

FiveThirtyEight's Second Poll of Pollsters for the 2016 Campaign

Welcome to our poll of pollsters

This is a survey of U.S. political pollsters about polling the 2016 election. Responses will be aggregated for reports on FiveThirtyEight.com.

We also polled pollsters before and just after the 2014 election, and earlier in the 2016 campaign. See [our reports](#) plus [full poll results](#).

After each set of questions, there is a required question asking whether you wish to publicly associate your name and your polling organization's name with the answers to that set of questions. The only things that will be attributed to you are the fact of your participation, plus information you agree can be attributed to you; everything else will be anonymized.

Please don't share the link to this poll with others, or publish or share any of the questions, until after we have posted the results.

Responses must be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 13, at noon ET to be included in our report.

This poll should take roughly 30 minutes to complete, if you answer every optional question.

Please email carl.bialik@fivethirtyeight.com with any questions.

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Basic pollster info

* 1. Please enter your information and your polling organization's information. We won't publish your pollster ID, phone number and email address.

Name

Polling Organization

**Unique pollster ID sent
to you by
FiveThirtyEight**

Email Address

Phone Number

Polling error

2. The average presidential poll within the final 21 days of the election has been off by 3.6 percentage points since 2000. Do you think that polling error will be better or worse this time?

- Better
- Worse
- About the same
- Not sure

Please explain your answer:

* 3. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

Polling error

4. The Upshot found that different pollsters can get very different results with same data set. Did the results surprise you? Should pollsters be reporting a bigger margin of error or scrap the way they're reporting it entirely?

* 5. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Unskewing

6. How does the amount of talk of unskewing polls from advocates and the media in 2016 compare to unskewing talk in 2012?

- More
- Less
- Same
- Not Sure

Please explain your answer:

* 7. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

State you'd poll

8. If you were given a blank check to poll the presidential race in any state, which state would you poll?

9. Why do you say that?

* 10. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Grade our ratings

11. What grade would you give FiveThirtyEight's pollster ratings?

- A+
- A
- A-
- B+
- B
- B-
- C+
- C
- C-
- D+
- D
- D-
- F

Why would you give it that grade?

* 12. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

Online polls

13. Are media organizations commissioning and covering online polls in this race...

- too little
- too much
- just the right amount

Why do you say that?

* 14. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

Polls you'd exclude

15. Are there any polls you would exclude if you were using polls to forecast the election?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Please explain your answer, and say which polls you would include or exclude:

* 16. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

Gallup

17. Should Gallup release its horse-race polls? Why do you think it isn't?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Please explain your answer, and say why you think it isn't releasing them:

* 18. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

USC Dornsife/LA Times

19. Do you think the USC Dornsife/LA Times poll approach of tracking the same group of respondents over time is a smart one?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Why? Is it one you have used or will consider using in the future?

* 20. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

Private polls

21. A [recent New York Times article](#) suggested that private polls show different results than public polls. Is that usually the case? Any reason it would be this year?

* 22. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Primary school

23. What lessons have you learned from the primaries? For instance, what can be done to address the bias in polls in the Democratic primary that depended on how many people in a state are black or Hispanic?

* 24. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Poll-moving events

25. What are the scheduled events and unscheduled possible events that you think are most likely to move the polls between now and Election Day?

* 26. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Polls or demographics

27. Do you think that in the states where polls and demographic-based models diverge, the polls or the demographics will prove to be closer to the result?

- Polls
- Same
- Demographics
- Not sure

Why do you say that?

* 28. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

- Yes
- No

Demographics

29. Is there a demographic question you wish were routinely included in all polls that is currently left off?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify and explain why.

* 30. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Demographics

31. What is the one group of voters you wish we had more granular polling data about? Why?

* 32. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Your election predictions

33. Who do you expect will win the 2016 presidential election?

- Hillary Clinton
- Donald Trump
- Other (please specify)

34. What percentage chance do you give each of these people to win the election?

Donald Trump

Hillary Clinton

35. Is Clinton more likely to...

- Win by 10 or more points nationally?
- Lose the popular vote?
- Same

Why?

36. According to the national exit polls, what percentage of black voters will vote for

Donald Trump

Hillary Clinton

37. How many seats do you expect Republicans will hold in the Senate in 2017 -- after the 2016 election?
(They currently hold 54.)

38. How many seats do you expect Republicans will control in the House in 2017 -- after the 2016 election?
(They currently hold 247.)

* 39. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No

Thank you for your participation.

Questions for future polls of pollsters

This is the final page of the survey. If you'd like to review any of your answers on previous pages, please do so before submitting your answers on this page.

40. What question or questions would you want us to ask your fellow pollsters in future rounds of this poll?

* 41. Can we attribute your answer(s) to the above question(s) on this page to you and your organization by name?

Yes

No