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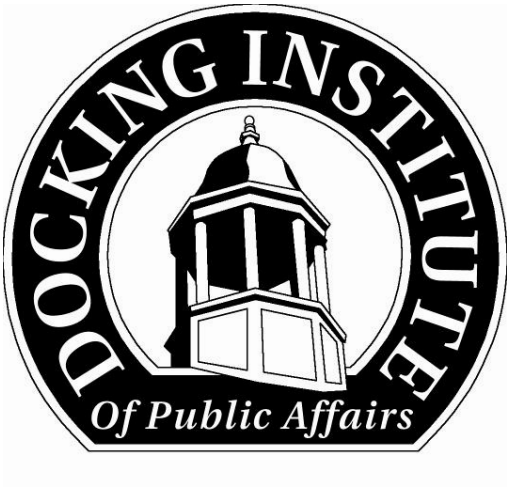

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Introduction and Methods

The Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University surveyed a random sample of adult residents of Kansas age 18 to measure their intentions to participate in the upcoming presidential primary election, candidates they intended to support, choice for the general election given a hypothetical pair of candidates, job satisfaction ratings for Kansas elected officials and policy preferences for some controversial issues in Kansas.

The survey sample consisted of random Kansas landline telephone numbers and cellphone numbers. From July 11th to the 21st, a total of 1,975 Kansas residents were contacted through either landline telephone or cellphone, and 765 of them completed the survey. This results in a 39% cooperation rate. In order to obtain accurate estimates of the District 1 Congressional Race, that geographical area was over-sampled. The data were then weighted to accommodate equal representation in the statewide statistics. At a 95% confidence level, the margin of error for the weighted sample of 487 is 4.4%. A margin of error of 4.4% means that there is a 95% probability that findings among the sample vary no more than +/- 4.4% from the value that would be found if the entire population of interest (adult Kansas residents) were surveyed, assuming no response bias. The percentage of males and females in the sample were similar to the Kansas population.

For questions about the 1st Congressional Districts Republican Primary, the sample size was 210, which results in a margin of error of 6.76%. A margin of error of 6.76% means that there is a 95% probability that findings among the sample vary no more than +/- 6.76% from the value that would be found if the entire population of interest (adult Kansas 1st Congressional District registered Republicans) were surveyed, assuming no response bias. The percentage of males and females in the sample were similar to the Kansas 1st Congressional District population.

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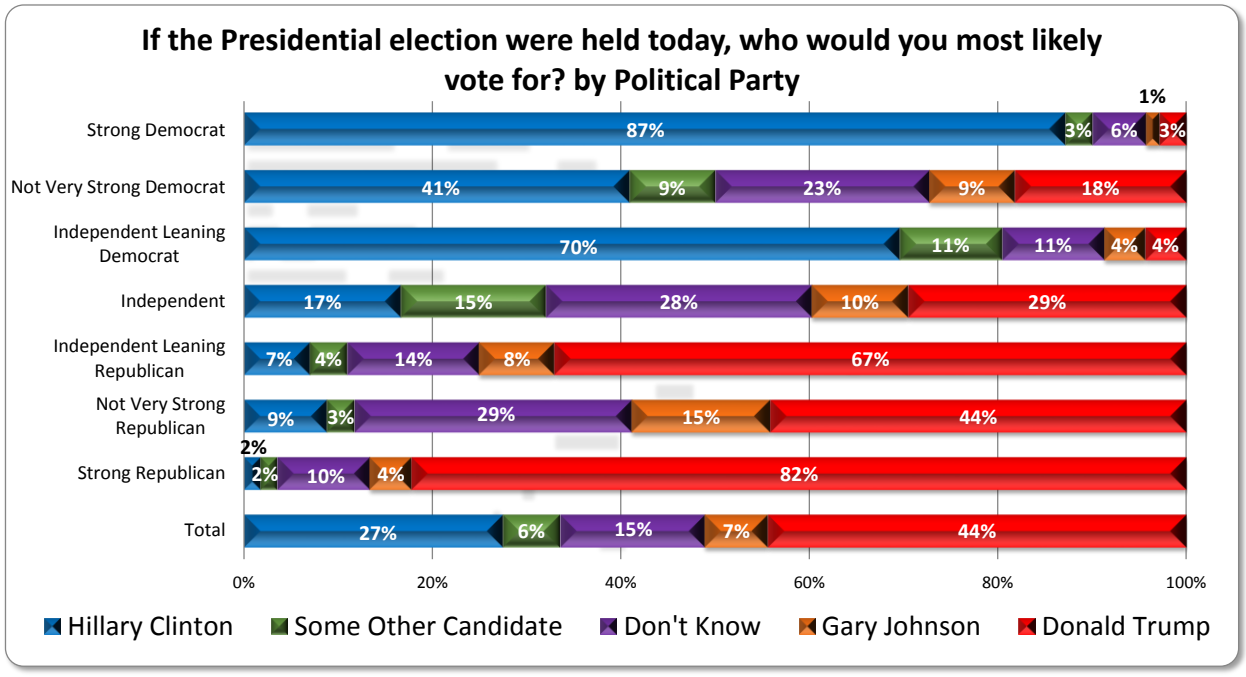
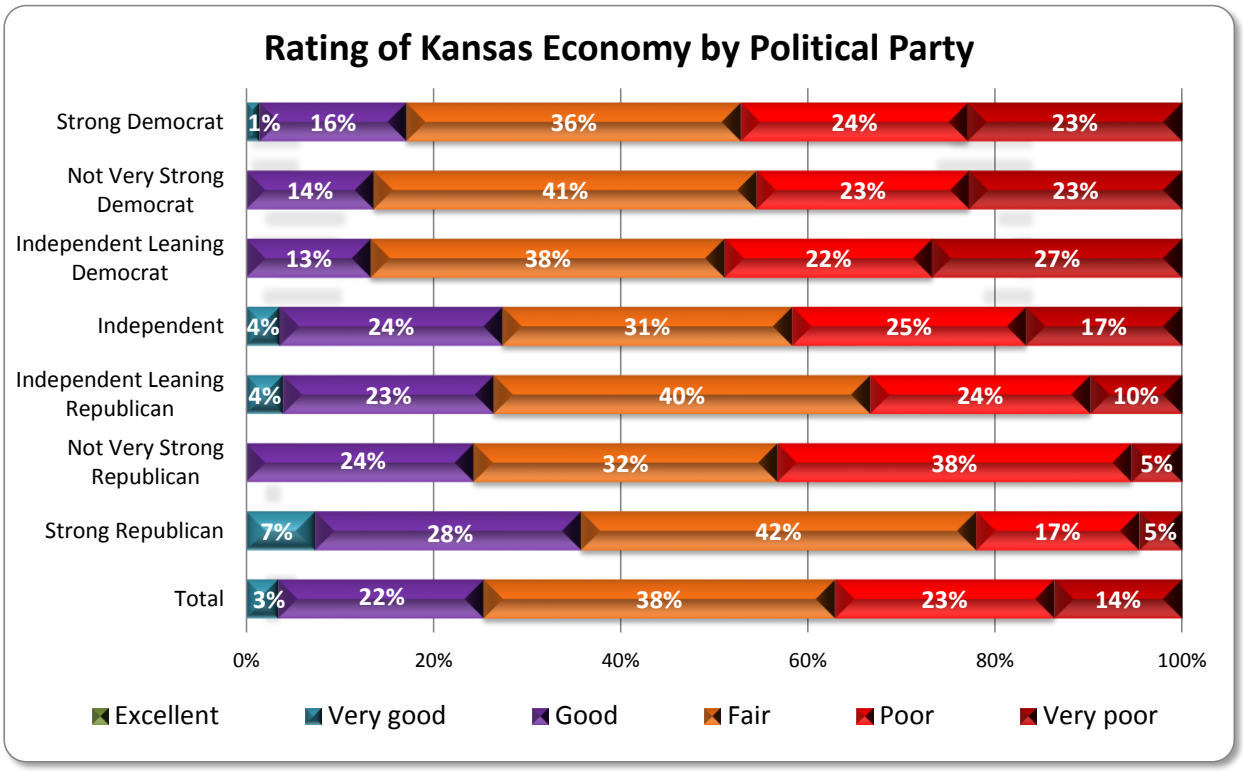
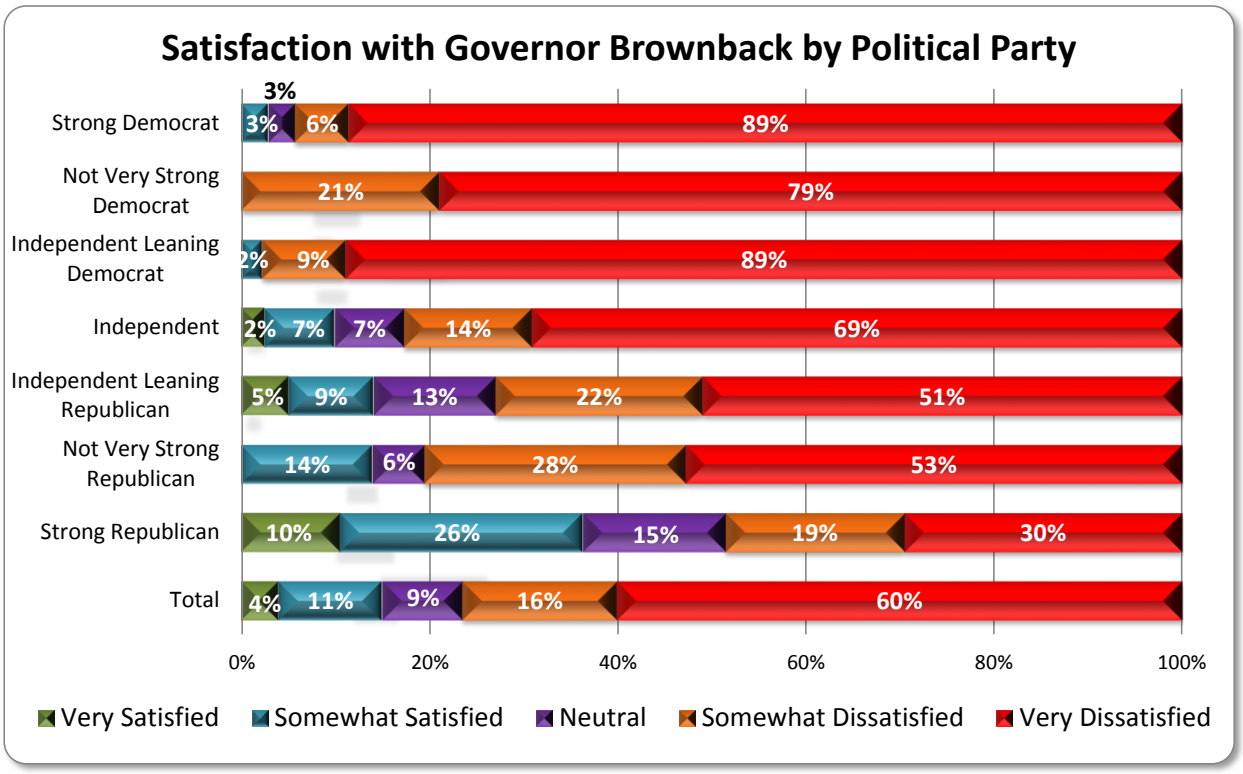


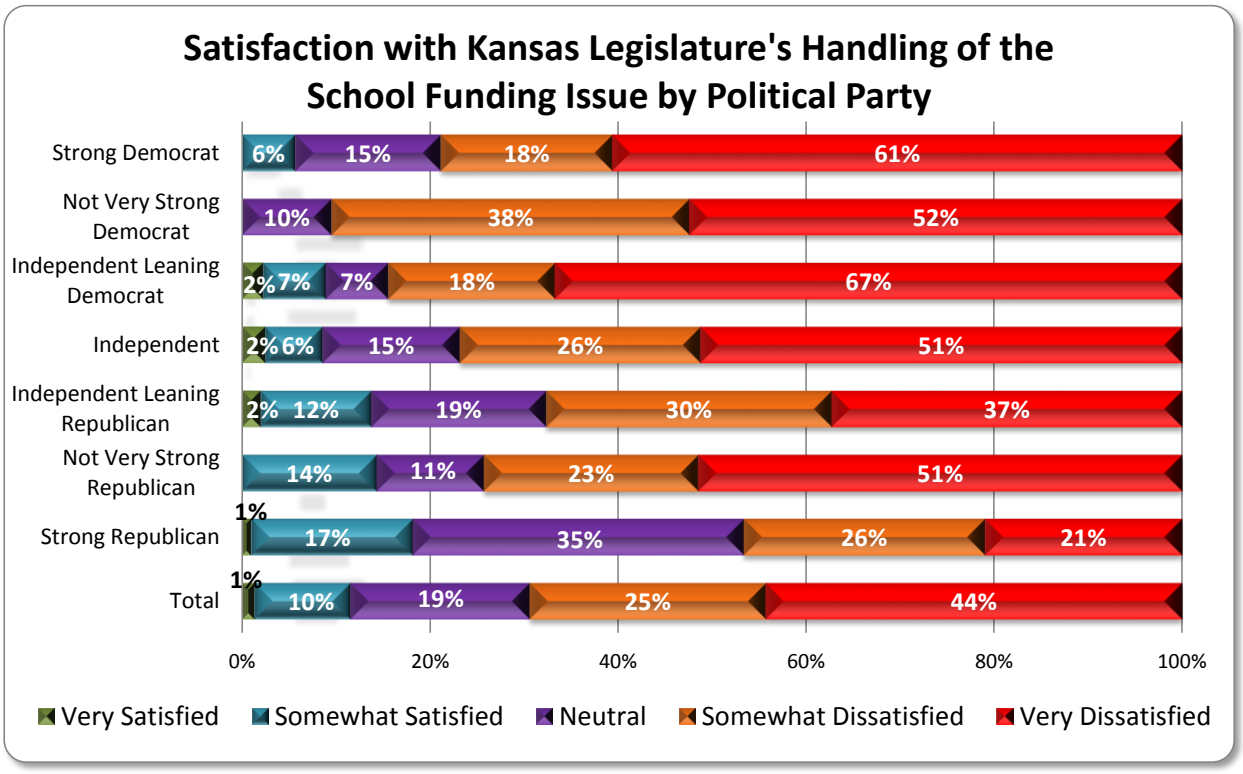
Not surprisingly, respondents self-identifying as Strong Democrats, Not Very Strong Democrats, and Independents Leaning Democrat were most likely to indicate they would vote for Hillary Clinton if the Presidential Election were held today. Respondents who identified as Strong Republicans, Not Very Strong Republicans, and Independents Leaning Republican, were most likely to vote for Donald Trump. Respondents who identified as Independents were most divided, with slightly more favoring Trump (29%) over Clinton (17%), and 28% who said they didn't know.



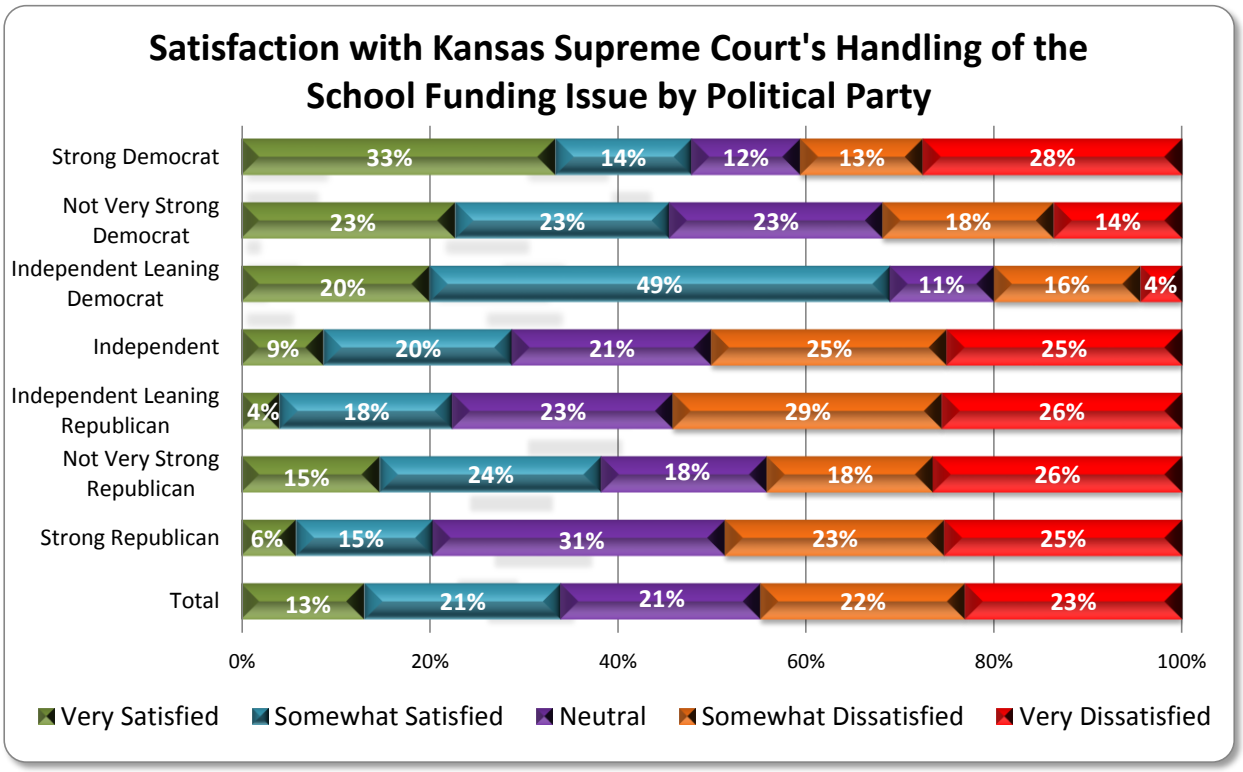
Overall, 37% of respondents rated the Kansas Economy as Poor or Very Poor. Respondents identifying as Republicans and Independents were more likely to rate the Kansas Economy as Good.



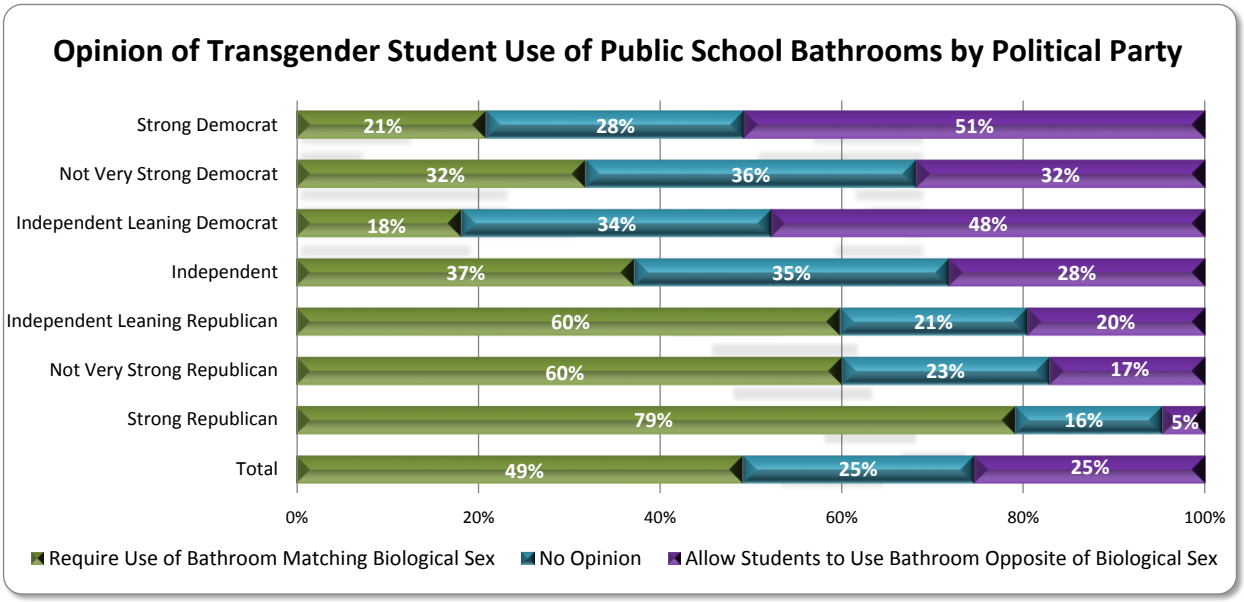
While the majority of respondents indicated that they were at least "Somewhat Dissatisfied" with Governor Brownback's performance, all Not Very Strong Democrats (100%) and nearly all Democrats (95%) and Independents Leaning Democrat (98%) indicated some level of dissatisfaction. Strong Republicans (36%) were the most likely to indicate satisfaction with Governor Brownback's performance.



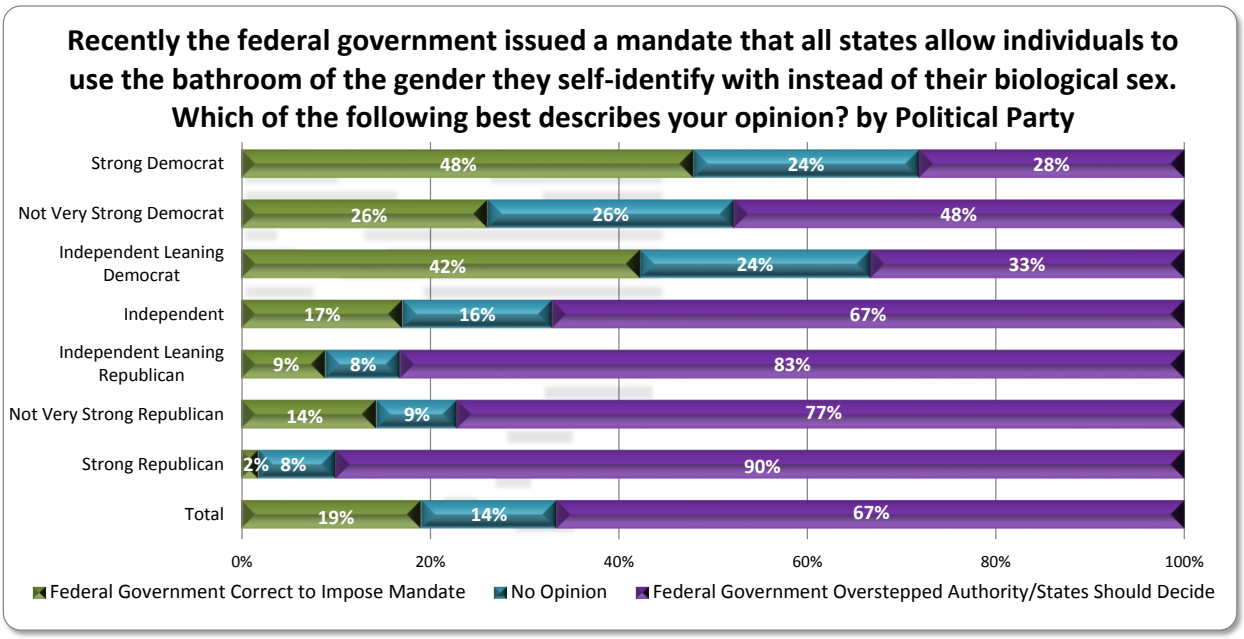
While the majority of all respondents expressed some level of dissatisfaction with the Kansas Legislature's handling of the School Funding Issue, respondents identifying as Democrats tended to express higher levels of dissatisfaction with the Kansas Legislature's handling of the school funding issue than Republicans.



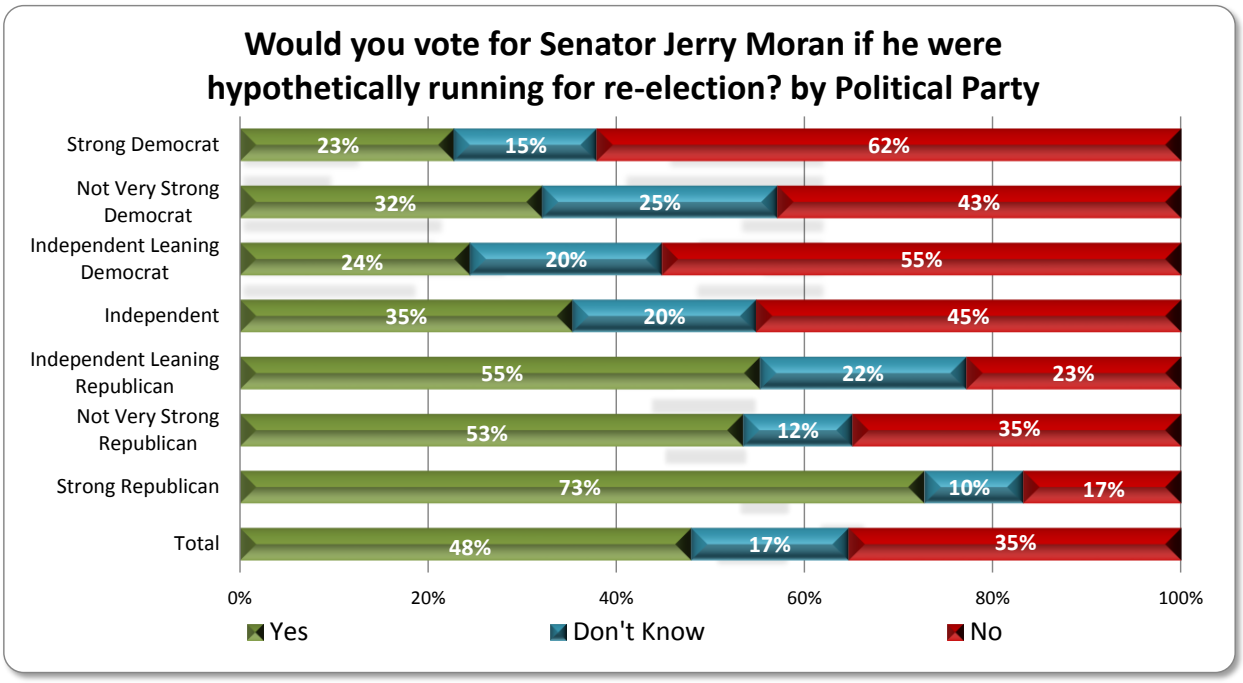
With regard to satisfaction with the Kansas Supreme Court's handling of the school funding issue, respondents identifying as Democrats were more likely to be satisfied with the handling than Republicans, with Independents Leaning Democrat being the most satisfied, and Independents Leaning Republican being the least satisfied.



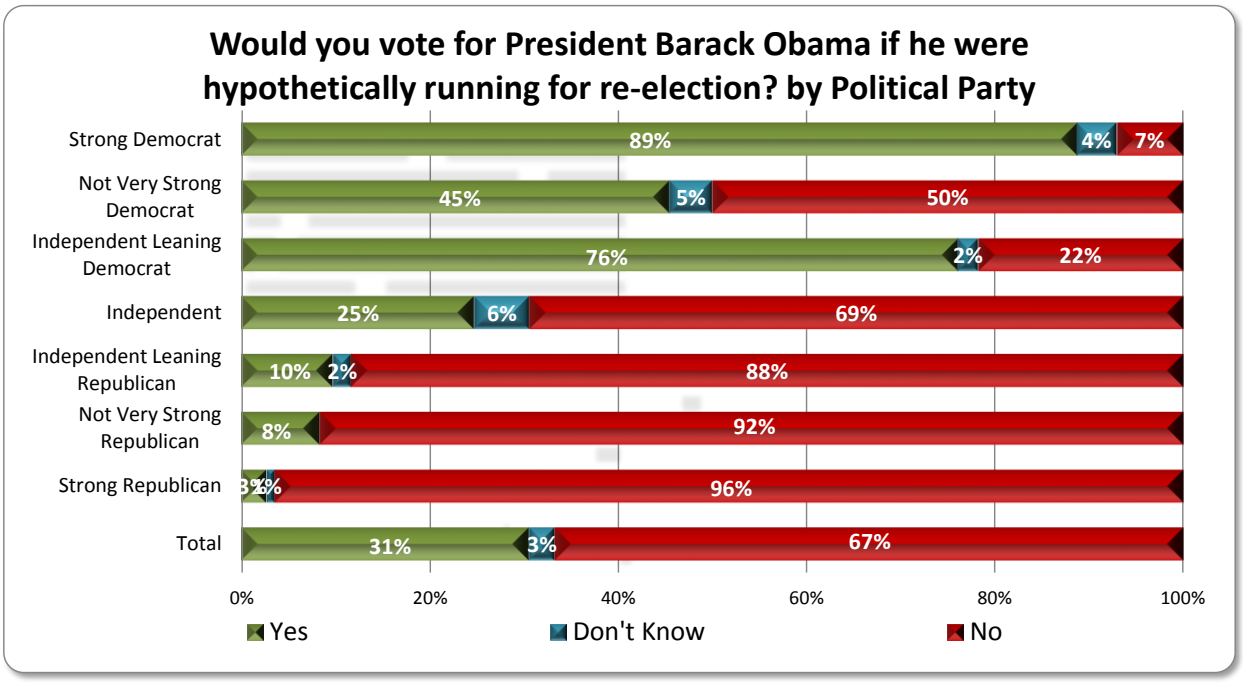
Respondents identifying as Republicans were much more likely to favor requiring students to use the bathroom matching their biological sex than Democrats. Independents were nearly evenly divided on the issue, with slightly more favoring requiring students to use the bathroom matching their biological sex.



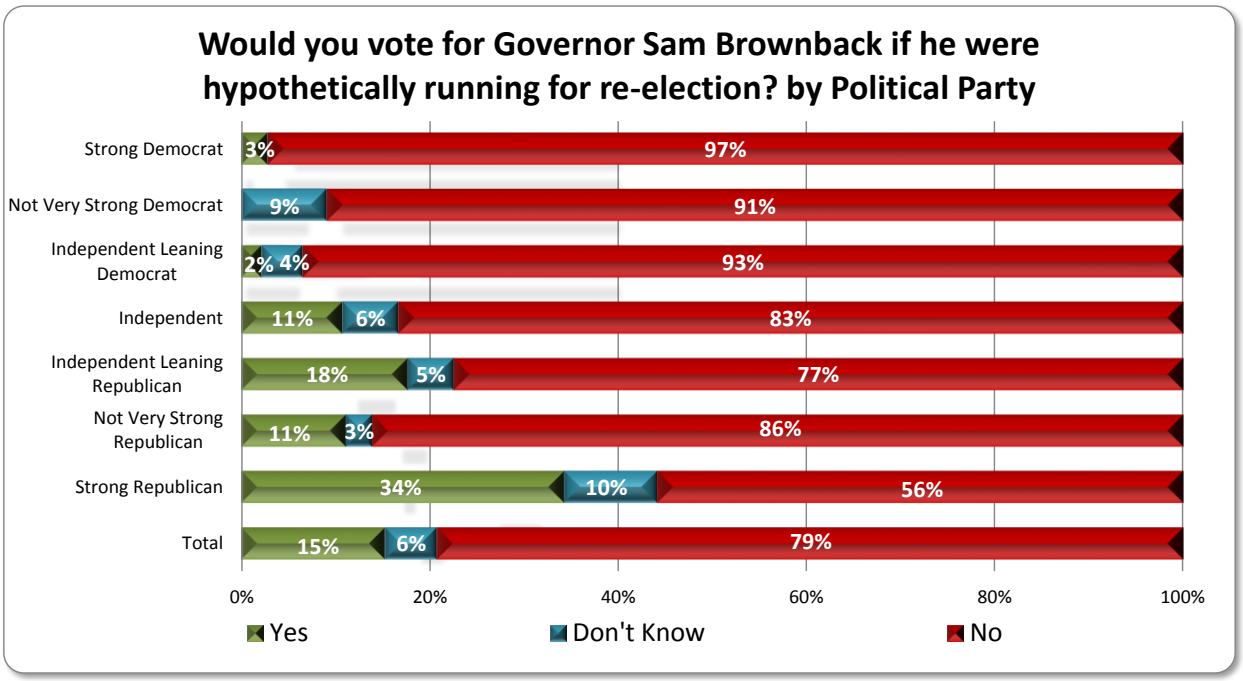
With regard to the Federal Government's mandate that, in order to obtain federal benefits, all states allow individuals to use the bathroom of the gender they self-identify with instead of their biological sex, respondents identifying as Republicans and Independents were significantly more likely to believe that the Federal Government overstepped their authority and that the states should decide.



When asked if they would vote to re-elect Senator Jerry Moran in a hypothetical election, the majority of respondents identifying as Republicans indicated they would, while the majority of those identifying as Democrats, indicated they would not.

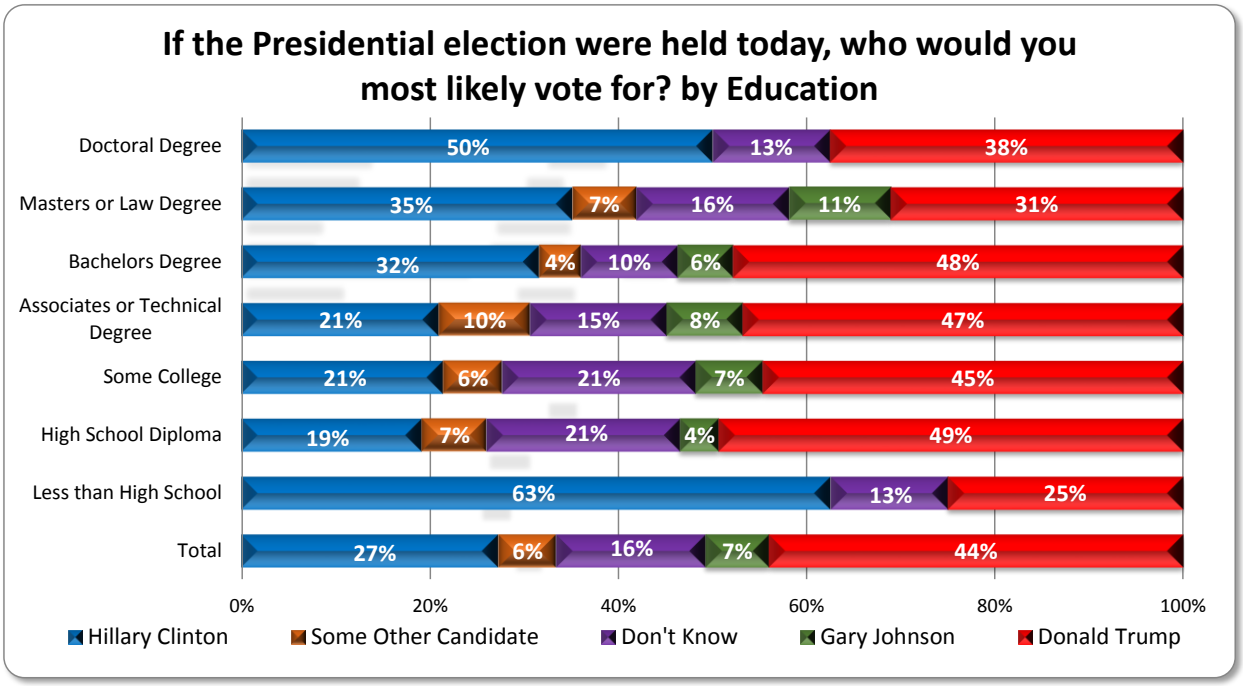


When asked if they would vote to re-elect President Barack Obama in a hypothetical election, the vast majority of respondents identifying as Republicans and Independents indicated they would not, while the majority of those identifying as Democrats, with the exception of Not Very Strong Democrats, who were nearly evenly divided on the issue, indicated they would.

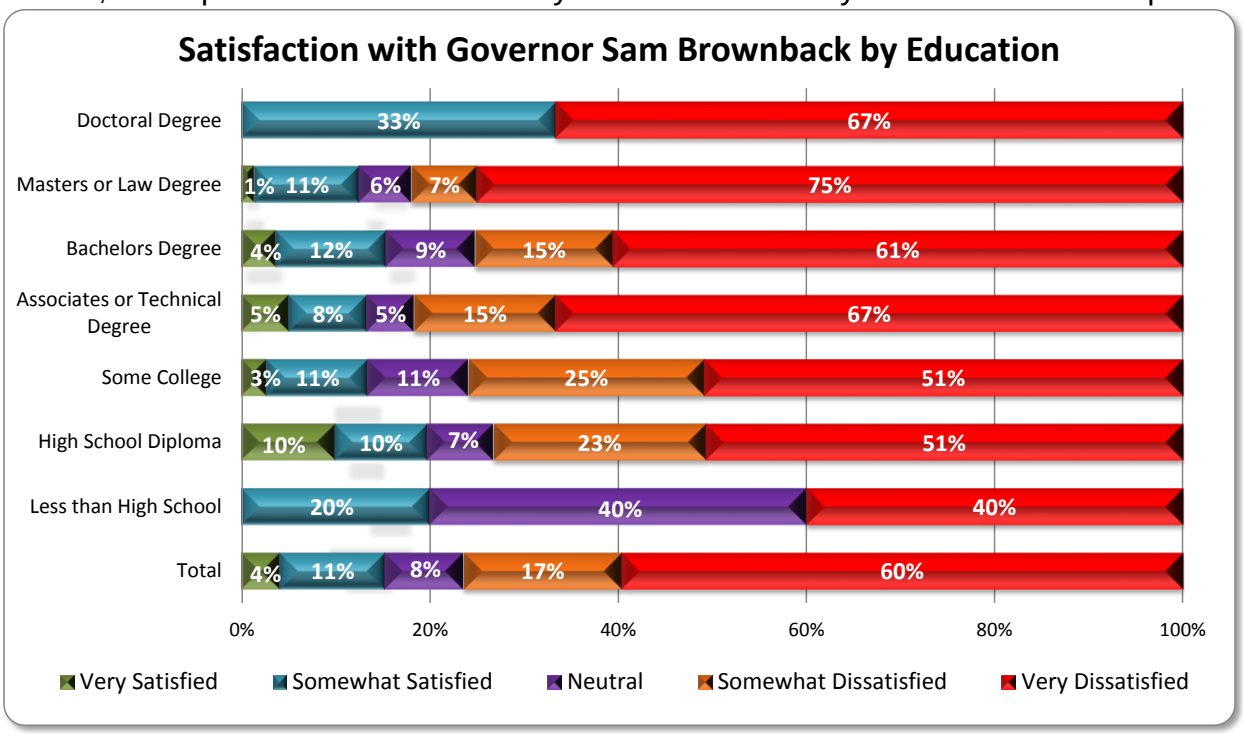


When asked if they would vote to re-elect Kansas Governor Sam Brownback in a hypothetical election, the majority of respondents in all categories, even those identifying as Strong Republicans, indicated they would not.

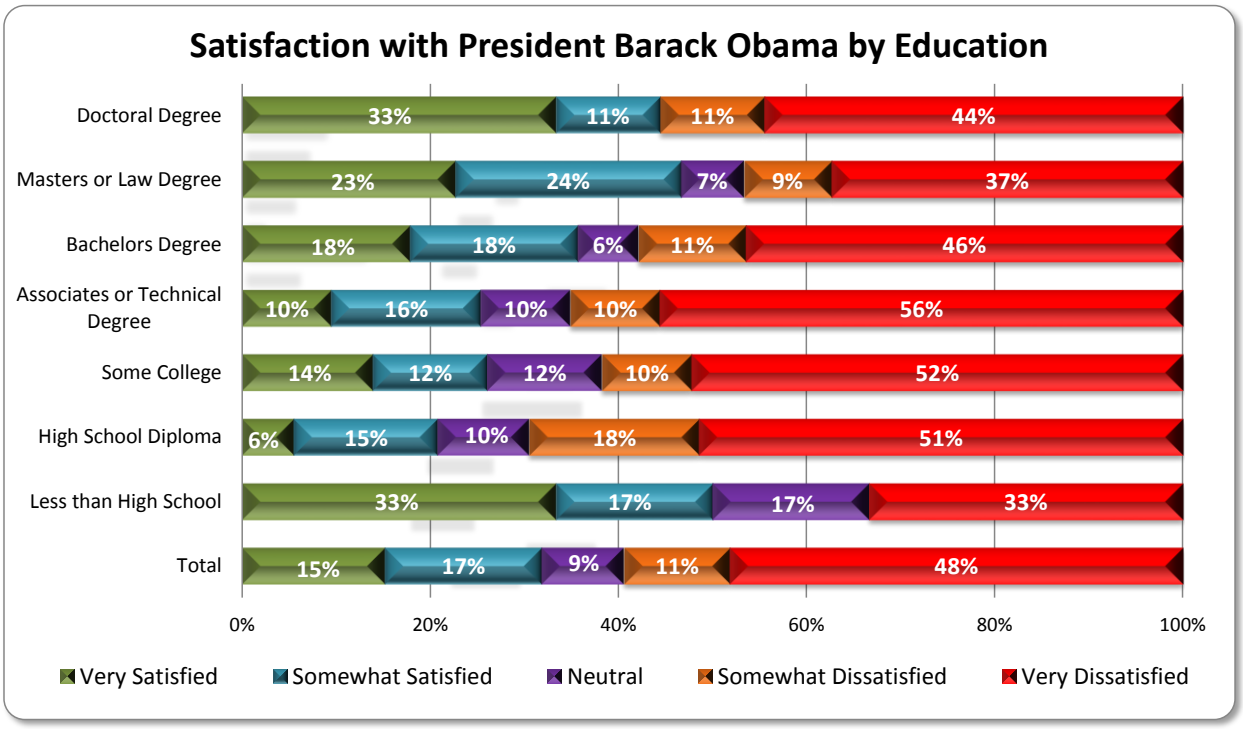
Section 2: Significant Crosstabulations by Level of Education



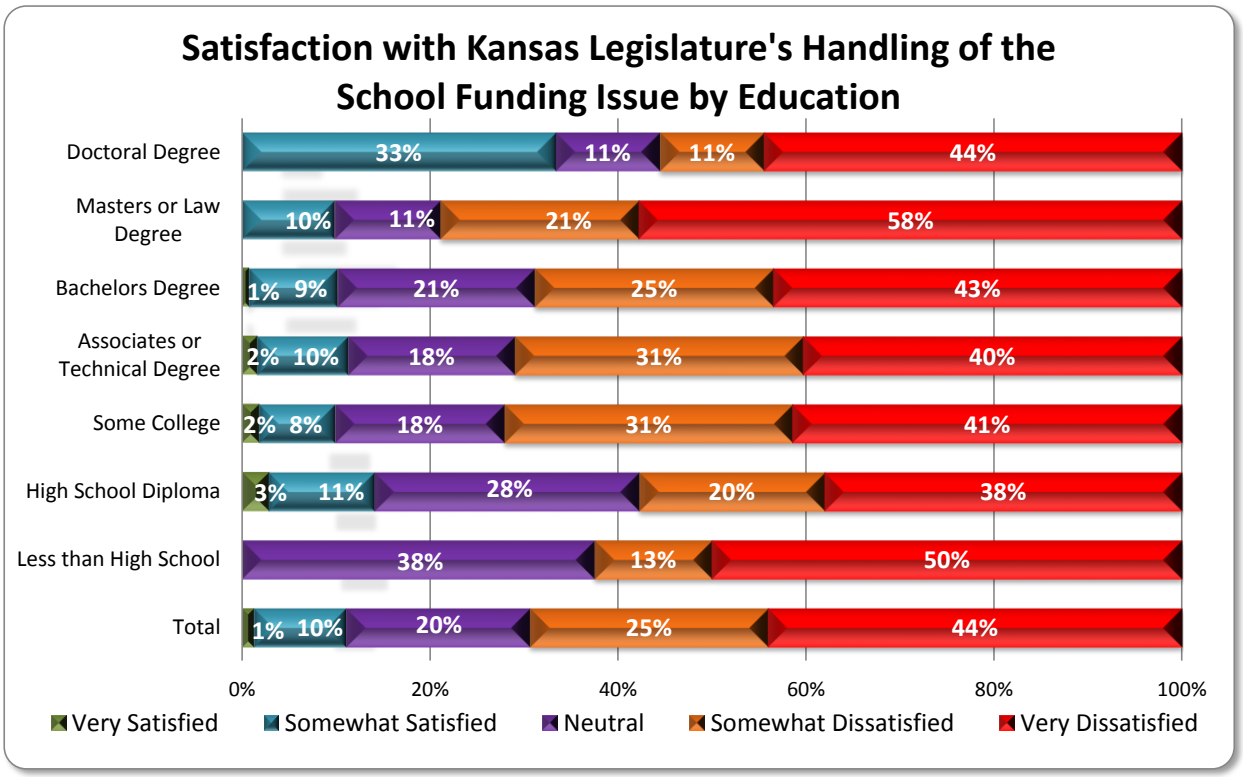
Respondents who reported the highest level of education, Doctoral Degree(50%), and those who reported the lowest level, Less than High School (63%), were the most likely to indicate they would vote for Hillary Clinton if the Presidential Election were held today. With the exception of Doctoral, Masters or Law Degree, and Less than High School, all respondents were most likely to indicate that they would vote for Trump.



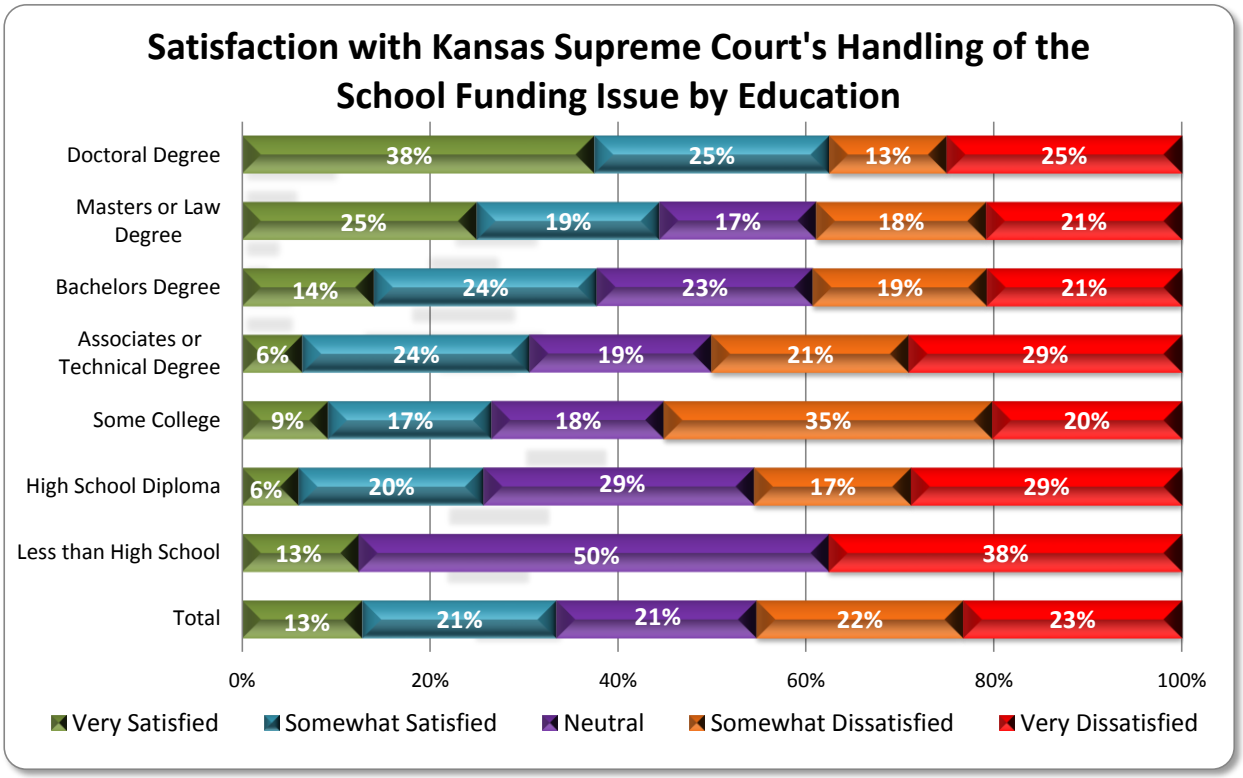
In general, there was a tendency for respondents with higher levels of education to indicate higher levels of dissatisfaction with the job Governor Sam Brownback is doing.



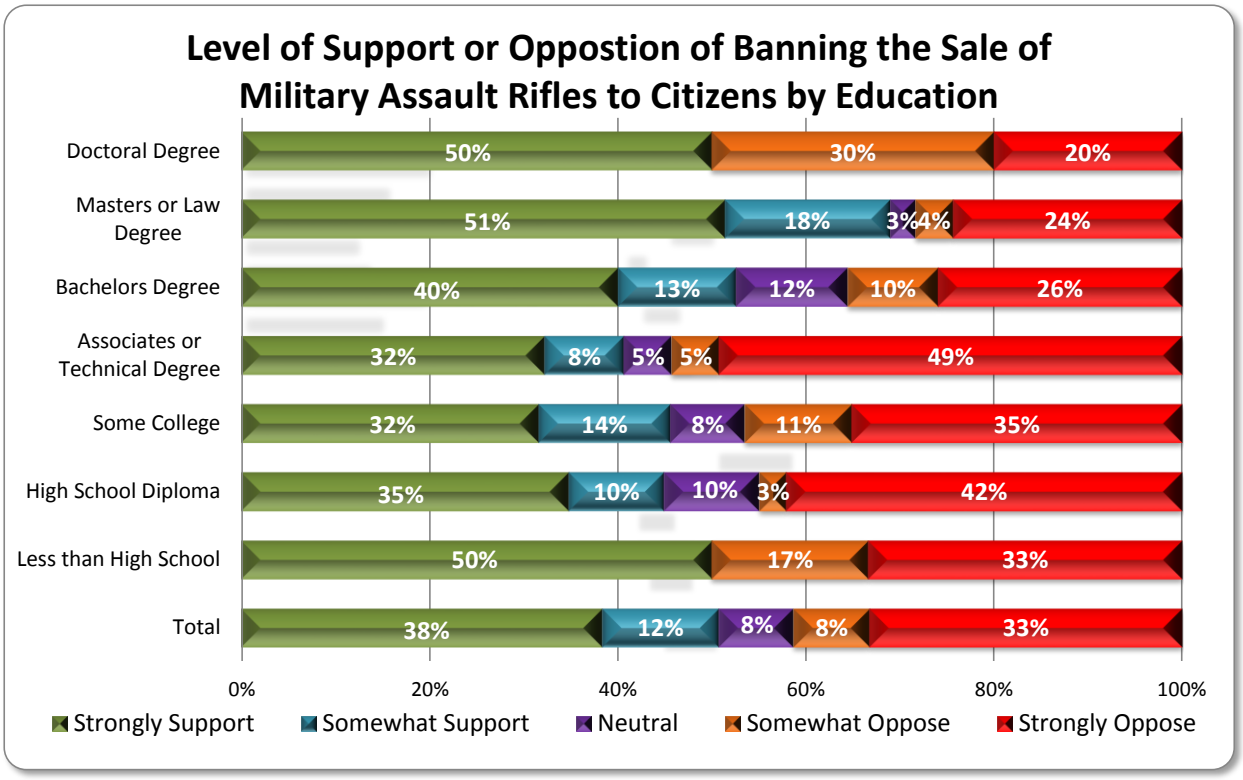
Respondents who have a high level of education and respondents who have less than high school were the most likely to be satisfied with President Obama.



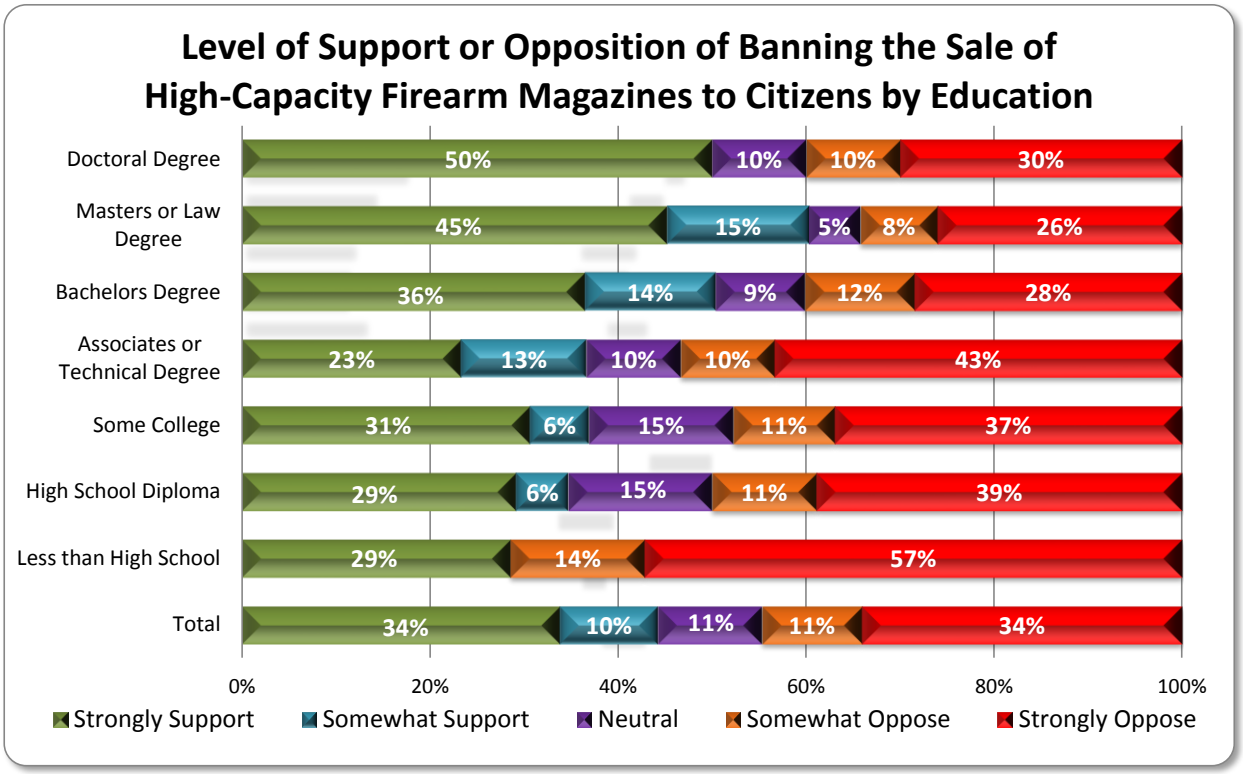
Respondents with a doctoral degree were the most likely to be satisfied with the Kansas Legislature's handling of the school finance Issue. Respondents with a masters or law degree were most likely to be dissatisfied.



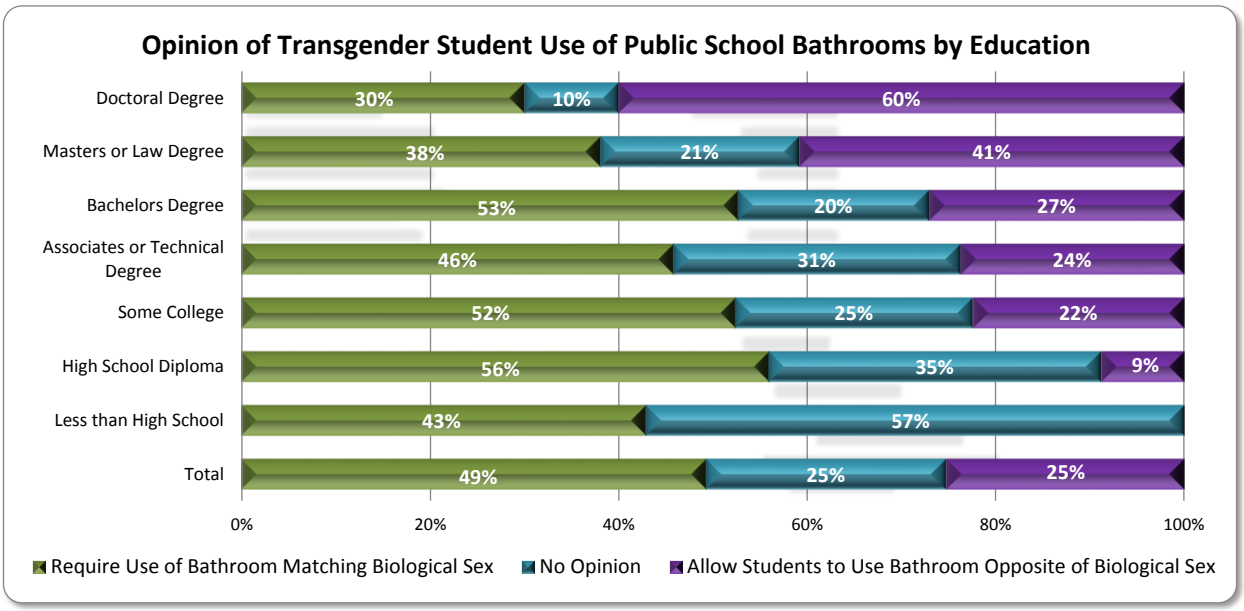
In general, as respondent's education levels increase, so does satisfaction with the Kansas Supreme Court's handling of the school funding issue.



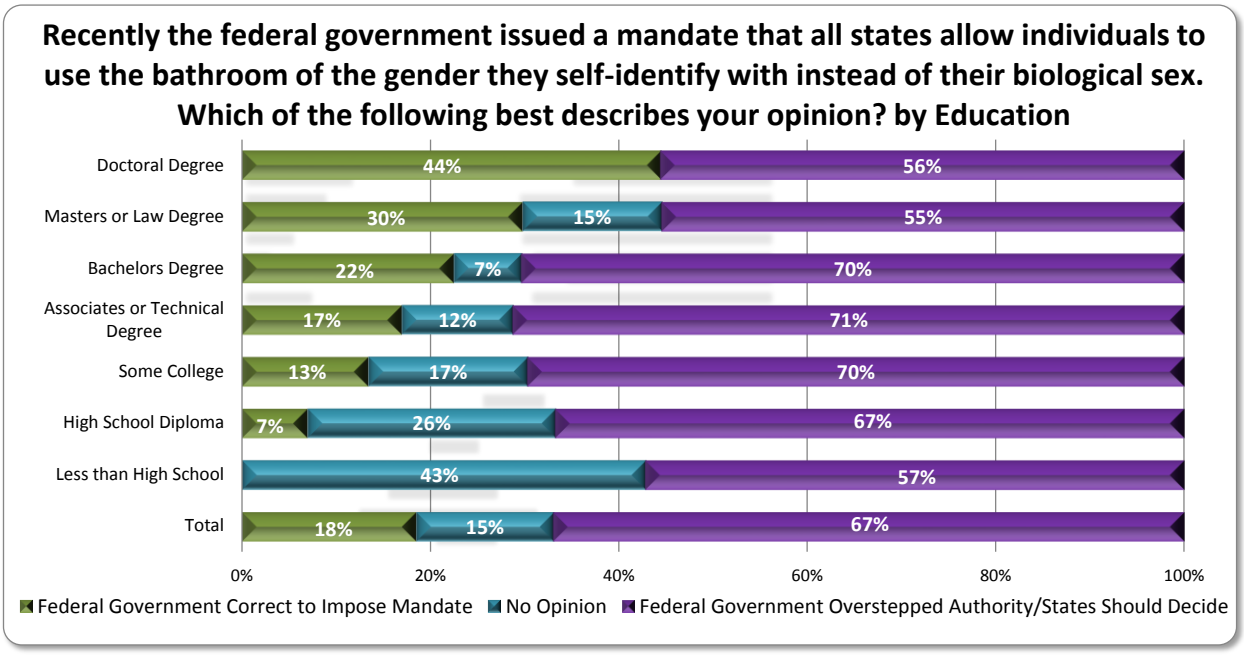
Respondents with a doctoral, master's degree and less than high school were most likely so support banning the sale of military style assault rifles to citizens.



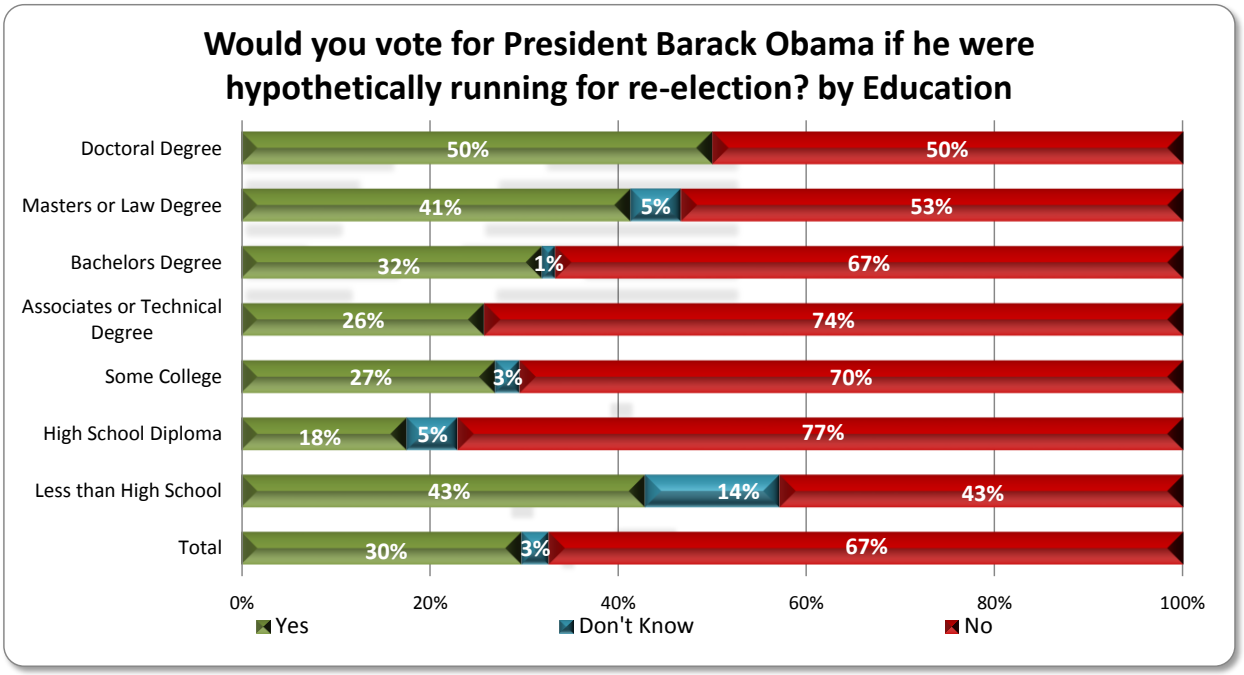
In general, as respondent's education level increased the likelihood to support banning the sale of high capacity (more than 10 rounds) firearm magazines to citizens increased.



In general, as respondent's educational levels increase, the likelihood to support allowing transgender students to use the bathroom opposite of their biological sex increases.



In general, as respondent's educational levels increase, the likelihood for support of the federal government's transgender bathroom mandate increases.



In general, as respondent's educational levels increase, the likelihood of voting for President Obama in a hypothetical reelection increases.

Appendix A: Survey Instrument

Qual
Are you currently residing in the state of Kansas?

1 Yes
2 No

NotQual
Thank you but the survey is intended for Kansas residents. Have a great _____.

1 Select to End Survey

Q1 In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy? Would you say it is:

1 Excellent
2 Very good
3 Good
4 Fair
5 Poor or
6 Very poor?
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q2a Please indicate if you are "Very satisfied", "Somewhat satisfied", "Neutral", "Somewhat dissatisfied" or "Very dissatisfied" with the following elected officials.

1 The Kansas Legislature in general?
2 U.S. Senator Jerry Moran?
3 Governor Sam Brownback?
4 President Barack Obama?
  1 Very satisfied
  2 Somewhat satisfied
  3 Neutral
  4 Somewhat dissatisfied
  5 Very dissatisfied
  8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q2bPlease tell me if you would vote for any of the following politicians if there was a hypothetical election held today.

1 Senator Jerry Moran?
2 Governor Sam Brownback?
3 President Barack Obama?
  1 Yes
  2 No
  8 DON'T KNOW
  9 REFUSE

Q3 If the Presidential election were held today, who would you be most likely to vote for?

1 Donald Trump
2 Hillary Clinton
3 Gary Johnson
4 Some Other Candidate ->T

Q4a What is your opinion about how public schools in Kansas should treat transgender students in regards to which bathrooms they should use?

1 Students should be required to use the bathroom that matches their biological sex
2 Students who identify with an alternative gender should be permitted to use the bathroom opposite of their biological sex
3 No Opinion/Don't Know

Q4b Recently the federal government issued a mandate that all states allow individuals to use the bathroom of the gender with which they identify instead of their legally-identified gender. Which of the following best describes your opinion of the situation?

1 The federal government was correct to impose the mandate
2 The federal government overstepped its authority and should allow the states to determine they own policies for bathroom choice
3 Other ->TM
4 No Opinion
9 REFUSE

Q5 School Funding question: will be crafted after June 30th.

Q6 Do you "Stongly Support", "Somehwat Support", "Neutral", "Somehwat Oppose" or "Strongly Oppose" the following…

1 Banning the sale of military assault rifles to citizens?
2 Banning the sale of high capacity (more than 10 rounds) magazines to citizens?
3 Banning the sale of firearms to all persons on the no-fly list?
    1 Strongly Support
    2 Somewhat Support
    3 Neutral
    4 Somewhat Oppose
    5 Strongly Oppose

Q7 Are you currently registered to vote in the state of Kansas?

1 Yes
2 No
8 DON'T KNOW
9 REFUSE

Q8 Did you vote in the last Presidential election held in 2012?
1 Yes
2 No

Q9 Do you consider yourself a:

1 Strong Republican
2 Not Very Strong Republican
3 Independent..... Leaning Republican
4 Independent
5 Independent..... Leaning Democrat
6 Not Very Strong Democrat
7 Strong Democrat
8 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q10 What is the highest level of education you have received?
1 Less than high school
2 High school diploma or equivalency
3 Some college
4 Associates or Technical degree
5 Bachelors degree
6 Masters or law degree
7 Doctoral degree
9 Refuse

Q11 And finally, was your total household income for last year above or below $50,000 a year?
1 Less than 10,000
2 At least 10,000 but under 25,000
3 At least 25,000 but under 35,000
4 At least 35,000 but under 50,000
5 At least 50,000 but under 75,000
6 At least 75,000 but under 100,000
7 At least 100,000 but under 150,000
8 150,000 or more
88 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

Q12
What year were you born? _____

Q13
That's our last question. Thank you for participating in this important research. The results will be released to the media in later this month. Was the respondent a...

1 Male
2 Female
8 Unsure