



# ARKANSAS VOTERS' THOUGHTS ON Welfare, Health Care, and Work Reform

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Auditors have found people illegally receiving welfare benefits in Arkansas by using fake Social Security numbers, collecting benefits in multiple states, or collecting benefits on behalf of people who had already died. Would you support or oppose efforts to fight welfare fraud by conducting more audits of the state's welfare programs?

Support	81%	91%	70%	80%
Oppose	9%	3%	16%	10%
Unsure	10%	6%	14%	10%

Would you support or oppose checking eligibility for people on welfare more frequently and with better technology to ensure those receiving benefits are still eligible?

Support	80%	88%	70%	80%
Oppose	10%	5%	15%	10%
Unsure	10%	7%	14%	9%

Arkansas currently requires a limited number of able-bodied adult Medicaid enrollees to work, train, or volunteer at least 20 hours per week in order to receive benefits. Would you support or oppose expanding this requirement to all able-bodied, working-age adults on Medicaid?

Support	70%	85%	53%	70%
Oppose	20%	10%	32%	19%
Unsure	10%	5%	15%	10%

Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied, working-age parents with no children under six to work, train, or volunteer for at least 20 hours per week in order to receive food stamps benefits?

Support	74%	88%	59%	73%
Oppose	15%	7%	23%	16%
Unsure	11%	5%	18%	11%

Would you support requiring single parents on food stamps to cooperate with the state as it attempts to collect child support for their children?

Support	79%	84%	74%	79%
Oppose	7%	4%	10%	8%
Unsure	14%	13%	16%	13%

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Government licensing laws can make it harder for people with low-incomes to find work. People with low-incomes may also find it hard to afford the months or even years of education needed to receive a license, even though on-the-job training could teach the same thing or more. Would you support or oppose allowing individuals to receive licenses to work if they have comparable on-the-job training through an apprenticeship, even if they haven't taken formal classes?

Support	72%	76%	67%	72%
Oppose	14%	14%	17%	13%
Unsure	14%	10%	16%	16%

Government licensing laws can make it harder for those with criminal records of any kind to find work, even if their offenses occurred years ago and were non-violent. Would you support or oppose allowing individuals with prior involvement in the criminal justice system to apply for these licenses, so long as their offenses were non-violent and non-sexual, the conviction was more than five years ago, and the individual hasn't committed any crimes since?

Support	83%	81%	84%	83%
Oppose	11%	11%	8%	13%
Unsure	7%	8%	9%	4%

Several states ban professional license holders from renewing their licenses or revoke their licenses all-together if they are in default on their student loans. Do you support or oppose banning this practice so workers who default on their student loans do not lose their jobs?

Support	57%	52%	65%	55%
Oppose	25%	26%	18%	29%
Unsure	18%	22%	17%	16%

Some local governments have imposed occupational licensing requirements that are even stricter than state requirements, making it more difficult for people to work without first meeting new requirements and paying more fees. Would you support or oppose stopping cities, counties, and other local governments from imposing new licensing requirements beyond those already required by the state of Arkansas?

Support	52%	53%	50%	54%
Oppose	23%	20%	26%	22%
Unsure	25%	27%	24%	24%

Many businesses rely on contractors instead of standard employees. These contractors often have multiple clients and work from home or travel to multiple job sites. However, many states' laws make it difficult for businesses that use contract labor. Do you support or oppose updating state laws to match federal standards, making it easier for companies to hire contract employees?

Support	61%	69%	51%	62%
Oppose	17%	11%	27%	16%
Unsure	21%	19%	22%	22%

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Some small businesses pool their resources together to create health insurance plans for their employees. These association health plans are often cheaper than what a small business could buy on its own. Would you support or oppose loosening restrictions on association health plans to make it easier for businesses to pool their resources together to create lower-cost health insurance plans for their employees?

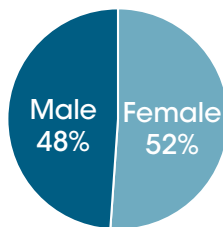
Support	82%	84%	79%	83%
Oppose	7%	3%	5%	11%
Unsure	11%	13%	16%	6%

Health insurance plans are subject to regulations that drive up premiums. Temporary insurance policies are not subject to all of these regulations and can be purchased at significantly cheaper prices. However, many states do not allow these plans to be sold for durations longer than three months. Would you support or oppose allowing consumers to buy temporary plans that last up to a year and are renewable for up to three years?

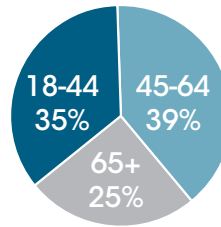
Support	69%	77%	53%	74%
Oppose	15%	11%	25%	12%
Unsure	16%	12%	22%	14%



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Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a statewide sample of 545 likely voters. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Strategies Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation. The surveys were conducted February 7-11, 2019.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.20 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

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