



## South Carolina Survey Results

**Q1** How likely are you to vote in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary on February 20th or the Democratic primary on February 27th: are you certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50/50, or will you probably not vote?

*Certain to vote*..... 94%  
*Will probably vote* ..... 6%  
*Chances are 50/50*..... 0%  
*Will probably not vote*..... 0%

**Q2** Will you vote in the Democratic primary, or the Republican primary?

*Democratic primary*..... 44%  
*Republican primary*..... 56%

**Q3** Every day, 125 Americans die as a result of a drug overdose, most of them involving prescription painkillers or heroin. The problem is particularly severe in South Carolina. How important to you is addressing prescription drug and other drug abuse in South Carolina and the recent surge in overdose deaths: very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

*Very important*..... 53%  
*Somewhat important*..... 25%  
*Not too important*..... 15%  
*Not important at all*..... 6%  
*Not sure* ..... 1%

**Q4** There is currently no significant federal budget or program devoted to fighting drug overdose through research, public education and funding local efforts. If a candidate for president promised federal support for drug overdose prevention, would that make you more likely to support or less likely to support them, or would it not make a difference?

*More likely*..... 38%  
*Less likely*..... 17%  
*Wouldn't make a difference*..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q5** Have you or anyone you know been personally affected by prescription drug abuse, heroin abuse or overdose?

*Yes*..... 28%  
*No*..... 67%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%  
*Don't care to say* ..... 1%

**Q6** In your opinion, should drug abuse be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem or primarily as a health problem?

*Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem*..... 24%  
*Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a health problem*..... 65%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%





**Q7** Some people think we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of any drug for personal use. Do you agree or disagree with this sentiment?

- Agree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of any drug for personal use* ..... 56%
- Disagree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of any drug for personal use* ..... 32%
- Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q8** If someone is caught with a small amount of illegal drugs for personal use, in your opinion, what should happen to them: They should be offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time, they should spend no more than 3 months in jail, they should spend up to 1 year in jail, they should spend up to 3 years in jail, or they should spend up to 5 or more years in jail?

- Offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time* ..... 59%
- Spend no more than 3 months in jail* ..... 23%
- Spend up to 1 year in jail* ..... 10%
- Spend up to 3 years in jail* ..... 1%
- Spend 5 or more years in jail* ..... 3%
- Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q9** There are more than 2 million Americans in prison, more people by far than any other country. How important to you is substantially reducing the number of Americans in prison: very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

- Very important* ..... 43%
- Somewhat important* ..... 27%
- Not too important* ..... 15%
- Not important at all* ..... 12%
- Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q10** If a candidate promised to make it a priority to substantially reduce the number of Americans in prison, would that make you more likely to support or less likely to support them, or would it not make a difference?

- More likely* ..... 37%
- Less likely* ..... 27%
- Wouldn't make a difference* ..... 32%
- Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q11** People of all races use and sell drugs at similar rates, yet African Americans and Latinos are much more likely to get arrested and jailed for drug offenses. Do you believe drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos, or not?

- Drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos* ..... 43%
- Drug laws in this country are not enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos* ..... 47%
- Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q12** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman* ..... 53%
- Man* ..... 47%

**Q13** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* ..... 42%
- Republican* ..... 45%
- Independent* ..... 14%

**Q14** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

- White* ..... 66%
- African-American* ..... 28%
- Other* ..... 6%



**Q15** If you are 18-45, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are 65 or older, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i> .....	31%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	39%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	30%



	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Vote Likelihood</b>			
<b>Certain to vote</b>	94%	92%	95%
<b>Will probably vote</b>	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Democratic or Republican Primary</b>			
<b>Democratic primary</b>	44%	100%	-
<b>Republican primary</b>	56%	-	100%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Addressing Drug Abuse Importance</b>			
<b>Very important</b>	53%	67%	41%
<b>Somewhat important</b>	25%	21%	29%
<b>Not too important</b>	15%	7%	21%
<b>Not important at all</b>	6%	3%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	2%	0%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Candidate Support Overdose Prevention More/Less Likely</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	38%	53%	27%
<b>Less likely</b>	17%	12%	21%
<b>Wouldn't make a difference</b>	40%	30%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Personally Affected by Drug Abuse Yes/No</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	28%	25%	31%
<b>No</b>	67%	69%	65%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	5%	3%
<b>Don't care to say</b>	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Drug Abuse Criminal/Health Problem</b>			
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem</b>	24%	12%	33%
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a health problem</b>	65%	78%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	10%	12%



	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Stop Imprisoning for Possession Agree/Disagree</b>			
Agree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...	56%	75%	41%
Disagree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...	32%	16%	45%
Not sure	12%	9%	14%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Preferred Punishment Drug Possession</b>			
Offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time	59%	76%	46%
Spend no more than 3 months in jail	23%	16%	28%
Spend up to 1 year in jail	10%	3%	15%
Spend up to 3 years in jail	1%	0%	1%
Spend 5 or more years in jail	3%	1%	4%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Reduce Prison Population Importance</b>			
Very important	43%	68%	23%
Somewhat important	27%	22%	31%
Not too important	15%	5%	24%
Not important at all	12%	3%	20%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Candidate Reduce Prison Population More/Less Likely</b>			
More likely	37%	61%	17%
Less likely	27%	12%	40%
Wouldn't make a difference	32%	23%	39%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Democratic or Republican Primary	
		Democratic primary	Republican primary
<b>Drug Laws Harsher on Minorities Yes/No</b>			
Drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	43%	79%	14%
Drug laws in this country are not enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	47%	14%	73%
Not sure	10%	7%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Vote Likelihood</b>			
Certain to vote	94%	93%	95%
Will probably vote	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Democratic or Republican Primary</b>			
Democratic primary	44%	47%	42%
Republican primary	56%	53%	58%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Addressing Drug Abuse Importance</b>			
Very important	53%	56%	48%
Somewhat important	25%	24%	27%
Not too important	15%	14%	17%
Not important at all	6%	4%	8%
Not sure	1%	2%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Candidate Support Overdose Prevention More/Less Likely</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	38%	40%	37%
<b>Less likely</b>	17%	16%	18%
<b>Wouldn't make a difference</b>	40%	39%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Personally Affected by Drug Abuse Yes/No</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	28%	29%	28%
<b>No</b>	67%	66%	68%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	5%	3%
<b>Don't care to say</b>	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Drug Abuse Criminal/Health Problem</b>			
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem</b>	24%	19%	29%
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a health problem</b>	65%	68%	62%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stop Imprisoning for Possession Agree/Disagree</b>			
<b>Agree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...</b>	56%	58%	55%
<b>Disagree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...</b>	32%	28%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	14%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Preferred Punishment Drug Possession</b>			
Offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time	59%	62%	56%
Spend no more than 3 months in jail	23%	22%	25%
Spend up to 1 year in jail	10%	7%	13%
Spend up to 3 years in jail	1%	0%	2%
Spend 5 or more years in jail	3%	3%	3%
Not sure	4%	6%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Reduce Prison Population Importance</b>			
Very important	43%	45%	41%
Somewhat important	27%	29%	24%
Not too important	15%	13%	18%
Not important at all	12%	9%	15%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Candidate Reduce Prison Population More/Less Likely</b>			
More likely	37%	35%	38%
Less likely	27%	25%	30%
Wouldn't make a difference	32%	34%	30%
Not sure	4%	6%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Drug Laws Harsher on Minorities Yes/No</b>			
Drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	43%	44%	42%
Drug laws in this country are not enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	47%	43%	51%
Not sure	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Vote Likelihood</b>				
Certain to vote	94%	92%	96%	91%
Will probably vote	6%	8%	4%	9%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Democratic or Republican Primary</b>				
Democratic primary	44%	92%	4%	30%
Republican primary	56%	8%	96%	70%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Addressing Drug Abuse Importance</b>				
Very important	53%	67%	45%	32%
Somewhat important	25%	18%	27%	40%
Not too important	15%	8%	21%	20%
Not important at all	6%	5%	6%	8%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	-

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Candidate Support Overdose Prevention More/Less Likely</b>				
More likely	38%	53%	29%	26%
Less likely	17%	13%	22%	13%
Wouldn't make a difference	40%	29%	45%	55%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Personally Affected by Drug Abuse Yes/No</b>				
Yes	28%	26%	30%	28%
No	67%	67%	66%	68%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	2%
Don't care to say	1%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Drug Abuse Criminal/Health Problem</b>				
Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem	24%	15%	33%	20%
Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a health problem	65%	76%	55%	65%
Not sure	11%	9%	12%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Stop Imprisoning for Possession Agree/Disagree</b>				
Agree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...	56%	73%	41%	55%
Disagree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...	32%	18%	46%	30%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	15%



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		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Preferred Punishment Drug Possession</b>				
Offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time	59%	75%	46%	52%
Spend no more than 3 months in jail	23%	16%	30%	24%
Spend up to 1 year in jail	10%	4%	15%	11%
Spend up to 3 years in jail	1%	1%	1%	1%
Spend 5 or more years in jail	3%	2%	4%	5%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Reduce Prison Population Importance</b>				
Very important	43%	68%	23%	31%
Somewhat important	27%	20%	31%	32%
Not too important	15%	5%	24%	18%
Not important at all	12%	4%	19%	15%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Candidate Reduce Prison Population More/Less Likely</b>				
More likely	37%	60%	17%	29%
Less likely	27%	14%	41%	25%
Wouldn't make a difference	32%	21%	38%	42%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Drug Laws Harsher on Minorities Yes/No</b>				
Drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	43%	77%	13%	38%
Drug laws in this country are not enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	47%	15%	74%	52%
Not sure	10%	8%	13%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Vote Likelihood</b>				
Certain to vote	94%	94%	91%	97%
Will probably vote	6%	6%	9%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Democratic or Republican Primary</b>				
Democratic primary	44%	29%	83%	29%
Republican primary	56%	71%	17%	71%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Addressing Drug Abuse Importance</b>				
<b>Very important</b>	53%	47%	69%	35%
<b>Somewhat important</b>	25%	28%	18%	29%
<b>Not too important</b>	15%	18%	8%	18%
<b>Not important at all</b>	6%	5%	4%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	1%	1%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Candidate Support Overdose Prevention More/Less Likely</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	38%	37%	47%	19%
<b>Less likely</b>	17%	16%	16%	32%
<b>Wouldn't make a difference</b>	40%	42%	33%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	5%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Personally Affected by Drug Abuse Yes/No</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	28%	31%	23%	27%
<b>No</b>	67%	65%	71%	69%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	6%	3%
<b>Don't care to say</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Drug Abuse Criminal/Health Problem</b>				
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem</b>	24%	24%	19%	40%
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a health problem</b>	65%	66%	68%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	10%	13%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stop Imprisoning for Possession</b>				
Agree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...	56%	54%	66%	32%
Disagree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...	32%	33%	24%	57%
Not sure	12%	12%	10%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Preferred Punishment Drug Possession</b>				
Offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time	59%	57%	68%	37%
Spend no more than 3 months in jail	23%	23%	21%	33%
Spend up to 1 year in jail	10%	11%	6%	14%
Spend up to 3 years in jail	1%	1%	1%	1%
Spend 5 or more years in jail	3%	3%	3%	9%
Not sure	4%	5%	1%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Reduce Prison Population Importance</b>				
Very important	43%	35%	64%	29%
Somewhat important	27%	30%	19%	23%
Not too important	15%	19%	6%	18%
Not important at all	12%	13%	8%	28%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Candidate Reduce Prison Population More/Less Likely</b>				
More likely	37%	31%	54%	15%
Less likely	27%	29%	20%	43%
Wouldn't make a difference	32%	35%	22%	38%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Drug Laws Harsher on Minorities Yes/No</b>				
Drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	43%	31%	74%	28%
Drug laws in this country are not enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	47%	56%	20%	66%
Not sure	10%	12%	6%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Vote Likelihood</b>				
Certain to vote	94%	92%	96%	93%
Will probably vote	6%	8%	4%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Democratic or Republican Primary</b>				
Democratic primary	44%	48%	45%	39%
Republican primary	56%	52%	55%	61%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Addressing Drug Abuse Importance</b>				
Very important	53%	48%	50%	61%
Somewhat important	25%	23%	27%	25%
Not too important	15%	18%	17%	10%
Not important at all	6%	8%	5%	4%
Not sure	1%	3%	1%	0%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Candidate Support Overdose Prevention More/Less Likely</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	38%	31%	40%	45%
<b>Less likely</b>	17%	20%	16%	16%
<b>Wouldn't make a difference</b>	40%	43%	41%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	4%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Personally Affected by Drug Abuse Yes/No</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	28%	30%	30%	26%
<b>No</b>	67%	64%	67%	69%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	5%	3%	4%
<b>Don't care to say</b>	1%	2%	1%	1%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Drug Abuse Criminal/Health Problem</b>				
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a criminal justice problem</b>	24%	23%	23%	26%
<b>Drug abuse should be treated primarily as a health problem</b>	65%	65%	66%	64%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stop Imprisoning for Possession Agree/Disagree</b>				
<b>Agree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...</b>	56%	56%	57%	55%
<b>Disagree that we should treat drug use as a health issue and stop arresting and locking up people for possession of a small amount of...</b>	32%	34%	30%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	10%	12%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Preferred Punishment Drug Possession</b>				
Offered treatment but not be arrested or face jail time	59%	53%	62%	62%
Spend no more than 3 months in jail	23%	27%	22%	20%
Spend up to 1 year in jail	10%	10%	10%	10%
Spend up to 3 years in jail	1%	-	1%	2%
Spend 5 or more years in jail	3%	4%	2%	3%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Reduce Prison Population Importance</b>				
Very important	43%	42%	45%	41%
Somewhat important	27%	26%	25%	29%
Not too important	15%	15%	16%	15%
Not important at all	12%	13%	12%	12%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Candidate Reduce Prison Population More/Less Likely</b>				
More likely	37%	38%	38%	34%
Less likely	27%	28%	26%	28%
Wouldn't make a difference	32%	31%	32%	32%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Drug Laws Harsher on Minorities Yes/No</b>				
Drug laws in this country are enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	43%	43%	46%	39%
Drug laws in this country are not enforced more harshly on African Americans and Latinos	47%	44%	47%	49%
Not sure	10%	12%	8%	12%