

On May 30, 2013, Diamond State Consulting Group conducted a public opinion survey on behalf of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association. 633 registered voters who identify themselves as likely to vote in the next general election were surveyed, rendering a margin of error of +/- 3.9%.

The following questions were among those asked and the results are reported following each question:

Q3. Some people say that lawsuits harm businesses and job creation because trial lawyers file frivolous law suits. Other people say that lawsuits allow consumers to protect themselves from corporations that harm them and that their constitutional right to trial by jury should be protected. Which is closer to your view? If you think that lawsuits harm businesses and job creation, press 1. If you think that lawsuits allow consumers to protect themselves from corporations that harm them, press 2. If you are unsure, press 3.

Q3	Women	Men	Total
<b>Lawsuits harm businesses</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>
<b>Lawsuits protect consumers</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>44.6%</b>	<b>45.1%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>

Results adjusted so that 52% of responses are female

Q4. Some people say that regulating insurance companies hinders competition and leads to higher insurance premiums for consumers. Other people say that insurance companies put profits before their policy holders and that voters should be able to approve or deny changes in insurance premiums Which is closer to your view? If you think an unregulated insurance industry is the best way for consumers to be able to afford insurance premiums, press 1. If you think that that voters should have a say in what insurance companies can charge for premiums press 2. If you are unsure, press 3.

Q4	Women	Men	Total
<b>Regulate rates</b>	<b>61.2%</b>	<b>59.2%</b>	<b>60.2%</b>
<b>Rates set by the market</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>24.7%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>20.3%</b>

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Q5. The worker's compensation system provides employees with compensation for injuries that happen at work without having to prove that the employer was at fault for causing the injury. The amount of compensation is limited, and employees are prohibited from filing a lawsuit against their employer. Some people say that the worker's compensation system is a fair balance between employers and employees because the employee does not have to prove that the employer caused the injury. Other people say that employees would be more fairly

compensated if they had the right to a jury trial to first determine if the employer was at fault and then decide how much the employee should receive if that is the case. Which is closer to your view? If you think that the current worker’s compensation system should be retained, press 1. If you think that instead of worker’s compensation, employees should be able to make their case to a jury of their peers, press 2. If you are unsure, press 3.

Q5	Women	Men	Total
<b>Replace WCC with injury lawsuits</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>27.1%</b>
<b>Retain current WCC</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>46.3%</b>	<b>43.4%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>

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Q6. Generally speaking, do you think undocumented persons who enter the United States illegally help our economy or hurt our economy? If you think undocumented persons who enter the United States help our economy, press 1. If you think undocumented persons who enter the United State hurt our economy, press. 2. If you are uncertain, press 3.

Q6	Women	Men	Total
<b>Illegal immigrants help</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>
<b>Illegal immigrants hurt</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>68.3%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

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Q7. Some people say that illegal immigration would end if businesses were punished for hiring illegal immigrants. Other people say that illegal immigrants do the kind of work that other people will not do and that the regulations and paperwork needed to enforce immigration laws hurt would hurt business. Which is closer to your view? If you think businesses that hire illegal immigrants should be punished, press 1. If you think that there are better ways to enforce the immigration laws and that business should not be punished for hiring illegal immigrants, press 2. If you are not sure, press 3.

Q7	Women	Men	Total
<b>Punish those who hire illegal immigrants</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>67.9%</b>	<b>58.6%</b>
<b>Do not punish those who hire illegal immigrants</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>

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Q8. The current minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. Would you support or oppose an increase in the minimum wage to \$8.25 per hour? If you support increasing the minimum wage to 8.25 per hour, press 1. If you oppose increasing the minimum wage to \$8.35 per hour, press 2. If you are unsure, press 3.

Q8	Women	Men	Total
<b>Oppose increase</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>
<b>Support increase</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>60.1%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>

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