

Summer 2004 Questionnaire Results



Dear Friend:

Thank you for responding to my recent Legislative Issues Survey. Your views, along with many others from our 25th Assembly District, have been compiled from nearly 2,700 responses. I thought they might be of interest to you.

Again this year the response has been terrific, producing a number of interesting results. I really appreciate you taking the time to fill out the questionnaire and sending it back to me. Most importantly, thank you for letting me know your opinion on these issues. It is an important step in making government work a bit better for all of us.

Your thoughts and views are important to me. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me on these or any other matter of importance to you. You can contact me in any manner that is convenient to you from the list of contact numbers and addresses listed below. Thanks again for your important input.

Sincerely,

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Through redistricting, the lines of the 25th Assembly District have changed. It now consists of the following areas:

Calumet County:

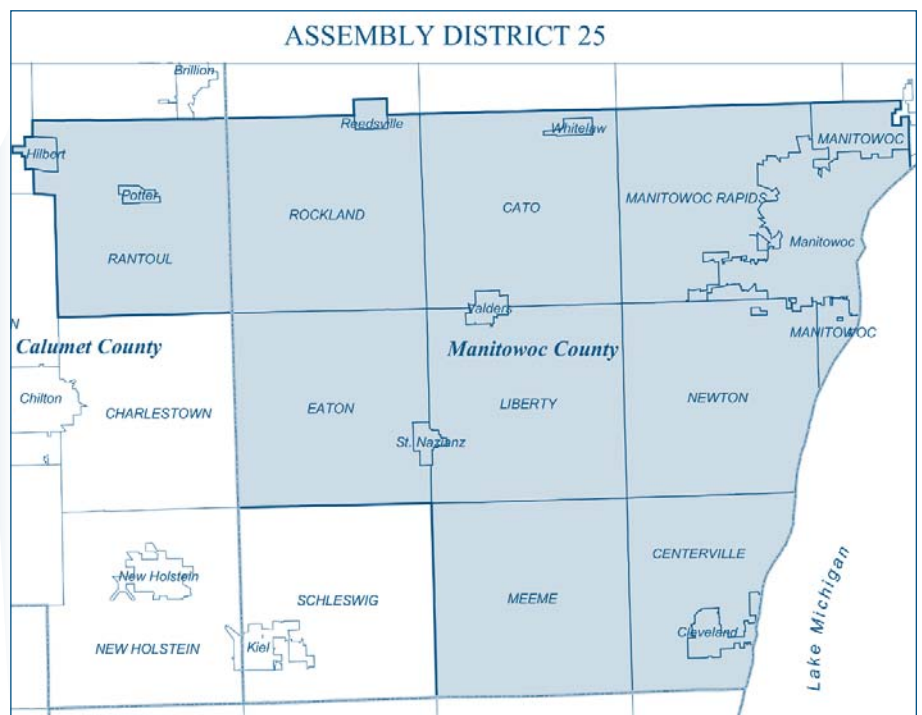
Villages of Hilbert and Potter
Town of Rantoul

Manitowoc County:

City of Manitowoc

Villages of: Cleveland, Reedsville, St. Nazianz, Valders and Whitelaw

Towns of: Cato, Centerville, Eaton, Liberty, Manitowoc, Manitowoc Rapids, Meeme, Newton and Rockland



HEALTH CARE:

1. Are you covered by Health Insurance?
94% Yes **6%** No
2. How much do **you** pay for your health insurance per month?
25% \$0-\$100
35% \$101- \$250
19% \$251 - \$500
12% More than \$500
9% Don't know / not applicable.
3. Does your health insurance include coverage for prescription drugs?
68% Yes **32%** No
4. Do you support proposals banning research on stem cells derived from human embryos (research which is aimed at finding therapies or cures for diseases such as juvenile diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer, spinal cord injuries, and other chronic diseases)?
33% Yes **46%** No **21%** Undecided
5. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your opinion about abortion and the law?
14% Abortion should remain legal without restriction.
18% Abortion should be legal except for partial birth abortion in the third trimester when the mother's life is not in danger.
33% Abortion should be illegal except for rape, incest, or if the mother's life is in danger.
17% Abortion should be illegal except if the mother's life is in danger.
18% Abortion should be illegal without exception.

TRAFFIC & PUBLIC SAFETY:

6. Recently the standard for blood alcohol content for intoxicated driving in Wisconsin was reduced from .10% to .08%. Would you favor reducing it further?
15% Yes **77%** No **8%** Undecided
7. Would you support proposals allowing for primary enforcement of Wisconsin's mandatory seat belt law (motorists could be stopped and ticketed for this alone)?
27% Yes **67%** No **6%** Undecided
8. Do you support proposals which would require older drivers (over 75 years of age) to be tested for vision and physical driving ability more frequently than once every eight years as is required of all other drivers in Wisconsin?
71% Yes **21%** No **8%** Undecided
9. The City of Manitowoc is considering construction of a section of Magnolia Avenue between North 8th Street and the 2 Malls at cost to local taxpayers estimated to exceed \$2 million. Do you favor this project?
15% Yes **67%** No **18%** Undecided
10. Wisconsin has not had the death penalty for over 100-years. Should the death penalty be available as a sentencing option for first-degree murder?
56% Yes **30%** No **14%** Undecided
11. Do you support a proposal that would allow people to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm if they have passed a specified training program, paid a fee, and have no history of crime or mental illness?
45% Yes **46%** No **9%** Undecided
12. The most recent 'concealed carry' proposal allowed concealed weapons to be brought into private homes and businesses. Governor Doyle vetoed that bill. Regardless of how you feel about the issue of concealed carry, should future proposals require that anyone carrying a concealed weapon must get permission from the private home or business before entering?
71% Yes **17%** No **12%** Undecided

13. Currently, employers can consider the criminal history of job applicants only if it relates directly to the job they are seeking. Do you support proposals to allow employers to consider the criminal history even if it does not directly relate to the job being applied for?
62% Yes **26%** No **12%** Undecided

EDUCATION:

14. With the passage of a recent referendum in Manitowoc, all schools in our area will have a school lunch program. Would you be in favor of the addition of a school breakfast program at our local public schools?
24% Yes **65%** No **11%** Undecided
15. Would you be in favor of requiring that all junior high students take a tour of a state prison facility as part of their school curriculum as a deterrent to crime and gang influences?
70% Yes **19%** No **11%** Undecided
16. Currently the Manitowoc Public School District has a separate Kindergarten Center. Do you think Kindergarten should move back into the applicable local neighborhood school?
57% Yes **17%** No **26%** Undecided
17. Do you support the current limitations on annual salary and benefit increases for public school teachers and administrators (also known as the QEO)?
58% Yes **25%** No **17%** Undecided
18. Do you support the current system of controls, which limits the annual increases in spending by public school districts (but allows exceeding the limits by referendum approval of the voters of the school district)?
74% Yes **13%** No **13%** Undecided
19. Would you favor aggressive prosecution of the laws related to truancy (requiring children less than 18 to attend school)?
74% Yes **13%** No **13%** Undecided
20. Should parents be penalized if their children are repeatedly truant from school?
56% Yes **24%** No **20%** Undecided

ECONOMY:

21. Do you feel that the State of Wisconsin is generally "headed in the right direction"?
33% Yes **36%** No **31%** Undecided
22. For the economic future of Manitowoc County, do you believe it would be more desirable to increase our base of:
83% Manufacturing
7% Tourism/destination sites
10% Other
23. Compared to 5-years ago, do you feel your ability to maintain or find a job in your field is:
6% Better than before
59% Worse than before
35% About the same
24. In the past 25-years, the telephone industry has gone from being rigidly "regulated" by government as to price and services, to being generally "deregulated". Do feel deregulation of the telephone industry has:
27% Lowered prices
53% Raised prices
20% Had no effect
25. Do feel deregulation of the telephone industry has:
72% Increased choices
10% Decreased choices
18% Had no effect
26. Describe your Internet broadband connection:
7% DSL (digital subscriber lines)
4% Cable Modem
44% Dial-up Connections (ISDN)
1% Other: _____
44% Not applicable.

27. In regard to the speed of your Internet service:
11% Desire faster, but not available.
34% Desire faster, but too expensive.
6% Do not have, too expensive
6% Other: _____
43% Not applicable.

ELECTIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

28. Would you support a proposal to require each voter to produce a photo ID in order to be able to vote?
64% Yes **26%** No **10%** Undecided
29. Would you be in favor of on-line voting via the Internet if it insures anonymity, accuracy and security?
28% Yes **62%** No **10%** Undecided
30. Do you favor spending controls on state and local government which would place a limit on the growth of expenditures from year to year that could only be exceeded by a referendum of the voters of that area?
77% Yes **12%** No **11%** Undecided
31. In the City of Manitowoc, the outdoor swimming pool has broken down and swimming in Lake Michigan is often not allowed. Do you support construction of a new outdoor pool in the city, if primarily paid for by?:
22% Private contributions
3% Government funds
63% Combination of private & government
12% Do not support a new pool.

SOCIETAL:

32. In the past few months there have been a number of developments around the country dealing with the legal definition of marriage. Current law in Wisconsin states that marriage is between a husband and a wife. However court decisions in other states might make it possible for a court decision in another state to change our state law. As a result the Wisconsin Legislature is proposing changing the State Constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman. Do you favor this?
79% Yes **15%** No **6%** Undecided
33. Some states (like Vermont) allow for "civil unions" which provide similar legal benefits to couples of the same sex as heterosexual married couples. Do you favor proposals to create "civil union" arrangements in Wisconsin, as long as the term 'marriage' is not used? Choose only one:
20% Yes
9% Yes, but I am also in favor of using the term 'marriage'.
63% No
8% Undecided
34. If you had a choice would you rather:
32% Live near where you want to work?
68% Work near where you want to live?

MISCELLANEOUS:

35. Which THREE of the following issues are of the greatest importance to you?
#1 Taxes **23%**
#2 Local Economic Conditions **20%**
#3 Access to Health Care **17%**
#4 Crime & Public Safety **12%**
#5 Job Prospects **10%**
#6 Education **8%**
#7 Foreign Trade **6%**
#8 Other: _____ **3%**
#9 Traffic **1%**