

SCSU SURVEY--ANNUAL FALL STATEWIDE SURVEY

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Part I-Methodology

SUMMARY OF METHODOLOGY FOR THE FALL, 1999 SAINT CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY SURVEY

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN CONDUCTING LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE SURVEYS

The SCSU Survey is an ongoing survey research arm of the Social Science Research Institute in the College of Social Sciences at St. Cloud State University. Dr. Steve Frank began the survey in 1980 conducting several omnibus surveys a year of central Minnesota adults in conjunction with his Political Science classes. The omnibus surveys are now done once a year but now have primarily a statewide focus. Drs. Steven Wagner and Michelle Kukoleca Hammes serve as co-directors with Frank. Clients can buy into the survey or contract for specialized surveys.

Directors are the surveys are Dr. Steve Frank, SCSU Professor of Political Science, Dr. Steven Wagner (SCSU Assistant Professor of Public and non-profit administration) and Dr. Michelle Kukoleca Hammes (SCSU Professor of Political Science). Mr. Justin Wedeking and Ms. Kim Litwinczak serve as senior supervising student directors. Other student directors are Rachael Olson, Katie Sawyer, Jim Mount, Holly Dasinger and Chris Devore. Jason Rice is a former supervising director providing consulting assistance. Mr. Joe Leduc is our lead technical support person. After five or more hours of training and screening about 50 political science students conducted the actual interviews. Directors monitored them. All calls were made from the SCSU Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing Survey Research Laboratory (CATI). The survey software is developed by Sawtooth Software. The survey was administered on Sundays through Saturdays (not Fridays) between November 6-18, 1999.

Several steps were taken to ensure that the telephone sample of Minnesota adults who were eighteen years of age or older was representative of the larger population. Survey Sampling Inc. of Fairfield, Connecticut prepared the random digit sample of telephone numbers. Random digit dialing makes available changed, new, and unlisted numbers. Drawing numbers from a telephone book may skip as many as 20% of Minnesota households. Within each household the particular respondent was determined in a statistically unbiased fashion. This means that the selection process alternated between men and women and older and younger respondents. Few substitutions were allowed. In order to reach hard-to-get respondents each number was called up to ten times over different days and times and appointments made as necessary to interview the designated respondent at her/his convenience.

Most calls were made after 4:00 PM weekdays and during the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

In samples of 602 interviews the overall sample error due to sampling and other random effects is approximately plus/minus 3.9% at the 95% level of confidence. This means that if one were to have drawn 20 samples of the state and administered the same instrument it would be expected that the overall findings would be greater/lesser than 3.9% only one time in twenty.

However, in all sample surveys there are other possible sources of error for which precise estimates cannot be calculated. These include interviewer and coder error, respondent misinterpretation, and analysis errors. When analysis is made of subsamples such as respondents who are Republicans or breakdowns by variables such as gender the sample error may be larger.

The demographics of the sample matched census and other known characteristics of the larger state population very well. Usually surveys have to employ a statistical technique called weighting on demographics such as sex. Most surveys usually oversample females. However, the ratio of male to female adults in the sample is 49% to 51% which almost perfectly matches the adult population. Other variables such as household income, religion, age, political party affiliation and employment all closely match what is known of the Minnesota adult population. Therefore, weighting may not necessary.

The cooperation rate of the survey was 63%. This is several percentage points above the average for professional marketing firms. When the S.C.S.U. Survey does specialized contract surveys we use a smaller, more skilled group of student interviewers and the completion rate ranges from 68% to 80+%. Cooperation rate means that once an eligible household was reached over six of ten respondents agreed to participate in the survey.

The total survey consisted of 64 variables. Additional material on the survey's methodology and findings are available by contacting Steve Frank or Steven Wagner.

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TABLE ONE-CALL BREAKDOWN

Description Record

Completed Calls

602

Not Working	611
Not Eligible - Respondent not available during the period of the study, language problems, illness.	95
Callbacks - Appointments made but contact could not be made with designated respondent.	855
Refusals - Attempt to re-contact and convert refusals to a completion was made for 208 of the refusals.	320
Answering Machine - Live contact could not be made even after nine calls.	323
Business Phones	301
No Answers - Probable non-working numbers but some may be households on vacation, etc.	448
Fax/Modem	154
Busy	393
Partial - Incomplete but for demographics	9
Partial - Incomplete, more than demographics	8
Call Blocking	43
Total Calls Placed	4162

Frequencies-Some Sample Information Compared to Census and other Data

Census figures indicate the state is about 51% female. Respondents are 18 years of age or older. Political party data parallels past years. This is the first year we specifically did breakdowns for the Reform Party. Age is 18 and above. This is very close to census data. For county data, again the sample is very close to the real population. Examples, county 3 is Anoka (5 in sample and 5 in state--37 is Dakota 5 in sample and 6 in state, 53-Hennepin 18-24, 123 is Ramsey 11 and 11, 137 St. Louis 5 and 5 and son on).

The valid percent usually excludes refusals and sometimes other categories such as don't knows. In the Social Sciences it is common to exclude such data and use the valid percent.

	gender of respondents	political party affiliation	age of respondent	working now or what	religious preference	combined household income	self described ideology	MN county from data base
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N	Valid	602	572	587	589	569	496	584	602
	Missing	0	30	15	13	33	106	18	0

gender of respondents

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	289	48.0	48.0	48.0
	female	313	52.0	52.0	100.0
	Total	602	100.0	100.0	

political party affiliation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	always dem	47	7.8	8.2	8.2
	usually dem	131	21.8	22.9	31.1
	Independent but closer to dem	45	7.5	7.9	39.0
	ind	88	14.6	15.4	54.4
	ind but closer to rep	40	6.6	7.0	61.4
	Usually rep	93	15.4	16.3	77.6
	always rep	36	6.0	6.3	83.9
	reform	26	4.3	4.5	88.5
	oth	26	4.3	4.5	93.0
	apol	10	1.7	1.7	94.8
	dk	30	5.0	5.2	100.0
	Total	572	95.0	100.0	
Missing	ref	30	5.0		
Total		602	100.0		

age of respondent

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-24	54	9.0	9.2	9.2
	25-34	97	16.1	16.5	25.7
	35-44	131	21.8	22.3	48.0
	45-54	110	18.3	18.7	66.8
	55-65	85	14.1	14.5	81.3
	65+	110	18.3	18.7	100.0
	Total	587	97.5	100.0	
Missing	dk	1	.2		
	ref	14	2.3		
	Total	15	2.5		
Total		602	100.0		

working now or what

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	working now	390	64.8	66.2	66.2
	laid off	9	1.5	1.5	67.7
	unem	10	1.7	1.7	69.4
	retired	117	19.4	19.9	89.3
	disabled	8	1.3	1.4	90.7
	house man	29	4.8	4.9	95.6
	student	26	4.3	4.4	100.0
	Total	589	97.8	100.0	
Missing	ref	13	2.2		
Total		602	100.0		

religious preference

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	cath	179	29.7	31.5	31.5

	bap	14	2.3	2.5	33.9
	luth	178	29.6	31.3	65.2
	pres	12	2.0	2.1	67.3
	meth	24	4.0	4.2	71.5
	epis	9	1.5	1.6	73.1
	oth chris	43	7.1	7.6	80.7
	jewish	2	.3	.4	81.0
	non	63	10.5	11.1	92.1
	oth	45	7.5	7.9	100.0
	Total	569	94.5	100.0	
Missing	dont kn	3	.5		
	ref	30	5.0		
	Total	33	5.5		
Total		602	100.0		

combined household income

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	under 10	23	3.8	4.6	4.6
	10-15 th	23	3.8	4.6	9.3
	15-20th	31	5.1	6.3	15.5
	20-25th	27	4.5	5.4	21.0
	25-30	43	7.1	8.7	29.6
	30-40th	70	11.6	14.1	43.8
	40-50th	78	13.0	15.7	59.5
	50-100	161	26.7	32.5	91.9
	100,000+	40	6.6	8.1	100.0
	Total	496	82.4	100.0	
Missing	dk	20	3.3		
	ref	86	14.3		
	Total	106	17.6		

Total	602	100.0		
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self described ideology

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	very lib	40	6.6	6.8	6.8
	lib	123	20.4	21.1	27.9
	moder	186	30.9	31.8	59.8
	con	172	28.6	29.5	89.2
	very con	44	7.3	7.5	96.7
	dk	19	3.2	3.3	100.0
	Total	584	97.0	100.0	
Missing	ref	18	3.0		
Total		602	100.0		

MN county from data base

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1aiken	2	.3	.3	.3
	3 anoka	31	5.1	5.1	5.5
	7	5	.8	.8	6.3
	9	6	1.0	1.0	7.3
	11	1	.2	.2	7.5
	13	6	1.0	1.0	8.5
	15	3	.5	.5	9.0
	17	6	1.0	1.0	10.0
	19	5	.8	.8	10.8
	21	3	.5	.5	11.3
	23	2	.3	.3	11.6
	25	8	1.3	1.3	13.0
	27	10	1.7	1.7	14.6
	29	2	.3	.3	15.0

	33	3	.5	.5	15.4
	35	5	.8	.8	16.3
	37	29	4.8	4.8	21.1
	39	2	.3	.3	21.4
	41	4	.7	.7	22.1
	43	1	.2	.2	22.3
	45	3	.5	.5	22.8
	47	6	1.0	1.0	23.8
	49	8	1.3	1.3	25.1
	53 hennepin	111	18.4	18.4	43.5
	55	2	.3	.3	43.9
	57	7	1.2	1.2	45.0
	59	9	1.5	1.5	46.5
	61	6	1.0	1.0	47.5
	63	2	.3	.3	47.8
	65	5	.8	.8	48.7
	67	8	1.3	1.3	50.0
	71	3	.5	.5	50.5
	73	1	.2	.2	50.7
	75	2	.3	.3	51.0
	77	1	.2	.2	51.2
	79	5	.8	.8	52.0
	83	1	.2	.2	52.2
	85	5	.8	.8	53.0
	87	1	.2	.2	53.2
	89	1	.2	.2	53.3
	91	5	.8	.8	54.2
	93	5	.8	.8	55.0
	95	2	.3	.3	55.3
	97	2	.3	.3	55.6

	99	4	.7	.7	56.3
	101	2	.3	.3	56.6
	103	2	.3	.3	57.0
	105	3	.5	.5	57.5
	109	17	2.8	2.8	60.3
	111	11	1.8	1.8	62.1
	113	2	.3	.3	62.5
	115	4	.7	.7	63.1
	117	1	.2	.2	63.3
	119	1	.2	.2	63.5
	121	2	.3	.3	63.8
	123 ramsey	67	11.1	11.1	74.9
	125	1	.2	.2	75.1
	127	3	.5	.5	75.6
	129	2	.3	.3	75.9
	131	5	.8	.8	76.7
	133	1	.2	.2	76.9
	135	3	.5	.5	77.4
	137	30	5.0	5.0	82.4
	139	9	1.5	1.5	83.9
	141	12	2.0	2.0	85.9
	143	1	.2	.2	86.0
	145	24	4.0	4.0	90.0
	147	1	.2	.2	90.2
	149	2	.3	.3	90.5
	151	3	.5	.5	91.0
	153	3	.5	.5	91.5
	159	1	.2	.2	91.7
	161	4	.7	.7	92.4
	163	24	4.0	4.0	96.3

	165	2	.3	.3	96.7
	169	5	.8	.8	97.5
	171	15	2.5	2.5	100.0
	Total	602	100.0	100.0	

Part II-Questionnaire

Question CHECKQ

IF INTERVIEW IS A RESTART-MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPER RESPONDENT REINTRODUCE YOURSELF AND SAY SOMETHING LIKE "We previously started this interview and couldn't finish it at the time. May we finish it now? If respondent wants to know who the interview is for, you can tell them it is the annual statewide St. Cloud State University survey.

YOU CAN HIT CONTROL/END AT ANY TIME TO TERMINATE AN INTERVIEW-PUT MESSAGE FOR CALLBACKS, REFUSALS,ETC.

Question HELLO

Hello, my name is _____ (YOUR NAME) at St. Cloud State University. I am calling from our survey research center in St. Cloud. We are conducting a study of Minnesota residents about their views on issues such as sports and Minnesota state government. We are not asking for contributions or trying to sell you anything. Your telephone number was drawn by a computer in a random sample of the state.

[USE ONLY IF NUMBER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A RESIDENCE PHONE]

Is this a residential phone. [IF NO, TERMINATE WITH, E.G.]; I'm sorry I have the wrong place.

Question GENDER

It is important that we interview a man in some households and a woman in others so that the results will truly represent all the people in the state. According to the method used by our university, I need to interview the _____

May I speak with that person?

[ROTATE WITH EVERY INTERVIEW-KEEP TRACK ON SHEET BY YOUR

COMPUTER]

1. oldest male 18 years of age or older who lives in your household

2. youngest male 18 years of age or older who lives in your household

3. oldest female 18 years of age or older who lives in your household

4. youngest female 18 years of age or older who lives in your household

Question ETHICS

[IF YES-START INTERVIEW] [OR-WHEN SELECTED PERSON ANSWERS REPEAT
INTRODUCTION BUT NOT SCREEN]

Before starting the roughly ten minute survey, I want to mention that I would be happy to answer any questions about the study either now or later. Also, this interview is completely voluntary. If we should come to any question, which you don't want to answer, just let me know and we'll go on to the next question.

IF NO

When may I call back to reach him/her? So that I will know who to ask for what is his/her first name?

[REPEAT BACK TO BE SURE YOU HAVE IT AND SHOW PRONUNCIATION IF IT IS A PROBLEM. IF RESPONDENT OBJECTS TO PROVIDING NAME]

We only need the person's first name; the last name isn't necessary.

[IF DESIGNATED SEX/AGE DOESN'T LIVE IN HOUSEHOLD ASK FOR OPPOSITE SEX/AGE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER]

[NAME] _____

[TIME AND DAY FOR CALL-BACK]

Question Q1

Let us begin by asking, do you think things in the state of Minnesota are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

1. RIGHT DIRECTION

2. NEUTRAL-VOL

3. WRONG TRACK

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q2

What do you think is the single most important problem facing the State of Minnesota today?

[PROBE FOR ONE SPECIFIC RESPONSE]

- 01. ABORTION 15 RELIGIOUS ISSUE
- 02. AGRICULTURE-GENERAL 16. POLITICS/POLITICIANS
- 03. AGRICULTURE- PROB /FARMERS 17. POVERTY/POOR
- 04. BUDGET/SUPLUS 18. SENIORISSUES/ELDERLY
- 05. CANDIDATE CHARACTER 19. SPORTS ISSUES
- 06. CRIMES/GANGS/VIOLENT 20. TAXES
- 07. DRUGS 21. WELFARE
- 08. ECON. ISSUES (JOBS-WAGES, ETC) 22. JESSE VENTURA
- 09. EDUCATION 23. OTHER
- 10. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES 24. NO PROBLEM FACING STATE
- 11 FAMILY ISSUES 25 DON'T KNOW
- 12. GAMBLING 26. REFUSED
- 13. ISSUES RELATING TO INDIANS
- 14. MORAL ISSUES (VALUES)

Question Q3

Which political party, if any, do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you have just mentioned-the Republican Party, the Democratic Party or Reform Party?

- 1. REPUBLICAN
- 2. DEMOCRATIC
- 3. REFORM
- 4. OTHER-VOL
- 5. SAME-VOL
- 6. NEITHER
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q4

Thank you. Now let's switch to two questions about professional sports in Minnesota. I am going to list some of the professional sports that are, or soon will be, in Minnesota. Please tell me which one, if any, would you like to keep the most in Minnesota. Would you personally like to keep the Minnesota Twins, The Minnesota Vikings, the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Future Minnesota Wild hockey team, or the Minnesota Thunder Soccer team?

1. TWINS
2. VIKINGS
3. TIMBERWOLVES
4. MN. WILD
5. THUNDER
6. NONE-VOLUNTEERED
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q5

Recently the residents of St. Paul rejected a local sales tax to pay for one-third of the cost of building a new Twins stadium in the city of St. Paul. If the new owners are still willing to pay a third of the cost, do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose allowing Hennepin County residents to vote for a county sales tax to pay for two-thirds of the cost to construct a new Twins stadium in Minneapolis?

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SUPPORT
3. OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q6

**Is your opposition to public funding of a stadium for the Twins because
(READ CHOICES 1-4-DO NOT READ NUMBERS)**

1. **Opposed to taxes for professional sports**

2. **No taxes for rich owners**

3. **No taxes for rich players**

4. **Don't like baseball**

5. OTHER

6. DON'T KNOW

7. REFUSED

8. NO OTHER RESPONSE

(READ 1-4- ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

Question Q7

Now I have a few questions about Governor Ventura. First, in last year's gubernatorial election, did you vote for Ventura, Coleman, Humphrey, some other candidate or did you not vote?

1. VENTURA

2. COLEMAN

3. HUMPHREY

4. OTHER

5. DID NOT VOTE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q8

If the election for governor were held again, would you vote for Ventura?

1. YES

2. NO

3. NOT SURE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q9

**How would you rate the performance of Jesse Ventura as Governor:
excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?**

1. EXCELLENT

2. PRETTY GOOD

3. ONLY FAIR

4. POOR

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q11

Which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

(READ CHOICES 1-4-DO NOT READ NUMBERS)

1. Governor Ventura is a needed breath of fresh air in state government

2. Governor Ventura is an embarrassment to the state

3. It is too soon to judge Governor Ventura's performance

4. None of the above

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q12

**Do you think the local Minnesota media have been too harsh on Governor
Ventura or have they treated Governor Ventura fairly?**

1. TOO HARSH ON GOVERNOR VENTURA

2. TREATING GOVERNOR VENTURA FAIRLY

3. NOT SURE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q13

Governor Ventura rarely grants interviews to Minnesota reporters or journalists. Do you think this limits the amount of information the public obtains about how Ventura is governing?

- 1. YES-LIMITS INFORMATION
- 2. NO-DOESN'T LIMIT
- 3. NOT SURE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q15

Do you think Governor Ventura is interested in promoting himself, the interests of Minnesota, or both, when he grants interviews to national magazines and appears on national television talk and news shows?

- 1. PROMOTING HIMSELF
- 2. PROMOTING MINNESOTA
- 3. BOTH
- 4. NOT SURE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q16

Thank you. Here is a different kind of question. Please think of a thermometer that has a range of 0 to 100 degrees. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news. Ratings on the thermometer between 50 and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 and 50 mean that you do not feel too favorable toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate that person. Just tell me and we will move on to the next one. If you do recognize the name, but do not feel particularly warm or cold toward the person, you would rate the person at the 50-degree mark.

Bill Clinton-----

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q17

Rod Grams

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q18

Paul Wellstone

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q19

Terry Ventura

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q20

Al Gore

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q21

Jesse Ventura

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q22

Norm Coleman

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

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Question Q23

Hillary Clinton

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

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Question Q23A

Tim Penny

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

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Question Q23B

Michael Ciresi

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q23c

Steven Miles

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q23d

David Lillehaug

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q23e

James Gibson

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q23F

Steve Kelley

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED

777 888 999

Question Q24

Although Elizabeth Dole is no longer a candidate for the presidency and it doesn't look like another woman will be a presidential candidate next year, I have a few questions about female presidential candidates. First, if a generally well qualified woman was nominated for president, would you vote for that person?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q25

Everything else being equal, who do you make the better president think would, a woman, a man or would it not matter to you?

- 1. MAN
- 2. WOMAN
- 3. WOULD NOT MATTER
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q26

Would you personally contribute time and/or money in the future to strengthen organizations that support a female candidate?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q27

The next set of questions inquire about the debate occurring in Minnesota about changing the Minnesota Legislature from two chambers, a House and a Senate to a one chamber legislature. A two chamber legislature is called bicameral and a one chamber legislature is called

unicameral. Are you personally very aware, aware, unaware, or very unaware of the debate about changing the Minnesota legislature from bicameral

to unicameral?

1. VERY AWARE
2. AWARE
3. UNAWARE
4. VERY UNAWARE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q28

Are you personally very familiar, familiar, unfamiliar or very unfamiliar with how the state legislature functions?

1. VERY FAMILIAR
2. FAMILIAR
3. UNFAMILIAR
4. VERY UNFAMILIAR
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q29

How many members are there in the Minnesota State Legislature?

[ENTER ACTUAL NUMBER-EXAMPLE IF THEY SAY 100 PUT 100]

597. GAVE NUMBER ABOVE 597
598. DON'T KNOW
599. REFUSED

Question Q30

Overall, how do you rate the performance of the Minnesota state legislature? Is it excellent, pretty good, fair or poor?

1. EXCELLENT
2. PRETTY GOOD
3. ONLY FAIR
4. POOR
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q31

Do you find that the current two chamber Minnesota state legislature makes it very difficult, difficult, or not difficult for you personally to follow the lawmaking process?

1. VERY DIFFICULT
2. DIFFICULT
3. NOT DIFFICULT
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q32

Would it be less difficult for you to follow the lawmaking process if there was only a one chamber legislature?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q33

Who is the Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives? Is it Tom Pugh, Roger Moe, Steve Sviggum, Dick Day or Dark Starr?

1. TOM PUGH
2. ROGER MOE

3. STEVE SVIGGUM

4. DICK DAY

5. DARK STARR

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q36

Do you personally find that the current two chamber Minnesota state legislature makes it very difficult, difficult, or not difficult for you to contact your legislators?

1. VERY DIFFICULT

2. DIFFICULT

3. NOT DIFFICULT

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q37

Would it be less difficult for you to contact your legislator if there was only a one chamber legislature?

1. YES

2. NO

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q38

Who is the Senate Majority Leader? Is it Dick Day, Roger Moe, Steve Sviggum, Tom Pugh or Tom Bernard?

1. DICK DAY

2. ROGER MOE

3. STEVE SVIGGUM

4. TOM PUGH

5. TOM BERNARD

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q39

Do you find that the current two chamber Minnesota state legislature discourages citizen participation?

1. YES

2. NO

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q40

Would a one chamber legislature better encourage citizen participation?

1. YES

2. NO

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q41

Do you personally think the current two chamber Minnesota state legislature makes it very difficult, difficult, or not difficult for you to hold your legislators accountable for their decisions?

1. VERY DIFFICULT

2. DIFFICULT

3. NOT DIFFICULT

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q42

Would it be less difficult to hold your legislator accountable if there was only a one chamber legislature?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q43

Currently, each person in Minnesota has two elected representatives representing them in the Minnesota legislature, one member of the house and one senator. Do you personally think this gives you better or worse representation than if you only had one representative?

- 1. BETTER
- 2. WORSE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q44

If Minnesota had a one chamber legislature, do you think lobbyists would have more, the same or less of a role in the lawmaking process?

- 1. MORE
- 2. THE SAME
- 3. LESS
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q45

Do you think the two chamber legislature in Minnesota helps to protect the rights of all Minnesotans?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q46

Some people argue that a single chamber legislature favors speedy decision making. Generally, do you personally favor speedy decision making or is a more deliberate decision making process better in

a legislature?

- 1. SPEEDY DECISION MAKING
- 2. DELIBERATIVE DECISION MAKING
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q47

Before a bill is sent to the governor for signature into law or vetoed, it must be approved by both the House and the Senate. If the two chambers differ on a specific bill a conference committee is organized to iron out the difference. Some people argue these committees are bad because they concentrate power to decide important legislative matters. In a single chamber or unicameral legislature, there would be no need for conference committees. Do you think this would eliminate the concentration of power in making important decisions?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q50

The concept of checks and balances, that is one legislative house watching and checking the work of the other house, is supposed to prevent one of the houses from passing laws that are not well thought out. The concept also tends to slow the law making process down. Do you think this concept is as necessary today as it was when the country was founded?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q51

Proponents of a unicameral Minnesota legislature argue a one chamber legislature of 135 lawmakers will save the taxpayers at least \$25 million dollars a year. Opponents of a unicameral legislature dispute this figure. If indeed unicameralism does save some money, do you think this is a valid reason to change the Minnesota legislature?

(TELL RESPONDENT IF ASKED: CURRENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS IS 201)

1. YES-SAVING MONEY IS A VALID REASON
2. NO-SAVING MONEY IS NOT A VALID REASON
3. OTHER
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q51B

In the future, would you personally like to see the legislature more powerful, about the same or weaker in the lawmaking process?

1. MORE POWERFUL
2. ABOUT THE SAME
3. WEAKER
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q51C

In the future, would you personally like to see the office of the governor more powerful, about the same or weaker in the lawmaking process?

1. MORE POWERFUL
2. ABOUT THE SAME
3. WEAKER
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q51D

In the future, would you personally like to see Minnesota state government do more, do less or do about the same as it does now with respect to the various issues facing the state?

- 1. DO MORE
- 2. DO LESS
- 3. DO ABOUT THE SAME
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q52

Overall, are you in favor, opposed or would you like more information before deciding if Minnesota adopts a unicameral legislature?

- 1. FAVOR
- 2. OPPOSED
- 3. WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q53

Should the voters have a say in deciding to change to a unicameral legislature?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q54

Do you usually consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, Reform or independent? [IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN OR REFORM] Would you say that you always vote Democrat/Republican/Reform) or do you sometimes vote for a person of the other party?

[IF INDEPENDENT]--Although you are an independent, do you usually consider yourself to be closer to the Democrats, Republicans or the Reform Party?

- 01. ALWAYS VOTES DEMOCRATIC
- 02. DEMOCRAT WHO SOMETIMES VOTES FOR OTHER PARTY
- 03. INDEPENDENT CLOSER TO DEMOCRATS
- 04. INDEPENDENT
- 05. INDEPENDENT CLOSER TO REPUBLICANS
- 06. REPUBLICAN WHO SOMETIMES VOTES FOR OTHER PARTY
- 07. ALWAYS VOTES REPUBLICAN
- 08. REFORM PARTY
- 09. OTHER
- 10. APOLITICAL
- 11. DON'T KNOW
- 12. REFUSED

Question Q56

Thank you. The following questions are primarily for statistical analysis and to help us determine if we are getting a random sample. You don't have to answer all the questions but it will help us if you do. What age group are you? Are you...

[READ CATEGORIES-AS NECESSARY]

- 1. 18-24 3. 35-44 5. 55-65 8. DON'T KNOW
- 2. 25-34 4. 45-54 6. 65+ 9. REFUSED

Question Q57

Are you working now, temporarily laid off, unemployed, retired, a household manager, a student or what? [IF MORE THAN ONE What do you consider yourself primarily?]

- 1. WORKING NOW-
- 2. LAID OFF
- 3. UNEMPLOYED
- 4. RETIRED

- 5. DISABLED
- 6. HOUSEHOLD MANAGER
- 7. STUDENT
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q58

What...if any...is your religious preference?

[IF DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE]-- Well are you closer to being Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, or something else?

- 01. CATHOLIC
- 02. BAPTIST
- 03. LUTHERAN
- 04. PRESBYTERIAN
- 05. METHODIST
- 06. EPISCOPALIAN
- 07. OTHER CHRIS. (MORMON, JEH. WIT. ,ETC.)
- 08. JEWISH
- 09. NONE
- 10. OTHER
- 11. DON'T KNOW
- 12. REFUSED

Question Q60

Would you please tell me the range which best represents the total income, before taxes, of all immediate family living in your household?

[READ LIST UNTIL STOPPED IF NECESSARY]

- 01. under \$10,000 05. \$25-30 thousand
- 02. \$10-15 thousand 06. \$30-40 thousand _
- 03. \$15-20 thousand 07. \$40-\$50 thousand _

04. \$20-\$25 thousand 08. \$50-\$100,000 thousand

09. \$100,000+

10. DON'T KNOW 11.REFUSED

Question Q61

Thinking about your own general approach to politics, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

1. VERY LIBERAL

2. SOMEWHAT LIBERAL

3. MODERATE

4. SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

5. VERY CONSERVATIVE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question THANKYOU

I would like to thank you very much for your time and cooperation. You have been very helpful. If you would like to see the results of this survey you may contact Dr. Steven Wagner at St. Cloud State University. Would you like his number? (IF YES IT IS 320-654-5423).

Good-bye!

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