

Simon Poll Fall 2014

Table 1

Do you favor or oppose a proposal to make permanent the temporary state income tax increase, which is set to expire this December 31st?

Response	Spring 2014	Fall 2014
Strongly favor	9.6%	12.1%
Favor	17.0%	19.9%
Oppose	22.3%	23.5%
Strongly oppose	38.1%	32.6%
Other/Don't know	13.2%	11.9%

Table 2

The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 6 billion dollars. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about the issue just tell me that. First is . . . (Rotate statements)

"Illinois public programs and services have already been reduced significantly. We can only fix the issue by taking in more revenue, such as a tax increase."

"The state takes in plenty of money to pay for public services, but wastes it on unnecessary programs. We can fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency in government."

"Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases."

<u>Response</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
More revenue	9.5%	9.3%	6.9%	7.5%	15.6%
Cut waste	56.5%	57.0%	57.7%	54.7%	43.1%
Combination	27.3%	26.6%	28.5%	28.8%	32.1%
Haven't thought	3.4%	3.4%	3.0%	4.5%	4.9%
Don't know	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	4.5%	4.3%

Table 3

From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

<u>Response</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>
Strongly agree	17.0%	11.2%
Agree	24.2%	9.5%
Disagree	16.3%	7.7%
Strongly disagree	20.1%	30.7%
Neither agree nor disagree	19.4%	36.9%
Other/Don't know	3.1%	4.0%

Table 4

Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate that was affiliated with the Tea Party movement?

<u>Response</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>
More likely	33.1%	20.2%
Less likely	45.5%	48.7%
Neither more nor less	10.3%	16.5%
Other/Don't know	11.2%	14.6%