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### HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from March 21 through March 24, 2018. A total of 625 registered Arkansas voters were interviewed statewide by telephone.**

**Those interviewed were selected randomly from a telephone-matched Arkansas voter registration list that included both land line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.**

**QUESTION: By age three, children have developed 85% of their core brain structure. By providing kids with quality pre-kindergarten programs, schools can increase a child’s potential when their minds are most receptive. Do you support or oppose increasing state funding for pre-kindergarten programs?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11%</b>

<u>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
1st Congressional District	66%	24%	10%
2nd Congressional District	72%	19%	9%
3rd Congressional District	63%	25%	12%
4th Congressional District	67%	20%	13%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	58%	28%	14%
Women	75%	17%	8%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	73%	17%	10%
50+	62%	26%	12%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	65%	23%	12%
Black	79%	14%	7%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	77%	16%	7%
Republican	57%	27%	16%
Independent	68%	22%	10%

**QUESTION: Governor Asa Hutchinson wants to cut taxes for Arkansans making more than \$75,000 a year. Cutting taxes means reducing the amount of money the state can spend on things like education, highways, and health care. Which do you think is better for Arkansas? – (ORDER ROTATED)**

- Cutting state taxes
- Investing in state programs

	<u>CUT TAXES</u>	<u>INVEST PROGRAMS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>16%</b>

<u>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>CUT TAXES</u>	<u>INVEST PROGRAMS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
1st Congressional District	28%	50%	22%
2nd Congressional District	32%	57%	11%
3rd Congressional District	35%	48%	17%
4th Congressional District	37%	48%	15%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>CUT TAXES</u>	<u>INVEST PROGRAMS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	39%	48%	13%
Women	28%	54%	18%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>CUT TAXES</u>	<u>INVEST PROGRAMS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	27%	55%	18%
50+	38%	48%	14%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>CUT TAXES</u>	<u>INVEST PROGRAMS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	36%	47%	17%
Black	14%	78%	8%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>CUT TAXES</u>	<u>INVEST PROGRAMS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	16%	73%	11%
Republican	54%	28%	18%
Independent	26%	57%	17%

**QUESTION: The federal Earned Income Tax Credit helps low-to-moderate-income families make ends meet with credits at tax time, as they put more money back in their pockets. Many states also have Earned Income Tax Credit programs, but Arkansas does not.**

**Since people must work to qualify for this tax credit, research shows that they encourage work and help families permanently move out of poverty. Earned Income Tax Credits are also shown to benefit children’s educational outcomes and health. Would you support or oppose an Arkansas Earned Income Tax Credit?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8%</b>

<u>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
1st Congressional District	78%	11%	11%
2nd Congressional District	83%	12%	5%
3rd Congressional District	75%	15%	10%
4th Congressional District	80%	14%	6%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	76%	15%	9%
Women	82%	11%	7%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	78%	11%	11%
50+	79%	15%	6%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	78%	14%	8%
Black	89%	4%	7%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	87%	7%	6%
Republican	72%	19%	9%
Independent	79%	13%	8%

**QUESTION: Many Arkansans rely on Medicaid for health coverage -- including children, the elderly and those with disabilities. Recently, lawmakers considered proposals to reduce spending on Medicaid, which could mean fewer people can enroll in the program. Do you support or oppose reducing Medicaid funding?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>7%</b>

<u>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
1st Congressional District	31%	64%	5%
2nd Congressional District	24%	67%	9%
3rd Congressional District	31%	63%	6%
4th Congressional District	26%	66%	8%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	34%	59%	7%
Women	23%	70%	7%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	23%	69%	8%
50+	32%	62%	6%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	31%	61%	8%
Black	13%	84%	3%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	17%	78%	5%
Republican	37%	54%	9%
Independent	28%	66%	6%

**QUESTION: Afterschool and summer programs offer safe, caring environments for kids while parents work. These programs are linked to improved school performance and work-force readiness. Currently, Arkansas doesn't spend state funding on afterschool and summer programs. Do you feel Arkansas should or should not invest in these programs across the state?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>

<u>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
1st Congressional District	70%	17%	13%
2nd Congressional District	80%	13%	7%
3rd Congressional District	75%	16%	9%
4th Congressional District	78%	14%	8%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	69%	18%	13%
Women	82%	12%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	80%	14%	6%
50+	73%	16%	11%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	73%	17%	10%
Black	91%	6%	3%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	89%	7%	4%
Republican	65%	22%	13%
Independent	78%	12%	10%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY IDENTIFICATION:**

Democrat	187 (30%)
Republican	238 (38%)
Independent or Other	200 (32%)

### **AGE:**

18-34	113 (18%)
35-49	169 (27%)
50-64	187 (30%)
65+	151 (24%)
Refused	5 (1%)

### **SEX:**

Male	298 (48%)
Female	327 (52%)

### **RACE/ETHNICITY:**

White/Caucasian	508 (81%)
Black/African American	90 (14%)
Hispanic/Latino	12 (2%)
Other	7 (1%)
Refused	8 (1%)

### **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

1st Congressional District	145 (23%)
2nd Congressional District	170 (27%)
3rd Congressional District	160 (26%)
4th Congressional District	150 (24%)