



South Carolina Republican Presidential Primary Poll Results

Americans for Peace, Prosperity and Security

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Q: How likely are you to vote in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary?

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| Extremely likely | 89% |
| Very likely | 7% |
| Somewhat likely | 3% |

Q: Which of the following do you consider to be the top issue facing our country: Taxes and Cost of Living, Government Spending and Debt, Infrastructure and Transportation, National Security and Terrorism, Health Care, Jobs and the Economy, or Education?

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| Taxes and Cost of Living | 9% |
| Government Spending and Debt | 29% |
| Infrastructure and Transportation | 4% |
| National Security and Terrorism | 47% |
| Health Care | 3% |
| Jobs and the Economy | 5% |
| Education | 1% |
| Not sure | 2% |

Q: Thinking broadly about the Republican Presidential nomination, which of the following attributes of a candidate are most important: a candidate most focused on a strong military and fighting terrorism, a candidate most focused on religious liberty and moral issues OR a candidate most focused on the economy?

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| Focused on a strong military and terrorism | 50% |
| Focused on religious liberty and moral issues | 17% |
| Focused on the economy | 27% |
| Not sure | 6% |

Q: Which of the following Republican candidates for President do you trust the most to handle national security issues: Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, Donald Trump, Jim Gilmore, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki, Rand Paul, OR Rick Santorum?

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| Bush | 15% |
| Carson | 8% |
| Christie | 6% |
| Cruz | 17% |
| Fiorina | 4% |
| Kasich | 3% |
| Rubio | 13% |
| Trump | 24% |
| Gilmore | 0% |
| Graham | 1% |
| Huckabee | 0% |
| Pataki | 0% |
| Paul | 0% |
| Santorum | 0% |
| Undecided | 8% |

Q: How important are a Presidential candidate's positions on national security in determining your vote for President next year?

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| Very important | 75% |
| Somewhat important | 18% |
| Not very important | 3% |
| Not at all important | 1% |
| Not sure | 4% |

Q: Which of the following countries or threats do you believe poses the greatest risk to America's national security: China, Russia, Terrorism, Iran, or North Korea?

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| China | 11% |
| Russia | 12% |
| Terrorism | 57% |
| Iran | 12% |
| North Korea | 3% |
| Not sure | 5% |

Q: Which of the following statements regarding America’s relationship with China comes closest to your opinion:

America exports over \$120 billion of our goods and products to China and it is in America's best interest to maintain a close economic relationship with China, OR

With an expanding navy, cyber-attacks on American companies and government agencies, and continued aggression toward enemies, China will be America's greatest national security threat over the next generation.

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| China is an economic partner | 21% |
| China is a threat to our national security | 57% |
| Not sure | 22% |

Q: Which of the following statements regarding the federal budget comes closest to your opinion:

With the national debt over \$18 trillion, spending cuts must be made within every department and agency of the federal government, including the military, OR

We must reduce the national debt, but not at the expense of America's military readiness and ability to aggressively confront global threats and protect Americans at home.

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| Cuts are unavoidable, even to the military | 14% |
| The national debt should be reduced without cuts to military capability | 80% |
| Not sure | 6% |

Q: Which of the following do you consider to be America’s greatest foreign policy failure in recent years: Normalizing relations with Cuba, The Iran nuclear deal, The Russian invasion of Ukraine, The rise of ISIS, or Cyber-attacks against America from China?

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| Normalizing relations with Cuba | 3% |
| Iran nuclear deal | 46% |
| Russian invasion of Ukraine | 5% |
| The rise of ISIS | 39% |
| Cyber-attacks from China | 3% |
| Not sure | 4% |

Demographics:

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| 1 | 15% |
| 2 | 17% |
| 3 | 18% |
| 4 | 18% |
| 5 | 13% |
| 6 | 6% |
| 7 | 13% |

Media Market

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| AUGUSTA | 5% |
| CHARLESTON, SC | 17% |
| CHARLOTTE | 6% |
| COLUMBIA, SC | 20% |
| FLORENCE-MYRTLE BEACH | 11% |
| GREENVLL-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND | 37% |
| SAVANNAH | 3% |

Party Affiliation

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| Republican | 74% |
| Democrat | 5% |
| Independent or any other party | 21% |

Age

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| 18 to 39 | 8% |
| 40 to 54 | 23% |
| 55 to 65 | 32% |
| 66 or older | 36% |

Gender

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| Female | 47% |
| Male | 53% |

Ideology

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| Very Conservative | 40% |
| Somewhat Conservative | 40% |
| Moderate | 15% |
| Liberal | 3% |
| Not sure | 2% |

METHODOLOGY:

The sample size for the survey is 670 likely Republican Presidential primary voters in South Carolina and the margin of error is +/-3.78%. Responses were gathered through land line interviews conducted using Interactive Voice Response (IVR). The survey was conducted December 1-2, 2015 by Harper Polling. The total percentages for responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.