Appendix: The Simon Poll Spring 2013 Social Issues Response Frequencies

1. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your position on the legal rights of gay and lesbian couples in Illinois?

	2010	2012	2013
Should be allowed to legally marry	33.6%	43.6%	45.5%
Should be allowed to form civil unions but not to legally marry	33.9%	31.8%	29.7%
There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples.	26.5%	20.2%	20.0%
Other/Don't know	6.0%	4.8%	4.8%

2. Do you tavor or oppose a proposal expanding legalized gambling in the state?

	2010	2011	2013
Strongly favor			27.0%
Favor	38.3%	49.9%	22.8%
Oppose	53.6%	46.3%	10.8%
Strongly oppose			33.3%
Other/Don't know	8.1%	3.8%	6.0%

3. Some in Springfield have proposed that the state should make it legal for people with certain health issues to be prescribed small amounts of marijuana. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose legalized medical marijuana in Illinois?

Strongly favor	40.0%
Favor	23.3%
Oppose	6.8%
Strongly oppose	25.3%
Other/Don't know	4.5%

4. Do you think abortions should be legal under all circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

	2010	2012	2013
Legal under any	31.5%	37.0%	37.0%
Legal under certain	45.0%	44.3%	42.3%
Illegal under all	19.1%	15.9%	16.7%
Other/Don't know	4.4%	2.9%	4.0%