

Millsaps College/Chism Strategies State of the State Survey September 2018 Findings

Weighted Toplines

Q1 Do you believe Mississippi is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?	
Q1 Direction	%
1 Right direction	43%
2 Wrong direction	30%
3 Unsure	27%
Grand Total	100%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Phil Bryant?	
Q2 Bryant	%
1 Approve	50%
2 Disapprove	34%
3 Unsure	16%
Grand Total	100%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves?	
Q3 Reeves	%
1 Approve	37%
2 Disapprove	32%
3 Unsure	31%
Grand Total	100%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Attorney General Jim Hood?	
Q4 Hood	%
1 Approve	50%
2 Disapprove	27%
3 Unsure	24%
Grand Total	100%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of State Auditor Shad White?

Q5 White	%
1 Approve	27%
2 Disapprove	15%
3 Unsure	58%
Grand Total	100%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of State Representative Jay Hughes?

Q6 Hughes	%
1 Approve	26%
2 Disapprove	16%
3 Unsure	58%
Grand Total	100%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald J. Trump?

Q7 Trump	%
1 Approve	51%
2 Disapprove	43%
3 Unsure	6%
Grand Total	100%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the Mississippi State Legislature?

Q8 Legislature	%
1 Approve	32%
2 Disapprove	34%
3 Unsure	34%
Grand Total	100%

Q9 What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

Q9 Priority	%
1 Reducing the size of state government	12%
2 Fixing our state's roads and bridges	27%
3 Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	8%
4 Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	18%
5 More funding for public schools	20%
6 More funding for universities and community colleges	3%
7 Protecting traditional family values	8%
8 Some other issue not mentioned here	4%
Grand Total	100%

Q10 The Mississippi Legislature recently concluded a Special Session in which they passed a lottery bill that will direct most of the funds to repairing the state's roads and bridges. Do you support or oppose this new law?

Q10 Special Session	%
1 Support	69%
2 Oppose	18%
3 Unsure	13%
Grand Total	100%

Q11 The new lottery is expected to generate about 20% of the funds that experts say is needed each year for road and bridge upkeep. Which of the following options would you most likely support to provide additional road and bridge funding for the future?

Q11 Lottery bill	%
1 Increasing income tax rates for higher wage earners	14%
2 Raising the state gasoline tax	12%
3 Repealing recent corporate tax breaks so that they can pay more	25%
4 Brining back a vehicle registration fee	7%
5 Building of toll roads in some parts of the state	14%
6 Unsure	28%
Grand Total	100%

Q12 When it comes to your plans to vote in November elections, please tell us your level of enthusiasm.

Q12 Enthusiasm	%
1 Extremely enthusiastic	32%
2 Very enthusiastic	18%
3 Somewhat enthusiastic	29%
4 Not enthusiastic	14%
5 Unsure	7%
Grand Total	100%

Q13 Thinking about the overall tone and civility in national politics in recent years, do you feel the level of civility is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Q13 National Politics	%
1 Getting better	11%
2 Getting worse	62%
3 Staying about the same	20%
4 Unsure	7%
Grand Total	100%

Q14 Thinking about the tone and civility in Mississippi politics in recent years, do you feel the level of civility is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Q14 MS politics	%
1 Getting better	14%
2 Getting worse	39%
3 Staying about the same	39%
4 Unsure	7%
Grand Total	100%

Q15 Which level of government do you believe is the most capable and trustworthy for solving problems?

Q15 Level of Government	%
1 Federal government	19%
2 State government	28%
3 Local government	28%
4 Unsure	25%
Grand Total	100%

Q16 Which of the following approaches to government do you believe is the most important for our politics leaders to follow?

Q016 Approaches	%
1 Compromise and get things done	64%
2 Stick to their beliefs, even if little gets done	22%
3 Unsure	13%
Grand Total	100%

Q17 Please tell us your age range.

Q17 Age	%
1 18 to 34	13%
2 35 to 44	19%
3 45 to 54	20%
4 55 to 64	23%
5 65 and older	25%
Grand Total	100%

Q18 Please tell us your ethnicity.

Q18 Ethnicity	%
1 African American or black	35%
2 Asian American	1%
3 Non-Hispanic white	61%
4 Hispanic or Latino	0%
5 Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	3%
Grand Total	100%

Q19 Please tell us your gender.

Q19 Gender	%
1 Male	45%
2 Female	55%
3 Non-binary	1%
Grand Total	100%

Q20 Please tell us your educational attainment.	
Q20 Educational Attainment	%
1 Less than a high school education	4%
2 High school graduate	18%
3 Attended college but did not graduate	21%
4 Graduated from two-year college	13%
5 Graduated from four-year college	22%
6 Obtained an advanced degree	22%
Grand Total	100%

Q21 How would you describe your partisan affiliation when you vote?	
Q21 Partisan Affiliation	%
1 Strong Republican	33%
2 Lean Republican	16%
3 Neither Democrat nor Republican	16%
4 Lean Democrat	10%
5 Strong Democrat	26%
Grand Total	100%