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Quick Facts

- The survey used Random Digit Dialing (RDD) and wireless phone number sampling.
- Southerners are almost evenly divided on whether the economy is getting better or worse.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The results of the latest [Winthrop Poll](#), of 866 respondents in 11 Southern states, taken between Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 are in.

The poll was conducted among those 18 years and older from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The survey used Random Digit Dialing (RDD) and wireless phone number sampling. Data utilizing all respondents has a margin of error of plus/minus 3.33 percent.

To learn about the methodology, history and staff of the **Winthrop Poll**, click [here](#).

Among the **Winthrop Poll** findings:

- As Democrats clamor to re-claim the affection of Independent voters prior to mid-term elections next year, a majority of Southern Independent respondents said they disapprove of how **Barack Obama** is handling his job as president; handling healthcare policy; and handling the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Almost three-out-of four disapprove of how Congress is handling its job.
- As **President Obama** leaves on a trip to Asia this week, his travels abroad are proving a sore point for more than one-in-four Democrats and three-in-four Republicans who said he should spend less time traveling abroad and focus on problems at home.
- And as Obama heads to Oslo a month from today, almost 55 percent of Southerners polled say he did not deserve to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Over one-third of Southerners polled say President Obama is untrustworthy.
- Southerners are almost evenly divided on whether the economy is getting better or worse.
- Despite Obama declaring **Swine Flu** a national emergency, over 55 percent of Southerners say they are not worried about getting the **Swine Flu**.
- Meanwhile, nearly 45 percent say that they either don't intend to have their children get the **Swine Flu vaccine**, or their children haven't gotten it yet.
- Southerners polled lay almost equal blame for the current economic situation on banks/financial institutions, large business corporations and consumers.
- Almost 40 percent of those polled are concerned about the possibility of losing their job in the next year.

• When asked separate questions about whether companies should be allowed to require employees who smoke—or who are obese or very overweight—to pay higher health insurance premiums, the results were almost the exact opposite of each other. Smoking: almost 58 percent yes, almost 38 percent no.
Overweight/obese: almost 38 percent yes, almost 55 percent no.

- Nearly three-out-of-five Southerners said the economic stimulus plan has either made the economy worse or had no effect.

To see questions and results, [click here](#).

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