# Survey of Likely Voters Statewide in Kentucky 

Topline Summary Report-June 4, 2013

Wenzel Strategies conducted a telephone survey of likely voters statewide in Kentucky regarding the 2014 race for U.S. Senate. The survey was conducted June 1-2, 2013, and included 623 respondents. The poll was balanced statewide to reflect partisan affiliation, age, gender, and regional distribution of population. The survey carries a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points.

1. Thinking about how things are going here in Kentucky, generally speaking, would you say things are headed in the right direction or would you say they are off on the wrong track?

Q1-RIGHT-WRONG TRACK

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | RIGHT DIRECTION | 172 | 27.5 | 27.5 | 27.5 |
|  | WRONG TRACK | 359 | 57.7 | 57.7 | 85.2 |
|  | NOT SURE | 92 | 14.8 | 14.8 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

2. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Steve Beshear?

| Q2-BESHEAR FAVS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| Valid | VERY FAVORABLE | 178 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 28.5 |
|  | SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE | 246 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 68.1 |
|  | SOMEWHAT | 1 | . 1 | 6.1 | 84.2 |
|  | UNFAVORABLE | 101 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 84.2 |
|  | VERY UNFAVORABLE | 61 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 94.0 |
|  | NO OPINION | 37 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Rand Paul?

Q3-PAUL FAVS

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | VERY FAVORABLE | 246 | 39.6 | 39.6 | 39.6 |
|  | SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE | 146 | 23.4 | 23.4 | 62.9 |
|  | SOMEWHAT |  | 9.1 | 9.1 |  |
|  | UNFAVORABLE | 57 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 72.1 |
|  | VERY UNFAVORABLE | 145 | 23.3 | 23.3 | 95.3 |
|  | NO OPINION | 29 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Mitch McConnell?

Q4-McCONNELL FAVS

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| VERY FAVORABLE | 180 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.8 |
|  | 157 | 25.3 | 25.3 | 54.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 11.5 | 11.5 | 65.6 |
|  | 204 | 32.8 | 32.8 | 98.4 |
|  | 10 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 |
| NO OPINION | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |

5. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Alison Lundergan Grimes?

| Q5-GRIMES FAVS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| Valid | VERY FAVORABLE | 96 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.3 |
|  | SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE | 139 | 22.3 | 22.3 | 37.6 |
|  | SOMEWHAT | 97 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 53.2 |
|  | UNFAVORABLE | 97 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 53.2 |
|  | VERY UNFAVORABLE | 57 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 62.3 |
|  | NO OPINION | 235 | 37.7 | 37.7 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

6. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Heather French Henry?

Q6-HENRY FAVS

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | VERY FAVORABLE | 95 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 15.2 |
|  | SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE | 133 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 36.6 |
|  | SOMEWHAT |  | 23.1 |  | 7 |
|  | UNFAVORABLE | 144 | 23.1 | 23.1 | 59.7 |
|  | VERY UNFAVORABLE | 77 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 72.1 |
|  | NO OPINION | 174 | 27.9 | 27.9 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

7. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Tom FitzGerald?

| Q7-FITZGERALD FAVS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| VERY FAVORABLE | 20 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |  |
| SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE | 101 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 19.3 |  |
| SOMEWHAT | 84 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 32.8 |  |
| Valid |  |  |  |  |  |
| UNFAVORABLE | 27 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 37.0 |  |
| VERY UNFAVORABLE | 392 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 100.0 |  |
| NO OPINION | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |

8. Thinking about Mitch McConnell and his job performance representing Kentucky in the U.S. Senate, would you say he is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

Q8- MCCONNELL JOB APPROVAL

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| EXCELLENT | 137 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 |
|  | 178 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 50.6 |
|  | 123 | 19.8 | 19.8 | 70.3 |
|  | 177 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 98.7 |
|  | 8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 |
| NO OPINION | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

9. Senator Mitch McConnell is up for re-election next year. If you were voting in that election today, would you definitely vote for Mitch McConnell OR would you at least consider voting for someone else OR would you definitely vote for someone else for U.S. Senate representing Kentucky?

Q9-MCCONNELL RE-ELECT

10. If you were voting today in the election for U.S. Senate representing Kentucky, and the candidates were Republican Mitch McConnell and Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, for whom would you vote?

Q10- McCONNELL V. GRIMES

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | McCONNELL | 290 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.5 |
|  | GRIMES | 249 | 39.9 | 39.9 | 86.4 |
|  | NOT SURE | 85 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

11. Thinking of the choice you just made in the race for U.S. Senate, would you say you are firm in your choice, somewhat firm, or not at all firm in your choice?

Q11: McCONNELL-GRIMES - FIRM IN CHOICE?

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | VERY FIRM | 460 | 73.8 | 73.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SOMEWHAT FIRM | 128 | 20.6 | 20.6 |

12. If you were voting today in the election for U.S. Senate representing Kentucky, and the candidates were Democrat Heather French Henry and Republican Mitch McConnell, for whom would you vote?

Q12- HENRY V. McCONNELL

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | HENRY | 252 | 40.4 | 40.4 |

13. Thinking of the choice you just made in the race for U.S. Senate, would you say you are firm in your choice, somewhat firm, or not at all firm in your choice?

|  | Q13-HENRY-McCONNELL - FIRM IN CHOICE |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| Valid |  |  |  | 72.1 |
|  | VERY FIRM | 449 | 72.1 | 72.1 |

14. If you were voting today in the election for U.S. Senate representing Kentucky, and the candidates were Republican Mitch McConnell and Democrat Tom FitzGerald, for whom would you vote?

Q14-McCONNELL V. FITZGERALD

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | McCONNELL | 291 | 46.8 | 46.8 | 46.8 |
|  | FITZGERALD | 184 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 76.3 |
|  | NOT SURE | 148 | 23.7 | 23.7 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

15. Thinking of the choice you just made in the race for U.S. Senate, would you say you are firm in your choice, somewhat firm, or not at all firm in your choice?

Q15-McCONNELL-FITZGERALD - FIRM IN CHOICE

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid |  |  |  | 70.0 |
|  | VERY FIRM | 436 | 70.0 | 70.0 |

PARTY

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | DEM | 318 | 51.0 | 51.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 243 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 90.0 |
|  | GOP | 62 | 10.0 | 10.0 |

PHILOSOPHY

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | VERY LIBERAL | 51 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
|  | LIBERAL | 70 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 19.5 |
|  | MODERATE | 147 | 23.5 | 23.5 | 43.0 |
|  | CONSERVATIVE | 179 | 28.7 | 28.7 | 71.7 |
|  | VERY CONSERVATIVE | 176 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |

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| GENDER |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Valid | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
|  | MEN |  | 310 | 49.8 | 49.8 |  |

MARITAL STATUS

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | MARRIED | 403 | 64.7 | 64.7 | 64.7 |
|  | SINGLE | 88 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 78.8 |
|  | DIVORCED-SEPARATED | 132 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 100.0 |
|  |  | 623 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

REGION

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| LVILLE | 194 | 31.2 | 31.2 | 31.2 |
|  | 176 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 59.5 |
|  | LEXINGTON | 65 | 10.4 | 10.4 |



