



West Virginia Survey

A Survey of West Virginia Residents

February 24, 2023

1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or something else?

	Total
Democrat	33%
Republican	40%
Something else	28%

2. Do you have school aged children in your household?

	Total
Yes	25%
No	75%

3. Do you support drastically decreasing the length of time out of work West Virginians are able to collect unemployment benefits?

	Total
Yes	45%
No	55%

4. Do you believe West Virginians should be able to join a union if they want to?

	Total
Yes	87%
No	13%

505 interviews among voters in West Virginia were conducted February 23-24, 2023 via an online survey. The results were weighted to ensure proportional response.

Margin of error for these results is +/-4.4 percent.

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5. Do you support state lawmakers diverting tax revenue away from public education to use for private school vouchers?

	Total
Yes	27%
No	73%

6. Would you be more likely or less likely to support your legislator if you knew he or she voted to allow tax dollars to be spent on private education?

	Total
More likely	20%
Less likely	51%
It doesn't make a difference	29%

7. West Virginia's school districts are non-partisan offices. The reason for that is to limit political fighting and instead focus attention on our schools and kids. There is now an effort to make school board elections partisan. Some say this will bring the type of political fighting they have in Washington to our local communities. Do you support efforts to make our school board elections partisan?

	Total
Yes	29%
No	71%

8. There is currently an effort around the country to limit the teaching of certain information about our nation's history, particularly on the issue of race, in public school classrooms. This effort has led to the banning of certain books in public school libraries, the firing of teachers, and a limited understanding of American history that leaves our children unprepared for the future. Do you support the efforts to limit the topics that West Virginia teachers can discuss in classrooms, particularly about race, history, and current events?

	Total
Strongly support	16%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	47%



9. Who should be responsible for developing curriculum and lesson plans for West Virginia's children? Politicians in Charleston or teachers in the classroom?

	Total
Politicians in Charleston	14%
Teachers in the classroom	86%

10. If a candidate for the legislature wants to drastically decrease the length of time out-of-work West Virginians are able to collect unemployment benefits would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them, or does it make a difference?

	Total
More likely to vote for them	26%
Less likely to vote for them	41%
It doesn't make a difference	33%

11. If a candidate for the legislature wants to make it harder for public employees to file a grievance against their employer would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them, or does it make a difference?

	Total
More likely to vote for them	11%
Less likely to vote for them	64%
It doesn't make a difference	25%

12. If a candidate for the legislature wants to cut the amount of health insurance benefits public employees receive under the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) while also raising the cost of premiums for employees, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them, or does it make a difference?

	Total
More likely to vote for them	13%
Less likely to vote for them	70%
It doesn't make a difference	17%



Legislators are considering significant changes to the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA). Some of those changes could lead to the following:

- 1) Loss of coverage for spouses of employees
- 2) Higher out-of-pocket costs for retired public employees
- 3) Removing police, firefighters, and other first responders from coverage under PEIA

13. Regarding the loss of coverage for spouses of employees, if a candidate for the legislature supported this change, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Total
More likely to vote for them	11%
Less likely to vote for them	71%
It doesn't make a difference	18%

14. Regarding higher out-of-pocket costs for retired public employees, if a candidate for the legislature supported this change, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Total
More likely to vote for them	9%
Less likely to vote for them	69%
It doesn't make a difference	21%

15. If a candidate supported removing police, firefighters and other first responders from coverage under PEIA, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Total
More likely to vote for them	11%
Less likely to vote for them	72%
It doesn't make a difference	17%

16. For statistical purposes only, what is your race?

	Total
African-American	6%
White	89%
Hispanic	1%
Asian	1%
Other/prefer not to say	3%



17. Are you a woman, a man, or prefer not to say?

	Total
Woman	51%
Man	46%
Other/prefer not to say	2%

18. What is your highest level of schooling?

	Total
High school or less	44%
Some college	31%
Graduated from college	16%
Attended graduate school	9%

19. Finally, please enter the YEAR in which you were born as a four-digit number.

	Total
Under 41	33%
41-60	32%
61-74	24%
75+	11%