

Bureau of Government Research and Services 04-06

Total Sample Size= 364 Margin of error +/- 5%
 Republican Primary Voters = 107 Margin of error +/- 9%
 Democrat Primary Voters= 117 Margin of error +/- 9%

Name: _____ (1) Phone: _____

(2) **REGION**

	Total Sample	Democrat Primary Voters	Republican Primary Voters
East Bay	10%	9%	10%
Western RI	5%	2%	4%
Blackstone Valley	16%	19%	16%
Providence Metro	34%	32%	33%
Providence	11%	22%	4%
Washington County	13%	10%	19%
Newport County	10%	6%	14%

(3) **GENDER**

Male 45%
 Female 55%

Hi my name is _____ and I'm calling from the Bureau of Government Research Services at Rhode Island College. We are talking to Rhode Island voters about some people and issues in the news.

Are you registered to vote in RI?

If yes continue.

If not ask: "Is there a registered voter at home that I may speak with?"

4. Thinking about the State of Rhode Island as a whole, what is the **single** most important problem facing Rhode Island right now that you would like to see state government do something about? Is it: (ROTATE LIST)

Jobs, Unemployment and the Economy 14%	Schools, Teachers and Education 16%
State Budget & Govt. Spending 10%	Housing Costs & Housing Availability 9%
Power of Public Employee Unions 2%	State Taxes 22%
Corruption 12%	Environment & Pollution 2%
Other(vol) 12% (Attached)	

I'd like to know how you feel about some issues legislators are considering right now.

5. First, some states give prisoners the right to vote once they are released from jail, other states do not restore voting rights to felons even after they have served their time. Do you favor or oppose restoring voting rights to felons once they are released from prison?

Favor 60%	Oppose 30%	Don't Know (vol) 10%
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6. Thinking now about sex education in schools, which of these statements do you most agree with: Students should be taught to keep pure and abstain from sex until after marriage or students should be taught how to use birth control such as condoms and the pill, as well as abstinence?

Abstinence 18%	Use contraceptives 74%	don't know (vol) 8%
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7. When it comes to abortions, would you favor or oppose a law that would create a 24-hour waiting period before a woman has an abortion and require that they be given information on medical risks of both abortion and of carrying the child to term?

Favor 67%	Oppose 27%	don't know (vol) 7%
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8. In general, do you think that non-violent drug offenders should be given mandatory prison terms if they are charged with the use or possession of a small quantity of drugs or should these low level drug users be required to accept treatment and do their time in community service, rather than being sent to jail?

Jail time 14%	treatment and community service 80%	don't know (vol) 6%
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9. Rhode Island has a drug court that deals with certain drug related crimes through problem-solving and treatment, rather than sending offenders to jail. Do you think the government should spend more or less money on the Drug Court?

Spend More 64%	Spend less 20%	don't know (vol) 16%
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10. When it comes to the possibility of introducing casino resort gambling in Rhode Island, do you think that the state constitution should be changed to permit Harrah's Entertainment to own and operate a casino in West Warwick in association with the Narragansett Indians or is the constitution too important to be amended to provide a benefit to a specific private interest?

Change 45%	Too important to change 46%	don't know (vol) 8%
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11. If the November ballot does include a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the privately owned, Narragansett Indian resort casino in West Warwick, with the State's share of the revenue to be used for tax relief, would you vote for or against the amendment?
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| For 55% | Against 39% | don't know (vol) 6% |
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12. If given the choice between two competing casino proposals that would be equally beneficial to state taxpayers, which would you most favor: (Rotate order) the Narragansett Indian/Harrah's Entertainment West Warwick casino or the Donald Trump Johnston casino?
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| West Warwick 50% | Johnston 10% | Neither 30% | don't know (vol) 11% |
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13. As you know, there has been a lot of discussion recently about what the government should do with illegal immigrants already in the U.S. Do you think we should allow them to stay permanently, grant temporary worker status, or require them to return home?
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| Stay permanently 17% | Temporary worker status 44% | Return Home 31% | DK(vol) 9% |
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14. When it comes to gay and lesbian couples, which of these statements do you most agree with: Same sex, gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to marry legally, Same sex couples should be allowed to form civil unions that will give them many of the same rights and benefits as a married man and woman or the present ban on gay marriage and civil unions should be continued?
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| Marry legally 31% | Civil Unions 42% | Continue ban 21% | don't know (vol) 6% |
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15. With the election campaign season underway, Do you think that Republican Don Carcieri, (car-chere) on the basis of his record as governor, deserves to be reelected in November or do you think that it is time to elect someone new to do a better job?
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| Deserves Reelection 52% | Elect someone new 36% | don't know(vol) 12% |
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16. Both parties will hold a primary in September to select their party's senatorial candidate. Will you vote in the Republican primary between Lincoln Chafee and Steve Laffey, the Democrat primary between Matt Brown, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Carl Sheeler, or will you probably not vote in either primary?
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| Democrat (continue) 33% | Republican (skip to Q18) 30% | won't vote (skip to Q19) 37% |
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17. In September, will you vote for: (Rotate Order) Matt Brown, Carl Sheeler, or Sheldon Whitehouse?. (skip to Q-19) N = 117 E = 9%
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| Matt Brown 21% | Carl Sheeler 8% | Sheldon Whitehouse 37% | don't know(vol) 34% |
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18. In September, will you vote for: (Rotate Order) Lincoln Chafee or Steve Laffey? N = 107 E = 9%
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| Lincoln Chafee 56% | Steve Laffey 28% | don't know (vol) 17% |
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19. If the November election for Senate were held today, and the candidates were (ROTATE) Lincoln Chafee, Republican, or Sheldon Whitehouse, Democrat, would you vote for Chafee or Whitehouse?
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| Lincoln Chafee 51% | Sheldon Whitehouse 32% | don't know(vol) 17% |
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20. And if the candidates were (Rotate order) Matt Brown, Democrat or Lincoln Chafee, Republican, would you vote for Brown or Chafee?
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| Lincoln Chafee 53% | Matt Brown 28% | don't know(vol) 20% |
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21. How about (Rotate order) Matt Brown, Democrat and Steve Laffey, Republican, would you most likely vote for Brown or Laffey?
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| Matt Brown 48% | Steve Laffey 29% | don't know(vol) 23% |
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22. And if the candidates were (Rotate order) Steve Laffey, Republican, and Sheldon Whitehouse, Democrat, would you vote for Laffey or Whitehouse?
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| Steve Laffey 27% | Sheldon Whitehouse 50% | don't know(vol) 23% |
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Finally, just a few quick questions for statistical purposes only:

23. What age group are you in . . .
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| 18-25 5% | 26-39 12% | 40-49 18% | 50-64 40% | 65 and over? 25% |
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24. Most of us are Americans, but our parents, grandparents, or great grandparents came to this country from some place else. Aside from being an American, what one nationality do you mainly consider yourself to be.....
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| Italian 15% | Irish 21% | Hispanic 4% | Portuguese 10% | African 2% |
| French/Canadian 13% | English 19% | | | |
| Other: (vol) German 4% | Native American 1% | Armenian 2% | Polish 1% | |

25. Generally speaking, do you attend regular religious services outside of weddings and funerals...

A few times a year	26%	About once a month	11%	Once a week	35%
More than once a week	5%	Never	23%		

26. And, what is your religious affiliation -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion...

Protestant	29%	Catholic	58%	Jewish	2%	Other (vol)	4%	None	7%
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27. Finally do you consider yourself a . . .

Republican	15%	Democrat	29%	Independent	55%	Other	1%
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME – YOU’VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL