

Table 1 • Vote to Separate Cook County

There has been a proposal to have Cook County separated from the rest of Illinois and to form its own state. Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

Strongly favor	33.3%
Favor	15.5%
Oppose	21.0%
Strongly oppose	18.0%
Don't know	12.3%

Table 2 • Fair Share of Income Distribution

And what do you think about government spending in your area of the state? In terms of its share of state spending, do you think your part of the state gets more than its fair share, about the right amount, or less than its fair share of state spending?

More than its fair share	3.3%
About the right amount	13.3%
Less than its fair share	79.3%
Don't know	4.3%

Table 3 • How the Wealthy Attain Their Status

Which of these statements comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?

Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because of their own hard work, ambition, or education.	31.3%
Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born into a wealthy family.	51.5%
Neither	1.5%
Both equally	12.8%
Don't know	3.0%

Table 4 • Fairness of Wealth Distribution

Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?

Fair now	30.5%
Should be more even	59.0%
Don't know	10.5%

Table 5 • Pursue Policies to Ensure Fairer Wealth Distribution

Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans?

Should pursue	51.0%
Should not pursue	38.3%
Don't know	10.8%

Table 6 • Position on Abortion 2010 and 2012

Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

	2010	2012
Legal under any circumstances	9.0%	18.3%
Legal in certain circumstances	58.9%	53.5%
Illegal in all circumstances	28.9%	24.0%
Don't know/Refused	3.2%	4.3%

Table 7 • Position on Gay Marriage 2010 and 2012

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

	2010	2012
Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry.	20.0%	22.0%
Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions, but not to legally marry.	25.2%	31.8%
There should be no legal recognition of relationships between gay and lesbian couples.	48.6%	39.8%
Don't know/Refused	6.2%	6.5%