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MINNESOTA STATE SENATE 2003 STATE FAIR POLL (respondents should be of voting age)

Make your choices by marking your selection like this:

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Male 428
 Female 371

- Minneapolis/St. Paul 331
 Rural 134
 Suburban 293
 Regional hub (Rochester, Duluth, etc.) 25
 Another state 4

- 18-35 171
 36-54 357
 55-64 172
 65 and older 87

1. Would you support a ban on the use of hand-held cell phones by automobile drivers?

- A) Yes. 496
 B) No. 237
 C) No opinion/undecided. 47

2. Do you support lowering the legal limit for impaired driving offenses from .10 to .08?

- A) Yes. 488
 B) No. 266
 C) No opinion/undecided. 38

3. If Minnesota continues to experience difficulty in balancing the State budget, should the Legislature:

- A) Raise taxes? 380
 B) Further reduce existing programs? 188
 C) Both? 188
 D) No opinion/undecided. 36

4. Should tenured teachers have their performance reviewed periodically by their school administration?

- A) Yes, for the purpose of keeping their teaching positions. 193
 B) Yes, for the purpose of granting merit pay increases. 191
 C) Both. 326
 D) No. 57
 E) No opinion/undecided. 30

5. Should state financial resources be used in the development of alternative sources of energy, such as wind energy and fuel cells?

- A) Yes. 621
 B) No. 118
 C) No opinion/undecided. 48

6. What criteria do you think should be used as the main focus for funding public K-12 schools?

- A) Student-based; different amounts for students with different needs. 356
 B) Classroom-based; state or regional average costs of a teacher in a classroom. 156
 C) Credit-based; fund schools similar to colleges, based on the number of credits served and the type of classes. 46
 D) Student performance-based; reward or penalize schools based on student performance. 92
 E) Other. 39
 F) No opinion/undecided. 84

7. Should the gasoline tax be increased to help alleviate congestion and improve and maintain our highway system? Please indicate which statement most closely matches your opinion.

- A) I would support an increase in the gasoline tax of 5 to 8 cents per gallon for highway purposes. 144
 B) I would support an increase in the gasoline tax of 1 to 4 cents per gallon for highway purposes. 147
 C) I would support an increase in the gasoline tax, if the revenues are also made available for transit purposes. 286
 D) I do not support a gasoline tax increase of any amount. 202
 E) No opinion/undecided. 11

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8. The 2003 Legislature enacted a law requiring sheriffs to issue permits to carry pistols in public to applicants who meet the state's eligibility criteria. The law requires businesses, churches, and other private establishments that wish to prohibit permit holders from carrying guns on their premises to post a specific type of notice at every entrance to the premises and to personally inform the permit holder of this request and demand compliance. In addition, a private establishment may not prohibit the possession or carrying of pistols in parking areas. Which of the following best reflects your opinion?

- A) Leave the law unchanged. 144
- B) Change the law to allow private establishments to prohibit permit holders from carrying guns by either posting or by personally informing the person, but not requiring both. 100
- C) Change the law to allow private establishments to prohibit guns in its parking areas. 45
- D) Do both B & C. 452
- E) No opinion/undecided. 26

9. The state provides financial support for capital improvement projects by selling bonds. Should the projects be:

- A) Statewide projects only - These would be only for or through state agencies and programs. An example would be state universities' requests for new buildings. 82
- B) Statewide and regional projects - An example of a project with regional impact would be the new Rochester Art Center. 11
- C) Statewide, regional or local projects - An example of a project with local impact would be the Colin Powell Youth Center in Minneapolis. 329
- D) No opinion/undecided. 149

10. Should Minnesota continue to support the agricultural industry by providing financial assistance to agricultural product processing facilities, such as producer payments for ethanol production in Minnesota?

- A) Yes. 409
- B) No. 241
- C) No opinion/undecided. 125

11. Ninety percent of state funding for higher education goes directly to Minnesota public colleges and universities. Should state funding be changed so that a larger portion of the money goes directly to students to attend the Minnesota institution of their choice?

- A) Yes, and the money could be used at either a public or private college or university. 239
- B) Yes, but the money could only be used at public colleges and universities. 239
- C) No. 262
- D) No opinion/undecided. 40

12. The state currently provides property tax aids to counties and cities in an effort to equalize property tax burdens between communities with high property wealth and those with low property wealth. In 2003, the Legislature revised the county and city aid formulas and reduced the funding for city and county aids by approximately 22 percent. Do you think that a portion of state tax revenue should continue to be given to local governments to help equalize property tax burdens across the state and to help low property wealth communities provide local services?

- A) Yes. 572
- B) No. 127
- C) No opinion/undecided. 73