Tables • 2012 Southern Illinois Poll Paul Simon Public Policy Institute • SIU Carbondale Tables: Information on officials' finances; importance of knowing aspects of candidates' finances

Table 1 · Satisfaction with Financial Information

How satisfied are you with the information you currently have about elected officials' outside financial interests and incomes? Are you...?

Very satisfied	2.3%
Somewhat satisfied	27.3%
Not very satisfied	33.0%
Not at all satisfied	32.3%
Don't know	5.3%

Table 2 · Importance of Knowing Aspects of Candidate Finances

How important is it to you personally to know if an elected official or political candidate...

a. receives loans on terms better than what is available to the public?

what is available to the public?		
Very important	78.5%	
Somewhat important	12.0%	
Not very important	4.3%	
Not at all important	2.8%	
Don't know	2.5%	

b. is a lobbyist or is related to a lobbyist?

Very important	73.5%
Somewhat important	13.8%
Not very important	2.3%
Not at all important	5.0%
Don't know	5.5%

c. owns real estate or investments that may benefit from government

projects or regulations?	
Very important	70.0%
Somewhat important	17.8%
Not very important	3.5%
Not at all important	3.5%
Don't know	5.3%

d. is a leader in an organization that may receive tax dollars?

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Very important	62.0%
Somewhat important	21.8%
Not very important	5.0%
Not at all important	5.0%
Don't know	6.3%

 e. receives a gift, not from a family member, that is worth more than \$500?

Very important	52.8%
Somewhat important	25.3%
Not very important	11.5%
Not at all important	7.5%
Don't know	3.0%

f. has another job or other sources of income?
Very important 46.8%

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Somewhat important	28.5%
Not very important	13.8%
Not at all important	7.8%
Don't know	3.3%