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Q1 Direction of...

		Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure	Right - Wrong
A	Nation	RV 26	69	4	-43
A	State of Georgia	RV 30	56	14	-25
A	Your Local Area	RV 34	55	11	-21

Q2 Generic State Ballot

RV	
39	Democratic Candidate
42	Republican Candidate
16	Not Certain
3	Not Sure
-4	Democratic - Republican margin

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Q3 Now I am going to read you the names of a few people and things. For each one, I will ask you to rate them on a scale of 1 to 5, just like how restaurants are reviewed in the newspaper, with 1 being the worst rating and 5 being the best. If you have heard of the person or thing, but have no opinion, that's fine, and if you haven't heard of them that is fine too.

		1 (Worst)	2	3	4	5 (Best)	Can't Rate	Not Heard	Temperature	Total Rate	Total Heard
A	Barack Obama	RV 44	6	6	9	31	1	3	44	96	97
B	Hillary Clinton	RV 34	10	10	11	32	2	2	49	97	98
C	Nathan Deal	RV 17	13	22	16	12	6	14	47	81	86
D	Ga State Legislature	RV 18	16	29	10	5	12	10	39	77	90
E	Paul Broun	RV 12	5	8	5	5	9	55	41	36	45
F	Phil Gingrey	RV 15	7	13	6	5	8	48	38	44	52
G	Karen Handel	RV 10	7	16	6	7	11	44	45	46	56
H	Jack Kingston	RV 9	4	9	5	7	10	56	47	34	44
I	David Pennington	RV 4	4	5	3	1	9	74	40	17	26
J	Kasim Reed	RV 12	9	13	10	13	7	35	52	57	65
K	Jason Carter	RV 7	4	5	2	4	8	72	39	20	28
L	Scott Holcomb	RV 7	5	6	1	2	10	70	34	21	30
M	Stacey Abrams	RV 6	4	6	5	4	10	65	46	25	35

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Q4 Now think ahead to the next general election for Governor in 2014. If the candidates are [Nathan Deal, the incumbent Republican or [ROTATE: Other options below], how will you vote?

		<i>Nathan Deal</i>	<i>Challenger</i>	<i>Not Certain</i>
A	Stacey Abrams, a Democratic state representative from Atlanta and the first African American female party leader in the legislature	RV 45	39	17
B	Jason Carter, a Democratic state senator from Atlanta and grandson of Jimmy Carter	RV 42	45	13
C	Scott Holcomb, a Democratic state representative from Atlanta and former Army officer	RV 41	41	18

Q5/Q6 Republican Primary Voters Only

Q5 The Republicans will nominate a candidate for US Senate. What if the choices are [ROTATE BELOW], for whom would you vote?

- RV**
- 13 Paul Broun, a Congressman from Athens
 - 19 Phil Gingrey, a Congressman from Marietta
 - 16 Karen Handel, the former Secretary of State
 - 18 Jack Kingston, a Congressman from Savannah
 - 34 not certain at this time/none of these candidates

Q6 The Republicans will nominate a candidate for Governor. What if the choices are [ROTATE BELOW], for whom would you vote?

- RV**
- 53 Nathan Deal, the incumbent Governor
 - 18 David Pennington, the mayor of Dalton
 - 29 not certain at this time/none of these candidates

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Q7 Under existing law, when Georgia Power incurs cost overruns during the construction of a nuclear power plant because of mismanagement, the company can pass on the cost to consumers in the form of special surcharges on power bills. A proposed bill in the legislature would prevent Georgia Power from profiting in the future from its own errors by forcing shareholders to pay for overruns, instead of consumers.

Supporters of the bill say it would require Georgia Power to keep its past promises to consumers and more accurately project future costs when it wants new projects approved by the state. Opponents say it would discourage power companies from investing in nuclear power and hurt the industry in Georgia.

This year, the legislation did not pass, but the bill is expected to be reintroduced next year. When it is, would you want your legislator to vote to pass it or reject it?

RV

68	Legislator should support passage
16	Reject it
16	Not Sure

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Q8 Georgia and other states are considering whether to accept more federal funds for Medicaid. The money would insure more Georgians, put hundreds of millions of dollars in our economy, create thousands of jobs and possibly prevent rural hospitals from closing. Do you support or oppose Georgia accepting the Medicaid funding?

[NOT IN SUPPORT:] You said you don't currently support expanding Georgia's Medicaid program. Does your opinion change after learning that if Georgia accepts these funds, it will not cost taxpayers any money for the first three years, and, if the state doesn't accept these funds, hospitals could shut down or reduce the level of care they provide, which would limit access to care and cost the state jobs from people who are employed by hospitals and from companies that do business with hospitals.

RV

- 60 Support Expansion
- 23 Against Expansion
- 17 Not Sure

- 7 Switch to support after hearing argument

- 67 Final Support
- 22 Final Oppose
- 11 Final Not Sure

Q9 Some states have legalized possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use. Do you support or oppose this?

RV

- 43 Support
- 47 Oppose
- 10 Not Sure

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Q10 Some legislators have proposed that the Georgia state legislature pass a law making it illegal for employers to discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

RV

47	Support
26	Oppose
27	Not Sure

Q11 Some people say that gay marriage should be legalized because people should be allowed to do what they want. Other people say that while gay marriage should not be legal, the government should recognize civil unions that protect rights like hospital visitation and inheritance. Still other people say that the government should not recognize any relationships other than marriage between a man and a woman. What do you think?

RV

24	Legalize Gay Marriage
28	Legalize Civil Unions
43	No Recognition
5	Not Sure

Q12 Georgia law currently prohibits people from bringing guns onto college campuses. Some members of the state legislature want to change the law to allow people to carry guns with them on college campuses. People who support the idea say that more people with guns on campuses will help prevent someone from intentionally targeting students. Opponents say that allowing more people to have guns will increase the chances that someone gets shot. What do you think about the proposal?

RV

38	Support
56	Oppose
6	Not Sure

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Q13 Some people say that state government should attract new companies to Georgia by aggressively competing with other states by offering corporate tax breaks and financial incentives. Others say that rather than offering corporate tax breaks for specific companies, the state should attract business by making our schools, roads and other infrastructure as strong as possible. If you had to choose between the two, which approach would you pick?

RV

32	Tax Breaks
56	Infrastructure
12	Not Sure

Q14 Over the last several years, the state legislature has failed to meet its funding obligation under Georgia law, and has cut \$7.6 billion meant for local school districts. As a result, local school property taxes have gone up. Some legislators propose creating a school trust fund that will safeguard tax dollars meant for schools to prevent politicians from spending it on other things. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

RV

65	Support
12	Oppose
23	Not Sure

Q15 Some elected officials want to change our immigration laws so that immigrants in the country illegally who are employed, pay taxes and haven't committed any violent crimes can apply for the right to stay in the United States. Do you support this proposal?

RV

54	Support
29	Oppose
17	Not Sure

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Q16 Recently, the national media has reported that some high schools in Georgia hold racially segregated proms, with a private prom for white students and another prom for every other student. Governor Deal was asked to speak out against these racially segregated proms, but refused to do so, saying it was not something he should concern himself with, even though the national media cited segregated proms as examples of Georgia being behind the times. Do you think Governor Deal should speak out against racially segregated high school events, or not?

RV

57	Should Speak Out Against
29	Should Not
14	Not Sure

Q17 Some legislators have proposed repealing the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which allows citizens to directly elect members of the United States Senate. If this happens, members of the state legislatures would choose members of the United States Senate, instead of voters. Do you support or oppose this idea?

RV

8	Support Repealing 17th Amendment
74	Oppose Repeal
18	Not Sure

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Q18 National organizations funded by corporations and special interests frequently pay for state legislators and other elected officials to take trips to conferences at high end resorts and vacation destinations. These organizations then write legislation that advances the special interests of their donors that they give to the same legislators to introduce as bills and vote into law.

Some people say legislators should be banned from taking trips and other benefits from such organizations. Others say that the groups provide valuable knowledge for legislators, and they should be allowed to take trips to their conferences. What do you think?

RV

- 70 Ban Trips
- 13 Allow Trips
- 17 Not Sure

Q19 Some people say that the Georgia state income tax should be repealed and replaced with an increase in the sales tax on goods and services. Supporters say this would improve the economy and encourage people to save more by taxing spending. Opponents say this would result in higher taxes for middle and working class Georgians while cutting taxes for corporations and the wealthy. What do you think?

RV

- 33 Replace Income Tax with Sales Tax Increase
- 50 Do Not Replace Income Tax
- 17 Not Sure

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Q20 Now I'm going to ask you about your opinion of some reasons people have given for opposing the re-election of Governor Nathan Deal. For each one, please tell me whether you find it a convincing reason to vote against Governor Deal's re-election, or not.

		<i>Convincing</i>			<i>Not Convincing</i>	
					<i>Very Convincing</i>	
					<i>Total Conv-Not</i>	
	RV	50	34	15	38	16
A	Repeatedly during Governor Deal's administration, Georgia has failed to take advantage of billions of dollars in available federal funding that would help pay for things like improving transportation, expanding health coverage and funding local public schools?					
B	Recently the media reported that Governor Deal used his political influence to force Georgia Public Broadcasting to create a \$150,000 a year taxpayer funded job for a disgraced former state senator and political ally. At the same time, the Governor has deeply cut the budgets for many important programs.	RV	57	23	20	38 34
C	Recently the media reported that Governor Deal used his political influence to direct millions of dollars of taxpayer money to be spent to put a major new state facility on land owned by a man who is his business partner and campaign chairman. At the same time, the Governor has deeply cut the budgets for many important programs.	RV	58	22	20	40 36

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		Convincing	Not Convincing	Not Sure	Very Convincing	Total Conv-Not
D	As Governor, Nathan Deal actively supported sales tax increases to fund special transportation projects. At the same time he has been using his influence as Governor to steer taxpayer dollars to projects to benefit his business partner and campaign chairman	RV 58	25	16	37	33
E	Opponents of Governor Deal say that he has had repeated allegations of corruption and financial shenanigans from the media and others, and that he hasn't advocated effectively for stronger ethics laws for Georgia politicians. In fact, Georgia was recently ranked the most corrupt state government in America by the Center for Public Integrity, a national organization that studies state corruption and ethics laws.	RV 55	31	14	42	24

Q21A Some people say that Governor Deal is a "do nothing Governor" and an "empty suit" who has failed to take effective action to solve Georgia's biggest challenges, including with its economy, transportation and schools. Do you agree or disagree?

RV	
29	Agree Strongly
11	Agree Somewhat
34	Disagree
25	Not Sure

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Q21B Some people say that in the next few years, an armed revolution might be necessary in order to protect our liberties. Do you agree or disagree?

RV

- 12 Agree Strongly
- 13 Agree Somewhat
- 50 Disagree
- 25 Not Sure

And now we have a few final questions to make sure a representative sample of all voters has been called.

Q22 Age

RV

- 16 18-29
- 26 30-44
- 36 45-64
- 19 65 & Older
- 3 Refused To Say

Q23 Gender

RV

- 53 Female
- 45 Male
- 3 Rather Not Say

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Q24 And do you come from a Hispanic or Spanish speaking background, or not?

RV

- 5 Yes
- 90 No
- 0 Not Sure
- 4 Rather Not Say

And can you tell me what you consider to be your main race

RV

- 62 White
- 26 Black/African American
- 1 American Indian/Alaska Native
- 0 Asian
- 0 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 2 Some Other Race
- 3 More Than One Race
- 0 Not Sure
- 4 Rather Not Say

Q25 Education Level (Last Year Completed)

RV

- 7 Less than HS Grad
- 20 High School Grad
- 8 HS Grad: Trade School
- 18 Some College
- 27 College Grad
- 18 Post Graduate Degree
- 1 Refused
- 1 Not Sure

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Q26 Income Level

RV

24	< \$30,000
26	\$30,000 < \$60,000
14	\$60,000 < \$90,000
13	\$90,000 < \$140,000
8	> \$140,000
5	Not Sure
11	Refused

Q27 Length of Ga Residence

RV

44	Entire Life
52	Lived Elsewhere
4	Refused
36	Elsewhere: Ga since before 2000
9	Elsewhere: After 2000, Before 2008
5	Elsewhere: After 2008

Q28 And now think about how often you vote in elections. As you know, the main elections are held every four years for President, but there are also elections for things like Governor, Congress, Mayor and School Board. And in addition to the November elections, the political parties hold primary elections that decide who their nominees will be in the summer. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning hardly ever and 5 meaning you never miss an election, even a primary, how often would you say you vote?

RV

4	1 (Almost Never)
3	2
11	3
20	4
52	5 (Even Primaries)
10	Not Sure

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Q29 Thinking about the political parties, can you tell me what party you consider yourself to be a member of?

RV

- 36 Democrat
- 34 Republican
- 24 Independent
- 2 Third Party
- 4 Not Sure

[D/R combined with followup about what party they usually choose in two way race]

- 43 Total Democratic Base Vote
- 45 Total Republican Base Vote

Q30 DMA: CODED NOT ASKED

RV

- 5 Albany
- 61 Atlanta
- 5 Augusta
- 3 Columbus
- 9 Macon
- 6 Savannah
- 3 Tallahassee/Thomasville
- 7 Fringe/Out of State

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Q31 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: CODED NOT ASKED

RV

- 7 1
- 9 2
- 8 3
- 6 4
- 6 5
- 7 6
- 5 7
- 8 8
- 6 9
- 8 10
- 7 11
- 8 12
- 6 13
- 8 14

64 Republican Held Seat
36 Democratic Held Seat

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Statement of Methodology: 20/20 Insight, LLC surveyed 1,483 Georgia Registered Voters from May 7-9, 2013. These interviews were then weighted to representative Georgia Registered voters. The survey's margin of error is +/-2.5% at a confidence level of 95%. 20/20 Insight, LLC conducts surveys using automated interactive voice response (IVR) technology. This is what is often referred to in the media as a "robo poll".

No live human operators spoke to respondents, who used their touch-tone phones to answer questions. Every respondent heard the exact same prompt for each question, except where noted a computer randomized the order in which they heard questions, ballot choices or names. To keep the average call length to a reasonable amount of time, some questions were read only to a sub-sample or split-sample of respondents. Respondents had up to 5 seconds to answer each question after the full prompt was read, and could answer early at any time once they heard their choice. On average for this survey, respondents spent more than 10 minutes on the phone, and slightly more than 30% of those called who initially agreed to take the survey did not complete it due to dropoff or some other factor.

The frequencies reported in this survey include the weighted results from ONLY the 1,483 modeled respondents who answered every question including the demographic profile.

Additional demographic weighting was applied to the survey using statistical information available from the Georgia Secretary of State. More than 83% of poll respondents, representing more than 65% of the final weighted survey result had a final weight applied of less than 1.5. A weighting of 1 would mean no weighting was applied. This weighting, and other factors such as refusal to be interviewed may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify. 20/20 Insight, LLC employed multiple callbacks over successive days and at different hours during the day and also attempted to convert those who initially decline to participate in order to reduce any respondent bias introduced by only interviewing the subset of the general population that answers a call on any random night. A "raking" weighting methodology was used - first the survey was raked to match Georgia's racial and ethnic population, then the survey was adjusted for age and finally the survey was adjusted for gender.