

UMass Lowell Survey of South Carolina Democratic Primary Likely Voters Methodology Statement

Sponsoring Organization: UMass Lowell Center for Public Opinion

Questionnaire Design: UMass Lowell Center for Public Opinion

Fieldwork: YouGov

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Target Population: Likely Democratic Primary Voters in South Carolina

Sample Size: 400 South Carolina Democratic Primary Likely Voters

Margin of Error: $\pm -7.5\%$

Survey Mode: Online, web-based survey, self-administered

Sampling Method: YouGov interviewed 411 eligible respondents, who were then

matched down to a sample of 400 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education based on known characteristics of Democratic Party primary voters from the South Carolina voter file and the 2018 Cooperative Congressional Election Study.

Weighting: 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 past primary election behavior, and age x gender stratification of Democratic Primary