

2016 Business Caucus Polls

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Polls

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Participants

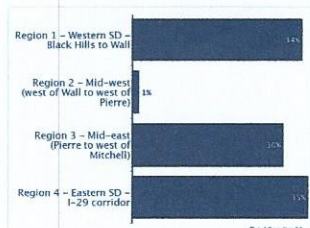
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Average responses



Average engagement

We have used this map for years, please tell us your region



Answers

- Region 1 - Western SD - Black Hills to Wall
- Region 2 - Mid-west (west of Wall to west of Pierre)
- Region 3 - Mid-east (Pierre to west of Mitchell)
- Region 4 - Eastern SD - I-29 corridor

Responses Percentage

Region	Responses	Percentage
Region 1 - Western SD - Black Hills to Wall	27	34%
Region 2 - Mid-west (west of Wall to west of Pierre)	1	1%
Region 3 - Mid-east (Pierre to west of Mitchell)	24	30%
Region 4 - Eastern SD - I-29 corridor	28	35%

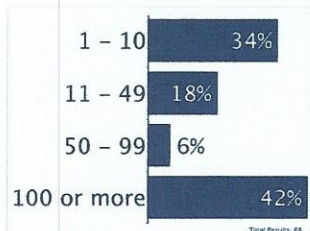


Engagement

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Responses

How many people does your business employ?



Answers

- 1 - 10
- 11 - 49
- 50 - 99
- 100 or more

Responses Percentage

Business Size	Responses	Percentage
1 - 10	30	34%
11 - 49	16	18%
50 - 99	5	6%
100 or more	37	42%

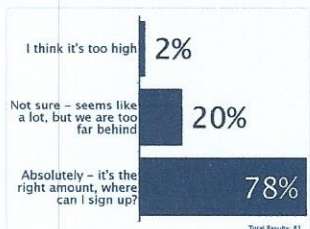


Engagement

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Responses

Average teacher salary in South Dakota is \$40,023. Next lowest is North Dakota at \$48,666. We are \$11,888 behind states in the region. Do you support the Governor's target average of \$48,500?



Answers

- I think it's too high
- Not sure - seems like a lot, but we are too far behind
- Absolutely - it's the right amount, where can I sign up?

Responses Percentage

Response	Responses	Percentage
I think it's too high	2	2%
Not sure - seems like a lot, but we are too far behind	16	20%
Absolutely - it's the right amount, where can I sign up?	63	78%

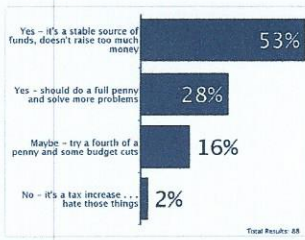


Engagement

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Responses

The Governor is asking for a half-cent increase in sales/use tax. Is this the best way to pay for the education package?

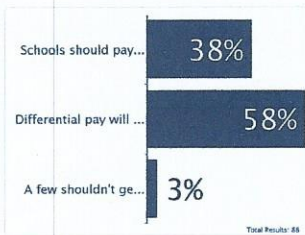


Answers	Responses	Percentage
Yes - it's a stable source of funds, doesn't raise too much money	47	53%
Yes - should do a full penny and solve more problems	25	28%
Maybe - try a fourth of a penny and some budget cuts	14	16%
No - it's a tax increase . . . hate those things	2	2%

97% Engagement

88 Responses

Most teachers' pay is controlled by years of service and advanced degrees using the same chart for everyone. Which statement reflects your feelings about the teacher shortage and pay?

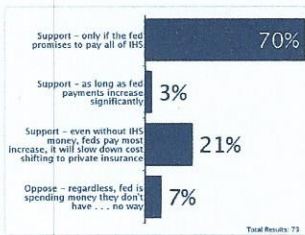


Answers	Responses	Percentage
Schools should pay hard-to-hire positions more - targeted pay increases work in private business	33	38%
Differential pay will work, but only after we catch up on average pay for everyone	50	58%
A few shouldn't get more pay, the current system works best f or teachers - they are all equally important	3	3%

95% Engagement

86 Responses

After hearing about the "deal" with the Fed's regarding funds for Indian Health Services, which statement best expresses your position on Medicaid expansion?

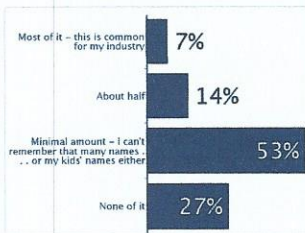


Answers	Responses	Percentage
Support - only if the fed promises to pay all of IHS	51	70%
Support - as long as fed payments increase significantly	2	3%
Support - even without IHS money, feds pay most increase, it will slow down cost shifting to private insurance	15	21%
Oppose - regardless, fed is spending money they don't have . . . no way	5	7%

80% Engagement

73 Responses

How much of your workforce is made up of part-time positions?

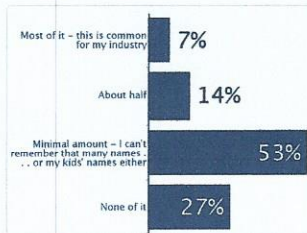


Answers	Responses	Percentage
Most of it - this is common for my industry	5	7%
About half	10	14%
Minimal amount - I can't remember that many names . . . or my kids' names either	39	53%
None of it	20	27%

81% Engagement

74 Responses

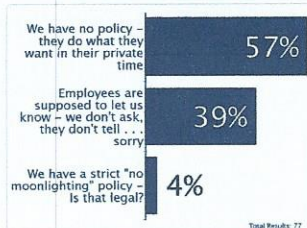
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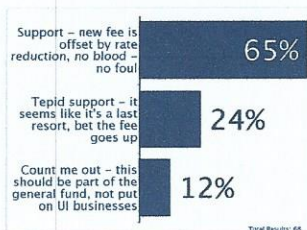
Do you have a policy about employees working second jobs or working for other businesses?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
We have no policy - they do what they want in their private time	44	57%
Employees are supposed to let us know - we don't ask, they don't tell ... sorry	30	39%
We have a strict "no moonlighting" policy - Is that legal?	3	4%

85% Engagement
77 Responses

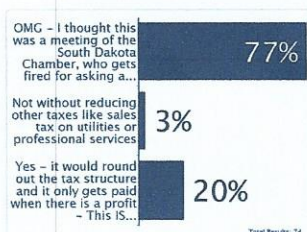
With a reduction in administrative money from the Federal Government for UI staff, and the reduction in staff & layoffs, which statement best expresses your thoughts on the rate reduction/new administrative fee?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
Support - new fee is offset by rate reduction, no blood - no foul	44	65%
Tepid support - it seems like it's a last resort, bet the fee goes up	16	24%
Count me out - this should be part of the general fund, not put on UI businesses	8	12%

75% Engagement
68 Responses

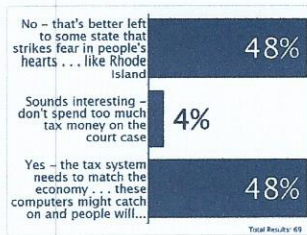
Should South Dakota consider a corporate income tax?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
OMG - I thought this was a meeting of the South Dakota Chamber, who gets fired for asking a stupid question? BTW that's a NO	57	77%
Not without reducing other taxes like sales tax on utilities or professional services	2	3%
Yes - it would round out the tax structure and it only gets paid when there is a profit - This IS anonymous isn't it?	15	20%

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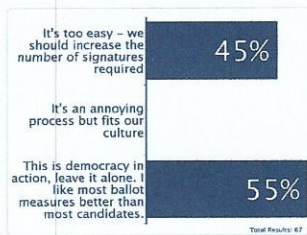
Should South Dakota adopt a sales/use tax on remote sellers as a test case for a US Supreme Court challenge?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
No - that's better left to some state that strikes fear in people's hearts... like Rhode Island	33	48%
Sounds interesting - don't spend too much tax money on the court case	3	4%
Yes - the tax system needs to match the economy... these computers might catch on and people will shop online more in the future	33	48%

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69 Responses

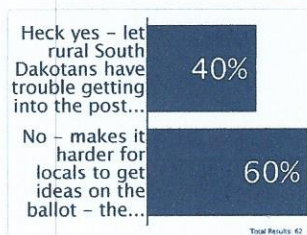
How do you feel about the process to qualify initiatives and referendums?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
It's too easy - we should increase the number of signatures required	30	45%
It's an annoying process but fits our culture	0	0%
This is democracy in action, leave it alone. I like most ballot measures better than most candidates.	37	55%

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67 Responses

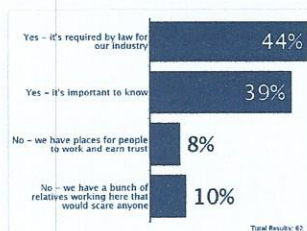
HB 1241 would force signature gathering outside the five most populous counties. Is this a good idea?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
Heck yes - let rural South Dakotans have trouble getting into the post office for a change	25	40%
No - makes it harder for locals to get ideas on the ballot - the nuts from out of state always have money, won't slow them down a bit	37	60%

68% Engagement
62 Responses

Does your company ask potential employees about criminal records?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
Yes - it's required by law for our industry	27	44%
Yes - it's important to know	24	39%
No - we have places for people to work and earn trust	5	8%
No - we have a bunch of relatives working here that would scare anyone	6	10%

68% Engagement
62 Responses

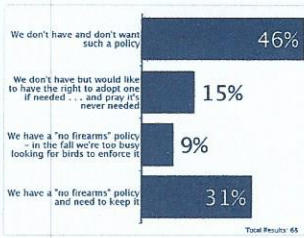
Does your business routinely do background checks on people before they are hired?



Answers	Responses	Percentage
Yes	41	61%
No	16	24%
Only key positions	10	15%

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67 Responses

Does your business have a policy that prohibits employees from having firearms in the trunk of their car?



Answers

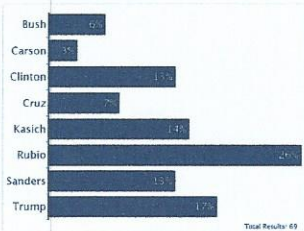
- We don't have and don't want such a policy
- We don't have but would like to have the right to adopt one if needed . . . and pray it's never needed
- We have a "no firearms" policy - in the fall we're too busy looking for birds to enforce it
- We have a "no firearms" policy and need to keep it

Answers	Responses	Percentage
We don't have and don't want such a policy	31	46%
We don't have but would like to have the right to adopt one if needed . . . and pray it's never needed	10	15%
We have a "no firearms" policy - in the fall we're too busy looking for birds to enforce it	6	9%
We have a "no firearms" policy and need to keep it	21	31%

75% Engagement

68 Responses

A Business Caucus tradition during election years is to ask how you'd vote in this or a future election. If the election were held today, who would get your vote for President?



Answers

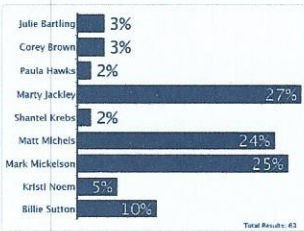
- Bush
- Carson
- Clinton
- Cruz
- Kasich
- Rubio
- Sanders
- Trump

Answers	Responses	Percentage
Bush	4	6%
Carson	2	3%
Clinton	9	13%
Cruz	5	7%
Kasich	10	14%
Rubio	18	26%
Sanders	9	13%
Trump	12	17%

76% Engagement

69 Responses

Looking down the road to 2018, who is your favorite candidate (declared or made up for Caucus) for Governor?



Answers

- Julie Bartling
- Corey Brown
- Paula Hawks
- Marty Jackley
- Shantel Krebs
- Matt Michels
- Mark Mickelson
- Kristi Noem
- Billie Sutton

Answers	Responses	Percentage
Julie Bartling	2	3%
Corey Brown	2	3%
Paula Hawks	1	2%
Marty Jackley	17	27%
Shantel Krebs	1	2%
Matt Michels	15	24%
Mark Mickelson	16	25%
Kristi Noem	3	5%
Billie Sutton	6	10%

69% Engagement

63 Responses