

2017 WESTERN STATES SURVEY

Interview Schedule - Colorado

Public Opinion Strategies/FM3

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N = 400 voters in Colorado

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- An carrot (^) denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.
- "Skip base" is the percentage of voters that are asked a question because they meet a criteria based on a response to a previous question, meaning not all 400 respondents received that question.
- "Total base" is the percentage of the total sample, in this survey that is 400 voters.

1. How many years have you lived in Colorado?

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
12%	15%	18%	0-10
20%	19%	18%	11-20
20%	20%	22%	21-30
19%	17%	18%	31-40
14%	12%	7%	41-50
13%	15%	14%	51+
1%	-	1%	DON'T KNOW
1%	*	*	REFUSED
30.9	30.8	28.7	MEAN

SPLIT SAMPLED

2. Would you say that things in Colorado are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

63% RIGHT DIRECTION

28% WRONG TRACK

9% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

SPLIT SAMPLED

3. Would you say that things in the United States are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

25% RIGHT DIRECTION

63% WRONG TRACK

12% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

SPLIT SAMPLED

4. Other than the weather, what do you like most about living in the Western United States?
(PROBE & CLARIFY:) Is there anything else you can tell me about that?

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Q5-8 SPLIT SAMPLED

Thinking about things in Colorado, for each of the following please compare Colorado to the rest of the country. Is this aspect of life in Colorado better, worse, or about the same as you would expect to find in the rest of the country. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Better	Worse	Same	DK (DNR)	Ref (DNR)
5. The economy	56%	12%	27%	5%	–
6. Quality of life	76%	4%	18%	2%	–
7. The way government works	28%	12%	54%	5%	–
8. Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	90%	*	7%	1%	1%

Q9-12 SPLIT SAMPLED

Thinking about things in Colorado, for each of the following please tell me how you would rate that aspect of life in Colorado - would you say it is **(ROTATE)** -- great, good, fair or poor. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Total Great/ Good	Total Fair/ Poor	Great	Good	Fair	Poor	DK (DNR)	Ref (DNR)
9. The economy	64%	33%	16%	48%	24%	9%	3%	–
10. Quality of life	86%	13%	32%	54%	11%	2%	1%	–
11. The way government works	44%	52%	6%	38%	32%	20%	4%	–
12. Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	95%	5%	68%	27%	4%	1%	–	–

State Attributes - % Better & % Great/Good Comparison Table (Ranked By % Better)

State Attributes	% Better	% Great/Good
Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	90%	95%
Quality of life	76%	86%
The economy	56%	64%
The way government works	28%	44%

13. When you think about the types of businesses and jobs you would like to see more of in Colorado, which one or two of those types of businesses would you want Colorado to encourage more of in the future? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE. RECORD UP TO TWO CHOICES)**

<u>1st</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
29%	44%	Solar, wind and renewable energy
19%	32%	Computers and technology
15%	27%	Hospitals and health care
11%	20%	Agriculture
10%	18%	Oil and gas drilling
7%	20%	Outdoor recreation and related tourism
4%	7%	Coal mining
1%	1%	ALL (DO NOT READ)
–	–	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	NONE (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Switching topics - I'd like to read you some different agencies which deal with issues in your state. For each one, please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing at this time.
(RANDOMIZE)

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE) And do you **STRONGLY** (approve/disapprove) or just **SOMEWHAT** (approve/disapprove)?

(IF DON'T KNOW/NEVER HEARD OF, CLARIFY) Have you not heard of **(ORGANIZATION)** or do you just not have an opinion of the job they are doing at this time?

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion	Never Heard Of	Ref (DNR)
Q14-17 SPLIT SAMPLED									
14. U.S. Forest Service									
2017	78%	10%^	43%	35%	7%	4%	9%	3%	—
2014	80%	10%	36%	44%	4%	6%	9%	*	1%
15. National Park Service									
2017	86%	7%	52%	34%	5%	2%	4%	*	2%
2014	85%	8%	48%	37%	5%	3%	6%	1%	—
16. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service									
2017	79%^	7%	36%	44%	4%	3%	9%	4%	1%
2014	74%	7%	33%	41%	2%	5%	18%	*	—
17. Bureau of Land Management									
2017	55%	25%	15%	40%	13%	12%	13%	7%	1%
2014	54%	21%	14%	40%	11%	10%	23%	1%	2%

Summary of Agencies - Ranked By % Total Approve

Agencies	% Total Approve	% Total Disapprove
National Park Service	86%	7%
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	79%	7%
U.S. Forest Service	78%	10%
Bureau of Land Management	55%	25%

SPLIT SAMPLED

18. What are the things that you would most like the Trump administration and the Congress to do that relate to natural resources, such as forests, water and minerals in the West? What advice would you offer as they consider how to address these issues over the next four years? **(PROBE & CLARIFY AS NEEDED)**

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SPLIT SAMPLED

19. What are the things that you would most like the Trump administration and the Congress to do that relate to public lands managed by national agencies, such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges? What advice would you offer as they consider how to address public lands over the next four years? **(PROBE & CLARIFY AS NEEDED)**

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Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues some people say are problems in Colorado. For each one, please tell me if you think it is **(ROTATE)** an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem in Colorado. The first/next one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Extremely/ Very Serious	Total Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not A Problem	Don't Know/ Refused
Q20-27 SPLIT SAMPLED							
20.	Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife						
2017	25%^	65%^	9%	17%	40%	30%	4%
2016	31%^	63%^	10%	20%	32%	33%	4%
2015	26%	71%	10%	16%	45%	27%	2%
2014	31%^	73%	12%	20%	41%	22%	6%
2013	42%	78%^	21%	21%	37%	21%	1%
2012	39%	71%	14%	25%	32%	27%	2%
2011	41%	79%	17%	24%	38%	20%	1%
21.	Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams						
2017	30%	76%	13%	17%	46%	21%	3%
2016	42%	77%	18%	24%	35%	21%	3%
2015	52%	85%	20%	32%	33%	15%	1%
2014	26%	73%	7%	19%	47%	23%	4%
2013	49%	84%^	28%	21%	34%	16%	*
2012	38%	80%	13%	25%	42%	19%	1%
2011	44%	84%	20%	24%	40%	15%	1%
22.	Our dependence on foreign oil						
2017	34%	73%	17%	17%	39%	21%	7%
2016	43%	75%	20%	23%	32%	23%	2%
2015	42%	75%	20%	22%	33%	23%	2%
2014	44%	77%	21%	23%	33%	22%	2%
2013	64%^	90%^	30%	35%	26%	8%	2%
2012	73%^	95%^	46%	28%	22%	4%	*
23.	Our dependence on fossil fuels						
2017	30%	64%	12%	18%	34%	29%	8%
24.	Unemployment						
2017	25%^	71%	9%	17%	45%	26%	3%
2016	33%	75%	9%	24%	42%	24%	2%
2015	42%	83%^	16%	26%	42%	15%	2%
2014	48%	92%^	17%	31%	45%	7%	1%
2013	58%	94%	29%	29%	36%	6%	1%

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	Extremely/ Very Serious	Total Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not A Problem	Don't Know/ Refused
25. Poorly-planned growth and development							
2017	37%	72%^	16%	21%	34%	22%	7%
2016	33%^	71%^	15%	17%	38%	26%	3%
26. The impact of mining on land and water							
2017	33%	63%	12%	21%	30%	28%	9%
2016	29%	65%^	10%	19%	37%	29%	5%
2012	33%^	67%	13%	19%	35%	27%	6%
2011	33%	72%	13%	20%	39%	23%	4%
27. Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands							
2017	22%	62%^	7%	15%	39%	30%	8%
2016	23%^	63%^	7%	17%	40%	32%	5%
2015	35%	73%	10%	25%	38%	25%	2%
Q28-29 ASKED OF ALL							
28. Low levels of water in rivers							
2017	38%	71%	14%	24%	33%	25%	5%
2016	37%	73%	19%	18%	36%	25%	2%
2015	49%^	82%^	19%	29%	33%	16%	2%
2014	51%	82%	23%	28%	31%	15%	3%
2013	69%	93%	40%	29%	24%	5%	1%
29. Lack of access to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation areas							
2017	8%^	26%	4%	3%	19%	71%	3%

Summary of Issues - Ranked By % Extremely/Very Serious

Issues	% Extremely/ Very Serious	% Total Serious
Low levels of water in rivers	38%	71%
Poorly-planned growth and development	37%	72%
Our dependence on foreign oil	34%	73%
The impact of mining on land and water	33%	63%
Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams	30%	76%
Our dependence on fossil fuels	30%	64%
Unemployment	25%	71%
Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife	25%	65%
Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands	22%	62%
Lack of access to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation areas	8%	26%

Thinking about just one of these issues, energy -

SPLIT SAMPLED

30. Which one of the following sources of energy would you want to encourage the use of here in Colorado?

(IF RESPONSE GIVEN THEN ASK:) And which would you NEXT most want to encourage the use of? (READ AND RANDOMIZE)

First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
28%	31%	38%	35%	Solar power
23%	27%	21%	23%	Wind power
18%	16%	10%	10%	Natural gas
11%	7%	6%	9%	Energy efficiency efforts
6%	2%	4%	6%	Coal
n/a	5%	6%	6%	Nuclear
3%	6%	4%	4%	Oil
10%	4%	7%	4%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
1%	—	*	*	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	2%	3%	3%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Combined Choices - Ranked by Total First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
55%	56%	59%	66%	Solar power
46%	56%	51%	49%	Wind power
28%	24%	21%	23%	Natural gas
25%	19%	15%	19%	Energy efficiency efforts
13%	8%	9%	9%	Coal
n/a	10%	14%	8%	Nuclear
10%	13%	8%	10%	Oil
10%	4%	7%	4%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	1%	*	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
1%	3%	4%	3%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

SPLIT SAMPLED

31. Which one of the following sources of energy would you want to DISCOURAGE the use of here in Colorado?

**(IF RESPONSE GIVEN, THEN ASK:) And which would you NEXT want to discourage the use of?
(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2017</u>	
n/a	34%	34%	Nuclear
37%	21%	27%	Coal
18%	8%	9%	Oil
5%	4%	7%	Natural gas
5%	7%	7%	Solar power
10%	8%	6%	Wind power
4%	2%	1%	Energy efficiency efforts
2%	1%	1%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
17%	12%	7%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
2%	3%	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Combined Choices - Ranked by Total First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2017</u>	
n/a	46%	48%	Nuclear
56%	51%	55%	Coal
49%	23%	29%	Oil
13%	10%	14%	Natural gas
11%	15%	11%	Solar power
17%	17%	12%	Wind power
8%	2%	2%	Energy efficiency efforts
2%	1%	2%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
20%	16%	14%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
3%	3%	3%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking now about our national public lands, such as U.S. forests and national monuments -- There are a number of actions which the Trump administration may consider taking. For each one, please indicate if you would support or oppose that action. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SUPPORT/OPOSE) And, do you **STRONGLY** (support/oppose) or just **SOMEWHAT** (support/oppose) that action?

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DK/Ref (DNR)
32. Allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to drill in new areas of national public lands	33%[^]	62%[^]	14%	20%	13%	48%	5%
33. Improving and repairing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and historic buildings in our national parks and other outdoor destinations	93%	4%[^]	69%	24%	3%	2%	2%
34. Improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers	81%[^]	15%	43%	39%	9%	6%	4%
35. Promoting the outdoor economy, by investing in promoting tourism on national public lands and in U.S. manufacturing of outdoor equipment	75%	16%	34%	41%	10%	6%	9%
36. Allowing more coal mining on public lands	29%	66%	11%	18%	21%	45%	5%
37. Allowing more wind and solar energy projects on public lands	77%	19%	48%	29%	9%	10%	3%
38. Streamlining the ability for hunting, rafting and other guides to receive permits to operate on national public lands	65%	27%	25%	40%	17%	10%	8%

Summary of Trump Administration Actions- Ranked By % Strongly Support

Trump Administration Actions	% Strongly Support	% Total Support
Improving and repairing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and historic buildings in our national parks and other outdoor destinations	69%	93%
Allowing more wind and solar energy projects on public lands	48%	77%
Improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers	43%	81%
Promoting the outdoor economy, by investing in promoting tourism on national public lands and in U.S. manufacturing of outdoor equipment	34%	75%
Streamlining the ability for hunting, rafting and other guides to receive permits to operate on national public lands	25%	65%
Allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to drill in new areas of national public lands	14%	33%
Allowing more coal mining on public lands	11%	29%

39. And in general, would you prefer the administration place more emphasis on - **(ROTATE)**

69% Ensuring we protect sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands

OR

22% Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

4% **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**

1% **NEITHER/OTHER (DO NOT READ)**

4% **UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

40. Thinking about one existing policy, would you continue or not continue to require oil and gas producers who operate on national public lands to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas during the extraction process and reduce the need to burn off excess natural gas into the air?

(IF CONTINUE/NOT CONTINUE, ASK) And, would you DEFINITELY (continue/not continue) or just PROBABLY (continue/not continue) the policy?

60% Definitely continue

23% Probably continue

4% Probably not continue

7% Definitely not continue

6% UNSURE/REFUSED

83% TOTAL CONTINUE

11% TOTAL NOT CONTINUE

41. And, do you think that existing national monument designations for some public lands protected over the last decade should be kept in place or should they be removed?

(IF KEEP IN PLACE/REMOVE, ASK) And, would you DEFINITELY (keep in place/remove) or just PROBABLY (keep in place/remove) the protections?

60% Definitely keep in place
22% Probably keep in place
6% Probably remove
4% Definitely remove

7% UNSURE/REFUSED

83%^ TOTAL KEEP IN PLACE

10% TOTAL REMOVE

Thinking about one other idea affecting national public lands -

42. Some Members of Congress have proposed giving state government control over national public lands, such as national forests, national monuments, and national wildlife refuges in its borders. The state government would decide the future management of the lands, but state taxpayers would pay all costs, including the cost of maintenance and preventing and fighting wildfires.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

2016	2017	
15%	13%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
16%	18%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
23%	20%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
36%	40%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
9%	8%	NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

31% 31% TOTAL SUPPORT

59% 60%^ TOTAL OPPOSE

43. Donald Trump has said that he will follow in the footsteps of President Theodore Roosevelt, the President who created the first national parks and national monuments. Trump says he opposes transferring those lands to state governments because **(QUOTE)** "We have to be great stewards of this land."

Having heard that, would you say you approve or disapprove of the President-Elect's stated approach to federal management of national public lands?

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (approve/disapprove) or just SOMEWHAT (approve/disapprove)?

41%	STRONGLY APPROVE
26%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
10%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
13%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
9%	NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
67%	TOTAL APPROVE
23%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

44. The federal government allows oil and gas drilling to take place on public lands, like some national parks and forest land. Which of the following comes closest to your point of view - **(ROTATE)**

<u>2013</u>	<u>2017</u>	
27%	39%	Oil and gas drilling on public lands should be strictly limited.
54%	47%	Some public lands should be drilled, while environmentally sensitive places should be permanently protected.
17%	10%	Public lands should generally be open to oil and gas drilling.
*	2%	NO DRILLING ON PUBLIC LANDS (DO NOT READ)
-	1%	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking about you for a moment...

D1. In what year were you born?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
21%	21%	21%	19%	20%	25%	27%	18 - 34
18%	23%	26%	25%	25%	25%	23%	35 - 44
22%	20%	15%	18%	17%	15%	15%	45 - 54
23%	21%	22%	22%	22%	21%	19%	55 - 64
16%	15%	15%	15%	15%	14%	16%	65 AND ABOVE
1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	REFUSED

D2. Do you consider yourself to be a conservationist?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
35%	67%	68%	63%	66%	65%	74%	Yes
13%	30%	29%	31%	28%	30%	21%	No
1%	3%	4%	6%	6%	4%	6%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

And for statistical purposes only...

D3. How would you describe the area where you currently live? (**ROTATE**)

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
25%	23%	16%	19%	20%	19%	21%	A BIG CITY
39%	38%	44%	44%	41%	44%	37%	A SUBURBAN AREA
19%	22%	23%	18%	21%	20%	22%	A SMALL TOWN
16%	15%	16%	18%	17%	16%	20%	A RURAL AREA
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
*	*	*	1%	1%	*	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
64%	61%	60%	62%^	61%	63%	57%^	TOTAL BIG CITY/SUBURBAN
35%	37%	39%	36%	38%	36%	42%	TOTAL SMALL TOWN/RURAL

D4. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
7%	5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	6%	HUNTER ONLY
13%	13%	16%	14%	13%	12%	13%	ANGLER ONLY
19%	20%	16%	20%	20%	23%	20%	BOTH
60%	61%	61%	59%	62%	61%	61%	NO/NEITHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
39%	38%	38%	39%	38%^	39%^	38%^	TOTAL YES
60%	61%	61%	59%	62%	61%	61%	NO/NEITHER

D5. IF RESPONDENT FROM FILE & AZ, CO, NM, NV, WY: RECORD PARTY FROM FILE

IF OTHER VOTER IN HOUSEHOLD & CO:

No matter how you feel today, are you registered to vote as ... (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, Independent, or something else?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
34%	34%	34%	33%	33%	32%	32%	REPUBLICAN
36%	34%	34%	33%	33%	32%	32%	DEMOCRAT
27%	30%	30%	32%	32%	35%	35%	INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE
3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D6. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be (ROTATE) conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
35%	36%	36%	37%	31%	36%	35%	CONSERVATIVE
38%	37%	36%	37%	37%	35%	35%	MODERATE
24%	24%	24%	23%	27%	27%	26%	LIBERAL
2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D7. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2016 election for president?

(IF "YES," ASK:) :) For whom did you vote-- (ROTATE FIRST TWO) Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson, Jill Stein or Evan McMullin?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voted</u>	
34%	41%	Donald Trump
38%	45%	Hillary Clinton
11%	14%^	TOTAL THIRD PARTY
5%	6%	Gary Johnson
2%	2%	Jill Stein
1%	1%	Evan McMullin
3%	4%	Someone else (DO NOT READ)
5%	–	DID NOT VOTE (DO NOT READ)
12%	–	DO NOT RECALL/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D8. And what was the last level of education you COMPLETED? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)

20%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
2%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
26%	SOME COLLEGE
36%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
16%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
20%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
28%	SOME COLLEGE
52%	COLLEGE+
