S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote?

	Voters	Teachers
Yes	100%	100%
No	-	-
Don't know/Refused	-	-

SPS. Are you currently a teacher in a public school?

	Voters	Teachers
Yes	-	100%
No	100	-
Don't know/Refused	-	-

I'd like to ask you about careers....I'm going to read a list of careers and, regardless of your current occupation, please tell me how appealing each one is to you as a career.

	APPEALING		UNAPPEALING				NET	
	Very	Some	Some	Very	(Neither)	(DK/Ref.)	APPEAL	UNAPPEAL
• Business owner	38%	38	11	11	2	*	76%	22
Teachers	24%	44	13	16	2	*	68%	29
• Public school teacher	32%	31	17	18	2	*	63%	34
Teachers	53%	28	10	7	1	*	81%	17
• Nurse	31%	32	15	20	1	*	63%	35
Teachers	30%	26	13	28	1	1	56%	41
• Police officer	18%	24	22	34	2	*	42%	56
Teachers	12%	24	18	45	*	*	36%	63
• Lawyer	15%	32	18	34	1	*	47%	51
Teachers	13%	30	14	41	1	-	43%	56

Q6. Which one of the following careers would you be most likely to advise a current student to choose?

	Voters	Teachers
Nurse	34%	34%
Business owner	27	21
Public school teacher	14	13
Lawyer	9	16
Police officer	4	1
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	12	13

ASKED OF VOTERS

Q7. If you had to describe public school teachers in the U.S. overall in one word, which word would you choose?

Q8. Do you think new teachers starting out are underpaid, fairly paid, or overpaid?

Underpaid	60%
Fairly paid	25
Overpaid	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	12

A9. Do you think excellent teachers are underpaid, fairly paid, or overpaid?

Underpaid	65%
Fairly paid	21
Overpaid	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	12

B9. Do you think experienced teachers are underpaid, fairly paid, or overpaid?

Underpaid	60%
Fairly paid	25
Overpaid	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	10

Q10. If a public school teacher does a poor job, how likely do you think they are to get fired?

Very likely	11%
Somewhat likely	28
Not very likely	38
Not at all likely	19
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3
LIKELY (NET)	39%
NOT LIKELY (NET)	57

A11. If a public school teacher does an excellent job, how likely do you think they are to get promoted for their performance?

Very likely	10%
Somewhat likely	39
Not very likely	34
Not at all likely	14
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3
LIKELY (NET)	48%
NOT LIKELY (NET)	48

B11. If a public school teacher does an excellent job, how likely do you think they are to be rewarded for their performance?

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	37
Not very likely	32
Not at all likely	15
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2
LIKELY (NET)	51%
NOT LIKELY (NET)	47

ASKED OF TEACHERS

Q12. How prepared did you feel in your first year of teaching? Did you feel very prepared, somewhat prepared, not very prepared, or not at all prepared?

Very prepared	33%
Somewhat prepared	53
Not very prepared	11
Not at all prepared	3
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	-
PREPARED (NET)	86%
NOT PREPARED (NET)	14

Q13. How difficult were the exams you had to take to get your teacher's license on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means not at all difficult and 10 means extremely difficult?

Very difficult (9-10)	10%
Somewhat difficult (6-8)	35
Not very difficult (3-5)	31
Not at all difficult (1-2)	15
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	9
DIFFICULT (NET)	45%
NOT DIFFICULT (NET)	46

Q14. How well do you feel your local teachers union represents your views on what is best for schools? Does your local teachers union represent your views very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

Very well	28%
Somewhat well	36
Not too well	10
Not well at all	10
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	3
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	13
WELL (NET)	64%
NOT WELL (NET)	20

Q15. How well do you feel the national teachers union represents your views on what is best for schools? Does the national teachers union represent your views very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

Very well	17%
Somewhat well	43
Not too well	14
Not well at all	13
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	3
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	9
WELL (NET)	61%
NOT WELL (NET)	27

Q16. How difficult do you feel it would be to move your teaching license across state lines and continue teaching? Would it be very difficult, somewhat difficult, not that difficult, or not at all difficult to move your license across state lines and continue teaching?

Very difficult	13%
Somewhat difficult	39
Not that difficult	19
Not at all difficult	21
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	2
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	6
DIFFICULT (NET)	52%
NOT DIFFICULT (NET)	40

Q17. How satisfied are you with the advancement opportunities for you within your school on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means that you are not at all satisfied with the advancement opportunities for you in your school and 10 means you are very satisfied with the advancement opportunities in your school?

Very satisfied (9-10)	20%
Somewhat satisfied (6-8)	24
Not very satisfied (3-5)	32
Not at all satisfied (1-2)	17
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	7
SATISFIED (NET)	44%
NOT SATISFIED (NET)	49

ASKED OF ALL

Q18. Is improving public schools a top priority to you, a major priority, a minor priority, or not a priority to you?

	Voters	Teachers
Top priority	36%	48%
Major priority	46	46
Minor priority	12	3
Not a priority	5	1
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	1	1
PRIORITY (NET)	82%	94
NOT A PRIORITY (NET)	17	5

Q19. Do you think teaching in a public school requires a lot of training, some training, a little training or no training?

	Voters	Teachers
A lot of training	78%	90%
Some training	17	9
A little training	4	*
No training	*	-
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	1	-
SOME OR MORE (NET)	95%	100
A LITTLE OR LESS (NET)	5	*

A20. [FORM A] Do you think teachers have too much control, the right amount of control, or too little control in the operation of K through 12 schools?

	Voters	Teachers
Too much control	4%	2%
The right amount of control	15	17
Too little control	74	78
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8	3

B20. [FORM B] Do you think teachers unions have too much control, the right amount of control, or too little control in the operation of K through 12 schools?

	Voters	Teachers
Too much control	32%	14%
The right amount of control	22	33
Too little control	27	36
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	19	16

Now I'd like to read a list of proposals that supporters say will improve public schools in the U.S. For each one, please tell me if you support or oppose the proposal.

	SUPPORT		OPPOSE			NET	
	Strong	**Some**	**Some**	**Strong**	**(DK/Ref.)**	**SUPPORT**	**OPPOSE**
• Ensuring that teachers in every state pass a rigorous test of content knowledge and teaching skills before entering the classroom	74%	20	2	2	1	94%	4
Teachers	62%	24	6	7	1	86%	13
• Ensuring hiring and firing decisions are made based on a teacher's performance in the classroom, not seniority	66%	20	7	3	3	87%	10
Teachers	30%	35	13	18	5	64%	31
• Creating more opportunities for K through 12 public school teachers to earn promotions and raises	65%	27	2	2	4	92%	4
Teachers	67%	25	2	1	5	92%	3
• Allowing a teacher licensed in another state to more easily move and teach in your state	52%	30	7	7	4	82%	14
Teachers	56%	36	4	1	3	92%	5
• Providing monthly student loan forgiveness to teachers as long as they stay in the classroom	42%	30	10	14	5	71%	24
Teachers	69%	16	8	6	1	85%	14
• Holding teacher training colleges accountable for the job performance of the teachers they train	40%	29	13	13	6	68%	26
Teachers	28%	34	7	26	6	61%	33
• Ending teacher tenure in K through 12 public schools	28%	18	21	21	13	46%	42
Teachers	11%	14	21	48	7	25%	68
• Increasing the number of charter schools	26%	21	18	18	17	47%	37
Teachers	9%	17	23	47	5	26%	69
• Using taxpayer dollars to help low-income public school students to attend private and parochial school	21%	22	19	34	4	43%	52
Teachers	11%	8	24	53	4	19%	77

Now I'd like to read a list of proposals that supporters say will improve public schools in the U.S. For each one, please tell me if a candidate for elected office supports the proposal, would it make you more likely to vote for them or less likely to vote for them.

	MORE LIKELY		LESS LIKELY				NET	
	Much	**Some**	**Some**	**Much**	**(No impact)**	**(DK/Ref.)**	**MORE LIKELY**	**LESS LIKELY**
• Creating more opportunities for K through 12 public school teachers to earn promotions and raises	48%	35	4	3	7	2	84%	7
Teachers	49%	32	5	7	4	3	81%	12
• Ensuring hiring and firing decisions are made based on a teacher's performance in the classroom, not seniority	46%	28	7	9	8	1	74%	16
Teachers	34%	22	10	28	6	-	56%	38
• Ensuring that teachers in every state pass a rigorous test of content knowledge and teaching skills before entering the classroom	44%	30	8	4	12	1	75%	12
Teachers	48%	31	8	4	6	3	79%	12
• Providing monthly student loan forgiveness to teachers as long as they stay in the classroom	36%	25	12	9	12	5	61%	21
Teachers	54%	23	5	5	9	4	77%	10
• Allowing a teacher licensed in another state to more easily move and teach in your state	34%	33	11	6	12	4	67%	17
Teachers	38%	33	6	5	14	4	71%	11
• Holding teacher training colleges accountable for the job performance of the teachers they train	31%	29	13	10	14	3	60%	23
Teachers	36%	30	12	12	7	3	66%	24
• Ending teacher tenure in K through 12 public schools	23%	18	17	24	12	5	41%	41
Teachers	14%	11	15	46	11	3	25%	61
• Increasing the number of charter schools	21%	15	17	32	11	5	36%	49
Teachers	8%	12	19	51	8	2	20%	70
• Using taxpayer dollars to help low-income public school students to attend private and parochial school	20%	19	17	33	10	2	39%	49
Teachers	11%	12	14	55	6	2	23%	69

Some people say that the best way to attract young people into the teaching profession would be to treat teachers like professionals in other fields by providing opportunities for the best teachers to earn greater responsibility and higher pay.

Other people say that the best way to attract young people into the teaching profession would be to raise all teacher salaries.

Q30. Which statement comes closer to your view? **[IF ANSWER]** Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat? **[IF DON'T KNOW/REFUSED]** But if you had to choose, which one would you choose?

	Voters	Teachers
Like other professionals - Strongly	46%	38%
Like other professionals - Somewhat	16	14
Increase Salary - Somewhat	7	5
Increase Salary - Strongly	16	26
VOL: (Both)	12	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	4	5
LIKE OTHER PROFESSIONALS (NET)	62%	52
INCREASE SALARY (NET)	22	31

Now I'm going to read some statements about public schools and I'd like you to tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. Here's the first one...

	AGREE		DISAGREE			NET	
	Strong	**Some**	**Some**	**Strong**	**(DK/Ref.)**	**AGREE**	**DISAGREE**
• **[PROMOTIONS]** To recruit the best and brightest young people to become teachers, we must give teachers opportunities to earn promotions based on how well they do their jobs.	67%	25	3	2	2	92%	6
Teachers	52%	27	10	6	4	80%	16
• **[FORM B] [SKILLS]** Many of the skills that make a person a good teacher would also make them good at other jobs.	58%	28	5	6	3	86%	11
Teachers	82%	14	2	1	1	96%	3
• **[STANDARD MEASURE]** If we don't change the perception of the teaching profession, schools will not be able to recruit high-achieving young people into the classroom.	52%	25	10	8	5	77%	18
Teachers	64%	17	5	10	3	82%	15
• **[FORM A] [30 YEARS]** Teaching is a unique profession and the best teachers are those who commit to doing it for decades.	52%	25	11	9	3	77%	20
Teachers	47%	24	12	13	5	71%	25
• **[EVALUATION-UNION]** We should not use teacher evaluation systems which punish teachers for something that is out of their control, like student test scores.	46%	26	14	9	5	72%	23
Teachers	72%	12	7	6	3	84%	13
• **[TEACHER PAY]** Changing how teachers are paid by tying their pay to their performance in the classroom is unfair and punishes teachers who work with the students who need their help the most.	40%	28	17	10	6	67%	27
Teachers	60%	19	6	11	4	79%	17

Now I'm going to read some statements about public schools and I'd like you to tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. Here's the first one...

	AGREE		DISAGREE			NET	
	Strong	**Some**	**Some**	**Strong**	**(DK/Ref.)**	**AGREE**	**DISAGREE**
• [OPPORTUNITIES] It's not fair that while other professionals grow within their careers and move up the ladder based on their abilities and performance, teachers are still expected to wait their turn in a seniority line for advancement opportunities.	39%	25	14	16	7	64%	29
Teachers	31%	23	18	23	5	54%	41
• [TENURE-REFORM] We should do away with teacher tenure laws because they give lifetime job protections to even the worst teachers...	37%	23	18	16	6	60%	34
Teachers	16%	19	19	40	6	35%	59
• [TEACHER PREP] Every teacher should receive rigorous training and every college that trains teachers should be held accountable for the performance of its graduates............................	35%	26	16	18	4	62%	34
Teachers	38%	27	11	18	5	65%	29
• [BENEFITS/IMAGE] Teachers should be hired, fired, or promoted based on their students' performance, not seniority........................	35%	24	16	21	5	59%	36
Teachers	10%	15	16	51	7	25%	67
• [TENURE-UNION] We should preserve teacher tenure laws which give job protections to experienced teachers so that administrators can't replace them with younger teachers who will work for lower wages...	35%	20	18	21	6	55%	38
Teachers	55%	20	9	11	5	75%	20
• [POVERTY] We cannot meaningfully improve our schools until we fix our poverty problem..	27%	25	22	22	4	52%	44
Teachers	37%	29	13	17	3	66%	31
• [EVALUATION-REFORM] All staffing decisions, including hiring and firing should be based only on a teacher's impact on their students' academic performance.......................................	22%	19	26	28	4	42%	55
Teachers	8%	13	27	48	4	21%	75

Thinking about education issues overall...

Q43. Who do you trust the most to handle K through 12 education issues, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

		Voters	**Teachers**
	Democrats in Congress	34%	37%
	Republicans in Congress	26	18
VOL:	(Neither)	30	37
VOL:	(Both)	3	2
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)...	9	5

Now I'm going to read a list of descriptions that could describe how Democrats in Congress or Republicans in Congress handle issues around K through 12 schools. Please tell me which you think the phrase describes the best, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress.

		Democrats	Republicans	(Neither)	(Both)	(DK/Ref.)
• Pouring more money into a broken system		48%	14	10	15	14
	Teachers	40%	14	22	14	10
• Blaming poverty for problems with public education		46%	23	7	13	12
	Teachers	45%	23	10	12	9
• On the side of the students who need the most help		45%	19	14	10	12
	Teachers	53%	14	18	8	6
• Defending the current system		42%	25	13	8	12
	Teachers	42%	16	21	7	14
• Serious about improving K through 12 education		35%	26	13	14	11
	Teachers	40%	19	22	11	7
• Captured by education special interests		33%	25	10	13	19
	Teachers	35%	25	12	15	13
• Complacent about the state of schools		30%	30	17	12	11
	Teachers	16%	36	23	11	13
• Putting the interests of teachers above the interests of students		30%	24	22	9	15
	Teachers	25%	17	38	6	13
• Opposing changes that could improve student performance		25%	36	13	13	13
	Teachers	20%	31	23	14	11
• Blaming teachers for every problem		18%	37	13	17	15
	Teachers	15%	49	11	14	10

A54. [FORM A] If you heard a candidate say "We need to make changes to the teaching profession to attract the next generation of excellent public school teachers," would that statement make you more or less likely to support that candidate?

		Voters	Teachers
	More likely	67%	65%
	Less likely	15	17
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	18	19

B54. [FORM B] If you heard a candidate say "We need to make changes to the teaching profession to attract the next generation of excellent public school teachers," would you think that candidate was a Democrat or a Republican?

		Voters	Teachers
	Democrat	39%	33%
	Republican	31	24
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	30	42

A55. [FORM A] Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who said we cannot fix our schools until we fix our poverty problem or a candidate who said modernizing the teaching profession is the best way to improve student learning?

		Voters	Teachers
	Modernizing the teaching profession is the best way to improve student learning	58%	49%
	We cannot fix our schools until we fix our poverty problem	26	28
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	16	23

B55. [FORM B] Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who said we must eliminate teacher tenure to protect students from bad teachers or a candidate who said modernizing the teaching profession is the best way to improve student learning?

	Voters	Teachers
Modernizing the teaching profession is the best way to improve student learning	61%	67%
We must eliminate teacher tenure to protect students from bad teachers	24	19
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	15	14

Q56. Thinking of a typical Democratic politician, which of the following actions do you think they would be most likely to take on education? **[IF CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE OR NONE]** But if you had to choose just one, which would you choose?

	Voters	Teachers
Support the teachers union	27%	21%
Support the changes that would make our schools better	26	23
Support more money for schools	20	20
VOL: (All/some/none)	18	27
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	10	9

Q57. Thinking of a typical Republican politician, which of the following actions do you think they would be most likely to take on education? **[IF CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE OR NONE]** But if you had to choose just one, which would you choose?

	Voters	Teachers
Support the changes that would make our schools better	29%	20%
Oppose the teachers union	28	31
Support less money for schools	19	16
VOL: (All/some/none)	13	24
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	12	9

Q58. If you discovered a candidate was endorsed by the national teachers union, would it make you more or less likely to support them, or would it make no difference?

	Voters	Teachers
More likely	20%	39%
Less likely	21	13
No Difference	54	46
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4	2

Q59. If you discovered a candidate was opposed by the national teachers unions, would it make you more or less likely to support them, or would it make no difference?

	Voters	Teachers
More likely	17%	9%
Less likely	27	44
No Difference	51	44
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5	2

Finally, I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

D101. In what year were you born?

	Voters	Teachers
18-29	16%	*
30-44	22	23
45-54	18	33
55-64	17	24
65+	20	12
VOL: (Refused)	6	6

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

	Voters	Teachers
Did not complete high school	2%	*
Graduated high school	19	*
Attended technical/vocational school	2	-
Attended some college but no degree	16	-
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	12	1
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor 's degree	22	24
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.)	26	72
VOL: (Refused)	2	2

D103. Are you or is any member of your household a member or a retiree of a labor union?

	Voters	Teachers
Respondent belongs	9%	34%
Household member belongs	8	5
No member belongs	78	58
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5	2

D502. Do you or any member of your household work in education including teachers, administrators, or other education officials?

Respondent belongs	14%
Household member belongs	16
No member belongs	66
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Voters	Teachers
Liberal	23%	21%
Moderate	36	45
Conservative	34	29
VOL: (Refused)	7	4

P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent? **[IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN]** Do you think of yourself as a strong **[DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN]**? **[IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	Voters	Teachers
Strong Democrat	20%	23%
Weak Democrat	10	13
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	13	11
Independent	14	12
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	12	10
Weak Republican	9	9
Strong Republican	16	14
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	6	7
DEMOCRAT (NET)	30%	37
INDEPENDENT (NET)	45	40
REPUBLICAN (NET)	25	23
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	42%	48
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	37	33

D107. Do you currently have any children ages 18 or younger living at home with you?

	Voters	Teachers
Yes	35%	42%
No	63	55
VOL: (Refused)	3	3

D441. [IF HAVE CHILDREN] Do your children/does your child attend a traditional public school, a private or parochial school, a charter school, or are they home schooled?

	Voters	Teachers
Public school	68%	90%
Private or parochial school	15	7
Charter school	3	2
Home schooled	7	-
VOL: (No school-age children)	8	2
VOL: (Refused)	5	-

RACE1. What is your ethnic background? And do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent?

	Voters	Teachers
White	72%	84%
African American	13	6
Hispanic/Latino	9	3
Asian American	1	-
Other (Specify)	2	1
VOL: (Refused)	3	5

Region **[FROM SAMPLE]**

	Voters	Teachers
Northeast	18%	20%
Midwest	24	27
South	37	43
West	21	10

Gender **[BY OBSERVATION]**

	Voters	Teachers
Male	47%	26%
Female	53	74