



NE Property Tax Legislative Poll – Script

Field Dates: Monday, January 14th – Friday, January 18th

Poll Script

Hello, you're being called to participate in a short three minute survey on important property tax matters in Nebraska. If you would like to give your opinion, which is collected anonymously and will not be shared with any outside parties, please stay on the line for all twelve questions.

Question 1:	With which political party do you most identify?	CODE
	PRESS 1 if you are a Republican.	1
	PRESS 2 if you are a Democrat.	2
	PRESS 3 if you are an Independent.	3
Question 2:	What is your age?	CODE
	PRESS 1 if you are 44 or younger.	1
	PRESS 2 if you are between 45 and 64.	2
	PRESS 3 if you are 65 or older.	3
Question 3:	What is your gender?	CODE
	PRESS 1 if you are male.	1
	PRESS 2 if you are female.	2
Question 4:	Do you currently pay property taxes in Nebraska?	CODE
	PRESS 1 for yes.	1
	PRESS 2 for no, but you have in the past.	2

PRESS 3 for no. 3

Question 5: According to the Tax Foundation, Nebraska's property taxes are the 7th highest in the country. These taxes fund local governments including public school districts, counties, cities, and more. In order to reduce property taxes, would you be willing to pay other taxes to fund local government? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

Question 6: Currently, many purchases Nebraskans make are exempt from state and local sales taxes. If all the proceeds were used to reduce property taxes, would you be willing to pay sales tax on goods and services that are currently exempt? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

Question 7: On which of the following five goods and services, all of which are currently exempt from state and local sales tax, would you be most willing to pay sales taxes? *[rotate response options 1-5]* **CODE**

PRESS 1 for personal care services, including haircuts, massages, and manicures. 1

PRESS 2 for professional services, including veterinary care, legal advice, or motor vehicle repair. 2

PRESS 3 for transportation services, including buses, taxis, limousines, and Uber or Lyft. 3

PRESS 4 for groceries. 4

PRESS 5 for gasoline. 5

PRESS 6 if you are unsure or for none of the above. 6

Question 8: Under state law, counties can collect sales taxes if approved by voters in that county. This sales tax would be in addition to the state sales tax and any sales taxes collected by cities. If all the proceeds were used to reduce your local property taxes, would you be willing to support an additional sales tax in your county? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

Question 9: One alternative to new revenues is reducing government spending. Local government services include public schools, local health programs, and county or city road maintenance. In order to reduce local property taxes, would you be willing to reduce government spending, even if it resulted in cuts to these services? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

Question 10: Would you support a new state law that places further restrictions on the amount local governments, including school districts, cities, and counties, can increase spending on services in a given year? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

Question 11: Would you support a new state law that places further restrictions on the amount of property taxes local governments are allowed to collect on the properties in their area, either through limiting property tax rates or valuations? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

Question 12: With property taxes continually rising, would you be willing to pay more state and local taxes today if it guaranteed your property taxes would stay flat and would not continue to increase in the future? **CODE**

PRESS 1 if you are supportive. 1

PRESS 2 if you are opposed. 2

PRESS 3 if you are unsure. 3

That concludes our poll. Thank you for your time and opinions, goodbye.