

2003 QUESTIONNAIRE  
 District 7  
 8/05/03

The "NUMBER" column represents the number of responders to each question and answer. The first percentage column represents the percentages in relation to only those people responding to the specific question. The second percentage column shows those percentages in relation to the TOTAL number of responses to the whole survey.

A total of 3,976 people responded.

Budget

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. We should avoid raising taxes and live within our means.	2956	79.3 %	74.3 %
B. Missouri should raise taxes in order to fund the programs the people of Missouri have come depend on.	770	20.7 %	19.4 %
Total response to this question	3726	100.0 %	93.7 %

Classroom Trust Fund

The Classroom Trust Fund would restructure gambling monies designated to go toward education. The gambling money would be removed from the state's foundation formula and distributed equally on a per-pupil basis. The money removed from the formula would have to be replaced with money taken from other areas of the budget. It would result in a net increase in spending for elementary and secondary public education and a decrease in money in general revenue.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. The General Assembly should approve this measure.	2367	67.0 %	59.5 %
B. The General Assembly should reject this measure.	1165	33.0 %	29.3 %
Total response to this question	3532	100.0 %	88.8 %

Hazelwood Ford Plant

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. Missouri government should take aggressive action to keep the Hazelwood Ford Plant open. It is essential to the well-being of our state's economy. It is easier to keep an existing client than to win over a new one.	2584	68.7 %	65.0 %
B. Private industry should be left alone to either succeed or fail.	1176	31.3 %	29.6 %
Total response to this question	3760	100.0 %	94.6 %

Workers' Compensation

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. I support changing Missouri's workers' compensation to encourage employers to keep well-paying jobs in Missouri.	3323	87.0 %	83.6 %
B. I oppose any change to Missouri's workers comp laws that might result in fewer workers getting benefits.	495	13.0 %	12.4 %
Total response to this question	3818	100.0 %	96.0 %

Tort Reform

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. I support tort reform.	3581	94.1 %	90.1 %
B. I do not support tort reform.	224	5.9 %	5.6 %
Total response to this question	3805	100.0 %	95.7 %

Taxes

If absolutely necessary, which taxes do you think should be increased?

Taxes on cigarettes and/or alcohol.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	2206	100.0 %	55.5 %
Total response to this question	2206	100.0 %	55.5 %

Taxes on gambling.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	2808	100.0 %	70.6 %
Total response to this question	2808	100.0 %	70.6 %

Raise income taxes.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	392	100.0 %	9.9 %
Total response to this question	392	100.0 %	9.9 %

Raise sales tax.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	520	100.0 %	13.1 %
Total response to this question	520	100.0 %	13.1 %

Find other taxes to raise.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	357	100.0 %	9.0 %
Total response to this question	357	100.0 %	9.0 %

We should not raise any taxes.

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	827	100.0 %	20.8 %
Total response to this question	827	100.0 %	20.8 %

Education

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. The school foundation formula should be adjusted for inflation for the "hold harmless" school districts.	1477	45.6 %	37.1 %
B. The goal of the school foundation formula is providing equitable state aid for Missouri public school districts. Although adjustment for inflation for the "hold harmless" school districts is warranted, no further changes to the formula should be made.	866	26.8 %	21.8 %
C. Hold harmless school districts are already receiving more money than they should be based on their property values, and no adjustments in the formula should be made to benefit those districts.	893	27.6 %	22.5 %
Total response to this question	3236	100.0 %	81.4 %

Family Planning Priorities

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. Family planning funding should remain in place.	1142	31.5 %	28.7 %
B. Family planning funding would be better used as adoption credits.	2484	68.5 %	62.5 %
Total response to this question	3626	100.0 %	91.2 %

Transportation

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
A. The Missouri Department of Transportation needs to be reformed before another funding package is introduced.	1796	47.8 %	45.2 %
B. I support raising taxes, gasoline or other, to generate revenue for roads.	325	8.7 %	8.2 %
C. I believe money collected from taxes for roads should strictly go toward building roads.	1633	43.5 %	41.1 %
Total response to this question	3754	100.0 %	94.4 %

Do you consider your political party affiliation to be Republican?

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	1907	100.0 %	48.0 %
Total response to this question	1907	100.0 %	48.0 %

Do you consider your political party affiliation to be Democrat?

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	499	100.0 %	12.6 %
Total response to this question	499	100.0 %	12.6 %

Do you consider yourself to be affiliated with a third party?

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	151	100.0 %	3.8 %
Total response to this question	151	100.0 %	3.8 %

Do you consider yourself to be liberal?

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	378	100.0 %	9.5 %
Total response to this question	378	100.0 %	9.5 %

Do you consider yourself to be a conservative?

	NUMBER	%	% TOTAL
Y. Yes	2059	100.0 %	51.8 %
Total response to this question	2059	100.0 %	51.8 %