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Executive Summary

The Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University conducted the 2017 Kansas Speaks fall survey from August 17th to October 26th, 2017. A random sample of adult residents of Kansas age 18 and older was surveyed by telephone to assess their attitudes and opinions regarding various issues of interest to Kansas citizens. The survey finds:

- 52% of respondents indicated Kansas was a “very good” or “excellent” place to live. 3% said Kansas was a “poor” place to live.
- 85% of respondents would be living in the same community they are now. 8% would relocate out of Kansas.
- 12% of respondents felt the state economy was “very good” or “excellent.” 18% felt the economy was “poor” or “very poor.”
- 17% of respondents were “very concerned” about the future economy threatening their families’ welfare. 29% were “moderately concerned.” 26% were “not concerned at all.”
- 47% of respondents felt Kansas was on the “right track.” 53% felt Kansas was on the “wrong track.”
- 40% of respondents supported cutting spending to balance state budget. 19% supported increasing taxes, and 42% supported a combination of tax increases and lower spending.
- Among those in favor of tax increases and a combination of tax increases and lower spending, 45% favored increasing income tax, 45% favored increasing sales tax, and 15% favored increasing property tax.
- Among those in favor of lower spending and a combination of tax increases and lower spending, 31% favored decreasing spending on social services, 29% favored decreasing spending for higher education, 26% favored decreasing spending on roads and highways, and 14% favored decreasing spending on K-12 education.
- When asked about preferences for various taxation categories, respondents were most in favor of raising taxes on large corporations and the top income earners. The vast majority were against raising taxes on small business and the middle class.
- When asked to compare what they paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax with the amount they paid two years ago, 65% of respondents felt that their tax burden had increased as compared with two years ago, 28% felt no change, and 7% felt their tax burden had decreased.
- 72% of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars.
- 71% of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” increasing taxes on alcohol.
- 49% of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas. 41% of respondents “somewhat oppose” or “strongly oppose.”
- 70% of respondents expressed some degree of dissatisfaction with Governor Brownback.
- Respondents were asked to rate President Donald Trump on 6 different areas. President Trump received high rating on national security and economy, but low rating on “sharing my values” and “trustworthiness.”

- 49% of respondents were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” with the reported relationships between President Trump and the Russian government or Vladimir Putin.
- 62% of respondents “approve” or “somewhat approve” Governor Brownback resigning as Kansas governor for a position in President Trump’s cabinet.
- 29% of respondents were at least “somewhat confident” with Jeff Colyer taking over as Kansas governor.
- When asked if they have heard of a list of Kansas politicians, 86% of respondents have heard of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. Only 8% have heard of Jack Bergeson.
- When asked to rate a list of Kansas politicians, Carl Brewer received the highest positive rating, with 46% of respondents selecting a rating above 5 (on a 10-point scale). Kris Kobach received the highest negative rating, with 47% of respondents selected a rating below 5 (on a 10-point scale).
- 28% of respondents supported repealing the Affordable Care Act even if it is not replaced. 36% supported the repeal only if replaced. 36% opposed repealing.
- 69% of respondents strongly or somewhat supported expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Introduction and Methods

To assess attitudes and opinions of Kansans, the Docking Institute has surveyed a random sample of Kansas residents age 18 and older every year since 2009. For this year's survey, the Docking Institute purchased from Scientific Telephone Samples a random sample consisting of Kansas landline telephone numbers and cell phone numbers. Interviewers are highly trained student researchers pursuing degrees at Fort Hays State University. From August 17th to October 26th, a total of 1,578 Kansas residents were contacted by telephone, and 434 of them completed the survey, resulting in a 27.5% response rate. The margin of error was 4.7% at the 95% confidence level. A margin of error of 4.7% means that there is a 95% probability that findings among the sample vary no more than +/- 4.7% from the value that would be found if all adult Kansas residents were surveyed, assuming no response bias.

The following analysis contains four sections:

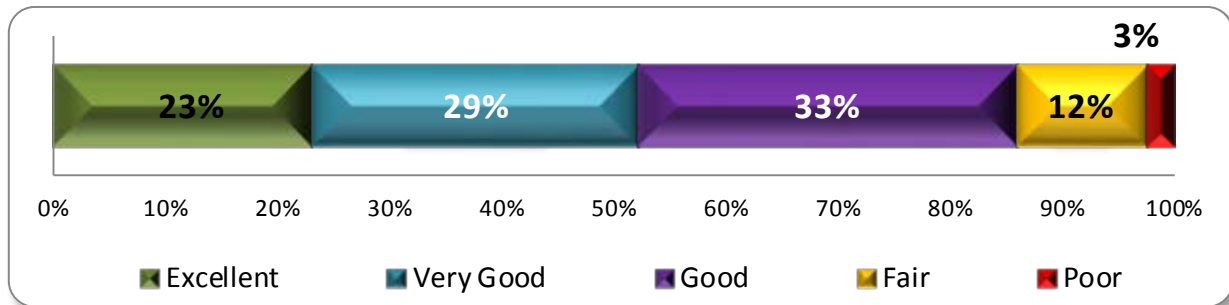
- 1) **Overall Quality of Life in Kansas.** This section shows how Kansans generally feel about Kansas as a place to live.
- 2) **Taxes & Economy.** This section shows results on questions addressing various economic concerns to citizens and fair and effective personal and business taxation policies.
- 3) **Government and Politicians.** This section presents the results of citizens' ratings of the state government in general, state elected officials, and the U.S president.
- 4) **Public Policy Issues.** This section looks at citizens' opinions on a couple of health policies.

These sections present descriptive analyses of respondents' answers to each question. Except for the questions asking about respondents' demographic information, all of the survey questions are displayed verbatim under those graphs presenting descriptive analyses.

Analysis

Section 1: Overall Quality of Life in Kansas

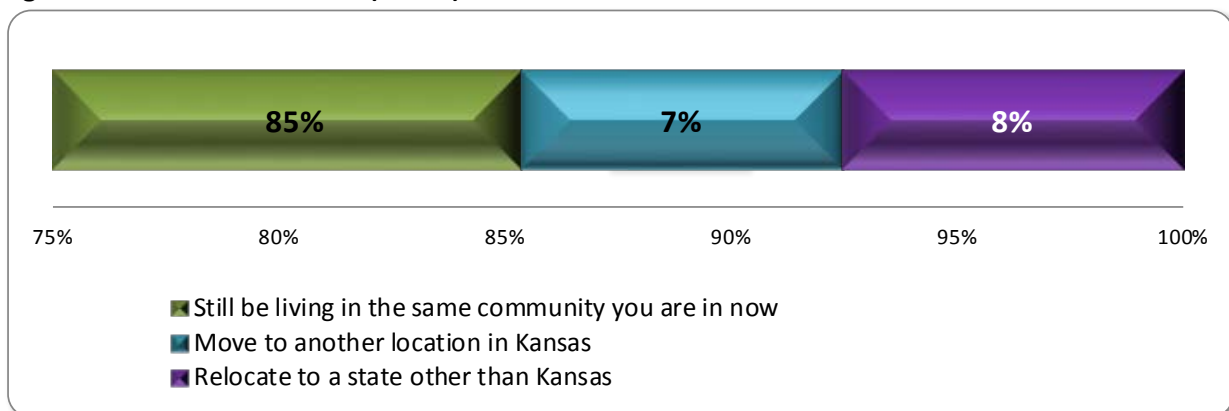
Figure 1: Rating of Kansas as a Place to Live (n=433)



Question: *In general, how would you rate Kansas as a place to live?*

When asked to rate Kansas as a place to live, a little over half (52%) indicated Kansas was a “very good” or “excellent” place to live, while only 3% said Kansas was a “poor” place to live. Similar to last year’s distribution, it suggests that respondents remain devoted to the future of Kansas.

Figure 2: Residence in 5 Years (n=410)

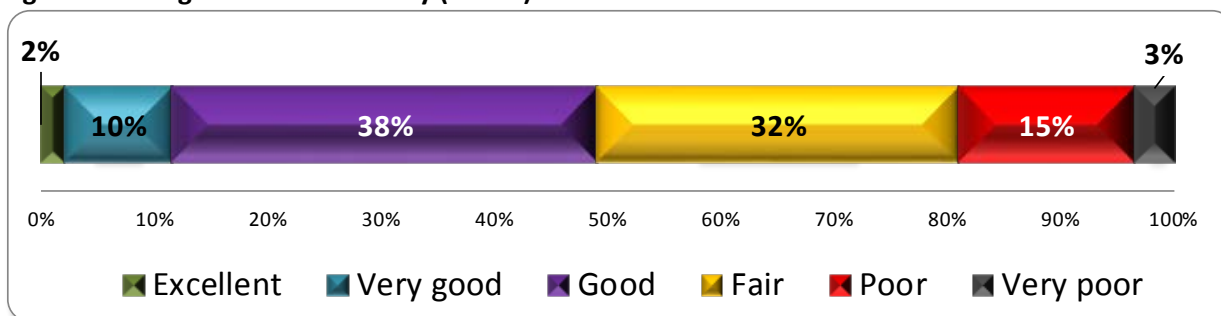


Question: *By your best guess, where will you be in 5 years? Are you likely to still be living in the same community you are now, move to another location in Kansas, or relocate to a state other than Kansas?*

When asked where they will be in 5 years, 85% of respondents said they would be living in the same community that they live in now, 7% said they would be moving to another location in Kansas and 8% said they would relocate to a state other than Kansas.

Section 2: Taxes and the Economy

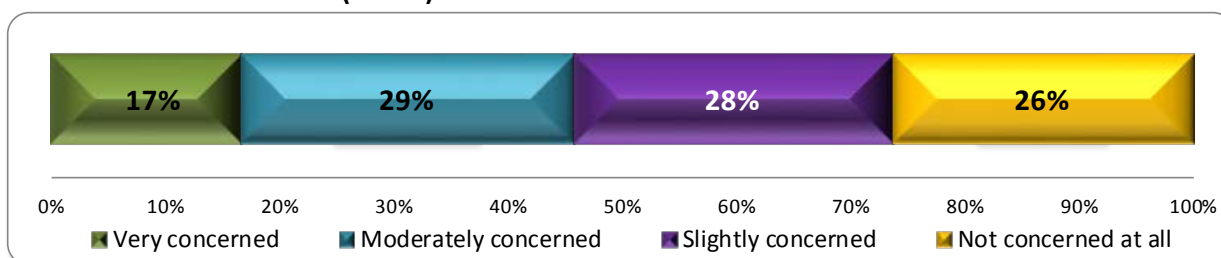
Figure 3: Rating of Kansas Economy (n=429)



Question: *In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy?*

When asked to rate the Kansas economy, only 12% of respondents said they felt the State economy was “very good” or “excellent,” while 18% indicated they felt the economy was “poor” or “very poor.”

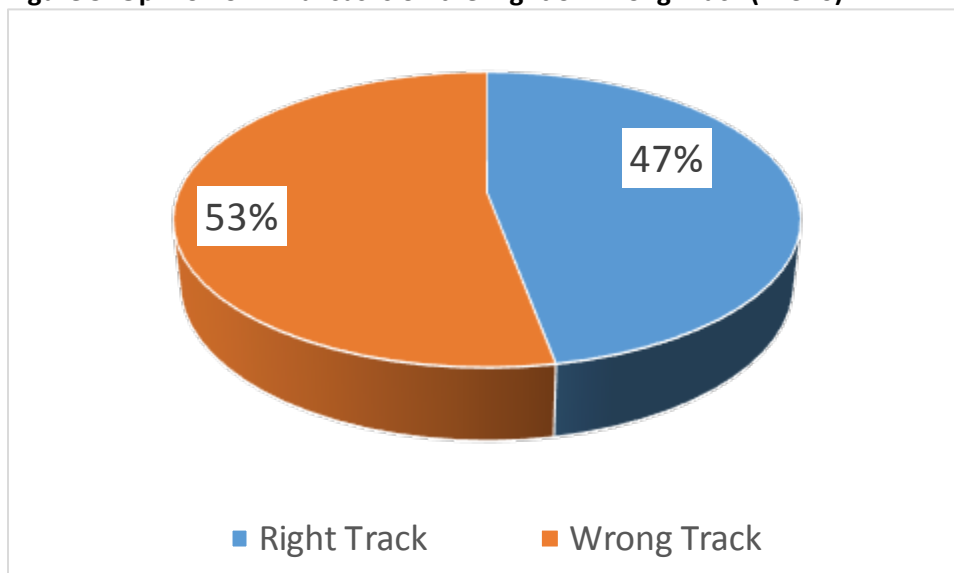
Figure 4: Level of Concern that the Kansas Economy Will Seriously Threaten Individuals’ or Families’ Welfare over the Next Year (n=428)



Question: *How concerned are you that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten you or your family’s welfare in the coming year?*

Almost half (46%) of respondents said they were “very concerned” or “moderately concerned” that the Kansas economy would seriously threaten individual or family welfare, while 28% were “slightly concerned.” 26% of respondents said they were “not concerned at all.”

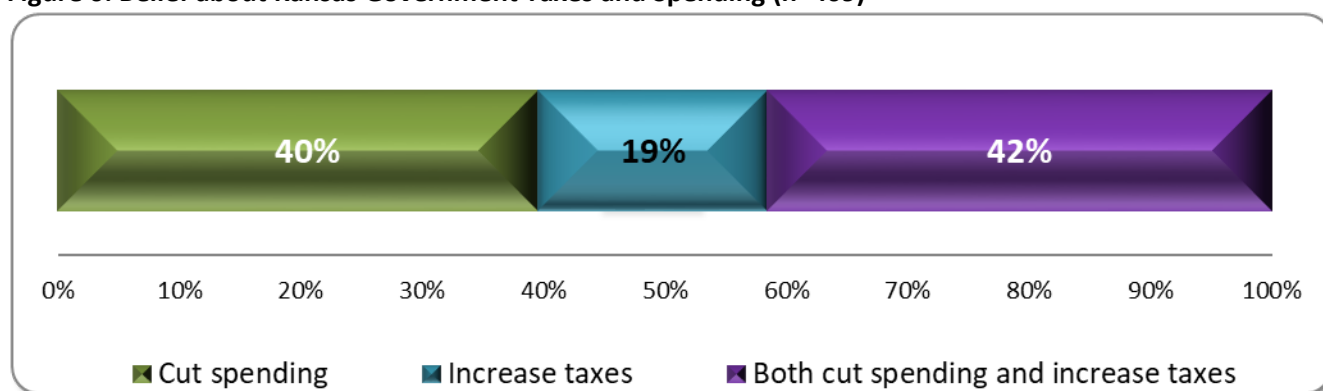
Figure 5: Opinion on if Kansas is on the Right or Wrong Track (n=376)



Question: *Currently, do you think Kansas is on the right track or wrong track?*

Almost half (47%) of respondents indicated they felt Kansas was on the “right track”, and slightly more than half (53%) of respondents believe Kansas is on the “wrong track,” suggesting that a slight majority of Kansans want change.

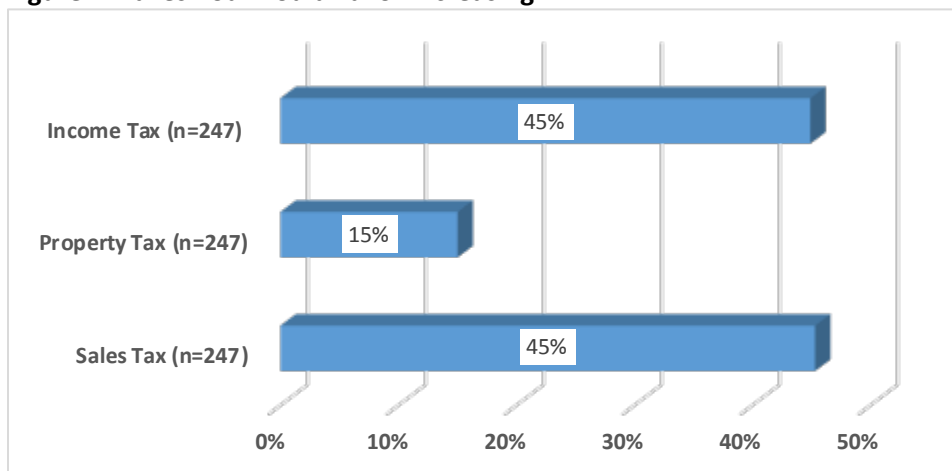
Figure 6: Belief about Kansas Government Taxes and Spending (n=409)



Question: *The State of Kansas cannot spend more money than it takes in, Kansas government is currently experiencing problems balancing the State budget. The problem can be solved by either cutting spending, increasing taxes or both. Which of these alternatives do you prefer?*

When respondents were asked their preferred method for filling budget deficits, 40% wanted to cut spending exclusively, while 19% wanted to increase taxes exclusively. Slightly over two-fifths (42%) favored a combination of tax increases and lower spending.

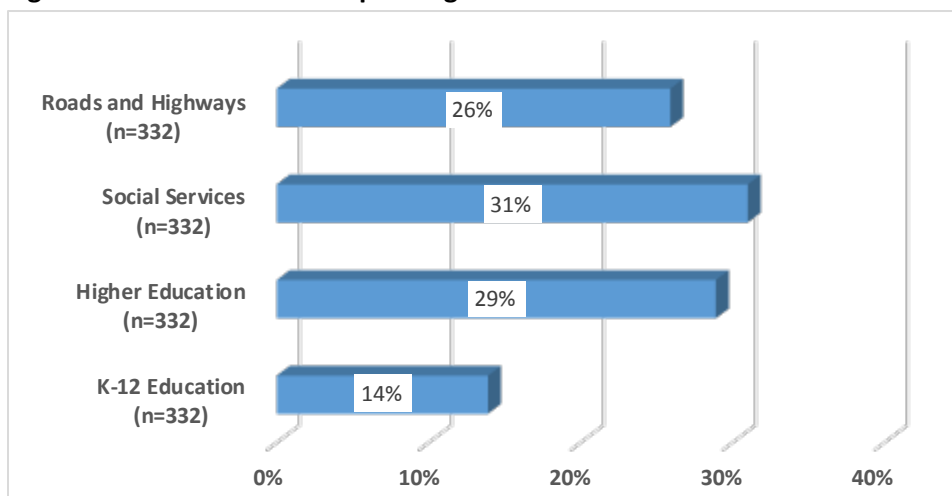
Figure 7: Taxes You Would Favor Increasing



Question: *In which of the following areas would you favor increasing spending?*

Respondents who said they were in favor of tax increases or a combination of tax increases and lower spending were asked in which areas they would favor tax increases. Less than one-fifth of respondents (15%) favored increasing property tax, while 45% favored increasing income tax and sales tax.

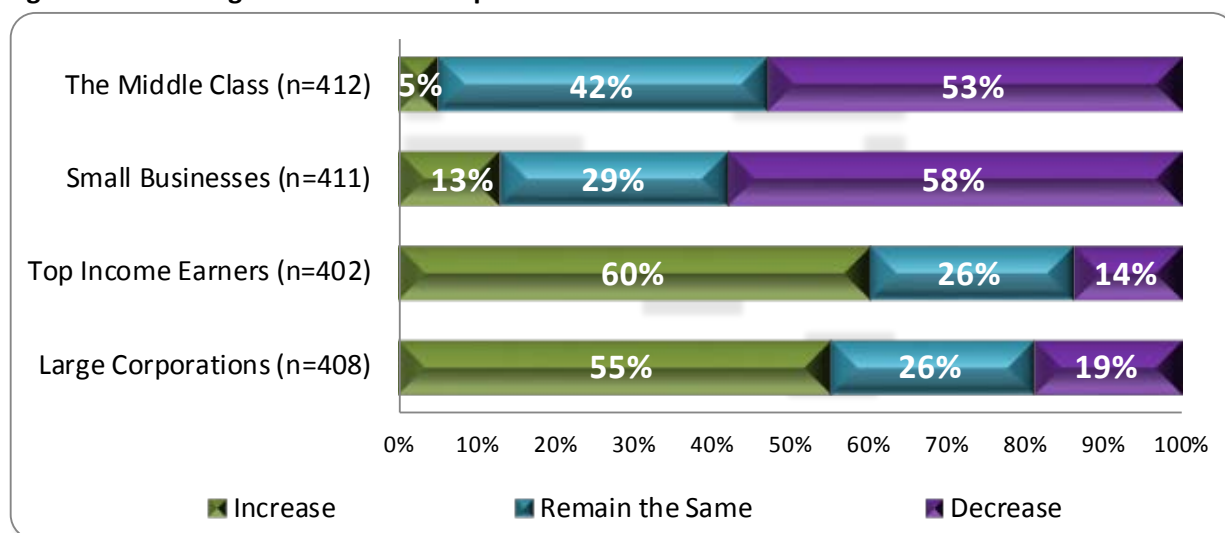
Figure 8: Areas to Decrease Spending



Question: *In which of the following areas would you favor decreasing spending?*

Respondents who said they were in favor of lower spending or a combination of tax increase and lower spending were asked in which areas they would favor decreasing spending. Over one-quarter (26%) of respondents said they favored decreasing spending on roads and highways. Nearly one-third (31%) favored decreasing spending on social services and 29% favored decreasing spending on higher education. Only 14% of respondents favored decreasing spending on K-12 education.

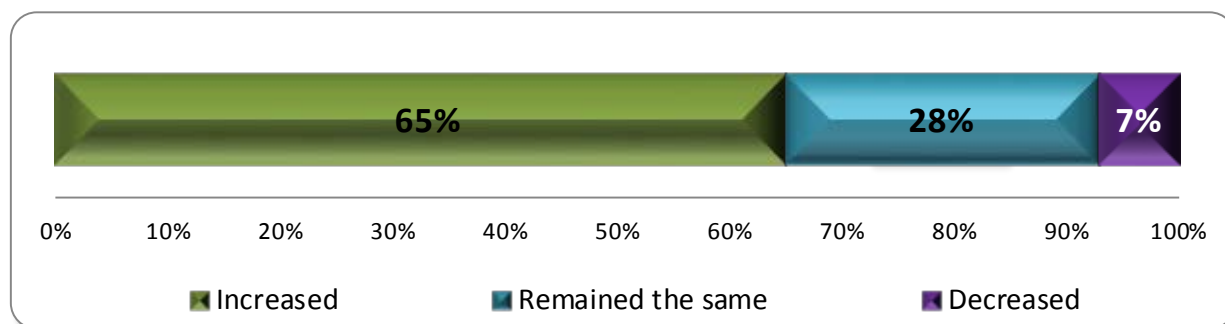
Figure 9: Tax Changes on Various Groups



Question: *Now we have a few questions regarding your opinions on taxation and spending by the State of Kansas. I'm going to name four groups and ask you to tell me whether taxes on each group should be increased, remain the same or decreased.*

When asked about preferences for various taxation categories, respondents were most in favor of raising taxes on large corporations and the top income earners. The vast majority were against raising taxes on small business and the middle class. Sixty percent of respondents said that taxes on top income earners should be increased, whereas 5% said taxes on the middle class should be increased.

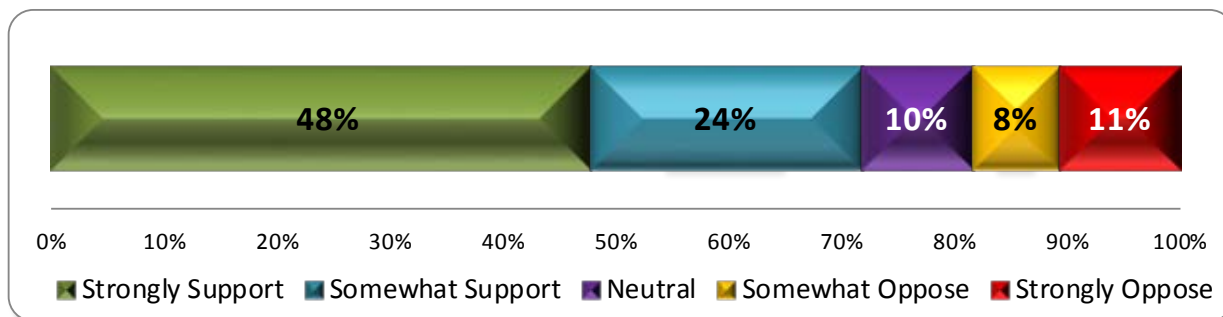
Figure 10: Change of Taxes Paid to the State (n=407)



Question: *Thinking about what you paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax together, compared to two years ago, has the amount you pay in state taxes increased, remained the same, or decreased?*

Respondents were asked if there had been changes in amount of taxes paid to the state. Almost two-thirds (65%) responded that the sales tax, property tax and state income tax they paid had “Increased” as compared to two years ago, 28% said the amount “remained the same,” and 7% said they amount “decreased.”

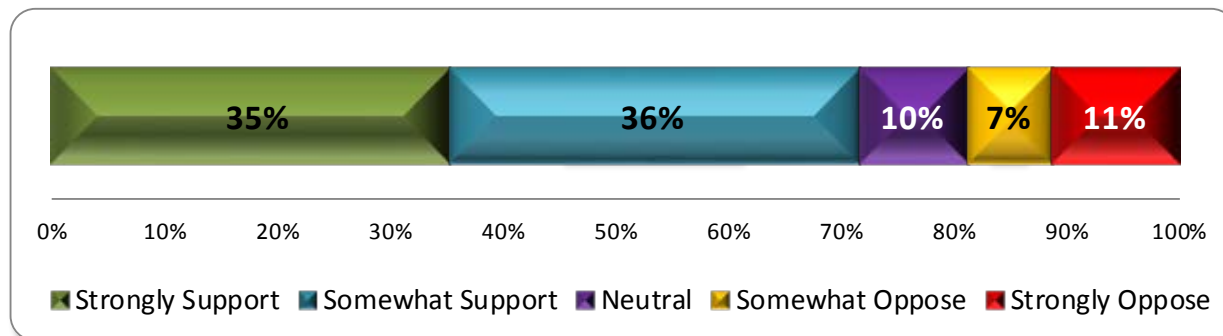
Figure 11: Taxes on Cigarettes and Cigars (n=422)



Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas' revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars.*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were first asked about increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars. Almost three-fourths (72%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars, while 19% at least “somewhat oppose.”

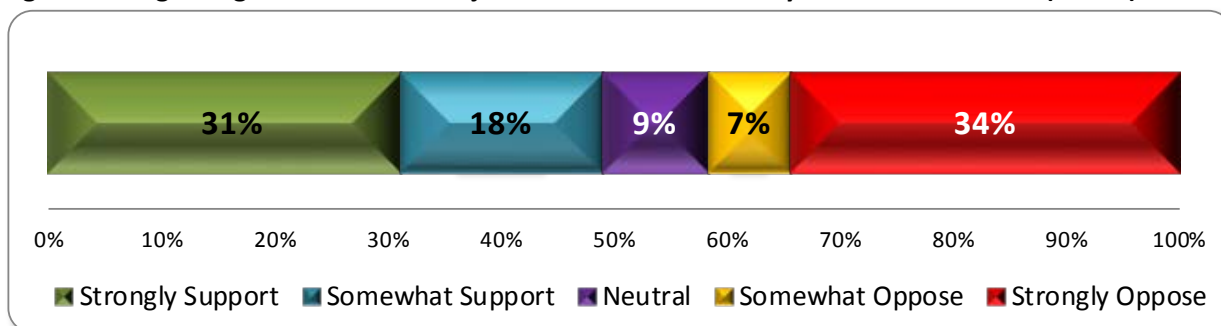
Figure 12: Taxes on Alcohol (n=421)



Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas' revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Increasing taxes on alcohol.*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were asked about level of support for increasing taxes on alcohol. Over two-thirds (71%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” increasing taxes on alcohol, while 18% at least “somewhat oppose.”

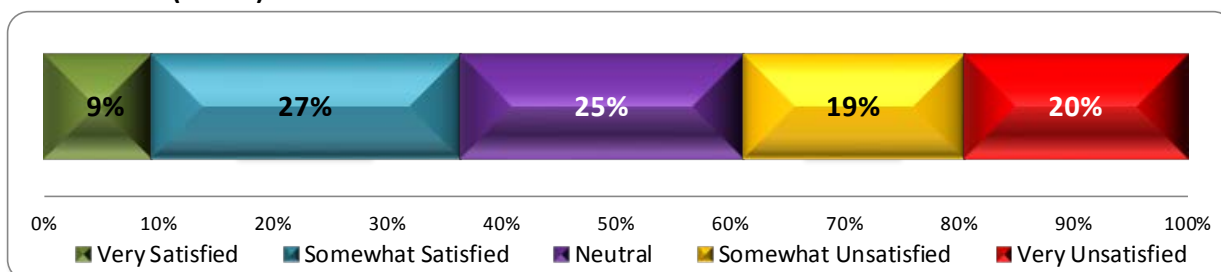
Figure 13: Legalizing Recreational Marijuana to Allow Taxation by the State of Kansas (n=419)



Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas' revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources: Legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas.*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were asked about level of support for legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas. Almost half (49%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older, while 41% of respondents at least “somewhat oppose.”

Figure 14: Satisfaction with the 2017 Kansas Legislature's Actions to Increase State Revenue through Tax Increases (n=432)

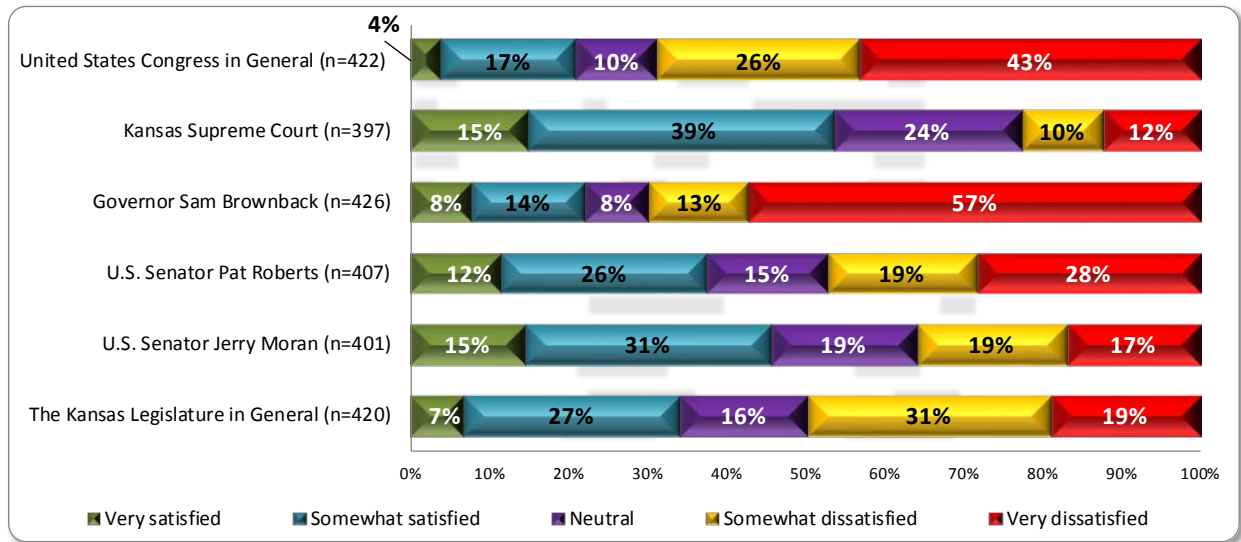


Question: *How satisfied are you with the Kansas Legislature's actions in the 2017 session to increase state revenue through tax increase?*

When asked about satisfaction with the 2017 Kansas Legislature's Actions to increase state revenue through tax increases, 36% of respondents were at least “somewhat satisfied.” Almost one-fifth (19%) of respondents were “somewhat unsatisfied” and 20% were “very unsatisfied.”

Section 3: Government and Politicians

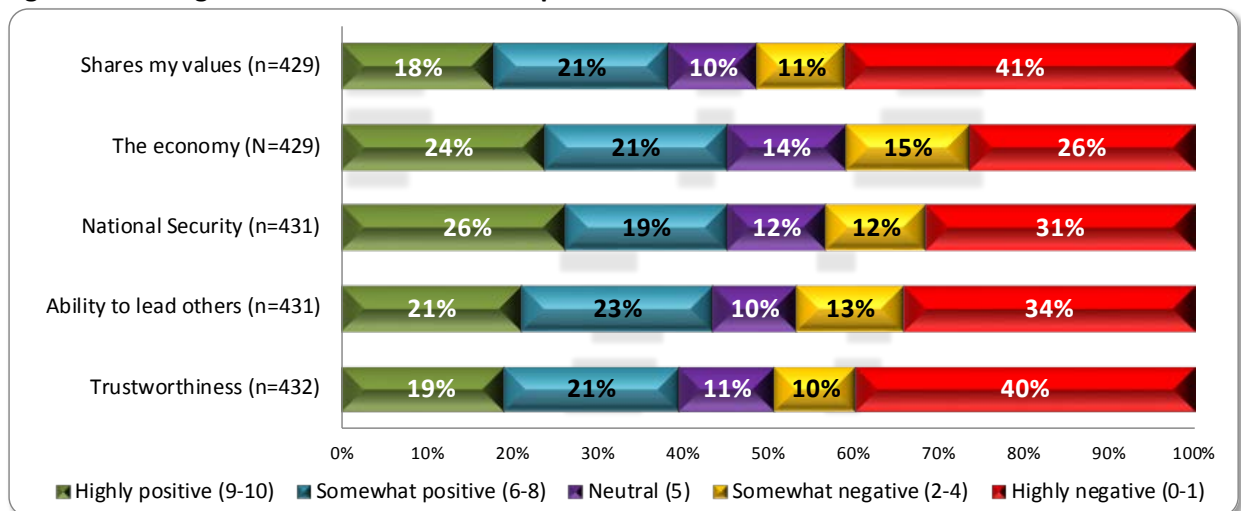
Figure 15: Satisfaction with the Overall Performance of Elected Officials



Question: *How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the United States Congress? Kansas Supreme Court? Governor Sam Brownback? Senator Pat Roberts? Senator Jerry Moran? Kansas Legislature?*

Respondents were asked about their satisfaction with important political figures or institutions. The Kansas Supreme Court, followed by U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, yielded the highest satisfaction levels, with over half (54%) satisfied with the Court and just under half (46%) satisfied with Moran. Seventy percent (70%) of respondents reported they are to some degree dissatisfied with Governor Brownback. Another institution with high levels of dissatisfaction was the United States Congress, with 69% of respondents reporting some degree of dissatisfaction.

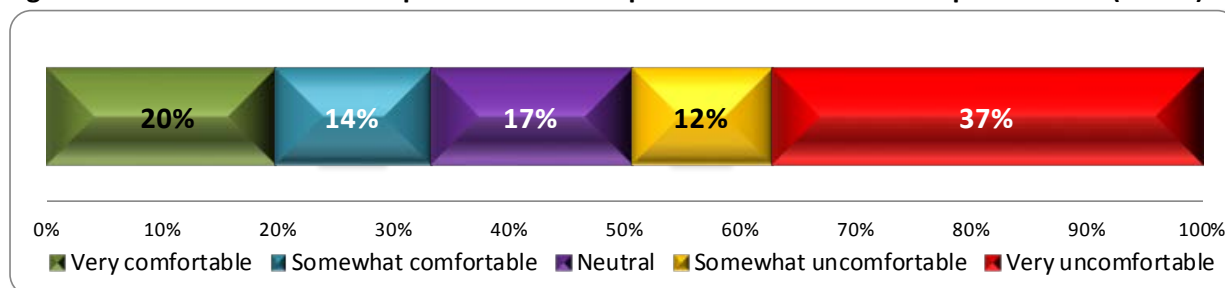
Figure 16: Ratings of President Donald Trump



Question: *On a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive, please rate President Donald Trump on the following areas...*

Respondents were asked to rate President Donald Trump on a 0-10 scale on a few different areas. President Trump received the highest positive rating on national security and economy, with 45% of respondents selected a rating above 5. “Shares my values” and “Trustworthiness” received the lowest rating. About half of the respondent selected a rating below 5 for those two areas.

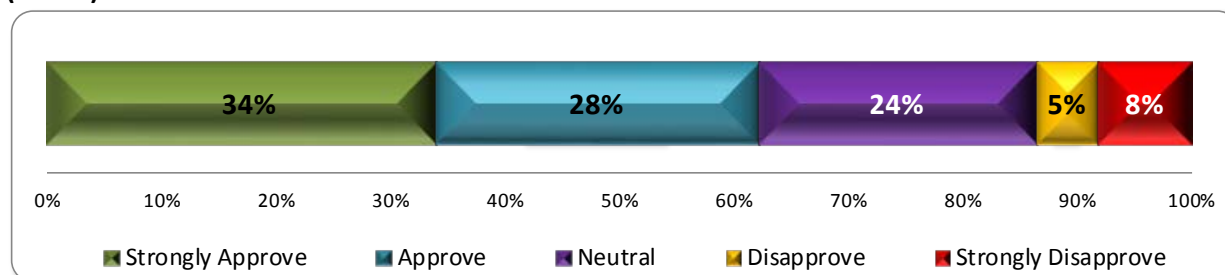
Figure 17: Level of Comfort in Reported Relationship between President Trump and Russia (n=427)



Question: *Based on what you have read and heard in the media, how comfortable are you with President Trump’s reported relationships with President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government?*

Respondents were asked their level of comfort with the reports by the media of Presidents Trump’s reported relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government. Almost half (49%) were at least “somewhat uncomfortable,” while 34% were at least “somewhat comfortable” with the reported relationships.

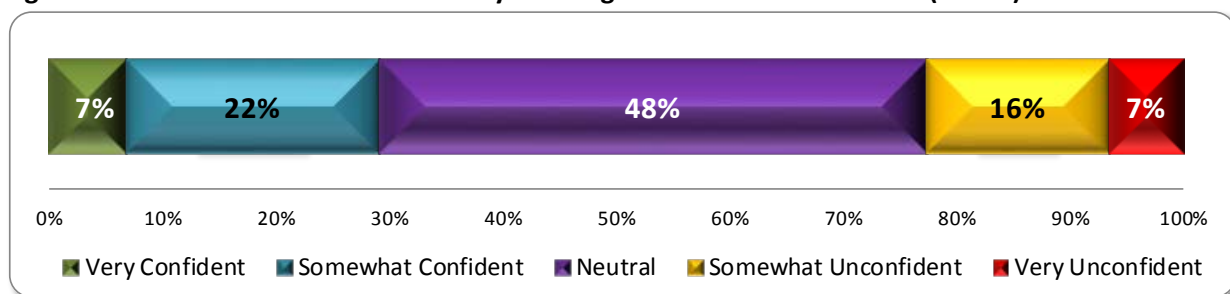
Figure 18: Level of Approval for Brownback Resigning for a position in President Trump’s Cabinet (n=404)



Question: *Please tell us your level of approval on Governor Brownback resigning the Governorship for a cabinet position in the Trump administration once confirmed by the Senate.*

When asked about approval of Sam Brownback resigning as Kansas governor for a position in President Trump’s cabinet, 62% of respondents at least “approve”. Nearly one-fourth (24%) of respondents were “neutral”, while (5%) “Disapprove” and (8%) “Strongly disapprove.”

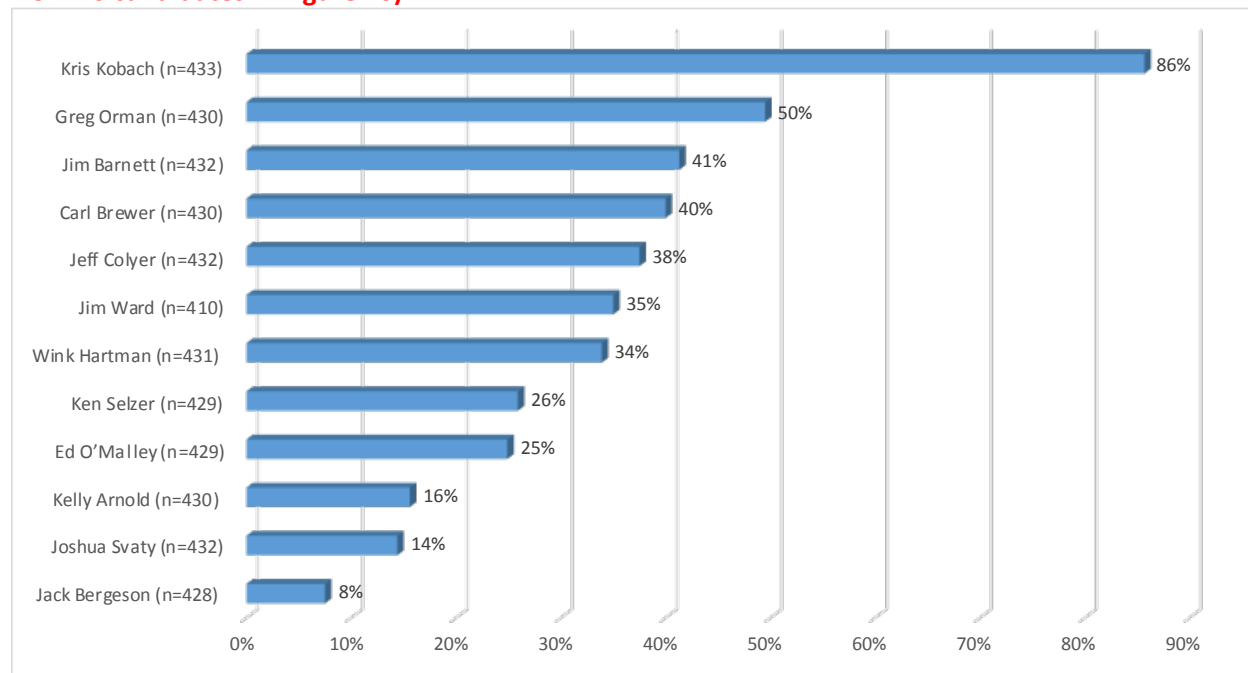
Figure 19: Level of Confidence in Jeff Colyer taking over as Kansas Governor (n=398)



Question: *Please tell us your level of confidence in Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer taking over the Kansas Governorship once Brownback resigns.*

When asked about the confidence level in Lt. Governor, Jeff Colyer, taking over as governor, 29% of respondents reported being at least “Somewhat confident.” Almost half (48%) of respondents were “neutral,” 16% were “Somewhat unconfident” and 7% were “very unconfident.”

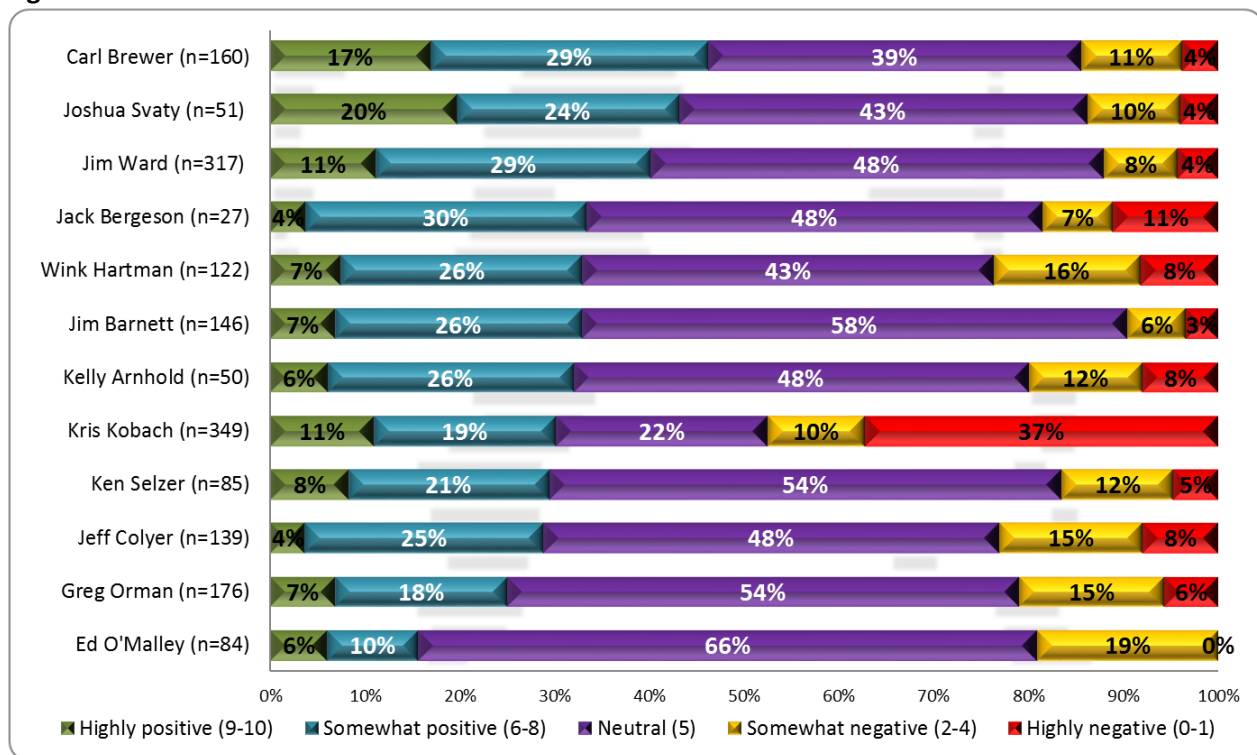
Figure 20: Awareness of Kansas Politicians (Note: A previous version of this report presented data from 10 candidates in Figure 20).



Question: *Please tell me if you have heard of any of the following Kansas Politicians?*

Respondents were asked if they had heard of some Kansas politicians. These politicians were specifically identified as potential gubernatorial candidates in 2018. Kansas Secretary of State, Kris Kobach, received the highest recognition, with 86% of respondents saying they had heard of Kris Kobach. Jack Bergeson received the lowest recognition. Only 8% of respondents had heard of him.

Figure 21: Level of Satisfaction with Kansas Politicians

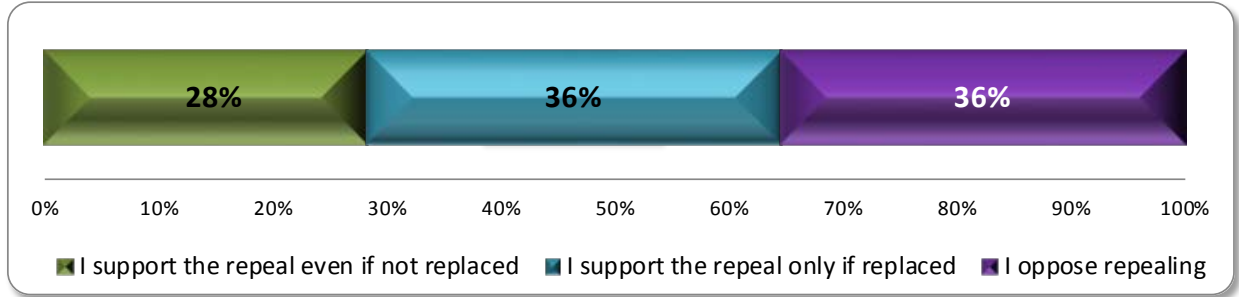


Question: *Please rate the following Kansas politicians on a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive.*

Respondents were asked to rate a list of Kansas politicians. Carl Brewer received the highest positive rating, with 46% of respondents selecting a rating above 5. Kris Kobach received the highest negative rating, with 47% of respondents selected a rating below 5.

Section 4: Public Policy Issues

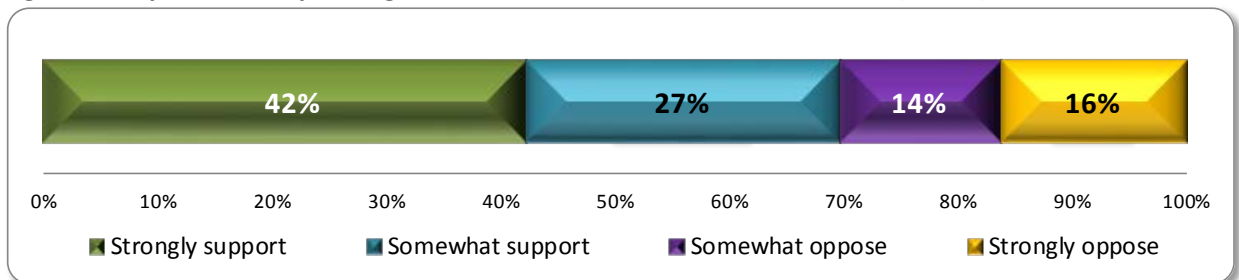
Figure 22: Opinion on Efforts to Repeal the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare (n=411)



Question: *Please tell us your opinion on the recent efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare.*

Respondents were asked to give their opinions on the recent efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare. More than one-fourth (28%) of respondents “support repeal even if not replaced,” 36% of respondents “support the repeal only if replaced” and 36% “oppose repealing.”

Figure 23: Opinion on Expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (n=398)



Question: *The Kansas Legislature recently passed Medicaid expansion but the bill was vetoed by Governor Sam Brownback. What is your preference regarding expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act? Would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act?*

When asked about an opinion on expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, 42% of respondents “strongly support” expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, 27% “somewhat support” it, and 30% oppose it.

Appendix A: Demographic Characteristics of the Sample

Social Indicators		Survey Sample	Study Population*
Household Income		(n=362)	
	Less than \$10,000	3.0%	6.3%
	\$10,000-\$24,999	9.7%	15.1%
	\$25,000- \$34,999	8.0%	10.7%
	\$35,000-\$49,999	11.3%	14.5%
	\$50,000-\$74,999	23.5%	19.4%
	\$75,000-\$99,999	21.0%	12.7%
	\$100,000-\$149,000	14.4%	13.1%
	\$150,000 or more	9.1%	8.3%
Education		(n=418)	
	Less Than High School	1.0%	9.7%
	High School Diploma	12.9%	26.6%
	Some College	21.8%	23.9%
	Associates or Technical Degree	13.9%	8.1%
	Bachelor's Degree	29.4%	20.2%
	Masters, Law Degree, or Doctoral Degree	21.1%	11.4%
Age		(n=414)	
	18-24 Years Old	1.7%	10.3%
	25-34 Years Old	8.0%	13.3%
	35-44 Years Old	10.9%	12.0%
	45-54 Years Old	16.2%	12.8%
	55-64 Years Old	20.3%	12.5%
	65 Years Older and Older	43.0%	14.3%
Political Party Affiliation		(n=409)	
	Strong Republican	24.7%	n/a
	Not Very Strong Republican	10.8%	n/a
	Independent Leaning Republican	15.6%	n/a
	Independent	20.3%	n/a
	Independent Leaning Democrat	11.7%	n/a
	Not Very Strong Democrat	3.4%	n/a
	Strong Democrat	13.4%	n/a
Participation in 2016 Election		(n=417)	
	Voted	90.9%	n/a
	Did not vote	8.9%	n/a
	Did not vote, because not old enough	0.2%	n/a

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Education data for the 2016 Census Estimates is of adults age 25 and over.

Appendix B: Survey Instrument

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Qual

Do you currently reside in the State of Kansas?

- 1 ☐ Yes
- 2 ☐ No
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q1

In general, how would you rate Kansas as a place to live?

READ OPTIONS

- 1 ☐ Excellent
- 2 ☐ Very Good
- 3 ☐ Good
- 4 ☐ Fair
- 5 ☐ Poor
- 6 ☐ Very Poor
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q2

Generally speaking, do you feel Kansas is on the right track or wrong track?

- 1 ☐ Right Track
- 2 ☐ Wrong Track
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q3a

In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy? Would you say it is...

- 1 ☐ Excellent
- 2 ☐ Very good
- 3 ☐ Good
- 4 ☐ Fair
- 5 ☐ Poor or
- 6 ☐ Very poor?
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q3b

How concerned are you that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten you or your family's welfare over the next year? Would you say...

- 1 ☐ Very concerned,
- 2 ☐ Moderately concerned,
- 3 ☐ Slightly concerned, or
- 4 ☐ Not concerned at all?
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q4

Please indicate if you are "Very satisfied", "Somewhat satisfied", "Neutral", "Somewhat dissatisfied" or "Very dissatisfied" with the following public officials. First...

1 Very satisfied	2 Somewhat satisfied	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat dissatisfied	5 Very dissatisfied	8 DONT KNOW	9 REFUSED
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.3 U.S. Senator Pat Roberts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Governor Sam Brownback?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 President Donald Trump?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 Kansas Supreme Court?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.7 The United States Congress in general?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q5

On scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive, please rate President Donald Trump on the following areas...

	0 0 (Highly Negative)	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5 (Neutral)	6 6
.1 Trustworthiness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Ability to lead others?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 National Security?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 The economy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 Managing the national debt?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 Shares my values?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q6a

Please tell me if you have heard of any of the following Kansas politicians? First...

	1 Yes	2 No	8 DON'T KNOW	9 REFUSED
.1 Kris Kobach (Pronounced: Co'-bawk)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Greg Orman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 Jeff Colyer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

.4 Jim Barnett	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 Carl Brewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 Joshua Svaty (Pronounced: Swatty)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.7 Ken Selzer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.8 Wink Hartman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.9 Ed O'Malley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.10 Jack Bergeson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.11 Kelly Arnold	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.12 Jim Ward	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q6b

Please rate the following Kansas politicians on scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive. First...

	0 0 (Highly Negative)	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5 (Neutral)	6 6
.1 Kris Kobach (Pronounced: Co'-bawk)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Greg Orman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 Jeff Colyer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Jim Barnett	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 Carl Brewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 Joshua Svaty (Pronounced: Swatty)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.7 Ken Selzer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.8 Wink Hartman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.9 Ed O'Malley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.10 Jack Bergeson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.11 Kelly Arnold	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.12 Jim Ward	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q7

How satisfied are you with the Kansas Legislature's actions in the 2017 session to increase state revenue through tax increases? Would you say...

1 ☐ Very Satisfied

- 2 ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- 3 ☐ Neutral
- 4 ☐ Somewhat Unsatisfied
- 5 ☐ Very Unsatisfied
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q8

Please tell us your opinion on the recent efforts at the federal level to repeal the Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare? **READ OPTIONS**

- 1 ☐ I support the repeal even if not replaced
- 2 ☐ I support the repeal only if replaced
- 3 ☐ I oppose repealing
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q9

Based on what you have read and heard in the media, how comfortable are you with President Trump's reported relationships with President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government? Would you say you are...

- 1 ☐ Very comfortable
- 2 ☐ Somewhat comfortable
- 3 ☐ Neutral
- 4 ☐ Somewhat uncomfortable
- 5 ☐ Very uncomfortable
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q10

Now we have a few questions regarding your opinions on taxation and spending by the State of Kansas. I'm going to name four groups and ask you to tell me whether taxes on each group should be increased, remain the same or decreased. First...

	1 Increase	2 Remain the Same	3 Decrease	8 DONT KNOW	9 REFUSED
.1 Large corporations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Top income earners?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 The middle class?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Small businesses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q11

Thinking about what you paid in sales tax, property tax and state income tax together, compared to two years ago, has the amount you pay in state taxes...

- 1 ☐ Increased
- 2 ☐ Remained the same, or
- 3 ☐ Decreased?
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q12a

The State of Kansas cannot spend more money than it takes in, Kansas government is currently experiencing problems balancing the State budget. The problem can be solved by either cutting spending, increasing taxes or both. Which of these alternatives do you prefer?

- 1 ☐ Cut spending
- 2 ☐ increase taxes, or
- 3 ☐ Both cut spending and increase taxes

- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q12b

Which of the following taxes would you favor increasing?

READ OPTIONS

- 1 ☐ Sales Tax
2 ☐ Property Tax
3 ☐ Income Tax
8 ☐ DONT KNOW
9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q12c

In which of the following areas would you favor decreasing spending?

READ OPTIONS

- 1 ☐ K-12 Education
2 ☐ Higher Education
3 ☐ Social Services
4 ☐ Roads and Highways
8 ☐ DONT KNOW
9 ☐ REFUSED

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Q13

There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas' revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the follow alternative revenue sources:

	1 Strongly Support	2 Somewhat Support	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat Oppose	5 Strongly Oppose	8 DONT KNOW	9 REFUSED
.1 Increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Increasing taxes on alcohol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 Legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q14

The Kansas Legislature recently passed Medicaid expansion but the bill was vetoed by Governor Sam Brownback. Medicaid expansion would increase the number of Kansans eligible for this federal program. What is your preference regarding expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act? Would you say you...

- 1 ☐ Strongly support,
2 ☐ Somewhat support,
3 ☐ Somewhat oppose, or
4 ☐ Strongly oppose expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act?
8 ☐ DONT KNOW

9 ☐ REFUSED

Q15

Please tell us your level of approval on Governor Brownback resigning the Governorship for a cabinet position in the Trump administration once confirmed by the Senate. Would you say you are...

- 1 ☐ Strongly Approve
- 2 ☐ Approve
- 3 ☐ Neutral
- 4 ☐ Disapprove
- 5 ☐ Strongly Disapprove
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q16

Please tell us your level of confidence in Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer taking over the Kansas Governorship once Brownback resigns. Would you say you are...

- 1 ☐ Very Confident
- 2 ☐ Somewhat Confident
- 3 ☐ Neutral
- 4 ☐ Somewhat Unconfident
- 5 ☐ Very Unconfident
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q17

In the election for president in November 2016, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

- 1 ☐ Yes, voted
- 2 ☐ No, didn't vote
- 3 ☐ No, was not old enough
- 88 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 99 ☐ REFUSED

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Q18

By your best guess, where will you be in 5 years? Are you likely to...

- 1 ☐ Still be living in the same community you are in now
- 2 ☐ Move to another location in Kansas
- 3 ☐ Or relocate to a state other than Kansas?
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q19

Do you consider yourself a...

- 1 ☐ Strong Republican
- 2 ☐ Not Very Strong Republican
- 3 ☐ Independent..... Leaning Republican
- 4 ☐ Independent
- 5 ☐ Independent..... Leaning Democrat
- 6 ☐ Not Very Strong Democrat
- 7 ☐ Strong Democrat
- 88 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 99 ☐ REFUSED

Q20

What is the highest level of education you have received?

- 1 ☐ Less than high school
- 2 ☐ High school diploma or equivalency
- 3 ☐ Some college
- 4 ☐ Associates or Technical degree

- 5 ☐ Bachelors degree
- 6 ☐ Postgraduate Degree
- 88 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 99 ☐ REFUSED

Q21

Was your total family income for last year ABOVE or BELOW \$50,000?

If ABOVE start at "OK - Was it at least \$50,000 but under \$75,000"

If BELOW, start with "OK - Was it "Less than \$10,000"

- 1 ☐ OK - Was it Less than 10,000
- 2 ☐ At least 10,000 but under 25,000
- 3 ☐ At least 25,000 but under 35,000
- 4 ☐ At least 35,000 but under 50,000
- 5 ☐ OK - Was it at least 50,000 but under 75,000
- 6 ☐ At least 75,000 but under 100,000
- 7 ☐ At least 100,000 but under 150,000
- 8 ☐ 150,000 or more
- 88 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 99 ☐ REFUSED

Q22

What year were you born?

- 1 ☐
- 8 ☐ DONT KNOW
- 9 ☐ REFUSED

Q23

That's our last question. Thank you for participating in this important research. Have a great _____.

HANG UP

Was the respondent a...

- 1 ☐ Male
- 2 ☐ Female
- 8 ☐ Unsure