

Using Polls to Learn About Demographics and Voting Patterns

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2012/results/president/exit-polls.html>

According to the NYT exit polls, how did the following group of Americans vote?

Put R for majority Republican in 2012

Put D for majority Democrat in 2012

Male

Female

Race

Whites

Blacks

Hispanic

Asian

Age

18-29 year olds

30-44

45-64

65+

Education

No college

Some college

College

Post Grad

Income

Under 30,000

30,000-49,999

50,000

100,000

Size of Place

Big Cities

Mid-size cities

Small Cities and suburbs

Ideology

Liberal

Moderate

Conservative

Married

Unmarried

Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual

Using Polls to Learn About Current Political Climate and Future Political Races

<http://www.pollingreport.com/>

1. What are the President job approval ratings? Is he above water (over 50%) or underwater (negatives are higher than positives)?
2. How about Congress? What are their positive numbers and negative numbers. How does their job approval compare with the President?
3. How about comparing Congressional Democrats with Congressional Republicans, which party has higher negatives or higher positives?
4. How do Americans feel about the direction of the country? Do they think we are on the right track or the wrong track?
5. Who seem to be the most popular Republican presidential candidates for 2016? Is there a clear leader?
6. How about for the Democrats? Do they have a front-runner potential nominee?
7. In November we will vote for members of Congress. According to the 2014 election polls, which party appears to have the edge?

Now pick a couple of issues that are important to you. Find out what public opinion says about your issue.

8. Issue #1
9. Issue #2
10. Issue #3

