

Rhode Island - - September 2016

HELLO, MY NAME IS _____, I'M CALLING FROM FLEMING & ASSOCIATES, A PUBLIC OPINION POLLING FIRM. WE ARE CONDUCTING A SURVEY HERE IN RHODE ISLAND AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE YOUNGEST PERSON (male\female) OF VOTING AGE WHO IS CURRENTLY AT HOME A FEW QUESTIONS. (If the youngest person at home is 85, you should still speak to that person.)

Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone and if so are you in a safe place to talk?

Cell phone... **45%** Cell, Not safe place... **0%** (Terminate) Not a cell... **55%**

Q.1 Would state or local records show that you are currently registered to vote at this address, or are you not registered to vote at this time?

Yes, registered... **100%** (Continue) No, not registered... **0%** (Terminate) Not Sure **0%** (Terminate)

Q.2 What are the chances that you will vote in this November's election for President, Congress and other offices? Would you say that you are almost certain to vote, probably vote, chances are 50-50 or you probably won't vote?

Certain to vote... **91%** (Continue) Quite likely to vote... **6.0%** (Continue)
50-50 to vote... **3.0%** (Continue) Not likely to vote... **0%** (Terminate) Not sure. **0%** (Terminate)

Record respondent's gender (DO NOT ASK) Male... **47** Female... **53**

Q.3 Could you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST)

18 to 39... **24.8%** 40 to 59... **38.3%** 60 or older... **36.8%** Refused... **0.3%**

Q. 4 I am going to read a list of issues. Please tell how important each attribute is to Rhode Island's reputation as a good place to live and work, Would it be very important, somewhat important, not very important or not important at all? (Rotate order)

A. A good economy **98% - 2%**
Very Imp .. **88.5%** Somewhat Imp... **9.0%** Not Very Imp... **0%** Not Imp at all... **1.8%** Not sure... **0.8%**

B. Ethical government **95% - 4%**
Very Imp **82.8%** Somewhat Imp... **11.8%** Not Very Imp... **3.0%** Not Imp at all... **0.5%** Not sure... **2.0%**

C. A good education system **99% - 1%**
Very Imp .. **91.0%** Somewhat Imp... **7.5%** Not Very Imp... **0.3%** Not Imp at all... **1.0%** Not sure... **0.3%**

D. Low crime **98% - 2%**
Very Imp .. **76.5%** Somewhat Imp... **21.0%** Not Very Imp... **1.3%** Not Imp at all... **0.5%** Not sure... **0.8%**

Q.5 When thinking about ethical government, is RI on right track/ wrong track?

Right Track..... **32.0%** Wrong Track... **52.5%** Not Sure... **15.5%** Refused... **0%**

Q.6 The Ethics Commission is an independent, nonpartisan body that voters created in 1986 to investigate and punish the actions of Rhode Island officials accused of violating the Code of Ethics. Do you believe the ethics commission has been successful in improving ethical behavior in elected officials?

Yes... **28.8%** No... **53.5%** Not sure... **17.8%** Refused... **0%**

Q. 7 A line item veto would allow Rhode Island's governor to veto an item in the budget without vetoing the budget as a whole. Do you favor or oppose a line item veto?

Favor...**66.3%** Oppose...**25.0%** Not sure...**8.0%** Refused...**0.8%**

Q. 8 Voters in other states have more flexibility when it comes to casting their ballots. Would you favor or oppose allowing voters to vote at a designated polling place up to two weeks before Election Day including weekends?

Favor...**65.8%** Oppose **27.8%** Not sure...**6.3%** Refused...**0.3%**

Q. 9 You may be aware that in November, RI voters will consider Question 2. Question 2 addresses a 2009 Rhode Island Supreme Court decision which gave the General Assembly immunity from Ethics Commission prosecution in conflicts involving legislation. Approval of Question 2 would restore the full Ethics Commission's constitutional authority to police ethics violations by members of the General Assembly. If the election were held today would you vote to approve or reject Question 2?

Approve...**77.5%** Reject...**12.3%** Not sure...**9.5%** Refused...**0.8%**

Now I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

Q.10 Would you consider yourself more of a Democrat or a Republican?

Democrat.....**40.3%** Republican.....**14.8%** Independent (Vol)..... **41.3%** Refused.....**3.8%**

Q.11 Are you or anyone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes..... **18.5%** No..... **81.0%** Not sure..... **0.5%**

(IF "YES", ASK QUESTION 12, "NO OR NOT SURE", SKIP TO THE END)

Q.12 Are you in a public-sector or private-sector union?

Public...**68.9%** Private...**27.0%** Not sure...**4.1%**

That's the end of our interview. Thank you very much.