A Survey of Voter Attitudes in Oklahoma

Field Dates: February 28-March 3, 2022

Respondents by party:
Republicans, 51%
Democrats, 31%
Independents, 14%
Other/Unsure, 4%
How would you rate the public schools in your local area?

- Excellent: 14%
- Good: 41%
- Fair: 27%
- Poor: 15%
- Unsure: 4%

Among public school parents:
- 25% Excellent
- 44% Good
- 21% Fair
- 9% Poor
- 1% Unsure

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How would you rate the teachers in your child’s public school?

(Asked only of parents with students in school)

- Excellent: 43%
- Good: 40%
- Fair: 10%
- Poor: 6%
- Unsure: 1%
Do you favor or oppose using taxpayer dollars to fund private school tuition?

- Favor: 33%
  - Strongly: 20%
  - Not Strongly: 13%

- Unsure: 6%

- Oppose: 61%
  - Strongly: 49%
  - Not Strongly: 12%

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Opposition to using taxpayer dollars to fund private school tuition: (Rural/urban/suburban voters)

- Oppose/rural: 56%
  - Strongly: 42%
- Oppose/urban: 68%
  - Strongly: 59%
- Oppose/Suburban: 65%
  - Strongly: 55%
Do you favor or oppose school vouchers, which allow parents to use taxpayer dollars to pay some of the cost of sending their child to a private school?

Opposition among key demographic groups:
- Rural voters (57%)
- Urban voters (65%)
- Suburban voters (62%)
- Parents (59%)
- Public school parents (62%)
- Extremely likely to vote (58%)
- 4 of 4 voters (59%)
Now I would like to read you a list of statements about using taxpayer dollars to fund private education. Please listen and tell me, for each one, whether knowing about this statement would make you more likely or less likely to support using taxpayer dollars to fund private school tuition.

• These voucher programs mean there is less money available to maintain and improve public schools.

• Private schools are not required to follow the student testing programs or the teacher accountability programs like Oklahoma public schools.

• While public schools are available in every county in the state, these vouchers can only be used in schools in about one-third of the state.
After responding to messages on the previous slide, voters were asked again, “Do you favor or oppose using taxpayer dollars to fund private school tuition?”

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Favor 61%  Oppose 68%

Favor 1st Ask 28%  2nd Ask 28%

Unsure 6% 3%

Oppose 1st Ask 33%  2nd Ask 68%
Now, I would like to read you one last list of proposals the state legislature might consider about education. Please listen carefully as I read each proposal and tell me if you would favor or oppose that particular proposal.

Increase state funding for pre-K through 12 education to enable districts to hire more teachers and decrease class sizes.

- Favor: 85%
- Unsure: 3%
- Oppose: 12%

Increase state funding for pre-K through 12 education so Oklahoma is funding education programs at a comparable level to neighboring states.

- Favor: 82%
- Unsure: 4%
- Oppose: 13%

 Increase the pay and benefits of Oklahoma teachers to be more comparable to other professions with similar education and training requirements.

- Favor: 85%
- Unsure: 3%
- Oppose: 12%

Increasing the salaries for public school professionals like bus drivers, cooks, maintenance workers, and secretaries in order to attract good candidates for these jobs.

- Favor: 89%
- Unsure: 3%
- Oppose: 9%