PROVIDENCE STUDY
MAY 25, 2014

Introduction: Good evening. My name is _____ and I'm calling from DAPA Opinion Research Associates, a national public opinion firm. This evening we're conducting a political survey in Providence and we'd like to get your opinions. It should only take 5 minutes.

1.   Gender:

(N=600)	n	%
Male	288	48.00
Female	312	52.00

2.   Area:

(N=600)	n	%
A	192	32.00
B	102	17.00
C	126	21.00
D	145	24.17
E	35	5.83

3.   How likely are you to vote in the upcoming race for Governor, US Congress, and state offices this November – are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or that you don't think you'll vote?

(N=600)	n	%
Certain to vote	508	84.67
Probably vote	68	11.33
50-50	24	4.00

4.   How about the primary election this September for Governor, Mayor, and City Council - are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or that you don't think you'll vote?

(N=600)	n	%
Certain to vote	451	75.17
Probably vote	88	14.67
50-50	28	4.67
Probably won't vote	27	4.50
DK/Refused	6	1.00

5.   With which political party are you currently registered?

(N=600)	n	%
Democrat	328	54.67
Republican	33	5.50
Independent/Unaffiliated	201	33.50
Other	14	2.33
DK/Refused	24	4.00

6.   What is your age?

(N=600)	n	%
18-25	36	6.00
26-40	121	20.17
41-54	149	24.83
55-64	131	21.83
65 or older	145	24.17
Refused	18	3.00

7.   Overall, do you think things in Providence are moving in the right direction or are on the wrong track?

(N=600)	n	%
Right Direction	259	43.17
Wrong Track	223	37.17
Undecided	116	19.33
Refused	2	0.33

The following questions are about spending in our community, jobs, and potential ballot initiatives.

8.   When there is a labor dispute between a union and management, whose side do you generally take – union or management? [IF UNION/MANAGEMENT, ASK: "Is that strongly or somewhat?"]

(N=600)	n	%
Union Strongly	137	22.83
Union Somewhat	102	17.00
Management Somewhat	82	13.67
Management Strongly	76	12.67
Undecided/It Depends	166	27.67
DK/Refused	37	6.17

9.   **Let me ask you about a potential ballot measure that may appear on the November ballot in Providence. The measure, entitled "Hotel Worker Minimum Wage" would require Providence hotels of 25 rooms or more to pay all hotel employees a minimum wage of $15 per hour. At this point, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this measure?**

(N=600)	n	%
Strongly Favor	**242**	**40.33**
Somewhat Favor	**155**	**25.83**
Somewhat Oppose	**91**	**15.17**
Strongly Oppose	**73**	**12.17**
DK/Refused	**39**	**6.50**

Here are several reasons some people give for why they support a minimum wage of $15 per hour for hotel workers. Please indicate how convincing you personally find each of these statements as a reason to support the $15 per hour minimum wage. {RANDOMIZE 10 – 13}

10. **"There are 10 hotels in Providence. Two hotels – the Omni and the Biltmore – pay their housekeepers around $15 per hour. This proposal would level the playing field for workers at all large hotels who do the same job."**

(N=600)	n	%
Very convincing reason to support	**248**	**41.33**
Fairly convincing reason to support	**103**	**17.17**
Just somewhat convincing reason to support	**94**	**15.67**
Not convincing	**118**	**19.67**
Undecided	**37**	**6.17**

11. "Many Providence housekeepers start at $8.50 per hour, before taxes, which is less than some babysitters make. The initiative would amount to an approximately $1.85 increase in pay for each room a housekeeper cleans."

(N=600)	n	%
Very convincing reason to support	245	40.83
Fairly convincing reason to support	104	17.33
Just somewhat convincing reason to support	105	17.50
Not convincing	111	18.50
Undecided	35	5.83

12. "There are approximately one thousand Providence hotel workers. Most of them live in Providence. An increase in their wages would mean they have more money to invest in their homes and to spend in local businesses in their neighborhoods."

(N=600)	n	%
Very convincing reason to support	247	41.17
Fairly convincing reason to support	100	16.67
Just somewhat convincing reason to support	120	20.00
Not convincing	111	18.50
Undecided	22	3.67

13. "Only hotels that have 25 rooms or more will be covered by this initiative. Most are owned by large institutional companies who can afford to pay a minimum wage to their hotel workers. The initiative exempts small hotels and bed-and-breakfasts."

(N=600)	n	%
Very convincing reason to support	217	36.17
Fairly convincing reason to support	86	14.33
Just somewhat convincing reason to support	121	20.17
Not convincing	141	23.50
Undecided	35	5.83

Here are several reasons some people give for why they oppose a minimum wage of $15 per hour for hotel workers. Please indicate how convincing you personally find each of these statements as a reason to oppose the $15 per hour minimum wage. {RANDOMIZE 14 – 16}

14. "If Providence raises the minimum wage to $15 per hour for hotel workers, visitors may stay in other cities where hotel prices are lower, which will hurt our tax revenue and we will lose jobs and convention business."

(N=600)	n	%

Very convincing reason to oppose --------------------------91   15.17
Fairly convincing reason to oppose------------------------74   12.33
Just somewhat convincing reason to oppose--------------92   15.33
Not convincing --- 310   51.67
Undecided ---33   5.50

15.   "This proposition is being paid for by the labor unions who are just trying to give big hotels a headache so they will make their employees join the union and increase the amount of dues the union collects. Now these unions are pushing another job-killing policy that will hurt our struggling economy even more."

(N=600)   n   %
Very convincing reason to oppose --------------------------89   14.83
Fairly convincing reason to oppose------------------------69   11.50
Just somewhat convincing reason to oppose--------------75   12.50
Not convincing --- 308   51.33
Undecided ---59   9.83

16.   "This ordinance also covers hotel restaurants which are not part of the hotel industry. Hotel restaurants will not be able to compete with free standing restaurants like the ones in our community. Tipped workers such as bartenders, waiters, and waitresses already make good money and shouldn't get $15 per hour on top of their tips."

(N=600)   n   %
Very convincing reason to oppose ------------------------ 130   21.67
Fairly convincing reason to oppose------------------------77   12.83
Just somewhat convincing reason to oppose------------ 112   18.67
Not convincing --- 238   39.67
Undecided ---43   7.17

17.   Based on everything you have learned do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose, a proposal that would require Providence hotels of 25 rooms or more to pay all hotel employees a minimum wage of $15 per hour?

(N=600)   n   %
Strongly Favor --235   39.17
Somewhat Favor ---146   24.33
Somewhat Oppose-- 86   14.33
Strongly Oppose -- 97   16.17
DK/Refused-- 36   6.00

THE FINAL QUESTIONS ARE FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY

18.   Are you or any member of your immediate family from a Hispanic or Spanish speaking background?

(N=600)   n   %
Yes -- 200   33.33
No --- 391   65.17
DK/Refused -- 9   1.50

IF NOT HISPANIC/SPANISH OR DK/REF, ASK:
19.   What is your race?

(N=400)	n	%
White	284	71.00
Black	70	17.50
Asian	23	5.75
Other	6	1.50
Refused	17	4.25

20 & 21.   COMBINED RACE AND HISPANIC BACKGROUND

(N=600)	n	%
White	284	47.33
Hispanic	200	33.33
Black	70	11.67
Asian	23	3.83
Other	6	1.00
Refused	17	2.83

22.   Which best describes your annual household income before taxes for 2013?

(N=600)	n	%
Under $30,000	102	17.00
$30,001-$50,000	108	18.00
$50,001-$75,000	75	12.50
$75,001-$100,000	75	12.50
$100,001-$125,000	50	8.33
$125,001-$150,000	25	4.17
$150,001-$200,000	12	2.00
Over $200,000	15	2.50
DK/Refused	138	23.00

23.   Are you, or is anyone in your household, a current or retired member of a labor union?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes	171	28.50
No	419	69.83
Undecided	2	0.33
Refused	8	1.33