

TIME MAGAZINE/ABT SRBI – August 17- 19, 2010 Survey

FINAL DATA- August 20, 2010

BASE= 1,000 Adults Except Where Noted

Q1. WHERE DO YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES RANKS INTERNATIONALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION WE PROVIDE OVERALL?

	(Base)	Best	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Below That	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	2	20	28	28	20	2
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	3	25	29	22	17	3

Q2. IN GENERAL, WHAT GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES?

	(Base)	A	B	C	D	F	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	6	32	40	14	6	2
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	5	31	44	10	7	3

Q3. ARE YOU SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTRY?

	(Base)	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	37	58	5
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	39	55	6

Q4. DO YOU THINK THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE IN A "CRISIS," OR NOT?

	(Base)	Crisis	Not Crisis	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	67	29	3
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	61	34	5

Q5. DO YOU THINK THAT WE ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TOO LITTLE MONEY, OR ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

	(Base)	Too Much	Too Little	Right Amount	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	12	59	24	5
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	10	64	22	4

Q6. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY HIGHER TAXES TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OR NOT?

	(Base)	Willing	Not Willing	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	56	42	2
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	59	38	3

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Q7. HOW DO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TODAY COMPARE TO, SAY, 20 YEARS AGO? IN YOUR OPINION, ARE THEY BETTER, WORSE, OR ABOUT THE SAME AS THEY WERE 20 YEARS AGO?

	(Base)	Better	Worse	Same	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	21	56	17	6
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	26	52	18	5

Q8. DO YOU THINK THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OVERALL ARE TEACHING STUDENTS THE SKILLS THEY WILL NEED FOR OUR ECONOMY IN THE 21ST CENTURY, OR NOT?

	(Base)	Yes	No	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	29	65	6
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	38	57	6

Q8A. WHY DO YOU THINK AMERICA DOESN'T RANK IN TOP 20 OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS?

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
LACK OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT	42%
INSUFFICIENT FUNDING	25%
INEFFECTIVE TEACHERS	23%
AMERICA'S DIVERSE POPULATION	15%
SOME OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)	24%
NO ANSWER/DON'T KNOW	5%

Q8B. DO YOU THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE CHANGES THAT WOULD DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR DO YOU THINK THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE?

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
POSSIBLE TO MAKE CHANGES TO IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE	90%
PROBLEM IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE	9%
NO ANSWER/DON'T KNOW	2%

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Q8B1. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE THE MOST?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

MORE INVOLVED PARENTS	52%
MORE EFFECTIVE TEACHERS	24%
STUDENT REWARDS FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE	6%
A LONGER SCHOOL DAY	6%
MORE TIME ON TEST PREP	6%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	6%

Q8C. DO YOU THINK THE INCREASED FOCUS ON TESTING AND DATA IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OVER THE PAST DECADE HAS DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD BY OVEREMPHASIZING ROTE LEARNING AND 'TEACHING TO THE TEST', DONE MORE GOOD THAN HARM BY CREATING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG SCHOOL OFFICIALS, OR HAD LITTLE EFFECT?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD	36%
DONE MORE GOOD THAN HARM	22%
HAD LITTLE EFFECT	33%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	9%

Q8D. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL, GRADES "K" THRU GRADE 12?

	(Base)	Yes	No	(VOL) No Answer/ Don' t Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	32	68	-
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	36	64	-

Q9. WHAT GRADE WAS YOUR CHILD IN LAST YEAR, THAT IS THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR?

BASE: HAVE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL (236)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

KINDERGARDEN	22%
1ST GRADE	13%
2ND GRADE	13%
3RD GRADE	11%
4TH GRADE	16%
5TH GRADE	15%
6TH GRADE	12%
7TH GRADE	15%
8TH GRADE	11%
9TH GRADE	12%
10TH GRADE	11%
11TH GRADE	12%
12TH GRADE	10%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	2%

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Q10. DO ANY CURRENTLY ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

BASE: HAVE CHILDREN IN "K" - 12TH GRADE

	(Base)	Yes	No	(VOL) No Answer/ Don' t Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(233)	81	19	-
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(323)	86	14	1

Q11. AND WHAT GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

BASE: HAVE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOL

	(Base)	A	B	C	D	F	(VOL) No Answer/ Don' t Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(188)	31	40	17	4	6	2
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(279)	23	46	21	7	3	*

Q11A. WHAT GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD'S [GRADE] TEACHER FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR?

BASE: HAVE CHILDREN GRADES "K"-6TH & PUBLIC SCHOOL (120)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

A	39%
B	36%
C	9%
D	2%
F	9%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q11B. WHAT GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE TO THE OVERALL QUALITY OF TEACHING YOUR CHILD IN [GRADE] RECEIVED DURING THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR?

BASE: HAVE CHILDREN IN GRADES 7TH-12TH & PUBLIC SCHOOL (107)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

A	31%
B	38%
C	17%
D	2%
F	9%
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Q12. IN GENERAL, DO YOU THINK TEACHERS ARE OVERPAID, PAID ABOUT RIGHT OR UNDERPAID GIVEN THEIR LEVEL OF TRAINING AND IMPORTANCE TO SOCIETY?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

OVERPAID	7%
PAID ABOUT RIGHT	26%
UNDERPAID	61%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	5%

Q13. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE 'MERIT PAY,' THE CONCEPT OF PAYING TEACHERS ACCORDING TO THEIR EFFECTIVENESS?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

SUPPORT MERIT PAY	71%
OPPOSE MERIT PAY	23%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	6%

Q14. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE TENURE FOR TEACHERS, WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO REMOVE THEM FROM THEIR JOBS AFTER THEY HAVE WORKED FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

SUPPORT TENURE	28%
OPPOSE TENURE	66%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	6%

Q15. SHOULD TEACHERS' EVALUATIONS BE BASED IN PART ON THEIR STUDENTS' PROGRESS ON STANDARDIZED TESTS?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

YES	64%
NO	31%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q16. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD IMPROVE TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS THE MOST?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

BETTER TRAINING IN UNIVERSITIES	30%
MENTORING BY MORE EXPERIENCED TEACHERS	30%
MERIT PAY	20%
HIGHER SALARIES	11%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	8%

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Q17. WHICH VIEW COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
TEACHERS UNIONS HELP MAKE SCHOOLS BETTER	35%
TEACHERS UNIONS ARE AN OBSTACLE THAT KEEPS SCHOOLS FROM GETTING BETTER	50%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	15%

Q18. IN YOUR OPINION, WHO IS MORE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
PRINCIPALS MORE IMPORTANT	16%
TEACHERS MORE IMPORTANT	79%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	5%

Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

A) IN GENERAL, MOST PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE COMPETENT AT TEACHING THE GRADES AND SUBJECTS THEY ARE ASSIGNED

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
STRONGLY AGREE	24%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	52%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	15%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	6%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	3%

Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

B) MANY OF THE SMARTEST PEOPLE IN SOCIETY DON' T GO INTO TEACHING BECAUSE BEING A TEACHER DOESN' T PAY ENOUGH

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
STRONGLY AGREE	50%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	27%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	13%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	9%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	2%

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Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

C) TEACHING IS AMONG THE MOST UNDER-APPRECIATED PROFESSIONS IN THE U. S.

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

STRONGLY AGREE	53%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	24%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	14%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	8%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	2%

Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

D) TENURED, LONG-TIME TEACHERS ARE NOT MOTIVATED TO WORK HARD

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

STRONGLY AGREE	22%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	34%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	24%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	16%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

E) ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS LIKE TEACH FOR AMERICA SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO GET MORE HIGHLY MOTIVATED TEACHERS IN CLASSROOMS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

STRONGLY AGREE	35%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	37%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	7%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	10%

Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

F) ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS LIKE TEACH FOR AMERICA ARE UNPROVEN AND OVERHYPED

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

STRONGLY AGREE	15%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	29%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	23%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	9%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	24%

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Q19. HOW STRONGLY DO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

G) MANY PEOPLE GO INTO TEACHING TO GET SUMMERS OFF

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

STRONGLY AGREE	12%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	27%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	29%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	30%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	3%

Q20. HOW MUCH WOULD YOU SAY YOU KNOW ABOUT THE "RACE TO THE TOP" FUND?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

KNOW A LOT	5%
KNOW A LITTLE	29%
DON' T KNOW ABOUT " "RACE TO THE TOP" " FUND	65%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

Q21. BASED ON ANYTHING YOU MAY HAVE SEEN OR HEARD, DO YOU THINK THE "RACE TO THE TOP"
FUND HAS HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON EDUCATION, A NEGATIVE IMPACT OR NOT MUCH IMPACT AT ALL?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

POSITIVE IMPACT	11%
NEGATIVE IMPACT	6%
NOT MUCH IMPACT AT ALL	46%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	37%

Q22. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

A) DONATE MONEY OR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

VERY LIKELY,	47%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	32%
NOT LIKELY	21%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

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Q22. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
B) BECOME A MENTOR/TUTOR IN AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

VERY LIKELY,	26%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	32%
NOT LIKELY	42%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q22. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
C) VISIT A CLASSROOM TO SHARE PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

VERY LIKELY,	38%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	30%
NOT LIKELY	32%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q22. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
D) ATTEND SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

VERY LIKELY,	26%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	27%
NOT LIKELY	47%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q22. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
E) ATTEND PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

VERY LIKELY,	35%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	20%
NOT LIKELY	45%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

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Q23. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU EVER DONE?

A) DONATE MONEY OR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DONE	76%
NOT DONE	24%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

Q23. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU EVER DONE?

B) BECOME A MENTOR/TUTOR IN AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DONE	36%
NOT DONE	63%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q23. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU EVER DONE?

C) VISIT A CLASSROOM TO SHARE PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DONE	53%
NOT DONE	47%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q23. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU EVER DONE?

D) ATTEND SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DONE	49%
NOT DONE	51%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q23. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU EVER DONE?

E) ATTEND PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DONE	64%
NOT DONE	36%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

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Q26. HOW MUCH WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" ACT?

	(Base)	Great Deal	Some	Not Much	Nothing At all	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	19	51	20	8	1
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	17	40	29	14	1

Q27. BASED ON ANYTHING YOU MAY HAVE SEEN OR HEARD, DO YOU THINK THAT THE "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" ACT HAS HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON EDUCATION, A NEGATIVE IMPACT, OR NOT MUCH IMPACT AT ALL?

	(Base)	Positive	Negative	Not much	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
8/17/10 - 8/19/10	(1000)	29	30	35	5
3/28/06 - 3/30/06	(1000)	35	23	35	8

Q28. THERE'S A LOT OF TALK THESE DAYS ABOUT CHARTER SCHOOLS. HOW WELL DO YOU THINK YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE OR HOW THEY OPERATE?

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
VERY WELL	22%
SOMEWHAT WELL	43%
NOT WELL	34%
NO ANSWER/DON'T KNOW	2%

Q29. WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD OR A CLOSE RELATIVE TO GO INTO TEACHING?

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
YES	77%
NO	20%
NO ANSWER/DON'T KNOW	3%

Q30. WOULD YOU EVER CONSIDER SWITCHING CAREERS TO BECOME A TEACHER?

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
YES	36%
NO	62%
NO ANSWER/DON'T KNOW	2%

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