

2004 QUESTIONNAIRE

All Counties

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CONCEALED WEAPONS

In 2003 the legislature overrode Gov. Holden's veto of a bill that authorized citizens who passed background checks and took special training to carry concealed weapons in Missouri. Soon after this historic veto override, a judge in St. Louis issued an injunction that prevented the law from taking effect. The constitutionality of the law is currently scheduled to be decided by the Missouri Supreme Court.

Please mark the box next to the response that best expresses your views.

| | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|---|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. I do not support a law that would allow law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. | 1693 | 48.3 % | 46.7 % |
| 2. I support the law passed by the legislature that affirms the right of law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. | 1813 | 51.7 % | 50.0 % |
| Total response to this question | 3506 | 100.0 % | 96.7 % |

ABORTION

Decisions by the United States Supreme Court, while not overturning the right to have an abortion, have given the states considerable leeway in how they regulate abortion within their borders. In recent years strong, bipartisan, pro-life majorities in the Missouri Legislature have passed laws that prohibit gruesome partial-birth abortions, impose waiting periods before abortions can be performed and forbid state dollars from going to abortion providers.

| | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|---|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. I strongly oppose abortions being performed in the State of Missouri and would like to see the legislature pass added safeguards for the unborn. | 1710 | 48.8 % | 47.2 % |
| 2. I support the current level of restrictions on abortion in Missouri but would not like to further restrict this practice. | 944 | 26.9 % | 26.0 % |
| 3. I do not support restrictions on abortions. I believe it is an infringement on the rights of women. | 849 | 24.2 % | 23.4 % |
| Total response to this question | 3503 | 100.0 % | 96.7 % |

BUDGET

In sharp contrast to the boom years of the 1990s, recent state budgets have suffered from difficult economic times. The weakness in Missouri's economy has led to a decline in the amount of tax dollars coming in to state coffers. In spite of the promise of a stronger economy in the years ahead, in the short term state revenues will likely not keep pace with current levels of state spending, requiring further cuts in the budget. Please rank the service areas listed below in the order you would most like to see them protected from possible state budget cuts with #1 being your highest priority.

Corrections (prisons)

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 89 | 2.9 % | 2.5 % |
| 2. | 2 | 113 | 3.7 % | 3.1 % |
| 3. | 3 | 140 | 4.6 % | 3.9 % |
| 4. | 4 | 181 | 6.0 % | 5.0 % |
| 5. | 5 | 211 | 7.0 % | 5.8 % |
| 6. | 6 | 249 | 8.2 % | 6.9 % |
| 7. | 7 | 254 | 8.4 % | 7.0 % |
| 8. | 8 | 307 | 10.1 % | 8.5 % |
| 9. | 9 | 490 | 16.2 % | 13.5 % |
| 0. | 10 | 993 | 32.8 % | 27.4 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3027 | 100.0 % | 83.5 % |

Economic Development

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 225 | 7.3 % | 6.2 % |
| 2. | 2 | 238 | 7.7 % | 6.6 % |
| 3. | 3 | 355 | 11.5 % | 9.8 % |
| 4. | 4 | 330 | 10.7 % | 9.1 % |
| 5. | 5 | 333 | 10.8 % | 9.2 % |
| 6. | 6 | 303 | 9.9 % | 8.4 % |
| 7. | 7 | 325 | 10.6 % | 9.0 % |
| 8. | 8 | 313 | 10.2 % | 8.6 % |
| 9. | 9 | 397 | 12.9 % | 11.0 % |
| 0. | 10 | 255 | 8.3 % | 7.0 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3074 | 100.0 % | 84.8 % |

Elementary & Secondary Education

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 1764 | 54.2 % | 48.7 % |
| 2. | 2 | 476 | 14.6 % | 13.1 % |
| 3. | 3 | 303 | 9.3 % | 8.4 % |
| 4. | 4 | 179 | 5.5 % | 4.9 % |
| 5. | 5 | 162 | 5.0 % | 4.5 % |
| 6. | 6 | 102 | 3.1 % | 2.8 % |
| 7. | 7 | 80 | 2.5 % | 2.2 % |
| 8. | 8 | 92 | 2.8 % | 2.5 % |
| 9. | 9 | 55 | 1.7 % | 1.5 % |
| 0. | 10 | 43 | 1.3 % | 1.2 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3256 | 100.0 % | 89.8 % |

Environmental Protection

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 73 | 2.4 % | 2.0 % |
| 2. | 2 | 148 | 4.9 % | 4.1 % |
| 3. | 3 | 221 | 7.3 % | 6.1 % |
| 4. | 4 | 257 | 8.5 % | 7.1 % |
| 5. | 5 | 325 | 10.8 % | 9.0 % |
| 6. | 6 | 328 | 10.9 % | 9.1 % |
| 7. | 7 | 373 | 12.4 % | 10.3 % |
| 8. | 8 | 390 | 13.0 % | 10.8 % |
| 9. | 9 | 408 | 13.6 % | 11.3 % |
| 0. | 10 | 487 | 16.2 % | 13.4 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3010 | 100.0 % | 83.1 % |

Health

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 397 | 12.6 % | 11.0 % |
| 2. | 2 | 552 | 17.5 % | 15.2 % |
| 3. | 3 | 553 | 17.5 % | 15.3 % |
| 4. | 4 | 477 | 15.1 % | 13.2 % |
| 5. | 5 | 362 | 11.5 % | 10.0 % |
| 6. | 6 | 330 | 10.5 % | 9.1 % |
| 7. | 7 | 213 | 6.8 % | 5.9 % |
| 8. | 8 | 157 | 5.0 % | 4.3 % |
| 9. | 9 | 93 | 2.9 % | 2.6 % |
| 0. | 10 | 19 | 0.6 % | 0.5 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3153 | 100.0 % | 87.0 % |

Higher Education

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 125 | 4.1 % | 3.4 % |
| 2. | 2 | 607 | 19.7 % | 16.7 % |
| 3. | 3 | 320 | 10.4 % | 8.8 % |
| 4. | 4 | 301 | 9.8 % | 8.3 % |
| 5. | 5 | 284 | 9.2 % | 7.8 % |
| 6. | 6 | 303 | 9.8 % | 8.4 % |
| 7. | 7 | 264 | 8.6 % | 7.3 % |
| 8. | 8 | 329 | 10.7 % | 9.1 % |
| 9. | 9 | 313 | 10.1 % | 8.6 % |
| 0. | 10 | 238 | 7.7 % | 6.6 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3084 | 100.0 % | 85.1 % |

Mental Health

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 63 | 2.1 % | 1.7 % |
| 2. | 2 | 128 | 4.3 % | 3.5 % |
| 3. | 3 | 216 | 7.2 % | 6.0 % |
| 4. | 4 | 248 | 8.3 % | 6.8 % |
| 5. | 5 | 303 | 10.1 % | 8.4 % |
| 6. | 6 | 381 | 12.7 % | 10.5 % |
| 7. | 7 | 479 | 16.0 % | 13.2 % |
| 8. | 8 | 476 | 15.9 % | 13.1 % |
| 9. | 9 | 461 | 15.4 % | 12.7 % |
| 0. | 10 | 239 | 8.0 % | 6.6 % |
| | Total response to this question | 2994 | 100.0 % | 82.6 % |

Public Safety

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 376 | 12.0 % | 10.4 % |
| 2. | 2 | 560 | 17.9 % | 15.5 % |
| 3. | 3 | 515 | 16.4 % | 14.2 % |
| 4. | 4 | 478 | 15.3 % | 13.2 % |
| 5. | 5 | 366 | 11.7 % | 10.1 % |
| 6. | 6 | 296 | 9.5 % | 8.2 % |
| 7. | 7 | 213 | 6.8 % | 5.9 % |
| 8. | 8 | 177 | 5.7 % | 4.9 % |
| 9. | 9 | 100 | 3.2 % | 2.8 % |
| 0. | 10 | 51 | 1.6 % | 1.4 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3132 | 100.0 % | 86.4 % |

Social Services

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 127 | 4.2 % | 3.5 % |
| 2. | 2 | 230 | 7.5 % | 6.3 % |
| 3. | 3 | 315 | 10.3 % | 8.7 % |
| 4. | 4 | 372 | 12.2 % | 10.3 % |
| 5. | 5 | 432 | 14.2 % | 11.9 % |
| 6. | 6 | 390 | 12.8 % | 10.8 % |
| 7. | 7 | 369 | 12.1 % | 10.2 % |
| 8. | 8 | 324 | 10.6 % | 8.9 % |
| 9. | 9 | 264 | 8.7 % | 7.3 % |
| 0. | 10 | 228 | 7.5 % | 6.3 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3051 | 100.0 % | 84.2 % |

Transportation

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 213 | 6.9 % | 5.9 % |
| 2. | 2 | 294 | 9.5 % | 8.1 % |
| 3. | 3 | 338 | 10.9 % | 9.3 % |
| 4. | 4 | 338 | 10.9 % | 9.3 % |
| 5. | 5 | 330 | 10.6 % | 9.1 % |
| 6. | 6 | 309 | 9.9 % | 8.5 % |
| 7. | 7 | 355 | 11.4 % | 9.8 % |
| 8. | 8 | 348 | 11.2 % | 9.6 % |
| 9. | 9 | 317 | 10.2 % | 8.7 % |
| 0. | 10 | 264 | 8.5 % | 7.3 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3106 | 100.0 % | 85.7 % |

TAX INCREASE

Tax increases have been suggested as one approach to shore up declining state revenues. Public school leaders have been adamant that Missouri needs to raise taxes in order to avoid cuts to local schools. Others have suggested that raising taxes during a recession or when a turn-around has begun would be ill-advised.

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | I don't want any additional statewide taxes. | 2328 | 67.9 % | 64.2 % |
| 2. | I would support additional statewide taxes in order to maintain current levels of statewide services. | 1099 | 32.1 % | 30.3 % |
| | Total response to this question | 3427 | 100.0 % | 94.6 % |

If the legislature were to place a tax increase on the ballot, please rank your level of support for the following types of taxes with #1 being the tax you would most likely support. Please answer both questions regardless of your view on whether additional taxes should be considered.

Sales taxes

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 915 | 33.3 % | 25.2 % |
| 2. | 2 | 920 | 33.5 % | 25.4 % |
| 3. | 3 | 505 | 18.4 % | 13.9 % |
| 4. | 4 | 217 | 7.9 % | 6.0 % |
| 5. | 5 | 189 | 6.9 % | 5.2 % |
| | Total response to this question | 2746 | 100.0 % | 75.8 % |

Property taxes

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 41 | 1.6 % | 1.1 % |
| 2. | 2 | 180 | 7.2 % | 5.0 % |
| 3. | 3 | 373 | 15.0 % | 10.3 % |
| 4. | 4 | 757 | 30.5 % | 20.9 % |
| 5. | 5 | 1135 | 45.7 % | 31.3 % |
| | Total response to this question | 2486 | 100.0 % | 68.6 % |

Income taxes

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 149 | 5.9 % | 4.1 % |
| 2. | 2 | 408 | 16.2 % | 11.3 % |
| 3. | 3 | 478 | 19.0 % | 13.2 % |
| 4. | 4 | 852 | 33.8 % | 23.5 % |
| 5. | 5 | 632 | 25.1 % | 17.4 % |
| | Total response to this question | 2519 | 100.0 % | 69.5 % |

Corporate income taxes

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 1617 | 58.4 % | 44.6 % |
| 2. | 2 | 581 | 21.0 % | 16.0 % |
| 3. | 3 | 344 | 12.4 % | 9.5 % |
| 4. | 4 | 127 | 4.6 % | 3.5 % |
| 5. | 5 | 98 | 3.5 % | 2.7 % |
| | Total response to this question | 2767 | 100.0 % | 76.4 % |

Gasoline taxes

| | | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 1 | 242 | 9.4 % | 6.7 % |
| 2. | 2 | 568 | 22.0 % | 15.7 % |
| 3. | 3 | 819 | 31.7 % | 22.6 % |
| 4. | 4 | 497 | 19.2 % | 13.7 % |
| 5. | 5 | 457 | 17.7 % | 12.6 % |
| | Total response to this question | 2583 | 100.0 % | 71.3 % |

TOLL ROADS

There is general agreement that Missouri's highways and bridges are in serious need of repair. Many argue that MoDOT's lack of credibility for failing to deliver on promises has caused Missourians to reject tax increases for highways. This lack of funding has stifled many needed highway improvements across the state, such as rebuilding and adding a third lane to each side of I-70. Proponents argue that tolls are the only way to ensure that the huge percentage of traffic on I-70 that is from outside Missouri pays for the damage their vehicles do to I-70. Proponents also argue that due to new scanning technology, tolls do not slow traffic appreciably. Opponents argue that people should not be asked to pay tolls to drive on roads for which they have already paid.

Please mark the box next to the response that best expresses your views.

| | NUMBER | % | % TOTAL |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. I support building only new highways and bridges through the use of tolls. | 498 | 14.4 % | 13.7 % |
| 2. I support funding both new projects and making improvements to existing roads and bridges through the use of tolls. | 1700 | 49.1 % | 46.9 % |
| 3. I do not support the use of tolls for highway and bridge projects. | 1263 | 36.5 % | 34.9 % |
| Total response to this question | 3461 | 100.0 % | 95.5 % |

A total of 3624 people responded from all counties.