

2017 WESTERN STATES SURVEY

Interview Schedule - Wyoming

Public Opinion Strategies/FM3

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N = 400 voters in Wyoming

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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 Wyoming?

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
10%	15%	16%	0-10
13%	12%	16%	11-20
18%	13%	15%	21-30
26%	28%	22%	31-40
15%	13%	15%	41-50
19%	18%	16%	51+
*	-	-	DON'T KNOW
1%	*	1%	REFUSED
35.2	33.8	32.1	MEAN

SPLIT SAMPLED

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

55% RIGHT DIRECTION

34% WRONG TRACK

11% 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?

36% RIGHT DIRECTION

56% WRONG TRACK

9% 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 Wyoming, for each of the following please compare Wyoming to the rest of the country. Is this aspect of life in Wyoming 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	25%	35%	35%	4%	–
6. Quality of life	76%	4%	17%	2%	–
7. The way government works	47%	12%	38%	3%	–
8. Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	89%	4%	7%	–	–

Q9-12 SPLIT SAMPLED

Thinking about things in Wyoming, for each of the following please tell me how you would rate that aspect of life in Wyoming - 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	39%^	60%^	5%	35%	41%	20%	*	–
10. Quality of life	91%^	9%^	53%	39%	6%	2%	–	–
11. The way government works	54%^	43%	12%	41%	31%	12%	2%	1%
12. Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	93%	6%	78%	15%	5%	1%	–	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	89%	93%
Quality of life	76%	91%
The way government works	47%	54%
The economy	25%	39%

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

<u>1st</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
21%	33%	Oil and gas drilling
18%	34%	Coal mining
18%	27%	Computers and technology
13%	23%	Solar, wind and renewable energy
10%	19%	Outdoor recreation and related tourism
7%	16%	Hospitals and health care
7%	13%	Agriculture
4%	4%	ALL (DO NOT READ)
*	*	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	NONE (DO NOT READ)
*	*	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	71%	23%^	25%	46%	8%	16%	5%	—	1%
2014	77%^	16%	36%	40%	7%	9%	7%	—	1%
15. National Park Service									
2017	76%^	18%^	32%	43%	7%	12%	5%	—	1%
2014	77%	14%	33%	44%	8%	6%	7%	1%	—
16. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service									
2017	78%	15%	43%	35%	9%	6%	7%	*	*
2014	72%^	21%^	29%	42%	12%	8%	8%	—	—
17. Bureau of Land Management									
2017	64%	23%	20%	44%	10%	13%	11%	2%	1%
2014	57%	25%	19%	38%	14%	11%	17%	1%	—

Summary of Agencies - Ranked By % Total Approve

Agencies	% Total Approve	% Total Disapprove
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	78%	15%
National Park Service	76%	18%
U.S. Forest Service	71%	23%
Bureau of Land Management	64%	23%

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 Wyoming. 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 Wyoming. 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	12%^	50%^	5%	8%	38%	49%	1%
2016	24%	55%^	7%	17%	30%	45%	*
2015	19%^	49%^	6%	12%	30%	50%	2%
2014	21%	56%	10%	11%	35%	41%	3%
2013	32%	61%	13%	19%	29%	38%	2%
2012	29%	59%	12%	17%	30%	41%	–
2011	31%	65%	8%	22%	35%	32%	3%
21.	Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams						
2017	11%	44%^	1%	10%	32%	54%	3%
2016	18%^	54%	5%	12%	37%	43%	2%
2015	18%	47%	7%	11%	29%	52%	1%
2014	16%	51%^	5%	11%	36%	46%	3%
2013	20%	51%^	8%	12%	30%	49%	*
2012	26%^	62%	10%	15%	37%	37%	1%
2011	25%	72%	9%	16%	47%	27%	1%
22.	Our dependence on foreign oil						
2017	42%^	73%	17%	24%	32%	20%	7%
2016	34%	65%	13%	21%	31%	32%	3%
2015	36%^	67%^	18%	19%	31%	30%	3%
2014	36%	72%	19%	17%	36%	27%	1%
2013	64%^	87%^	32%	31%	23%	12%	1%
2012	75%	97%	41%	34%	22%	3%	–
23.	Our dependence on fossil fuels						
2017	28%	56%	15%	13%	28%	43%	1%
24.	Unemployment						
2017	36%	83%	7%	29%	47%	15%	1%
2016	22%^	63%	10%	11%	42%	35%	2%
2015	15%^	55%^	8%	8%	40%	44%	1%
2014	22%	64%	9%	13%	42%	36%	*
2013	27%	69%	14%	13%	42%	31%	*

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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	22%	61%^	8%	14%	40%	29%	9%
2016	18%	56%	5%	13%	38%	38%	6%
26. The impact of mining on land and water							
2017	23%	48%	7%	16%	25%	48%	4%
2016	26%^	57%^	10%	15%	31%	41%	2%
2012	22%	66%	9%	13%	44%	32%	2%
2011	25%	65%	8%	17%	40%	32%	3%
27. Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands							
2017	20%	57%	6%	14%	37%	39%	4%
2016	18%^	55%^	6%	13%	37%	41%	4%
2015	17%	51%	6%	11%	34%	45%	4%
Q28-29 ASKED OF ALL							
28. Low levels of water in rivers							
2017	16%^	51%	4%	11%	36%	42%	7%
2016	21%	53%	6%	15%	32%	44%	3%
2015	23%^	60%^	8%	14%	37%	38%	2%
2014	26%^	68%	11%	14%	43%	27%	5%
2013	50%	83%	22%	28%	33%	16%	1%
29. Lack of access to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation areas							
2017	13%	37%	6%	7%	24%	61%	1%

Summary of Issues - Ranked By % Extremely/Very Serious

Issues	% Extremely/ Very Serious	% Total Serious
Our dependence on foreign oil	42%	73%
Unemployment	36%	83%
Our dependence on fossil fuels	28%	56%
The impact of mining on land and water	23%	48%
Poorly-planned growth and development	22%	61%
Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands	20%	57%
Low levels of water in rivers	16%	51%
Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife	12%	50%
Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams	11%	44%
Lack of access to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation areas	13%	37%

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 Wyoming?

(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>	
11%	24%	22%	32%	Coal
20%	20%	20%	18%	Natural gas
31%	26%	22%	16%	Wind power
7%	10%	6%	9%	Oil
8%	6%	12%	9%	Solar power
n/a	4%	4%	5%	Nuclear
8%	3%	5%	5%	Energy efficiency efforts
14%	5%	7%	3%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	1%	–	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	*	1%	4%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Combined Choices - Ranked by Total First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
23%	41%	37%	50%	Coal
40%	42%	40%	38%	Natural gas
42%	44%	40%	26%	Wind power
19%	21%	18%	25%	Oil
30%	21%	29%	21%	Solar power
n/a	6%	7%	12%	Nuclear
15%	11%	11%	11%	Energy efficiency efforts
15%	6%	7%	3%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	1%	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	2%	2%	4%	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 Wyoming?

**(IF RESPONSE GIVEN, THEN ASK:) And which would you NEXT want to discourage the use of?
 (READ AND RANDOMIZE - ACCEPT 2 RESPONSES/FIRST MENTION& 2ND MENTION)**

First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2017</u>	
n/a	47%	46%	Nuclear
17%	14%	19%	Wind power
21%	7%	11%	Coal
13%	9%	5%	Solar power
13%	1%	4%	Oil
3%	3%	2%	Natural gas
2%	1%	2%	Energy efficiency efforts
1%	1%	*	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
28%	15%	10%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	-	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Combined Choices - Ranked by Total First Choice

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2017</u>	
n/a	59%	60%	Nuclear
25%	27%	31%	Wind power
34%	18%	23%	Coal
23%	22%	17%	Solar power
29%	7%	12%	Oil
7%	8%	9%	Natural gas
11%	5%	6%	Energy efficiency efforts
1%	1%	1%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
34%	25%	23%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
5%	9%	7%	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	58%	39%	30%	28%	16%	23%	3%
33. Improving and repairing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and historic buildings in our national parks and other outdoor destinations	93%	6%	60%	33%	4%	2%	1%
34. Improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers	87%	9%	59%	28%	5%	4%	4%
35. Promoting the outdoor economy, by investing in promoting tourism on national public lands and in U.S. manufacturing of outdoor equipment	83%	13%	45%	38%	8%	5%	4%
36. Allowing more coal mining on public lands	67%	31%^	39%	28%	9%	21%	2%
37. Allowing more wind and solar energy projects on public lands	64%^	33%	28%	37%	12%	21%	3%
38. Streamlining the ability for hunting, rafting and other guides to receive permits to operate on national public lands	72%	24%	34%	38%	13%	11%	5%

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	60%	93%
Improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers	59%	87%
Promoting the outdoor economy, by investing in promoting tourism on national public lands and in U.S. manufacturing of outdoor equipment	45%	83%
Allowing more coal mining on public lands	39%	67%
Streamlining the ability for hunting, rafting and other guides to receive permits to operate on national public lands	34%	72%
Allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to drill in new areas of national public lands	30%	58%
Allowing more wind and solar energy projects on public lands	28%	64%

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

49% 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

39% Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

8% **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**

2% **NEITHER/OTHER (DO NOT READ)**

2% **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?

62% Definitely continue

25% Probably continue

4% Probably not continue

4% Definitely not continue

5% UNSURE/REFUSED

87% TOTAL CONTINUE

9%[^] 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?

52% Definitely keep in place
23% Probably keep in place
6% Probably remove
9% Definitely remove

10% UNSURE/REFUSED

75% TOTAL KEEP IN PLACE

15% 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	
23%	20%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
14%	20%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
21%	14%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
33%	39%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
8%	6%	NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

37% 41%[^] TOTAL SUPPORT

54% 53% 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)?

44% STRONGLY APPROVE
27% SOMEWHAT APPROVE
11% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
9% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

8% NOT SURE **(DO NOT READ)**
2% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

70%^ TOTAL APPROVE
20% 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>	
21%	17%	Oil and gas drilling on public lands should be strictly limited.
60%	62%	Some public lands should be drilled, while environmentally sensitive places should be permanently protected.
19%	19%	Public lands should generally be open to oil and gas drilling.
*	1%	NO DRILLING ON PUBLIC LANDS (DO NOT READ)
—	*	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	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>	
18%	18%	18%	14%	16%	14%	14%	18 - 34
22%	23%	23%	27%	26%	27%	30%	35 - 44
16%	15%	16%	20%	18%	18%	15%	45 - 54
27%	28%	26%	23%	24%	25%	25%	55 - 64
16%	16%	15%	15%	16%	16%	16%	65 AND ABOVE
*	—	2%	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>	
40%	71%	73%	73%	71%	71%	71%	Yes
10%	26%	24%	22%	24%	25%	22%	No
2%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	7%	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>	
7%	10%	8%	8%	7%	10%	4%	A BIG CITY
8%	7%	7%	8%	10%	6%	8%	A SUBURBAN AREA
51%	58%	51%	50%	43%	49%	51%	A SMALL TOWN
34%	24%	33%	33%	39%	34%	36%	A RURAL AREA
1%	1%	1%	—	*	*	1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
—	*	—	1%	*	—	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
14%^	17%	15%	16%	18%^	17%^	12%	TOTAL BIG CITY/SUBURBAN
85%	82%	84%	83%	82%	83%	86%^	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>	
9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	11%	9%	HUNTER ONLY
13%	15%	11%	13%	8%	10%	9%	ANGLER ONLY
41%	39%	43%	46%	47%	41%	48%	BOTH
37%	37%	38%	32%	36%	37%	34%	NO/NEITHER (DO NOT READ)
*	*	—	1%	1%	*	*	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
63%	63%	62%	67%	64%^	63%^	66%	TOTAL YES
37%	37%	38%	32%	36%	37%	34%	NO/NEITHER

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

IF OTHER VOTER IN HOUSEHOLD & WY:

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>	
60%	63%	62%	61%	65%	69%	69%	REPUBLICAN
23%	22%	22%	22%	19%	19%	20%	DEMOCRAT
15%	13%	13%	14%	14%	11%	11%	INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE
2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	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>	
48%	46%	47%	49%	51%	55%	56%	CONSERVATIVE
37%	37%	35%	39%	37%	27%	28%	MODERATE
12%	14%	14%	9%	11%	15%	12%	LIBERAL
3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	5%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	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>	
56%	67%	Donald Trump
17%	20%	Hillary Clinton
11%[^]	13%	TOTAL THIRD PARTY
5%	5%	Gary Johnson
1%	1%	Jill Stein
2%	2%	Evan McMullin
4%	5%	Someone else (DO NOT READ)
4%	–	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)

21%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
3%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
25%	SOME COLLEGE
33%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
18%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
21%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
28%	SOME COLLEGE
51%	COLLEGE+
