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#### HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from April 21 through April 23, 2015. A total of 625 registered Mississippi voters were interviewed statewide by telephone.

Those interviewed on land-lines were selected by the random variation of the last four digits of telephone numbers. A cross-section of exchanges was utilized in order to ensure an accurate reflection of the state. Those interviewed on cell phones were selected from a list of working cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or racial grouping.

QUESTION: Medicaid is a federal and state health insurance program for poor people and some other needy populations. It is funded by state and federal funds. The federal health reform law allows states to expand Medicaid to cover individuals who have an income level up to \$15,420 annually. It is estimated this expansion would provide coverage to an additional 280,000 Mississippians. Do you support or oppose the expansion of Medicaid coverage in Mississippi as I have just described?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	54%	41%	5%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	59%	37%	4%
Women	51%	43%	6%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	38%	56%	6%
Black	90%	7%	3%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	92%	5%	3%
Republican	26%	67%	7%
Independent	58%	38%	4%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
18-34	57%	42%	1%
35-49	57%	35%	7%
50-64	54%	43%	3%
65+	50%	42%	8%

<u>CONG DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
1st Cong Dist	60%	34%	6%
2nd Cong Dist	66%	30%	4%
3rd Cong Dist	55%	42%	3%
4th Cong Dist	38%	55%	7%

QUESTION: Through 2016, the federal government would pay for all the costs to expand Medicaid. Beginning in 2017, the State will have to pay a portion of the costs for expanded Medicaid but no more than 10%. As a result, Mississippi will pay on average of \$40 million a year but will receive \$8.7 billion from the federal government for expansion. Do you support or oppose the expansion of Medicaid coverage in Mississippi as I have just described?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	58%	38%	4%
<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Men	62%	34%	4%
Women	54%	42%	4%
<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
White	43%	54%	3%
Black	88%	6%	6%
<b><u>PARTY ID</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Democrat	93%	3%	4%
Republican	33%	63%	4%
Independent	58%	37%	5%
<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
18-34	59%	33%	8%
35-49	61%	36%	3%
50-64	60%	38%	2%
65+	51%	44%	5%
<b><u>CONG DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
1st Cong Dist	60%	37%	3%
2nd Cong Dist	64%	28%	8%
3rd Cong Dist	65%	34%	1%
4th Cong Dist	43%	52%	5%

QUESTION: If Mississippi chooses not to expand Medicaid, the federal funds that should come to Mississippi will go to other states, like Arkansas and California. Do you believe that Mississippi should or should not expand Medicaid to maximize federal funds and prevent Mississippi tax dollars from going to other states?

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	56%	40%	4%
<u>SEX</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	59%	36%	5%
Women	54%	42%	4%
<u>RACE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	46%	50%	4%
Black	76%	18%	6%
<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	84%	13%	3%
Republican	38%	55%	7%
Independent	51%	48%	1%
<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	53%	44%	3%
35-49	59%	37%	4%
50-64	62%	35%	3%
65+	47%	46%	7%
<u>CONG DISTRICT</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
1st Cong Dist	57%	40%	3%
2nd Cong Dist	57%	37%	6%
3rd Cong Dist	65%	33%	2%
4th Cong Dist	46%	47%	7%

QUESTION: As an alternative to expanding traditional Medicaid, several states -- including Arkansas and Tennessee -- have used or are proposing to use federal Medicaid dollars to provide tax credits and financial assistance to low-income adults to help those individuals purchase private health insurance plans. Would you support or oppose a similar plan where Mississippi lawmakers take federal Medicaid dollars and use them to assist low-income adults purchase private health insurance plans?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	56%	34%	10%
<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Men	58%	35%	7%
Women	54%	32%	14%
<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
White	52%	37%	11%
Black	64%	28%	8%
<b><u>PARTY ID</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Democrat	68%	24%	8%
Republican	51%	38%	11%
Independent	44%	41%	15%
<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
18-34	59%	35%	6%
35-49	59%	29%	12%
50-64	53%	34%	13%
65+	54%	38%	8%
<b><u>CONG DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
1st Cong Dist	61%	27%	12%
2nd Cong Dist	55%	39%	6%
3rd Cong Dist	59%	34%	7%
4th Cong Dist	48%	36%	16%

**PARTY IDENTIFICATION:**

Democrat	212 (34%)
Republican	298 (48%)
Independent or Other	115 (18%)

**AGE:**

18-34	85 (14%)
35-49	174 (28%)
50-64	202 (32%)
65+	162 (26%)
Refused	2

**RACE:**

White/Caucasian	418 (67%)
Black/African American	190 (30%)
Other/Refused	17 (3%)

**SEX:**

Male	303 (48%)
Female	322 (52%)

**REGION:**

1st Congressional District	157 (25%)
2nd Congressional District	152 (24%)
3rd Congressional District	156 (25%)
4th Congressional District	160 (26%)