

Public Opinion Survey  
Grey2K USA  
Job # GUSA1002  
2019

• **(Topline Results) 400 completed interviews among registered, likely voters in West Virginia**

INTRO: INTRO: Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ with OAC, a national public opinion research firm. We are conducting a short survey on some public leaders and important local issues. This is not a sales call, we are only interested in your opinions. May I please speak with youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote in West Virginia?

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**IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK:** May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote in West Virginia?

**IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

CP-1. Do you currently live in West Virginia?

Yes **(CONTINUE)**

No **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**

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**IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

CP-2. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes **(SCHEDULE CALL BACK)**

No

**(RECORD FIPS CODE)**

1. First of all, are you registered to vote in the State of West Virginia?

(100% ) Yes

(0% ) No **(TERMINATE)**

(0% ) Dk/Na **(TERMINATE)**

**TERMINATE BY SAYING: "I'm sorry, we've already filled our quota in that category. Please excuse the interruption. Good-bye."**

2. In which county do you currently live? **(Record as punch and base on county grid)**

3. And how are you registered to vote? **(Party quotas to be determined based on election turnout)**

1 (44%) Democrat

2 (32%) Republican

3 (24%) Independent/other

4 (%) Dk/Na/Refused **(Terminate)**

4. And how likely are you to vote in next year's election for President, Governor of West Virginia and several other offices? Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely?

(92%) Very likely  
(8%) Somewhat likely  
(-- ) Not very likely (Terminate)  
(-- ) Not at all likely (Terminate)  
(-- ) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR) (Terminate)

5. **(ASK ONLY OF INDEPENDENTS or (3)'s from Q3)** In the May 2020 West Virginia Primary Election where political parties vote to nominate people to run for offices in the following general election, are you more likely to vote in the (Rotate parties) Republican or Democratic Primary Election?

(38%) Republican Primary  
(40%) Democratic Primary  
(22%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

6. Do you work for any of the following industries?

(-- ) Advertising, public relations or market research **(Terminate)**  
(2) Media such as newspaper, television or radio as a reporter  
or any other job **(Terminate)**  
(3) Dk/Na **(Terminate)**

### **Warm-up/General Issues/Job Approval Ratings**

7. (RECORD FIPS)
8. Do you believe things in West Virginia is headed in the right direction or do you believe things have gotten off on the wrong track?

(39%) Right Track  
(52%) Wrong Direction  
(9%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

9. I'd like to read a list of areas the state could spend an additional \$13 to \$15 million dollars annually on, without raising your taxes. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which areas you think are most important – you can name up to two. **(READ AND ROTATE ISSUES)**

(26%) Improving k-12 classroom technology for public education  
(10%) Providing grants for small and veteran owned businesses  
(17%) Provide funding for more students to attend community and technical colleges  
(32%) Investing in healthcare for the state's seniors and most needy  
(16%) Expanding broadband technology in the state  
(27%) More funding for drug addiction treatment and fighting the drug abuse problem  
(52%) Improving West Virginia roads and highways  
(1%) Providing funds to greyhound dog breeders in the state  
(4%) Other (Do Not Read – Record Response)  
(1%) Unsure (Do Not Read)  
(-- ) None (Do Not Read)  
(2%) Combination (Do Not Read)

10. Do you generally support or oppose the state government spending between \$13 million and \$15 million dollars a year in gambling revenue to subsidize commercial greyhound breeding for racing at two casinos in West Virginia? **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

(6%) Strongly support  
(10%) Somewhat support  
(22%) Somewhat oppose  
(57%) Strongly oppose  
(5%) Dk/Na

**(Rotate Series 11-13 with Series 14-16)**

**(Rotate 11-12, Keep 13 last in series)**

Now I am going to read you some statements **OPPOSING** commercial Greyhound Racing in West Virginia. After hearing each, please tell me if you would be MUCH MORE OPPOSED to Greyhound racing in the state or just SOMEWHAT MORE OPPOSED. If it makes no difference, please just tell me that.

11. More than one thousand five hundred greyhounds are kept in warehouse style-kennel compounds in West Virginia. These greyhounds are kept in rows of stacked metal cages for long hours each day, with shredded paper or carpet remnants for bedding. State regulations require just a minimum cage size of 44 inches long, 32 inches wide, and 34 inches high, and the owners can keep them in these cages for an indefinite length of time. After hearing this are you MUCH MORE OPPOSED or just SOMEWHAT MORE OPPOSED to greyhound racing in West Virginia? If it makes no difference, please just tell me.

(63%) Much more opposed  
(18%) Somewhat more opposed  
(18%) No Difference  
(1%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

12. State records say a greyhound dies every ten days in West Virginia. Since 2008 there were nearly nine thousand greyhound injuries reported at West Virginia dog tracks, more than three thousand dogs suffered broken bones during this period, and at least four hundred twelve greyhounds died after suffering serious injuries. After hearing this are you MUCH MORE OPPOSED or just SOMEWHAT MORE OPPOSED to greyhound racing in West Virginia? If it makes no difference, please just tell me.

(61%) Much more opposed  
(20%) Somewhat more opposed  
(18%) No Difference  
(2%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

13. Do you agree or disagree the state should spend between \$13 million and \$15 million dollars in gaming revenue in more important areas like roads, bridges and schools instead of paying commercial greyhound breeders in the state. **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (agree/disagree) or just somewhat (agree/disagree)?

(73%) Strongly agree  
(9%) Somewhat agree  
(7%) Somewhat disagree  
(8%) Strongly disagree  
(3%) Dk/Na

**(Rotate Series 11-13 with Series 14-16)**

**(Rotate Questions 14-16)**

Now I am going to read you some statements SUPPORTING Greyhound Racing in West Virginia. After hearing each, please tell me if you would be MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT Greyhound racing in the state or just SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT. If it makes no difference, please just tell me that.

14. The Greyhound Racing industry provides about one thousand seven hundred jobs at two casinos in the state. Ending greyhound racing would threaten these jobs in those areas. After hearing this are you MUCH MORE likely to SUPPORT or just SOMEWHAT MORE likely to SUPPORT greyhound racing in West Virginia? If it makes no difference, please just tell me.

(9%) Much more likely to support  
(27%) Somewhat more likely to support  
(57%) No Difference  
(6%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

15. There has never been any evidence of animal cruelty or abuse of greyhounds at West Virginia racetracks or breeding kennels. After hearing this are you MUCH MORE likely to SUPPORT or just SOMEWHAT MORE likely to SUPPORT greyhound racing in West Virginia? If it makes no difference, please just tell me.

(7%) Much more likely to support  
(20%) Somewhat more likely to support  
(65%) No Difference  
(8%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

16. Greyhound racing in West Virginia is highly regulated and breeders must follow all the required state and federal guidelines for animal care, including housing, nutrition and other parts of animal care. After hearing this are you MUCH MORE likely to SUPPORT or just SOMEWHAT MORE likely to SUPPORT greyhound racing in West Virginia? If it makes no difference, please just tell me.

(7%) Much more likely to support  
(24%) Somewhat more likely to support  
(62%) No Difference  
(7%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

17. Now, after everything you have heard, do you generally support or oppose the state government spending between \$13 million and \$15 million dollars a year in gambling revenue to subsidize commercial greyhound breeding for racing at two casinos in West Virginia? **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

- (5%) Strongly support
- (9%) Somewhat support
- (16%) Somewhat oppose
- (65%) Strongly oppose
- (5%) Dk/Na

18. And finally, would you be more or less likely to vote for or against a candidate for state legislature who supports giving \$13 to \$15 million dollars per year in state gaming revenue to commercial greyhound breeders?

- (8%) More likely to vote for
- (81%) More likely to vote against
- (11%) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

19. **(DEMOGRAPHICS)** Now, I have just a few background questions to help us analyze the data. Into which of the following age groups do you happen to fall? **(READ EACH)**

- (1) 18 – 34 (15%)
- (2) 35 – 54 (40%)
- (3) 55 +(45%)
- (4) Dk/Na

20. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

- (30%) Yes
- (70%) No
- ( ) Dk/Na/Rf (DNR)

21. Do you consider your beliefs to be more:

- (44%) Conservative
- (31%) Moderate
- (22%) Liberal
- (--) Dk/Na

22. Record Gender **(DO NOT ASK)**

- (1) (49%) Male
- (2) (51%) Female

**End of Interview, say: "That's all the questions I have for you this evening. Thank you very much for helping us with this survey. Good-bye."**