conducting this opinion poll was to familiarize fairgoers with some of the issues that will most likely be dealt with during the upcoming session, as well as to acquaint them with the optical scanner voting machine which is currently in use throughout most of the Twin Cities.