



Telephone Survey of Likely November 2018 Voters
Oklahoma Statewide
Conducted February 13 – 18, 2018
n=500; Margin of Error ± 4.4 percentage points
DA Districts 2, 6, 21, 22, & 23 Margin of Error ± 12.6 percentage points
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*All numbers in this document represent percentage (%) values, unless otherwise noted.
Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.*

INTRO: Hello, my name is _____ and I'm conducting a survey for _____ to find out how people feel about issues in Oklahoma. We are not trying to sell anything, and are collecting this information on a scientific and completely confidential basis. **(Continue with the person on the phone, REPEAT INTRO IF NECESSARY)**

1.	DA District (FROM SAMPLE)	
	District 2	3
	District 6	7
	District 7	16
	District 21	10
	District 22	3
	District 23	4
	Other District	58
2.	Sex (FROM OBSERVATION)	
	Male	46
	Female	54
3.	Are you registered to vote in Oklahoma? (IF YES) Are you registered as a Democrat, a Republican, or something else?	
	Yes, Registered Democrat	40
	Yes, Registered Republican	54
	Yes, Registered Independent/Something Else	6
	No, Not Registered → GO BACK TO INTRO; TERMINATE IF NO OTHER REGISTERED VOTERS IN HH	-
	(Don't know/Refused) → GO BACK TO INTRO; TERMINATE IF NO OTHER REGISTERED VOTERS IN HH	-

4. What would you say are the chances that you will vote in the November 2018 General Election for Governor, Congress, other offices and measures -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50/50, or do you think that you will not vote?
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| Almost Certain/(Definitely) -- CONTINUE | 91 |
| Probably -- CONTINUE | 9 |
| 50/50 Chance -----> GO BACK TO INTRO; TERMINATE IF NO OTHER REGISTERED VOTERS IN HH | - |
| Will not vote/(Don't Know/Refused) -----> GO BACK TO INTRO; TERMINATE IF NO OTHER REGISTERED VOTERS IN HH | - |
5. What County in Oklahoma do you live in? (**TERMINATE REFUSALS, OR COUNTY NAMES THAT DO NOT MATCH LIST**) [REGION CODED FROM COUNTY]
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| Border Markets | 14 |
| OKC MSA | 34 |
| OKC Rest of MM | 15 |
| Tulsa MSA | 26 |
| Tulsa Rest of MM | 11 |
6. In what year were you born? (**DO NOT READ CATEGORIES; CODE AS APPROPRIATE**)
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|------------------------------|----|
| 1989- 2000 (18-29) | 6 |
| 1979-1988 (30-39) | 12 |
| 1969-1978 (40-49) | 14 |
| 1954-1968 (50-64) | 32 |
| 1953 or earlier (65 or over) | 35 |
| (Refused) | 1 |
7. What do you think is the most important problem facing Oklahoma today? (**OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE, ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY**)
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| The budget/Wasteful spending | 33 |
| Lack of funding for teachers/Education | 30 |
| Economy/Lack of jobs | 7 |
| Politicians/Lack of leadership | 6 |
| Roads/Infrastructure | 3 |
| The Governor | 2 |
| Drugs | 2 |
| Government corruption | 2 |
| Taxes | 2 |
| Need to legalize marijuana | 1 |
| Health Care | 1 |
| Crime | 1 |
| Other | 6 |
| Don't Know/No Opinion | 5 |

8INT. I'm going to read you a list of several people. Please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or strongly unfavorable opinion of each one. If you have never heard of one, please just say so.

(PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or strongly unfavorable opinion of **(QX)**?)

[If respondent says "Don't Know": Would you say that **(RANDOMIZE)** you have never heard of **(QX)**, or you have no opinion of **(QX)**? **(END RANDOMIZE)**]

SCALE:	Strongly Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Strongly Unfavorable	(Don't Know/ No Opinion)	Never Heard	Total Fav.	Total Unfav.
(RANDOMIZE)								
8.	[INTERNAL]							
9.	Todd Lamb							
	10	27	9	10	17	27	37	19
10.	Donald Trump							
	39	18	7	33	3	0	57	40
11.	[INTERNAL]							
12.	Drew Edmondson							
	10	32	9	7	19	22	42	16
13.	Kris Steele							
	3	6	2	4	9	76	9	6
14.	Mick Cornett							
	21	23	5	4	10	38	44	9
15.	(IF DA DISTRICT = 2) (n=59) District Attorney Angela Marsee							
	19	13	15	14	15	23	32	30
16.	(IF DA DISTRICT = 6) (n=62) District Attorney Jason Hicks							
	14	34	4	1	20	27	48	5
17.	(IF DA DISTRICT = 7) (n=91) District Attorney David Prater							
	15	38	13	2	12	19	53	15
18.	(IF DA DISTRICT = 21) (n=61) District Attorney Greg Mashburn							
	5	21	16	12	15	30	26	29
19.	(IF DA DISTRICT = 22) (n=59) District Attorney Paul Smith							
	7	10	2	3	17	60	17	6
20.	(IF DA DISTRICT = 23) (n=59) District Attorney Richard Smothermon							
	12	11	11	13	12	42	23	23

(END RANDOMIZE)

Q21-26 [INTERNAL]



27. When it comes to fairly enforcing Oklahoma’s laws in sentencing for crimes like drug possession and minor property crime, which of the following sources do you trust more, **(ROTATE)** judges, or local District Attorneys?

Judges	42
Local District Attorneys	41
(Other: Neither)	5
(Other: Equal)	0
(Don’t know)	12

28INT. I’d like to read you a list of priorities a District Attorney might have. Please rate each one using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means you feel that item should be a very low priority for your District Attorney and 7 means that you feel that item should be a very high priority for your District Attorney.

(REPEAT AFTER EACH UNTIL UNDERSTOOD: How would you rate that item on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is a very low priority and 7 is a very high priority?)

	Very Low Priority							Very High Priority		(Don’t know)	Mean
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
(RANDOMIZE)											
28. Alternatives to prison sentences, like mental health or drug treatment or community service	5	3	5	9	25	13	37	2		5.40	
29. A commitment to reducing unequal treatment because of race	7	2	3	5	12	12	57	2		5.82	
30. Holding police officers accountable if they break the law	2	2	2	2	9	12	70	1		6.32	

(END RANDOMIZE)

31. As you may know, you will have the opportunity to vote on several State Questions in 2018. I am going to read you the ballot language for one of these, State Question 788:

This measure amends the Oklahoma State Statutes. A yes vote legalizes the licensed use, sale, and growth of marijuana in Oklahoma for medicinal purposes. A license is required for use, the possession of marijuana for medicinal purposes and must be approved by a physician, and users must be 18 years or older and an Oklahoma resident. The punishment for unlicensed possession of permitted amounts of marijuana, for individuals who can state a medical condition, is a fine not exceeding \$400. A 7% state tax is imposed on medical marijuana sales.

If the election were held today, would you vote yes to approve or no to reject this state question?

Yes	60	→61
(Lean Yes)	1	
No	37	→37
(Lean No)	1	
(Undecided/Don’t Know/Not Sure)	2	



32INT. I'm going to read you some proposals that have been discussed in Oklahoma. For each one, please tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose that proposal.

(PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose that proposal?)

SCALE:	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	(Don't Know/ Refused)
(RANDOMIZE)					
32.	A proposal that would increase the amount of drugs that one person must possess in order to be charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute, instead of Possession for Personal Use.				
	26	28	14	28	5
33.	A proposal that would change the current law that prohibits individuals who post bail from receiving a public defender, so that even if you post bail you still have the right to a public defender.				
	34	41	10	11	4
34.	A proposal that would require juries to be given other sentencing options beyond incarceration where available.				
	45	36	8	7	4

(END RANDOMIZE)

35. As you may know, Measure 780 was on the ballot in 2016. It changed the classification of certain drug possession and property crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor, made possession of a limited quantity of drugs a misdemeanor, and changed the classification of certain drug possession crimes to misdemeanors. The measure increased the threshold dollar amount used for determining whether certain property crimes are considered a felony or misdemeanor from \$500 to \$1000. This measure passed and became effective July 1, 2017.

Regardless of how you voted in 2016, do you **currently** support or oppose this measure? **(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE)** Is that Strongly or Somewhat Support/Oppose?

Strongly Support	31	→63
Somewhat Support	32	
Somewhat Oppose	11	→33
Strongly Oppose	22	
(Undecided/Don't Know/Not Sure)	4	

36. And as you may have heard, there is a proposal to create a process that will retroactively apply the terms of Measure 780 – that is, allow anyone who was previously convicted of a crime that was categorized as a felony under the old laws to go through an application process to have that felony modified into a misdemeanor under the new laws created by the passage of Measure 780.

Would you support or oppose retroactively applying the terms of this measure? **(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE)** Is that Strongly or Somewhat Support/Oppose?

Strongly Support	37	→59
Somewhat Support	22	
Somewhat Oppose	14	→38
Strongly Oppose	24	
(Undecided/Don't Know/Not Sure)	3	

37INT. Next I'd like to read you statements from people who **support** the proposal for retroactive reclassification of certain offenses, as outlined in Measure 780. After each one, please tell me how convincing that statement is as a reason to **support** the proposal for retroactive reclassification – very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing.

BEFORE EACH: The (first/next) one is...

PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Is that a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or not at all convincing reason to **support** the proposal for retroactive reclassification?)

SCALE:	Very Convincing	Somewhat Convincing	Not Too Convincing	Not At All Convincing	(Don't know)
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(RANDOMIZE)

37.	Retroactive reclassification is the right thing to do. Our justice system isn't fair to everyone if people who commit the exact same crime are treated differently based only on whether they committed that crime before Measure 780 was passed.	26	35	16	19	4
38.	Offenders who are behind bars have served enough time if we're no longer putting others in prison for the same offenses. These people have paid their dues and deserve a second chance to turn their lives around.	36	37	13	13	2
39.	If the law is applied retroactively, we won't have to spend money keeping people who commit low-level drug and property offenses locked up. Instead we can invest this money into programs that prevent crime and provide rehabilitation.	42	32	11	14	2
40.	The retroactive reclassification of crimes committed by people who are still in prison does not mean they will automatically be released. The proposal establishes an orderly application process so people can present their case to a judge, who will decide if their case meets the conditions for reclassifying their sentence.	26	48	10	13	3
41.	By passing retroactive reclassification we can take politics and prejudice out of the decision to reclassify a convicted prisoner's sentence. This puts the decision in front of an Oklahoma judge, instead of putting offenders at the mercy of the local District Attorney who can pick-and-choose the cases they reconsider.	25	38	16	17	3

(END RANDOMIZE)

42.	Now that you've heard more information about the proposal to retroactively apply Measure 780, do you support or oppose retroactively applying the terms of that measure? (IF SUPPORT/OPOSE) Is that Strongly or Somewhat Support/Opose?					
	Strongly Support			35		→66
	Somewhat Support			31		
	Somewhat Oppose			11		→28
	Strongly Oppose			16		
	(Undecided/Don't Know/Not Sure)			6		

43INT. Next I'd like to read you statements from people who **oppose** the proposal for retroactive reclassification of certain offenses as outlined in Measure 780. After each one, please tell me how convincing that statement is as a reason to **oppose** the proposal for retroactive reclassification – very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing.

BEFORE EACH: The (first/next) one is...

PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Is that a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or not at all convincing reason to **oppose** the proposal for retroactive reclassification?)

SCALE:	Very Convincing	Somewhat Convincing	Not Too Convincing	Not At All Convincing	(Don't know)
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(RANDOMIZE)

43.	Supporters of the original Measure 780 argued that sending non-violent people to prison with hardened criminals made them more likely to commit crime in the future. Based on their own logic, we shouldn't let these offenders out now, since they've already been in jail and are more likely to commit crimes if released through retroactive reclassification.	11	25	25	36	3
44.	We shouldn't retroactively apply Measure 780 because then these offenders will have faced no consequences. These are still criminals who broke the law, and they should serve the terms of the sentences that they were given to pay for their crimes.	23	31	19	24	2
45.	Drug and property crimes aren't victimless. Letting criminals off the hook with a shorter sentence is disrespectful, and can cause unnecessary fear for victims and their families who thought justice had been served.	26	29	22	20	4
46.	Retroactive reclassification is being pushed by extreme left-wing organizations and Democrats who are anti-police and pro-Black Lives Matter. They're only interested in serving the liberal agenda, not in doing what's really best for Oklahoma.	18	16	21	41	5
47.	We already have a method for reducing the sentences of incarcerated people, at the discretion of the local District Attorney's office in each Oklahoma county. We don't need a wide-sweeping law to force the review of every offender.	16	31	22	27	3

(END RANDOMIZE)

48.	I'd like to ask you one more time – now, that you've heard more information about the proposal to retroactively apply Measure 780, do you support or oppose the proposal for retroactive reclassification? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) Is that Strongly or Somewhat Support/Oppose?					
	Strongly Support				32	→61
	Somewhat Support				29	
	Somewhat Oppose				11	→33
	Strongly Oppose				22	
	(Undecided/Don't Know/Not Sure)				6	

My last questions are for statistical purposes only.

49. Do you generally think of yourself as a Democrat, an Independent, a Republican or something else? **(IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)** Would you call yourself a strong **(DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)** or a not very strong **(DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)**? **(IF INDEPENDENT)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or Republican party? **(IF NEITHER CODE AS "Independent")**

Strong Democrat	20	
Not very strong Democrat	7	→31
Independent, closer to Democratic party	4	
Independent	8	
Independent, closer to Republican party	7	
Not very strong Republican	13	→52
Strong Republican	32	
(Something Else/Don't Know/Refused)	9	

50. How would you classify yourself politically -- very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very Liberal	7
Somewhat liberal	13
Moderate	27
Somewhat conservative	26
Very conservative	24
(Don't Know/Refused)	4

51. What is the last grade you completed in school? **(READ ONLY IF NECESSARY)**

Some grade school	0
Some high school	3
Graduated High School	21
Technical/Vocational	4
Some College/Less than 4-year degree	26
Graduated College/4-year degree (BA, Bachelor)	27
Graduate/Professional (MA, Master, PhD, MBA, Doctorate)	17
(Don't Know/Refused)	2

52.	In terms of religious preference, do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, another religion, or no religious preference?	
	Protestant (code here: Christian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Church of Christ)	67
	Catholic	6
	Jewish	1
	Other religion	8
	No religious preference	13
	(Don't Know/Refused)	4

(IF Q52=1, 2, OR 4, ASK Q53) (n=411)

53.	Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian, or not?	
	Yes	74
	No	24
	(Don't Know/Refused)	2

(RESUME ASKING EVERYONE)

54.	Do you consider yourself to be of Native American descent?	
	Yes	25
	No/(Don't Know/Refused)	75
55.	Do you consider yourself to be White or Caucasian, African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander, or something else?	
	White/Caucasian	82
	African-American/Black	4
	Hispanic/Latino	2
	Native American	5
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Something else	4
	(Refused)	3

(IF Q54=1 OR Q55=4, ASK Q56) (n=126)

56.	And are you a citizen of a tribal nation?	
	Yes, Cherokee	21
	Yes, Choctaw	10
	Yes, Chickasaw	2
	Yes, Muscogee Creek	2
	Yes, Other	4
	Yes, Refused	1
	No/(Don't Know/Refused)	60

(RESUME ASKING EVERYONE)

57. [INTERNAL]

THANK YOU