

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

1994 STATE FAIR POLL

(Respondents should be of voting age)

VOTING DIRECTIONS:
 Completely fill in the oval next to the answer of your choice for each question.
 Please select only one answer.

Questions

<p>1. Which statement best reflects your personal opinion regarding your own health care coverage:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. I am very satisfied</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. I am somewhat satisfied</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. I am not satisfied</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Currently, I do not have health care coverage</p>	<p>3,909</p> <p>2,858</p> <p>998</p> <p>451</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>8,216</p>	<p>47.6%</p> <p>34.8%</p> <p>12.1%</p> <p>5.5%</p>
<p>2. Prior to 1973 the Legislature met every other year. Since then the Legislature has met every year. Should the Constitution be changed so that the Legislature meets only once every two years? (Special sessions could still be called as needed.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided</p>	<p>3,704</p> <p>3,566</p> <p>980</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>8,250</p>	<p>44.9%</p> <p>43.2%</p> <p>11.9%</p>
<p>3. Should the state provide financial assistance to a son or daughter who cares for an elderly parent in their own home?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided</p>	<p>4,575</p> <p>2,185</p> <p>1,489</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>8,249</p>	<p>55.5%</p> <p>26.5%</p> <p>18.0%</p>
<p>4. Do you think unmarried minor parents (those under age 18) should be required to live at home with their own parents, or in another type of supervised setting, in order to receive AFDC benefits?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided</p>	<p>5,687</p> <p>1,684</p> <p>829</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>8,200</p>	<p>69.4%</p> <p>20.5%</p> <p>10.1%</p>
<p>5. Should the state take an active role in preventing professional athletic teams from leaving Minnesota?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes, if the cost to taxpayers is minimal</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. Yes, regardless of the cost to taxpayers</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Undecided</p>	<p>2,639</p> <p>220</p> <p>5,076</p> <p>397</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>8,332</p>	<p>31.7%</p> <p>2.6%</p> <p>60.9%</p> <p>4.8%</p>
<p>6. Do you support the compromise agreement reached by the Legislature allowing NSP to store up to 17 dry casks of spent nuclear fuel at the Prairie Island nuclear facility?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided</p>	<p>3,692</p> <p>3,387</p> <p>1,209</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>8,288</p>	<p>44.5%</p> <p>40.9%</p> <p>14.6%</p>

<p>7. Should the Twin Cities metropolitan area have more restrictive gun control laws than the rest of Minnesota?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided</p>		<p>3,915</p> <p>4,013</p> <p>368</p> <hr/> <p>8,296</p>	<p>47.2%</p> <p>48.4%</p> <p>4.4%</p>
<p>8. Would you support public funding of a community-based pregnancy prevention program based on sexual abstinence that is targeted at 12-14 year olds?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided</p>		<p>5,673</p> <p>1,979</p> <p>702</p> <hr/> <p>8,254</p>	<p>68.7%</p> <p>22.8%</p> <p>8.5%</p>
<p>9. If Minnesota voters approve off-track betting for horse racing this November, would you favor:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Allowing any licensed bar or service club to have a betting booth</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. Six or fewer large betting parlors across the state</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Regardless of what occurs, I don't support off-track betting</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Undecided</p>		<p>1,431</p> <p>918</p> <p>4,740</p> <p>1,000</p> <hr/> <p>8,089</p>	<p>17.7%</p> <p>11.3%</p> <p>58.6%</p> <p>12.4%</p>
<p>10. To reduce reliance on local property taxes for the funding of Minnesota's K-12 public schools, which of the following best reflects your sentiments:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Income taxes should be increased</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. Sales taxes should be increased</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Both income and sales taxes should be increased</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. No, don't change the way schools are financed</p> <p><input type="radio"/> e. Undecided</p>		<p>1,128</p> <p>1,370</p> <p>1,010</p> <p>2,773</p> <p>1,635</p> <hr/> <p>7,916</p>	<p>14.2%</p> <p>17.3%</p> <p>12.8%</p> <p>35.0%</p> <p>20.7%</p>
<p>11. Do you drink milk which may come from a cow injected with an FDA-approved growth hormone (BGH) designed to increase milk production?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes, the use of BGH doesn't bother me</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No, I refuse to drink milk from cows injected with BGH</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. I don't know if my milk might contain BGH</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Undecided</p>		<p>2,272</p> <p>2,279</p> <p>3,086</p> <p>457</p> <hr/> <p>8,094</p>	<p>28.1%</p> <p>28.2%</p> <p>38.1%</p> <p>5.6%</p>

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

This is an unscientific survey. It is simply a measurement of the opinions expressed by those who visited the House & Senate State Fair Booth within the Education Building and who 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 have recently been discussed by the Legislature, or may be debated during the upcoming Legislative Session.

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