

Arkansas Legislative Poll

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582 Respondents

Margin of Error +/- 4.1%

Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Sen. Mark Pryor is doing?

40% Approve
36.5% Disapprove
23.5% Don't Know

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Gov. Mike Beebe is doing?

67% Approve
22% Disapprove
11% Don't Know

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Arkansas legislature did during its recently completed session?

29% Approve
41% Disapprove
30% Don't Know

Q4. During the session, the Arkansas General Assembly completed a map to redraw congressional district boundaries. Do you approve or disapprove of that plan?

29% Approve
47% Disapprove
24% Don't Know

Q5. During the session, state lawmakers considered legislation allowing implementation of the new federal health reform law in Arkansas. Some opposed the legislation saying it was important to wait to see if the federal courts overturned President Obama's reforms, while others said it was important for Arkansas to move forward in designing a system that makes the most sense for the state rather than risk the federal government doing it for us. Which stance do you most agree with?

38% It is important to wait for the federal courts to decide.
49.5% It is important to design a state plan rather than allowing the federal government to develop it.
12.5% Don't Know

Q6. The Arkansas Supreme Court recently overturned Act 1, the initiative approved by Arkansas voters in 2008, which barred the placement of foster children or adoptive

children in a home where cohabitating adults reside. The Court said that the law violated Arkansans' right to privacy. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court's action?

38% Approve of the ruling by the Court
49.5% Disapprove of the ruling by the Court
12.5% Don't Know

Q7. In the recent legislative session, where did you get most of your news about the Arkansas legislature?

35% Newspapers
37% Local television
15% Internet web sites or blogs
13% Other

Q8. Who do you think is in control of the Arkansas Legislature? That is – which political party do you think is in control of state government – the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

55% Democratic Party
26% Republican Party
19% Don't Know

Notes on Raw Data/Weighting:

Age (weighted according to 2010 statewide vote)

8% Under the age of 30
19% Between the ages of 30 and 44
42% Between the ages of 45 and 64
32% 65 or older

Ethnicity

7.5% African American
2% Asian American
87% Caucasian or White
1.5% Latino
2% Other

Party Identification

31% Independent
29% Republican
35% Democratic
5% Other

Gender

45% Male

55% Female

2010 Congressional District (weighted)

25% CD1

25% CD2

25% CD3

25% CD4