

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #15506

Geography: South Carolina

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1 Based on what you know, should Governor Mark Sanford remain in office? Or resign?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%																
Remain In Office	34%	39%	30%	28%	25%	42%	50%	27%	46%	42%	12%	**	**	47%	21%	35%
Resign	60%	56%	64%	65%	72%	54%	42%	68%	49%	53%	81%	**	**	48%	74%	61%
Not Sure	5%	4%	6%	8%	2%	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%	6%	**	**	5%	5%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	48%	52%	30%	29%	23%	17%	59%	41%	69%	27%	2%	2%	40%	36%	21%

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Not Sure	5%	5%	4%	2%	7%	5%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	38%	38%	16%	30%	35%	36%

2 Did the governor have the right? Or not have the right? To take a vacation without informing the public of his absence?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Had The Right	29%	34%	25%	27%	33%	31%	26%	30%	29%	37%	13%	**	**	36%	18%	35%
Did Not Have The Right	63%	55%	70%	64%	62%	66%	58%	63%	62%	56%	79%	**	**	54%	75%	60%
Not Sure	8%	11%	5%	10%	5%	3%	16%	7%	9%	6%	8%	**	**	10%	7%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Did Not Have The Right	63%	54%	68%	65%	62%	63%	63%
Not Sure	8%	14%	3%	3%	7%	7%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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3 Did the governor have the right? Or not have the right? To take a vacation without informing his staff of his location?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.8%																
Had The Right	16%	21%	12%	16%	15%	18%	18%	16%	18%	21%	8%	**	**	18%	12%	23%
Did Not Have The Right	77%	70%	84%	74%	83%	79%	71%	78%	76%	73%	89%	**	**	73%	83%	74%
Not Sure	6%	10%	4%	10%	3%	3%	11%	6%	7%	6%	3%	**	**	9%	5%	3%
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		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Upstate	Midland	Low Co
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.8%							
Had The Right	16%	16%	18%	15%	24%	15%	12%
Did Not Have The Right	77%	76%	77%	82%	71%	83%	77%
Not Sure	6%	8%	5%	2%	6%	3%	11%
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4 Should the governor be allowed to travel without a security detail? Or should a security detail be required to accompany the governor on all trips?

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Travel Without a Security Detail	45%	52%	39%	33%	55%	52%	40%	43%	47%	52%	31%	**	**	44%	40%	55%
Should Be Required To Accompany	45%	38%	52%	52%	42%	41%	43%	47%	42%	40%	60%	**	**	44%	52%	41%
Not Sure	10%	11%	9%	15%	3%	7%	17%	9%	11%	8%	9%	**	**	13%	9%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Should Be Required To Accompany	45%	41%	45%	54%	47%	47%	42%
Not Sure	10%	14%	8%	2%	10%	8%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	38%	38%	16%	30%	35%	36%

5 Would you support? Or would you oppose? A state law that would require the governor to have security coverage?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Support	44%	43%	45%	53%	37%	40%	48%	45%	43%	39%	52%	**	**	42%	51%	41%
Oppose	43%	49%	37%	29%	53%	49%	42%	41%	46%	48%	34%	**	**	40%	41%	49%
Not Sure	13%	8%	17%	17%	11%	11%	10%	14%	10%	13%	14%	**	**	18%	8%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%							
Support	44%	42%	42%	52%	41%	45%	47%
Oppose	43%	44%	45%	43%	43%	42%	44%
Not Sure	13%	15%	13%	5%	16%	13%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	38%	38%	16%	30%	35%	36%

6 Would you support? Or would you oppose? Changing the state constitution to more clearly define what happens when the governor is temporarily absent from the state?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%																
Support	70%	68%	73%	75%	70%	68%	65%	73%	66%	73%	70%	**	**	68%	73%	72%
Oppose	21%	26%	17%	14%	21%	24%	28%	17%	26%	19%	19%	**	**	22%	17%	25%
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	11%	8%	8%	7%	10%	8%	8%	11%	**	**	10%	10%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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500 Adults	All	Ideology			Region		
		Conser	Moder	Liberal	Upstate	Midland	Low Co
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%							
Support	70%	75%	68%	71%	70%	75%	65%
Oppose	21%	21%	26%	10%	21%	15%	26%
Not Sure	9%	5%	6%	18%	9%	10%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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7 In the long run, will the events surrounding the governor's trip end his political career? Hurt his political career? Or have no long-term effect at all?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%																
End Career	37%	37%	38%	37%	39%	39%	34%	38%	37%	35%	45%	**	**	29%	44%	45%
Hurt Career	45%	38%	51%	43%	49%	44%	40%	46%	42%	46%	43%	**	**	47%	44%	40%
No Long-term Effect	15%	22%	8%	15%	11%	14%	24%	13%	18%	16%	9%	**	**	20%	9%	15%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	**	**	4%	3%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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End Career	37%	34%	40%	43%	34%	40%	38%
Hurt Career	45%	50%	44%	32%	44%	44%	45%
No Long-term Effect	15%	12%	15%	23%	16%	13%	16%
Not Sure	3%	4%	1%	2%	6%	3%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	38%	38%	16%	30%	35%	36%

8 Did you see or hear any coverage of Governor Sanford's press conference today?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Yes	65%	61%	70%	54%	70%	73%	69%	61%	71%	66%	69%	**	**	62%	71%	64%
No	34%	39%	30%	46%	30%	27%	31%	38%	28%	33%	31%	**	**	38%	29%	36%
Not Sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	**	**	0%	1%	0%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%							
Yes	65%	70%	59%	67%	66%	71%	59%
No	34%	30%	41%	32%	34%	29%	40%
Not Sure	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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9 Did Governor Sanford say too much? Does he need to say more? Or did he say he right amount?

326 Who Saw or Heard Conference	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-5.5%																
Too Much	22%	19%	24%	31%	19%	18%	21%	24%	19%	23%	20%	**	**	24%	21%	19%
Needs To Say More	36%	33%	39%	38%	42%	30%	33%	40%	31%	26%	61%	**	**	27%	49%	32%
Said The Right Amount	36%	44%	30%	28%	33%	44%	41%	30%	43%	44%	16%	**	**	43%	26%	42%
Not Sure	6%	4%	8%	4%	6%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	4%	**	**	6%	4%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Who Saw or Heard C	100%	44%	56%	25%	31%	26%	18%	56%	44%	70%	29%	1%	1%	38%	39%	20%

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Too Much	22%	29%	20%	14%	23%	21%	22%
Needs To Say More	36%	31%	38%	47%	26%	46%	34%
Said The Right Amount	36%	36%	36%	33%	47%	26%	37%
Not Sure	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Who Saw or Heard C	100%	41%	35%	16%	30%	38%	32%

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

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Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ.