

FOX NEWS POLL

Anderson Robbins Research (D) / Shaw & Company Research (R)
N= 913 registered voters (708 landline, 205 cell phone)

Interviews Conducted:
March 14-16, 2011

Methodology

The Fox News Poll is conducted under the joint direction of Anderson Robbins Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R). The poll is based on live telephone interviews with a national sample of 913 registered voters, and was conducted March 14-16, 2011 in the evenings.

Landline and cell phone telephone numbers were randomly selected for inclusion in the survey using a probability proportionate to size method, which means that phone numbers for each state are proportional to the number of voters in each state.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of error of $\pm 3\%$. Results among subgroups have larger sampling errors, including: Democrats ($n = 356 \pm 5\%$); Republicans ($n = 334 \pm 5\%$); Independents ($n = 202 \pm 7\%$).

Questions 1-23 released separately.

Moving on...

24. In general, do you think unions are still necessary to protect workers or are unions unnecessary these days?

Necessary	60%
Unnecessary	36
(Don't know)	4

25. Would you rather be in a union at your job, or not in a union?

Prefer to be in a union	43%
Prefer not to be in a union	48
(No preference/Doesn't matter)	6
(Don't know)	3

26. -28. Please tell me if you think states should allow public employee unions to negotiate for each of the following:

(RANDOMIZE)

Salary and wages?

Yes, should be allowed	69%
No, should not be allowed	28
(Don't know)	3

Health care benefits?

Yes, should be allowed	69%
No, should not be allowed	29
(Don't know)	2

Pension and retirement benefits?

Yes, should be allowed	68%
No, should not be allowed	29
(Don't know)	3

29. Do you think the debates going on in several states right now about public employee union rights and benefits are better described as political attacks to try to kill unions or serious attempts to address budget deficits? **(ROTATE)**

Political attacks to try to kill unions	44%
Serious attempts to address budget deficits	38
(Mixed/Both)	8
(Don't know)	11

30. How concerned are you that public employee unions have too much influence over politicians who, when elected, must negotiate with these groups -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?

Very	35%
Somewhat	33
Not very	16
Not at all	12
(Don't know)	3

24. In general, do you think unions are still necessary to protect workers or are unions unnecessary these days?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Union HH	Non-Union
Necessary	60%	75%	41%	65%	33%	56%	63%	56%	72%	79%	55%
Unnecessary	36%	20%	55%	32%	62%	38%	34%	39%	26%	18%	40%
(Don't know)	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	\$50k or less	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Necessary	60%	66%	58%	57%	59%	65%	54%	71%	64%	50%
Unnecessary	36%	31%	37%	38%	34%	31%	42%	25%	30%	45%
(Don't know)	4%	3%	4%	5%	8%	4%	4%	3%	6%	5%

25. Would you rather be in a union at your job, or not in a union?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Union HH	Non-Union
Prefer to be in a union	43%	58%	26%	44%	24%	42%	44%	40%	53%	74%	36%
Prefer not to be in a union	48%	31%	65%	48%	71%	49%	46%	50%	40%	23%	54%
(No preference/Doesn't matter)	6%	6%	5%	7%	3%	6%	6%	6%	4%	1%	7%
(Don't know)	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	\$50k or less	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Prefer to be in a union	43%	47%	44%	39%	40%	48%	39%	56%	40%	34%
Prefer not to be in a union	48%	47%	47%	50%	45%	41%	53%	38%	44%	57%
(No preference/Doesn't matter)	6%	3%	7%	7%	8%	8%	5%	5%	10%	5%
(Don't know)	3%	3%	3%	4%	7%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%

26. Please tell me if you think states should allow public employee unions to negotiate for each of the following: Salary and wages?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Union HH	Non-Union
Yes, should be allowed	69%	84%	52%	70%	48%	68%	71%	65%	81%	85%	65%
No, should not be allowed	28%	14%	45%	27%	50%	31%	26%	32%	17%	14%	32%
(Don't know)	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	\$50k or less	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Yes, should be allowed	69%	74%	69%	65%	66%	74%	66%	81%	72%	61%
No, should not be allowed	28%	25%	29%	31%	29%	22%	32%	19%	26%	36%
(Don't know)	3%	1%	2%	4%	6%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%

27. Please tell me if you think states should allow public employee unions to negotiate for each of the following: Health care benefits?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Union HH	Non-Union
Yes, should be allowed	69%	85%	50%	73%	44%	68%	70%	66%	80%	84%	66%
No, should not be allowed	29%	13%	47%	26%	55%	31%	26%	32%	19%	15%	32%
(Don't know)	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	*%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%

	Total	Under Age 35	35-54	55+	65+	\$50k or less	\$50k +	Lib	Mod	Cons
Yes, should be allowed	69%	75%	72%	60%	61%	73%	66%	82%	78%	59%
No, should not be allowed	29%	23%	27%	36%	35%	24%	32%	17%	21%	39%
(Don't know)	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%

28. Please tell me if you think states should allow public employee unions to negotiate for each of the following:
Pension and retirement benefits?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Tea Party	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Union HH	Non-Union
Yes, should be allowed	68%	85%	49%	70%	40%	66%	70%	65%	78%	84%	65%
No, should not be allowed	29%	12%	47%	30%	59%	32%	26%	32%	18%	14%	32%
(Don't know)	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%

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Yes, should be allowed	68%	75%	70%	60%	62%	71%	66%	79%	78%	59%
No, should not be allowed	29%	24%	27%	35%	32%	26%	31%	19%	22%	38%
(Don't know)	3%	1%	3%	5%	6%	3%	2%	2%	*%	3%

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Political attacks to try to kill unions	44%	60%	27%	43%	29%	44%	44%	41%	51%	60%	40%
Serious attempts to address budget deficits	38%	26%	51%	37%	56%	41%	35%	40%	30%	32%	39%
(Mixed/Both)	8%	6%	7%	12%	11%	8%	7%	7%	8%	4%	8%
(Don't know)	11%	8%	15%	8%	5%	8%	14%	11%	11%	5%	12%

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Serious attempts to address budget deficits	38%	36%	39%	37%	37%	32%	43%	27%	28%	47%
(Mixed/Both)	8%	5%	9%	8%	7%	10%	7%	3%	20%	8%
(Don't know)	11%	15%	8%	12%	15%	13%	8%	7%	13%	13%

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Very	35%	23%	50%	34%	70%	38%	33%	36%	33%	29%	37%
Somewhat	33%	37%	31%	32%	23%	32%	34%	33%	35%	31%	34%
Not very	16%	19%	11%	21%	4%	15%	18%	16%	16%	19%	16%
Not at all	12%	17%	6%	11%	1%	13%	10%	12%	10%	18%	10%
(Don't know)	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	7%	2%	4%
CONCERNED	69%	59%	80%	66%	93%	70%	67%	69%	67%	60%	71%
NOT CONCERNED	28%	35%	17%	32%	6%	28%	28%	29%	26%	38%	26%

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Somewhat	33%	41%	34%	26%	24%	33%	36%	36%	38%	31%
Not very	16%	22%	16%	13%	13%	14%	17%	21%	16%	14%
Not at all	12%	16%	10%	10%	9%	10%	13%	15%	17%	7%
(Don't know)	3%	1%	2%	6%	5%	5%	1%	2%	6%	3%
CONCERNED	69%	61%	72%	71%	72%	71%	69%	62%	61%	76%
NOT CONCERNED	28%	38%	25%	23%	22%	24%	30%	36%	34%	21%