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Interviews: 1002 adults
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FINAL

Study #11479
NELP Minimum Wage Survey
January 2015

48 Male 52 Female [109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1. There is now a proposal to raise the federal minimum wage from its current level of \$7.25 per hour and increase it by \$1.05 each year for the next five years, so that it reaches \$12.50 in the year 2020. Which statement best describes your opinion of this proposal?

Strongly favor	44	[108]
Somewhat favor.....	31	
Somewhat oppose	15	
Strongly oppose.....	10	
Total Favor	75	
Total Oppose	25	

2. If your member of Congress voted in favor of this proposal to raise the minimum wage in order to reach \$12.50 in the year 2020, would that make you more likely or less likely to support that member of Congress in the next election, or would it not affect your vote either way?

More likely to support	44	[109]
Less likely to support	23	
Not affect vote either way	33	

ROTATE ORDER OF Q.3a AND Q.3b.

- 3a. Congress may also consider other proposals that would raise the minimum wage by different amounts between now and 2020. Which statement best describes your opinion of a proposal to raise the federal minimum wage by seventy-five cents each year for the next five years, so that it reaches \$11.00 in the year 2020?

Strongly favor	29	[110]
Somewhat favor.....	42	
Somewhat oppose	19	
Strongly oppose.....	10	
Total Favor	71	
Total Oppose	29	

- 3b. Congress may also consider other proposals that would raise the minimum wage by different amounts between now and 2020. Which statement best describes your opinion of a proposal to raise the federal minimum wage by \$1.55 each year for the next five years, so that it reaches \$15.00 in the year 2020?

Strongly favor	36	[111]
Somewhat favor.....	27	
Somewhat oppose	20	
Strongly oppose.....	17	
Total Favor	63	
Total Oppose	37	

4. Some people have suggested that the minimum wage should be adjusted each year to keep up with the changing cost of living. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose making a cost of living adjustment in the minimum wage?

Strongly favor	46	[112]
Somewhat favor.....	36	
Somewhat oppose	11	
Strongly oppose.....	7	
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Total Favor	82	
Total Oppose	18	

5. Under federal law, workers who receive tips on the job can be paid less than the regular minimum wage, as little as \$2.13 per hour, as long as their tips make up the difference. Do you think the minimum wage for tipped workers should be raised so that all workers have the same minimum wage, or do you think the minimum wage for tipped workers should continue to be much lower?

Tipped minimum wage should be raised	71	[113]
Tipped minimum wage should continue to be lower	29	

FACTUALS

F1. Are you currently registered to vote in **(INSERT RESPONDENT'S STATE)?**

Yes	86	[118]
No.....	14	

F2. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties?

Mostly Democratic.....	23	[119]
Leaning Democratic.....	15	
Completely independent.....	30	
Leaning Republican	14	
Mostly Republican	18	
Total Democratic	38	
Total Republican	32	

F3. How old are you?

18-24.....	11	[123/124]
25-29	8	
30-34	10	
35-39.....	8	
40-44.....	7	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	10	
60-64.....	9	
65-69.....	10	
70 and over.....	8	

F4. What race do you consider yourself?

White.....	71	[125/130]
Black/African American.....	11	>
Hispanic or Latino	12	
Native American or Alaska Native	1	
Asian.....	5	
Other	2	

F5. Which of the following includes your TOTAL household income before taxes in 2014?

Less than \$25,000	14	[131/132]
\$25,000 to \$34,999	13	
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	16	
\$50,000 to \$59,999.....	10	
\$60,000 to \$74,999.....	11	
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	14	
More than \$100,000.....	22	

F6. What is your marital status?

Married,	55	[133]
Living with partner	7	
Single, never married	24	
Separated.....	1	
Divorced	9	
Widowed.....	4	

F7. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Working full time	44	[134]
Working part time.....	9	
Self-employed	5	
Student	4	
Homemaker	8	
Retired	23	
Not employed currently/unable to work.....	7	

F8. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes.....	29	[136]
No	71	

F9. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Grade school or less	-	[137]
Some high school	3	
High school graduate	33	
Some college	20	
2-year college/technical school.....	10	
4-year college	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	4	
Postgraduate degree	11	