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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from September 6 through September 8, 2022. A total of 625 registered Georgia voters were interviewed live by telephone statewide.

Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Georgia voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.

QUESTION: The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Southeast Georgia is the largest blackwater swamp in the United States. Have you ever visited the Okefenokee?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
STATE	43%	57%
<u>REGION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Atlanta Metro	37%	63%
North Georgia	35%	65%
Central Georgia	42%	58%
South Georgia	69%	31%
<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Male	47%	53%
Female	39%	61%
<u>AGE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<50	30%	70%
50+	53%	47%
<u>RACE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
White	51%	49%
Black	28%	72%
<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Democrat	32%	68%
Republican	50%	50%
Independent	46%	54%

IF “NO” (n=354) QUESTION: Do you plan to visit the Okefenokee in the future?

	<u>HAVE</u>	<u>PLAN TO</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
YES	43%	+10%	53%
NO	57%	-27%	30%
NOT SURE	-	+17%	17%

QUESTION: An out-of-state corporation is proposing to mine titanium sands adjacent to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Scientists are concerned that this proposal threatens the Okefenokee Swamp, while consultants for the mining company say it will not harm it or the surrounding watershed. Knowing that, do you support or oppose the proposal to mine next to the Okefenokee Swamp?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	14%	60%	26%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Atlanta Metro	12%	60%	28%
North Georgia	14%	61%	25%
Central Georgia	12%	62%	26%
South Georgia	21%	60%	19%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	22%	56%	22%
Female	7%	64%	29%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	12%	66%	22%
50+	16%	55%	29%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	14%	57%	29%
Black	13%	68%	19%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	9%	68%	23%
Republican	17%	56%	27%
Independent	14%	57%	29%

QUESTION: Local governments near the Okefenokee Swamp and elsewhere in Georgia have passed resolutions opposing mining in this area. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the proposal to mine next to the Okefenokee Swamp?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	12%	65%	23%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Atlanta Metro	10%	64%	26%
North Georgia	14%	65%	21%
Central Georgia	11%	61%	28%
South Georgia	19%	71%	10%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	21%	57%	22%
Female	4%	72%	24%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	11%	69%	20%
50+	13%	61%	26%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	12%	64%	24%
Black	12%	67%	21%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	8%	75%	17%
Republican	15%	59%	26%
Independent	11%	63%	26%

QUESTION: The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is nominated as an international “World Heritage Site”, the highest honor in the world for sites of cultural and natural importance. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the proposal to mine next to the Okefenokee Swamp?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	11%	72%	17%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Atlanta Metro	10%	71%	19%
North Georgia	11%	68%	21%
Central Georgia	11%	75%	14%
South Georgia	14%	75%	11%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	18%	66%	16%
Female	4%	78%	18%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	13%	68%	19%
50+	13%	64%	23%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	11%	72%	17%
Black	12%	72%	16%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	10%	75%	15%
Republican	11%	74%	15%
Independent	12%	67%	21%

QUESTION: Earlier this year, 18 Georgia state legislators introduced a bipartisan bill to prevent risky mining next to the Okefenokee Swamp., however, no action was taken by the Georgia General Assembly. Do you support or oppose passing a law to permanently protect the Okefenokee from risky mining proposals?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	68%	16%	16%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Atlanta Metro	69%	18%	13%
North Georgia	65%	14%	21%
Central Georgia	62%	19%	19%
South Georgia	71%	13%	16%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	64%	17%	19%
Female	71%	15%	14%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	72%	13%	15%
50+	65%	19%	16%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	62%	20%	18%
Black	81%	7%	12%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	72%	13%	15%
Republican	66%	19%	15%
Independent	67%	15%	18%

QUESTION: Do you feel Georgia’s governor should or should not take immediate action to ensure permanent protection of the Okefenokee Swamp from risky mining operations?

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
STATE	69%	13%	18%
<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Atlanta Metro	68%	12%	20%
North Georgia	67%	14%	19%
Central Georgia	66%	15%	19%
South Georgia	75%	14%	11%
<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	63%	18%	19%
Female	75%	8%	17%
<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	76%	11%	13%
50+	63%	15%	22%
<u>RACE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	65%	15%	20%
Black	78%	9%	13%
<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	75%	8%	17%
Republican	66%	17%	17%
Independent	65%	14%	21%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY IDENTIFICATION:

Democrat	201 (32%)
Republican	239 (38%)
Independent or Other	185 (30%)

AGE:

18-34	107 (17%)
35-49	175 (28%)
50-64	170 (27%)
65+	168 (27%)
Refused	5 (1%)

RACE:

White/Caucasian	392 (63%)
Black/African American	182 (29%)
Hispanic/Latino	29 (5%)
Other	14 (2%)
Refused	8 (1%)

GENDER ID:

Male	302 (48%)
Female	322 (52%)
Other	1

REGION:

Atlanta Metro	335 (54%)
North Georgia	95 (15%)
Central Georgia	85 (14%)
South Georgia	110 (17%)

REGIONAL GROUPINGS

ATLANTA METRO: Voters in Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Clayton, Walton, Newton, Henry, Rockdale, Douglas, Paulding, Carroll, Heard, Forsyth, Cherokee, Coweta, Fayette and Spalding Counties.

NORTH GEORGIA: Voters in Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Gordon, Chattooga, Floyd, Polk, Haralson, Bartow, Dawson, Hall, Lumpkin, Union, Towns, Rabun, White, Habersham, Banks, Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Elbert, Madison, Jackson, Barrow, Lincoln, Wilkes, Oglethorpe, Clarke and Oconee Counties.

CENTRAL GEORGIA: Voters in Richmond, Columbia, Burke, Jefferson, Glascock, McDuffie, Warren, Taliaferro, Greene, Morgan, Bibb, Twiggs, Houston, Bleckley, Telfair, Laurens, Washington, Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Jasper, Monroe, Troup, Meriwether, Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Pike, Lamar, Butts, Jenkins, Emanuel, Treutlen, Screven, Jones, Upson, Crawford, Wilkinson, Johnson and Peach Counties.

SOUTH GEORGIA: Voters in Chatham, Bryan, Effingham, Bulloch, Evans, Candler, Tattnall, Toombs, Montgomery, Wheeler, Telfair, Jeff Davis, Appling, Bacon, Ware, Charlton, Camden, Pierce, Brantley, Glynn, Wayne, Long, Liberty, McIntosh, Coffee, Atkinson, Clinch, Echols, Atkinson, Screven, Muscogee, Chattahoochee, Stewart, Webster, Sumter, Dooly, Pulaski, Dodge, Macon, Schley, Marion, Dougherty, Lee, Crisp, Wilcox, Ben Hill, Turner, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Berrien, Cook, Tift, Worth, Colquitt, Thomas, Grady, Decatur, Seminole, Miller, Baker, Mitchell, Early, Clay, Calhoun, Terrell, Randolph, Quitman, and Brooks Counties.