# Top Line Results for August 2022 SLU/YouGov Poll


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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from August 8 to August 16 about the Missouri U.S. Senate race, current political issues, abortion policy, and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for most survey questions. The margin of error for survey results for the full sample is 3.75%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below. Original data and analyses from the SLU Poll Directors are available at http://www.slu.edu/poll.


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**Methodology and Weighting**

YouGov interviewed 1228 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 900 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

POLS001

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... President Joe Biden?**

- Strongly Approve: 12%
- Approve: 24%
- Disapprove: 13%
- Strongly Disapprove: 49%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS002

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... The US Congress?**

- Strongly Approve: 2%
- Approve: 20%
- Disapprove: 39%
- Strongly Disapprove: 33%
- Not Sure: 6%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 453. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.83%.*

POLS003

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The Missouri State Legislature?**

- Strongly Approve: 4%
- Approve: 42%
- Disapprove: 20%
- Strongly Disapprove: 24%
- Not Sure: 10%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 453. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.83%.*

POLS004

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Governor Mike Parson?**

- Strongly Approve: 11%
- Approve: 39%
- Disapprove: 18%
- Strongly Disapprove: 26%
- Not Sure: 7%

POLS005

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Roy Blunt?**

- Strongly Approve: 6%
- Approve: 29%
- Disapprove: 29%
- Strongly Disapprove: 27%
- Not Sure: 9%

POLS006

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Josh Hawley?**

- Strongly Approve: 24%
- Approve: 22%
- Disapprove: 9%
- Strongly Disapprove: 35%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS007

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The US Supreme Court?**

- Strongly Approve: 9%
- Approve: 36%
- Disapprove: 21%
- Strongly Disapprove: 30%
- Not Sure: 4%

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POLS008

**If the election for U.S. Senator in Missouri were being held today, who would you vote for?**

- Eric Schmitt (Republican Candidate): 49%
- Trudy Busch Valentine (Democratic Candidate): 38%
- Other: 5%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS009

**Recently, Independent candidate John Wood filed signatures seeking to qualify to be on the ballot for U.S. Senator in Missouri. Now adding John Wood to the list of candidates for U.S. Senator in Missouri, who would you vote for?**

- Eric Schmitt (Republican Candidate): 44%
- Trudy Busch Valentine (Democratic Candidate): 31%
- John Wood (Independent Candidate): 10%
- Other: 3%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS010

**Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri state government?**

- Economy: 51%
- Health care: 16%
- Education: 11%
- Infrastructure: 14%
- Other, please specify: 8%

POLS011

**How would you rate the following...The Economy in the United States?**

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 11%
- Fair: 28%
- Poor: 58%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS012

**How would you rate the following...The Economy in the State of Missouri?**

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 14%
- Fair: 53%
- Poor: 30%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS013

**How would you rate the following...Public Schools in your community?**

- Excellent: 6%
- Good: 33%
- Fair: 35%
- Poor: 23%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS014

**How would you rate the following...Public Schools in the State of Missouri?**

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 46%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS015

**How would you rate the following...Crime in your community?**

- Excellent: 7%
- Good: 27%
- Fair: 35%
- Poor: 29%
- Not sure: 2%

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POLS016

**How would you rate the following...Law enforcement in your community?**

- Excellent: 14%
- Good: 38%
- Fair: 26%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 2%

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POLS017

**How would you rate the following...Race relations in your community?**

- Excellent: 9%
- Good: 36%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 19%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS018

**How would you rate the following...Your physical health in the last month?**

- Excellent: 16%
- Good: 46%
- Fair: 27%
- Poor: 10%
- Not sure: 1%

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POLS019

**How would you rate the following...Your mental health in the last month?**

- Excellent: 21%
- Good: 47%
- Fair: 21%
- Poor: 10%
- Not sure: 0%

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POLS020

**How would you rate the following...Roads and infrastructure in the State of Missouri?**

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 18%
- Fair: 45%
- Poor: 35%
- Not sure: 1%

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POLS021

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction?**

- Agree: 15%
- Disagree: 73%
- Not sure: 12%

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POLS022

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The State of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction?**

- Agree: 33%
- Disagree: 51%
- Not sure: 16%

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POLS023

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... The Missouri state government should spend more to aid the poor?**

- Agree: 52%
- Disagree: 30%
- Not sure: 18%

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POLS024

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... Missouri should require a background check for all firearm sales?**

- Agree: 76%
- Disagree: 16%
- Not sure: 8%

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POLS025

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... Allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the gender they were assigned at birth?**

- Agree: 22%
- Disagree: 65%
- Not sure: 13%

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POLS026

In June, the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade*, the landmark ruling that established the constitutional right to abortion in the United States during the first two trimesters of pregnancy. Do you agree or disagree with this Supreme Court ruling?

- Strongly Agree: 31%
- Agree: 16%
- Disagree: 12%
- Strongly Disagree: 38%
- Not sure: 4%

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POLS027

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... in the first 8 weeks of the pregnancy?**

- Agree: 58%
- Disagree: 32%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS028

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... in the first 15 weeks of the pregnancy?**

- Agree: 40%
- Disagree: 46%
- Not Sure: 14%

POLS029

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... in cases of rape?**

- Agree: 75%
- Disagree: 14%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS030

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... in cases of incest?**

- Agree: 79%
- Disagree: 11%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS031

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... when the woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy?**

- Agree: 87%
- Disagree: 6%
- Not Sure: 7%

POLS032

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... when there is a strong chance of the baby having a physical or mental disability?**

- Agree: 46%
- Disagree: 31%
- Not Sure: 23%

POLS033

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... when the baby is diagnosed with a disorder resulting in little or no life expectancy?**

- Agree: 65%
- Disagree: 20%
- Not Sure: 15%

POLS034

**Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri... when the woman wants an abortion for any reason?**

- Agree: 32%
- Disagree: 57%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS035

**Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt has the discretion to try to criminalize a Missouri woman going to another state to receive an abortion. Do you think a Missouri woman should be criminally prosecuted for receiving an abortion in another state?**

- Yes: 11%
- No: 81%
- Not sure: 8%

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POLS036

**If an initiative were put on a Missouri ballot to reverse the new ban on abortions in Missouri, making it legal for women to receive an abortion in Missouri, how would you vote?**

- Would vote to continue the ban on abortions: 40%
- Would vote to reverse the ban, making abortions legal in Missouri: 48%
- Not sure: 13%

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EDU012

**Recently, Governor Mike Parson signed into law a bill that provides grants for one year to assist school districts in raising minimum starting teacher salaries from $25,000 to $38,000. The state program funds 70% of the cost of the raise, with the remaining 30% paid for by local districts. Would you support a law that made this state assistance permanent?**

- I would support this Missouri state law becoming permanent: 71%
- I would oppose this Missouri state law becoming permanent: 13%
- Not sure: 15%

EDU013

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Allow students to enroll in public schools outside of their assigned school district.**

- Agree: 61%
- Disagree: 25%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU014

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Public charter schools should be allowed to operate in all parts of the state.**

- Agree: 62%
- Disagree: 15%
- Not sure: 23%

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EDU015

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The state government should fund pre-kindergarten education.**

- Agree: 57%
- Disagree: 29%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU016

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The federal government should forgive up to $10,000 in student loan debt for those with federal debt.**

- Agree: 45%
- Disagree: 43%
- Not sure: 11%

EDU017

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Allow individuals who have not yet completed their training or earned a teacher certification to teach in Missouri public schools.**

- Agree: 29%
- Disagree: 51%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU018

**Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been provided federal funding to provide free meals to all public school students. Previously, free meals were only provided to low-income students. Which approach do you support?**

- Free meals for all students, regardless of income: 53%
- Free meals only for low-income students: 39%
- No free meals for any students: 5%
- Not sure: 2%