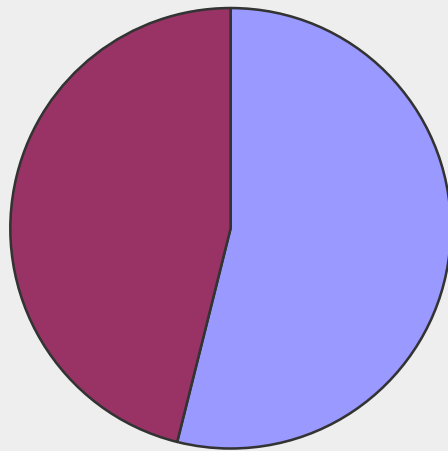


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Would you like to provide input about the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	53.9%	536
No	46.1%	459
	<i>answered question</i>	995
	<i>skipped question</i>	15

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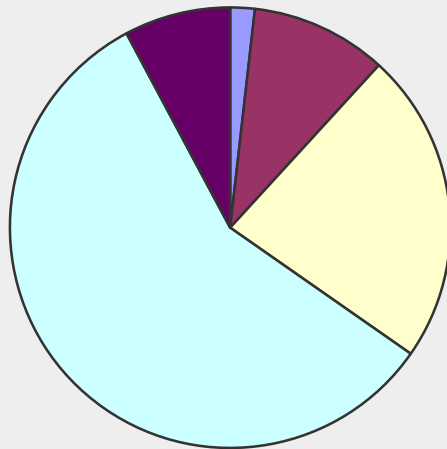
■ Yes
■ No

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Overall, what is your opinion of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very positive	1.8%	8
Positive	10.0%	45
Negative	22.9%	103
Very negative	57.5%	258
Do not have an opinion	7.8%	35
<i>answered question</i>		449
<i>skipped question</i>		561

Overall, what is your opinion of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank?



■ Very positive
■ Positive
■ Negative
■ Very negative
■ Do not have an opinion

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Which of the following has most influenced your opinion of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Media coverage	36.7%	162
Social media	6.1%	27
Internet	15.8%	70
Personal experience with the agency	8.4%	37
Business experience with the agency	3.6%	16
Family member's experience with the	0.9%	4
Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience	5.7%	25
Other (please specify)	22.9%	101
<i>answered question</i>		442
<i>skipped question</i>		568

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 29, 2015 7:13 PM	Poor condition of roads and highways in SC.
2	Sep 29, 2015 7:09 PM	Terrible condition of roads and highways in SC.
3	Sep 23, 2015 3:18 AM	sib actions
4	Sep 16, 2015 3:29 PM	Personal observations
5	Sep 16, 2015 3:20 PM	looking at roads Personally researching many online and print articles, studies, and analysis of the corrupt
6	Sep 16, 2015 1:55 PM	mismangement of tax dollars.
7	Sep 16, 2015 1:09 PM	AFP
8	Sep 16, 2015 1:01 PM	wth, I just did. Did you not like it?
9	Sep 15, 2015 3:36 PM	Accountability/research website
10	Sep 14, 2015 9:07 PM	Research
11	Sep 11, 2015 2:22 PM	observing over the years
12	Sep 10, 2015 5:11 PM	Hugh Leatherman and the SCPC
13	Sep 10, 2015 3:21 PM	resident of upstate experience
14	Sep 10, 2015 1:08 PM	general knowledge
15	Sep 10, 2015 11:57 AM	Research & abysmal state of roads. Examination of results relative to supposed agency
16	Sep 9, 2015 10:49 PM	mission from reading a variety of articles ,and discussing the issues with a numerous people. I rely on facts and common sense . If you can't maintain what you already have why would you waste resoures
17	Sep 9, 2015 5:54 PM	builing more roads you can't maintain? Knowledge of their activities from membership in
18	Sep 9, 2015 3:47 PM	various organizations
19	Sep 8, 2015 6:33 PM	Study of its corrupt practices
20	Sep 8, 2015 5:11 PM	Facts
21	Sep 8, 2015 4:31 PM	Being stuck in traffic.
22	Sep 8, 2015 1:36 PM	talking with S Tom Davis
23	Sep 8, 2015 12:41 PM	conditions of our infrastructure Personal Research and political activism as
24	Sep 7, 2015 10:54 PM	related to recent State Gas Tax proposals
25	Sep 7, 2015 5:32 PM	TeaParty
26	Sep 7, 2015 2:27 PM	Crumbling infrastruture
27	Sep 7, 2015 12:48 PM	Failure to keep the shoulders of our roads cut.
28	Sep 7, 2015 12:10 PM	Looking up how its board is staffed. Due to lack of communication to the public, I have
29	Sep 7, 2015 12:03 PM	never had the oppportunity to be involved. Just look at how the states infrastructure is
30	Sep 7, 2015 5:15 AM	crumbling.
31	Sep 7, 2015 4:40 AM	taxes
32	Sep 7, 2015 4:40 AM	STIB's record of action

33 **Sep 7, 2015 4:34 AM** Misuse of funds

34 **Sep 7, 2015 3:45 AM** Corruption evident in the way funds are released
It seems to be a necessary component of getting our interstates widened to increase capacity and improve mobility around the state. Too many of our major interstates are not capable of safely handling the current traffic capacity along with major

35 **Sep 7, 2015 3:19 AM** highways.

36 **Sep 6, 2015 11:42 PM** SC Policy Council

37 **Sep 6, 2015 8:29 PM** Reading about it and what it does

38 **Sep 6, 2015 3:28 AM** Condition of the roads

39 **Sep 5, 2015 4:33 PM** watsee waste & boondoggles

40 **Sep 5, 2015 2:46 PM** SC Policy Council info.

41 **Sep 5, 2015 2:13 PM** Personal research
The deplorable condition of our roads and the waste of taxpayer dollars on this agency and the

42 **Sep 5, 2015 1:20 PM** debt it incurs
personal research into its structure and corrupt

43 **Sep 5, 2015 2:32 AM** nature
legislative & political contacts, then transportation

44 **Sep 5, 2015 2:27 AM** officials, and lastly social media
POOR RESULTS AT GREAT COST,

45 **Sep 5, 2015 1:00 AM** UNACCOUNTABLE
Lack of improvements in SC infrastructure since

46 **Sep 5, 2015 1:00 AM** 1990 when I moved here.

47 **Sep 4, 2015 8:33 PM** all of the above

48 **Sep 4, 2015 8:30 PM** Road conditions in SC

49 **Sep 4, 2015 8:28 PM** It's nothing but a future debt on the citizens bank

50 **Sep 4, 2015 7:59 PM** Don't know anything about it

51 **Sep 4, 2015 7:47 PM** Have not heard about it

52 **Sep 4, 2015 7:18 PM** Seeing the debt the STIB adds

53 **Sep 4, 2015 5:25 PM** Observation
SC Policy Council reports and personal

54 **Sep 4, 2015 5:02 PM** observation.

55 **Sep 4, 2015 4:42 PM** Research

56 **Sep 4, 2015 2:46 PM** SC Policy Council information
my own research and observation at STIB

57 **Sep 4, 2015 2:26 PM** meetings

58 **Sep 4, 2015 1:37 PM** Poor choices with funding decisions

59 **Sep 4, 2015 1:35 PM** the purpose of the bank is for pet projects

60 **Sep 4, 2015 12:48 PM** South Carolina Policy Council

61 **Sep 4, 2015 11:34 AM** studying it
Seeing their nepotism with a select group of

62 **Sep 4, 2015 11:22 AM** senators and counties in the stage.

63 **Sep 4, 2015 9:52 AM** political

64 **Sep 4, 2015 8:59 AM** personal invsetigation

65 **Sep 4, 2015 6:09 AM** Watching what they have done already!

I pay CLOSE attention to politics in SC. I get my information from a multitude of sources, none being more important than the other. I believe that I

66 **Sep 4, 2015 2:20 AM** have a good overall understanding of the issues.

67 **Sep 4, 2015 1:30 AM** The condition of my local roads

68 **Sep 4, 2015 1:12 AM** I-526 decision (my wife and I are opposed)

69 **Sep 4, 2015 12:28 AM** its poor record of decisions
Personal observation of the projects being done without any indication of intellect of thought or

70 **Sep 4, 2015 12:27 AM** planning!!

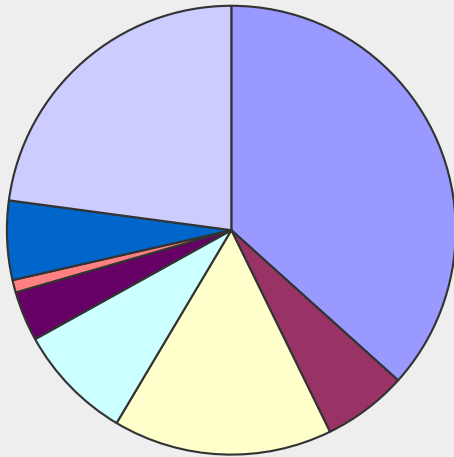
71 **Sep 4, 2015 12:20 AM** Political influence impacts their decisions
Observation over time. Part of SC government

72 **Sep 4, 2015 12:08 AM** which needs to change - be eliminated.

73 **Sep 3, 2015 11:40 PM** SCPC

74	Sep 3, 2015 10:20 PM	Dorchester County One-Percent Sales Tax Transportation Authority experience with the agency
75	Sep 3, 2015 10:17 PM	The ridiculousness surrounding the funding of 526 in Charleston. There are so many other priorities!
76	Sep 3, 2015 9:34 PM	conditions of roads
77	Sep 3, 2015 8:23 PM	All the above
78	Sep 3, 2015 8:22 PM	All the above
79	Sep 3, 2015 8:09 PM	s.c. policy council
80	Sep 3, 2015 8:01 PM	Investigations by the SC Policy Council.
81	Sep 3, 2015 7:46 PM	The Roads!
82	Sep 3, 2015 7:41 PM	The condition of the roads in the state. My knowledge of government. Witnessing what the
83	Sep 3, 2015 7:37 PM	TIB don't do.
84	Sep 3, 2015 7:28 PM	Their actions! Or, lack there of!
85	Sep 3, 2015 7:24 PM	SC Policy Council Facts about the Agency that have not been
86	Sep 3, 2015 7:08 PM	disputed Their abysmal record, their lack of accountability, and their persistent waste of taxpayer funds
87	Sep 3, 2015 6:52 PM	SC Policy Council
88	Sep 3, 2015 6:51 PM	Reports
89	Sep 3, 2015 6:47 PM	Personal Research
90	Sep 3, 2015 6:46 PM	Conditions of roads and infrastructure
91	Sep 3, 2015 6:38 PM	Never heard of this department. how do they relate with the DOT and why are they separate
92	Sep 3, 2015 5:08 PM	there is not a need to borrow money from yourself we put taxpayers dollars into the bank and have to borrow it back.
93	Sep 3, 2015 1:40 AM	Friend's experience and the fact that our roads are not fixed
94	Sep 2, 2015 9:37 PM	Unaware of organization
95	Sep 2, 2015 1:20 PM	I disagree with entire premise which the agency is built upon and with any idea like it that would such great power and financial control into the hands of so few people.
96	Sep 2, 2015 10:29 AM	Roads
97	Sep 1, 2015 11:31 PM	,
98	Sep 1, 2015 11:12 PM	There is not information presented to the general public to know much of anything about it.
99	Sep 1, 2015 10:08 PM	Conditions of roads,bridges
100	Sep 1, 2015 8:45 PM	Our roads are in very poor condition.
101	Sep 1, 2015 3:39 PM	

Which of the following has most influenced your opinion
Transportation Infrastructure Bank?



Media coverage

Social media

Internet

Personal experience with the agency

Business experience with the agency

Family member's experience with the agency

Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience with the agency

Other (please specify)

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Please list any comments, concerns, or suggestions you may have about the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Your response may be quoted verbatim in a Committee report.

Answer Options	Response Count
	257
<i>answered question</i>	257
<i>skipped question</i>	753

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 29, 2015 7:13 PM	Funds should be allocated according to needs of state roads rather than trading favors or for personal gain.
2	Sep 29, 2015 7:09 PM	Pork barrel ways of allocating funds should be stopped.
3	Sep 27, 2015 7:19 PM	We need to raise the gas tax and get serious about maintaining our roads and bridges. The following statement says it all for me that the premise for it is awful. The SCTIB is governed by a seven-member board of directors. Unlike the SCDOT, required by law to formally prioritize statewide transportation improvement projects, the SCTIB can and often does disregard the needs of the state by selecting projects based purely on political motivations.
4	Sep 22, 2015 9:00 PM	We need to know more about what this agency does, how much money it has and how priorities are set
5	Sep 22, 2015 12:37 AM	
6	Sep 19, 2015 8:44 PM	SCTIB is a political playground that passes out money for unneeded projects.
7	Sep 18, 2015 12:24 PM	Waste of tax payer money
8	Sep 17, 2015 9:00 PM	Repeal this entity, it is entirely political and counterproductive. Statute dictating the membership of the governing board of the Bank should prohibit current legislators from sitting on the board and participating in board decisions
9	Sep 17, 2015 7:25 PM	Just eliminate the STI completely. It's just a waste of my money!
10	Sep 17, 2015 5:29 PM	is there oversight to prevent fraud&corruption?
11	Sep 17, 2015 3:56 AM	
12	Sep 17, 2015 12:41 AM	1) Dissolve the SIB and give all authority concerning the SCDOT to our Governor Haley and she can appoint the appropriate and best person in a position of Secretary of Transportation. The public wants to have all SCDOT contracts made accessible for viewing. We want to be informed about how our taxpayer dollars are being allocated. 2) Fix existing roads first, then begin new projects. 3) Let communities provide local money to fund mass transportation.
13	Sep 16, 2015 8:16 PM	Inefficient and wasteful.
14	Sep 16, 2015 4:33 PM	Completely eliminate the SIB.
15	Sep 16, 2015 3:38 PM	This has become a slush fund for Hugh Leatherman and his cronies--or our version to the bridge to nowhere in Alaska. Projects are dependant on politicians personal wishes, Projects that are not needed or wanted are shoved down the tax payers throat. Roads that need attention are neglected!
16	Sep 16, 2015 3:29 PM	stop that committee
17	Sep 16, 2015 3:20 PM	
18	Sep 16, 2015 2:10 PM	SIB should be dismantled. Paying interest on SIB debt is unacceptable The STIB/SIB is a tax payer-supported slush fund which seems to disproportionately favor the citizens of Florence County--to the tune of 19% of total state-wide expenditures. The Pamlico Highway (State Hwy 51) is a prime example of how millions of dollars instate funds paid by the SIB have been squandered building a road that is used very little. Rather than allowing Senator Leatherman to continue to use the SIB as his personal slush fund the SIB should be ELIMINATED!
19	Sep 16, 2015 2:01 PM	
20	Sep 16, 2015 1:55 PM	Gas tax - 1. First get the dismantling done, then after the dust settles and you prove that trust has been restored you may consider tax revision. 2. Revising the gas & roads tax structure may have merit, but until the corrupt distribution of the current gas tax is resolved by dismantling the STIB and significant restructuring of the DOT to eliminate the vast unaccountable, excessive bureaucracy you will get no more taxes. 3. We don't trust these institutions in the current status quo. 4. I will be standing with - www.AmericansForProsperity.org/South-Carolina/ And, - www.CitizensForAFreeMarket.org - And, http://www.scpolicycouncil.org/research/budget/road-funding-a-guide-for-the-perplexed against any increase in the gas tax until you eliminate the waste and corruption. http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/09/3787041_money-not-the-biggest-problem.html?rh=1
21	Sep 16, 2015 1:31 PM	I believe the money from the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank is not being used wisely.
22	Sep 16, 2015 1:16 PM	Get rid of it, please!
23	Sep 16, 2015 1:16 PM	The SIB should be done away with
24	Sep 16, 2015 1:09 PM	TIB is hidden fraud.Shut it down now.
25	Sep 16, 2015 1:04 PM	Government doesn't run anything efficiently or fairly when politicians can use funds to influence their voting block.

		the SIB is an anethema to good government. If the taxpayers refuse to spend their money on special project favored by legislators, there is no way they should be allowed to BORROW money to support those same projects. This practice should be known as Crony Government Corruption, sometimes called Crony Capitalism. There is nothing capitalist about government largess
26	Sep 16, 2015 1:01 PM	
27	Sep 15, 2015 11:09 PM	Get rid of this corrupt agency. Not enough over site. The STIB is a totally unnecessary debt machine that costs the taxpayers money which is funnell into unnecessary pet projects for certain legislators. Shut it
28	Sep 15, 2015 6:06 PM	down.
29	Sep 15, 2015 5:31 PM	Money being funneled to wrong places
30	Sep 15, 2015 3:36 PM	completely abolish the SIB
		eliminate it. It diverts funds from routine road maintenance, in largely unaccountable to the public and what projects it does find are of questionable value.
31	Sep 14, 2015 9:07 PM	All counties should have an equal and fair chance to get funds. Way to many
32	Sep 14, 2015 8:31 PM	loopholes on how funds are allocated and who recives them
33	Sep 12, 2015 8:27 PM	Increased accountability is very important. I believe that too much money is allotted to new roads, especially in Hugh Leathermsn' district. when we have a problem with repairs on existing roads. The money in the STIB would be better spent on maintaining current roads and bridges. When they are all in good repair, then build new ones when
34	Sep 12, 2015 12:31 PM	necessary.
35	Sep 12, 2015 2:31 AM	A more equitable system must be used across the State. They should be elimated and their funds directed to maintain existing highways and road infrastructure. Do nt build any new roads until the old ones are all up to
36	Sep 11, 2015 2:22 PM	specs.
37	Sep 10, 2015 9:17 PM	How are there projects prioritized? Eliminate it and put all construction and maintenance under SCDOT which
38	Sep 10, 2015 5:11 PM	should be made a true cabinet agency. repair the thousands of potholes on I-85 and cut the 2 foot tall grass in the
39	Sep 10, 2015 3:21 PM	interstate medians Maybe the STIB have more automony over how their budget is spent
40	Sep 10, 2015 2:56 PM	considering the priority needs of each city and town within SC and that 2 times a
41	Sep 10, 2015 1:08 PM	year it gets audited by a 3rd party.
42	Sep 10, 2015 1:06 PM	Has always served a useful purpose Get rid of it
		After multiple reorganizations since the Carroll Campbell era, none of it has worked as it did in the 60's ans 70's when SC was known as having the best
43	Sep 10, 2015 12:01 PM	roads for the least cost. Look it up.
44	Sep 10, 2015 11:57 AM	STIB should be eliminated. It's a slush fund for a few crony politicians. Any use of a supposed "infrastructure bank" should be balance across the state and focused on legitimate infrastructure needs and not other political pet
45	Sep 9, 2015 10:49 PM	projects The STIB represents the worst type of entity in state government . It is over run with pet projects and special interests and controlled by the powerful legislators who appoint the board members, much like the SCDOT . Why would we utilize this money to fund new roads when we have not and cannot take care of the existing roads? Isn't lke a family building an addition on a house that has a hole in it's roof that they don't have the money to fix? New taxes in the form of a raise in the gas tax and higher fees at at the SCDOT are not the answer, when the funds at the STIB are beinf funneled into projects in a few select counties . How are these new roads going to be maintained ? It will take a lot of courage and leadership to make the necessary changes and not burden the poor and working class with problem . Our rods are dangerous and an embaessment to this stae and it's people . The money to fix them exists if the people who have
46	Sep 9, 2015 5:54 PM	the authority will use it to do the right thing
47	Sep 9, 2015 3:47 PM	Get rid of it.
48	Sep 9, 2015 3:35 PM	Fix the roads and bridges in all counties in SC
49	Sep 9, 2015 3:34 PM	Fix the roads and bridges in ALL parts in SC
50	Sep 9, 2015 11:23 AM	Eliminate it the agency - it runs up too much debt and doesn't fix our roads Quit spending the majority of the funds on the lowcountry. We in the upstate are citizens too. And strip some of the power from Hugh Leatherman and put it in the
51	Sep 8, 2015 8:54 PM	Governors office.
52	Sep 8, 2015 7:32 PM	Most of the money goes to big projects in a few non rural areas This entity is subject to corruption, favoritism, and other forms of flat-out abuse
53	Sep 8, 2015 6:33 PM	catering to the power of politicians and bureaucrats. Defund it, due to the gross corruption involved with the management and
54	Sep 8, 2015 5:11 PM	disbursement of the funds associated with it.
55	Sep 8, 2015 4:58 PM	Infrastructure of SC and especially Charleston area is lacking
56	Sep 8, 2015 4:40 PM	None
57	Sep 8, 2015 4:31 PM	I think the SIB is significantly underfunded. Very difficult to determine what they are considering and how they prioritize
58	Sep 8, 2015 3:23 PM	projects. The adgenda is very uninformative.
59	Sep 8, 2015 2:59 PM	Why do we need SIB and SCDOT?
60	Sep 8, 2015 1:36 PM	too much control by a few legislators

61	Sep 8, 2015 1:32 PM	STIB funds should be allocated proportionately to each district. District funds should be used, within the district, for infrastructure improvement projects only!!! Unused funds should be credited to the district and limited, for use within, for five years. If unused after the fifth year, the funds should be removed from the districts account and re-allocated again, proportionately, to all districts.
62	Sep 8, 2015 12:41 PM	Without adequate infrastructure our economic development will cease. Infrastructure is a vital component on remaining competitive for economic development opportunities.
63	Sep 7, 2015 10:54 PM	Entire structure needs reform and control and appointments turned over to the executive branch directly under the Governor
64	Sep 7, 2015 9:41 PM	This is another layer of government that adds to the taxpayer cost and allocates power not subject to the electorate.
65	Sep 7, 2015 9:33 PM	We are tired of the way you handle the funds you can tell when you go from south carolina into another state with your eye closed just by the pot holes and patched holes that feel like speed bumps. The big reason road funds come up short is when you find them working on a road you find 5 people watching and one person working!!! This is something that has to be changed if we as a state are going to get it done.
66	Sep 7, 2015 6:15 PM	Needs to be abolished; corruption in State government can no longer be tolerated.
67	Sep 7, 2015 3:36 PM	All bridge and road projects should be rated based on safety, traffic volume and need. Maintenance of existing roads and bridges must be included. This must be a STATEWIDE list.
68	Sep 7, 2015 3:33 PM	There needs to be a full INDEPENDENT audit.
69	Sep 7, 2015 3:11 PM	Crony capitalism between a few legislators and their good old boys network. Appears to be fraught with mishandling of funds/illegal activities. Why do we need a state bank?
70	Sep 7, 2015 2:27 PM	n/a
71	Sep 7, 2015 12:48 PM	n/a
72	Sep 7, 2015 12:39 PM	Insufficient fundings is made available to repair/upkeep of existing roads and bridges; either there is lack of appropriate funding or it is being spent unwisely. Fixing STIB must work in conjunction with DOT reform. The STIB should be a funding mechanism only. Priorities should be determined "by formula, not connections" at the DOT. STIB should NOT be a politically-appointed board, especially one appointed by the Assembly, especially an Assembly that includes the inbred Senate that we have. Since doing the right thing is unlikely (the Senate would never support doing the right thing), at least make each board member represent different parts of the state and screened to prevent conflict of interest.
73	Sep 7, 2015 12:10 PM	Just stop stroking your ego and ride the states roadways.
74	Sep 7, 2015 5:15 AM	get rid of it. we dont have a bank for anything else.
75	Sep 7, 2015 4:40 AM	This "Good ole boy" way of running and funding roads needs to come to an end
76	Sep 7, 2015 4:34 AM	You have the money; fix the roads. This much negligence looks like corruption.
77	Sep 7, 2015 4:21 AM	Lack of accountability in the decisions made as far as how funds are distributed
78	Sep 7, 2015 3:45 AM	Funding should be directed at improving our major traffic corridors in our state to enhance business opportunities to industries looking to locate in our state. An agency such as this should not be using public monies for risky ventures which allows for those who are on committee to determine who it is the monies will be invested with. Allows for corruption within state govt.
79	Sep 7, 2015 3:19 AM	Let the tax dollars collected for the repair of the roads by the DOT stay in the DOT for repair in accordance with the law that prioritizes projects.
80	Sep 7, 2015 2:35 AM	It's a debt machine for new "Taj Mahal" road construction. Get rid of it. We need to operate within our means.
81	Sep 7, 2015 12:08 AM	I hope it too has a citizen oversight committee
82	Sep 6, 2015 11:42 PM	It needs to be shut down.
83	Sep 6, 2015 9:07 PM	It serves no useful purpose-disband it now.
84	Sep 6, 2015 8:29 PM	The STIB seems to be filled with "yes" men/women, makes judgements based on politics more than actual need or feasibility, bullies local governments to bend them to their political interests' wills, and doesn't factor into account all of the variables of a given project. It is a very poor method of road funding and prioritizing.
85	Sep 6, 2015 5:56 PM	Eliminate this monument to crony buracracy
86	Sep 6, 2015 5:26 PM	Entirely too political
87	Sep 6, 2015 3:45 PM	The above question matters not -- THIS state's road system is what is important
88	Sep 6, 2015 3:35 PM	Do a complete audit
89	Sep 6, 2015 3:54 AM	40 years ago, GA turned its DOT over to professionals. The results were quick and dramatically positive. SC should do the same.
90	Sep 6, 2015 3:28 AM	priority list, no conflict of interest
91	Sep 5, 2015 5:16 PM	I prefer not to comment at this time.
92	Sep 5, 2015 4:33 PM	The STIB is the embodiment of the contempt and disgust many of us feel for the state legislature..
93	Sep 5, 2015 2:54 PM	Spending decisions made for our tax dollars should not be in the hands of a few select legislators.
94	Sep 5, 2015 2:46 PM	
95	Sep 5, 2015 2:41 PM	

96	Sep 5, 2015 2:13 PM	The condition of our state's roads and bridges provide the proof that the STIB provides no value to the taxpayers of South Carolina. In addition, the STIB does not allocate and spend money according to the priorities established by the DOT.
97	Sep 5, 2015 2:00 PM	Corruption in the hands of few at the expense of the state. No concern for overall funding of South Carolina roads.
98	Sep 5, 2015 1:37 PM	The STIB has little accountability and needs to be dissolved or under the Gov. Much needed road work suffers due minor control of this agency
99	Sep 5, 2015 1:20 PM	Fix the roads before you build new ones.
100	Sep 5, 2015 1:09 PM	The Bank is an embarrassment to the citizens of South Carolina as it is one of the last vestiges of the Boss Hawg style of politics that has kept us mired in the stench of corruption and legislative tyranny so prevalent in the past. It is long past time for you to turn over all aspects of this function of state government to the DOT under the control of the Governor to be run by professionals with a single elected official to hold full responsibility and accountability to our citizens.
101	Sep 5, 2015 11:19 AM	This agency needed to be banned from operation, it is no more than a momey lauderning agency.
102	Sep 5, 2015 9:49 AM	The State Transportation Infrastructure Bank should be part of the State Department of Transportation. We do not need the expensive overhead of 2 agencies working on state transportation needs. The infrastructure bank concentrates on new road construction and our focus should be on road maintenance and upkeep. At this time we have enough roads we need to repair and maintain the roads we have.
103	Sep 5, 2015 5:14 AM	New emphasis needs to be placed on the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank in order to bring the agency current with times and comparable to the importance placed in other states.
104	Sep 5, 2015 2:32 AM	Its obviously very corrupt. Get rid of it!!!
105	Sep 5, 2015 2:27 AM	unaccountable, political
106	Sep 5, 2015 1:05 AM	You would serve us best by "folding your tent" This agency is a political scam
107	Sep 5, 2015 1:00 AM	NEEDS TO BE DISBANDED
108	Sep 5, 2015 1:00 AM	Crony politicians wasting tax-payer's money.
109	Sep 5, 2015 12:50 AM	Monies go to favored projects rather than distributed throughout the state on an equitable basis
110	Sep 5, 2015 12:36 AM	I'm tired of living on a street that gets holes in it everytime it rains. I'm not sure what you're supposed to be doing, but maintaining the streets is NOT something you do well. For a state with a surplus in the budget, it is sad to see the condition of the roads we drive on. I live on Hartford Drive in Ladson SC and I'm pretty sure this is the original pavement that was laid in the mid 70s.
111	Sep 4, 2015 8:34 PM	This bank is not run objectively, it's serves special interests and lobbying this bank is too influential. End it now.
112	Sep 4, 2015 8:33 PM	This bank is not run objectively, it's serves special interests and lobbying this bank is too influential. End it now.
113	Sep 4, 2015 8:30 PM	We must find a more efficient way to manage our funds & roads
114	Sep 4, 2015 8:28 PM	Governments should never go into debt to cover government projects no matter what there're for... its nothing more than a giant tax on the future of the taxpayers and thats just plain wrong... just because its low interest rates now doesn't give you the right to borrow our hard earned tax dollars.
115	Sep 4, 2015 7:47 PM	Put more information out to inform public on this issue
116	Sep 4, 2015 7:42 PM	It agreed to fund I-526, so I love it
117	Sep 4, 2015 7:36 PM	STIB needs to be audited annually where does the go & come from? Eliminate the STIB. Stop building new roads. Maintain existing roads. Put the decision making in the SC DOT under its director rather than an appointed commission or board.
118	Sep 4, 2015 7:18 PM	Too much cronyism and politically driven disbursement of funds.
119	Sep 4, 2015 7:02 PM	STIB appears to have no oversight, funding projects without regard to what is most needed statewide. Projects in the board members districts seem to have the highest priority.
120	Sep 4, 2015 6:56 PM	I lived for several years in Hanoi, Vietnam, often doing consulting for the Vietnamese government. The SIB is a paradigmatic example of the same sort of inefficient, unaccountable, back room-dealing parasite as the bloated and corrupt state-run enterprises that the developing world is trying to reform itself of.
121	Sep 4, 2015 6:53 PM	The STIB should be dissolved.
122	Sep 4, 2015 6:23 PM	We have not got our fair share from state before nut with the bank the counties who match funds with the bank it has been very help. Leave it alone. Don't bother it. thx
123	Sep 4, 2015 5:30 PM	
124	Sep 4, 2015 5:25 PM	It seems that only certain area's of the state are well taken crae of with maintaining the roads or building new structures. You take Charleston, Columbia for examples, they are always getting new roards unlike the rest of us our roads are going to pot, literly. I asked the Mayor of our city why our roads aren't maintained as well as they should be and his response was, quote: "The roads in the city belong to the state, we don't own any of the highways. So when election times comes made some thing will be done to get some votes???" Many roads need to be repaired before the Bank spends money on 526. The road is out dated by 40 years and spending the money before widening the existing roads on Johns Island will create gridlock.
125	Sep 4, 2015 5:17 PM	

126	Sep 4, 2015 5:02 PM	it is controlled by Hugh Leatherman and Chip Limehouse, who funnel money to their counties and leave the rest of the state to pay for it.
127	Sep 4, 2015 4:42 PM	Get rid of it
128	Sep 4, 2015 4:38 PM	The infrastructure bank needs to be dissolved, and all road funds diverted to maintenance until existing roads are up to par.
129	Sep 4, 2015 3:57 PM	I suggest the Bank be abolished and its functions taken over by the SCDOT, which is an agency that should be prioritizing projects.
130	Sep 4, 2015 3:47 PM	As our state's highways need desperate repairs, we need to continue to be proactively looking at the needs and having the vision to see the effects of today's decisions on future conditions of our roads and bridges.
131	Sep 4, 2015 3:32 PM	Where is the accountability to the people that have to pay for these selective projects?
132	Sep 4, 2015 3:27 PM	needs complete restructuring
133	Sep 4, 2015 3:27 PM	STIB should be eliminated.
134	Sep 4, 2015 3:03 PM	It should be done away with. Citizen have no say in what it decided. repair of roads should come from legislators in citizens counties. The STIB does not focus on the needs that most affect the citizens of this state, nor does it prioritize important projects with the greatest impact-to-cost ratio. The STIB wastes great amounts of money on new, expansionary projects that are unneeded, while the State struggles to provide necessary funds for more important issues. Further, the structure of the STIB leadership is not fair or democratic, nor are the members forced to be accountable for their decisions. Simply put, the State would be best served to eliminate the STIB and focus on road projects (ESPECIALLY MAINTENANCE and UPGRADES) based on actual priorities and needs.
135	Sep 4, 2015 2:52 PM	I hope Cindi Ross Scopie's editorials counts in "media coverage". I state legislature is so conservative and selfish that I don't see any way that they can come to any consensus.
136	Sep 4, 2015 2:51 PM	If it continues, it's members should be appointed by the Governor, not state legislators & senators, and it must allocate funds and projects based upon factual prioritized infrastructure needs, not the desires of the politicians who appoint them.
137	Sep 4, 2015 2:46 PM	The STIB lacks transparency and accountability. The functions of the STIB, funding of major road projects through bonding, should be with SCDOT or the STIB should be abolished.
138	Sep 4, 2015 2:26 PM	eliminate this agency which is corrupt
139	Sep 4, 2015 2:03 PM	I think the SC politicians with the most money have the STIB in their pocket and have them distribute the monies to their (the politicians) pet projects as opposed to spending the money in areas of the state that need it the most.
140	Sep 4, 2015 2:00 PM	The STIB seems to be an unaccountable board controlled more by political interests than public need.
141	Sep 4, 2015 1:51 PM	The STIB should be abolished and that its bonding functions should be housed in the SCDOT.
142	Sep 4, 2015 1:46 PM	The STIB is not required to prioritize projects and therefore becomes a political slushfund used to finance projects in board members' districts.
143	Sep 4, 2015 1:45 PM	The STIB should be dissolved. Its bonding functions should be housed in SCDOT.
144	Sep 4, 2015 1:37 PM	I feel the average road/bridge projects are suffering. The traffic is horrible on small, two lane roads and these roads are suffering due to neglect. I have seen the major projects in the state and they are great but we need more money placed toward smaller side roads and streets. -
145	Sep 4, 2015 1:36 PM	need to take the money in the bank and use it to fix the existing infrastructure
146	Sep 4, 2015 1:35 PM	The State Infrastructure Bank appears to favor certain counties and areas of the state. In the Upstate the roads are in terrible condition. When I ask our Legislative Delegation why this is the case they reply, "No funds provided by the State Infrastructure Bank. We need to fix our roads and bridges.
147	Sep 4, 2015 1:34 PM	This un-elected body epitomizes cronyism and cynical self interest.
148	Sep 4, 2015 1:34 PM	Our roads are not repaired. The bank wastes our money by funneling billions of dollars to the counties of a few legislatures. The bank must go!!
149	Sep 4, 2015 1:24 PM	Abolish the SIB; an absolute misdirection of funds
150	Sep 4, 2015 1:03 PM	Funds should be dispersed more equitably among counties...not just in counties with especially powerful representatives in Columbia
151	Sep 4, 2015 12:48 PM	When two family members are involved with decision making on where monies are distributed from the "bank" and the majority of the monies are given to Florence county to use I and most anyone else would call that a conflict of interest.
152	Sep 4, 2015 12:32 PM	The money is not being used smart and a select few counties are getting the money and the majority are getting zero.
153	Sep 4, 2015 12:15 PM	It's controlled by a few legislative leaders who've allocated billions of borrowed dollars, not to fix our roads, but to build new projects in their own counties - the vast majority of counties have gotten nothing but the bill
154	Sep 4, 2015 12:11 PM	Too small a group controls it.
155	Sep 4, 2015 12:08 PM	It should be abolished.
156	Sep 4, 2015 12:06 PM	The lack of well maintained roads throughout the state
157	Sep 4, 2015 11:35 AM	As the bank exists now the funds are not used for all road repairs in S>C>, rather funds are diverted to special interest projects in certain counties. Funds rarely are used to repair our roads. South Carolina roads.
158	Sep 4, 2015 10:39 AM	Bank is not needed.
159	Sep 4, 2015 10:32 AM	No real prioritization requirements and little accountability make the STIB the transportation slush fund of two powerful legislators.
160	Sep 4, 2015 10:01 AM	

161	Sep 4, 2015 9:54 AM	It diverts much-needed state infrastructure projects funds to a few well-
162	Sep 4, 2015 9:52 AM	connected counties at the expense of ALL of the taxpayers
163	Sep 4, 2015 8:59 AM	dissolve it return gas tax % back to counties The structure of the STIB makes it easy to misdirect funds. So I hear that there's lobbying done in South Carolina which favors individual counties where new projects are being worked on. Why aren't these monies distributed fairle on an overal basis accross our fine state? Are South Carolinians going to have to ban together in the wee hours of the morning, to get out onto our roads and repair them ourselves, with additional personal finacness? This is perposterous! Let's get on about taking care of our citizens, using their tax dollars wisely- not friviously.. Thank you kindly. Sincerely, john w. poston jr.
164	Sep 4, 2015 6:39 AM	Use the monies you have to fix our roads-- stop holding our Tax dollars back until you get more from us!
165	Sep 4, 2015 6:09 AM	My answers are based on how they want to push forward with the 526 expansion. There are far better and much needed projects.
166	Sep 4, 2015 4:03 AM	n unaccountable government board controlled by a handful of lawmakers for whom most South Carolinians can't vote.
167	Sep 4, 2015 2:51 AM	One of the most corrupt organizations in the state. Harrell and Limehouse is all you need to vet.
168	Sep 4, 2015 2:23 AM	Good ole boy development conduit
169	Sep 4, 2015 2:21 AM	Why do we allow more and more development when little is done to improve transportation on our state.
170	Sep 4, 2015 2:20 AM	We, the voters, will not be fooled! The STIB is nothing more than an unaccountable government board, controlled by two lawmakers, for whom most South Carolinians can't vote. There's no good reason this entity should continue taking money from legitimate projects while politicians threaten to raise taxes! The STIB shouldn't be audited or reformed, it should be ELIMINATED, its funds redirected to repair and maintenance! The Department of Transportation must be reformed to create a more accountable system.
171	Sep 4, 2015 2:20 AM	There is no accountability.
172	Sep 4, 2015 1:34 AM	Please focus on repairing the roads we have instead of big new projects.
173	Sep 4, 2015 1:30 AM	I feel it has become a corrupted organization. Money that should be used to improve existing roads is being tied up in the I-526 pet project.
174	Sep 4, 2015 1:12 AM	Corrupt incompetent and unable to prioritize
175	Sep 4, 2015 1:01 AM	You must eliminate this cash-cow for Hugh L. and his cronies.
176	Sep 4, 2015 12:49 AM	The Infrastructure Bank once served a purpose, but it clearly become a major source of wasteful and misappropriated spending. The 526 Extension is an obvious example.
177	Sep 4, 2015 12:37 AM	http://www.scpolicycouncil.org/research/budget/stib-elimination
178	Sep 4, 2015 12:28 AM	to much power in the hands of so few anointed ones having been hand picked for self serving bank accounts!!
179	Sep 4, 2015 12:27 AM	I am concerned that members are pressured and influenced on certain projects in certain parts of the state
180	Sep 4, 2015 12:20 AM	Our roads aren't being fixed!
181	Sep 4, 2015 12:18 AM	I see no need for it. The functions which it is intended to carry out should be done by a well run DOT. But, to do so, the DOT needs to be totally overhauled as well so ass to implement good planning, excellent execution and finally - good roads at a much lower cost!!
182	Sep 4, 2015 12:08 AM	It has been reported via the media that legislators on the STIB get more roads in their counties. This money could go to repairing roads versus building new ones. Also, Senator Leatherma's seving on this committee plus all of the other powerful positions he holds in state government gives him too much control over state government.
183	Sep 4, 2015 12:06 AM	Raise the Gas Tax and fix the roads!
184	Sep 3, 2015 11:53 PM	I believe it shows favoritism, fosters indebtedness, and is in the hands of a powerful few who are not accountable to the voters.
185	Sep 3, 2015 11:46 PM	This committee has been ineffective at best, bordering on corrup. The distribution of funds had been so inequitable it's ridiculous. This body has got to go!
186	Sep 3, 2015 11:45 PM	Only a few counties get all of the money.
187	Sep 3, 2015 11:40 PM	It needs to be done away with entirely.
188	Sep 3, 2015 11:03 PM	It is unnecessary Committee that usurp the authority of the House, so that a few "powerful" legislators can spend money on "pet" projects without the oversight of the duely elected members of the Legislature.
189	Sep 3, 2015 10:44 PM	Funding should be based on greatest need not who knows who and who's lining who's pocket.
190	Sep 3, 2015 10:17 PM	it should be eliminated because it's an unaccountable government board controlled by a handful of lawmakers for whom most South Carolinians can't vote.
191	Sep 3, 2015 10:06 PM	lack of common sense, waste of resources
192	Sep 3, 2015 9:40 PM	Corruption
193	Sep 3, 2015 9:34 PM	They do not fund the maintenance of existing roads, only seem to want to build new road sorry expand. It doesn't matter if we have new roads when the old roads begin falling apart due to lack of maintenance.
194	Sep 3, 2015 9:09 PM	This is nothing but a huge pork barrel scam.
195	Sep 3, 2015 9:06 PM	Need effective process for prioritizing projects based on the needs of the State and not the legislative power of politicians.
196	Sep 3, 2015 9:04 PM	The STIB should be disbanded!!
197	Sep 3, 2015 9:04 PM	

198	Sep 3, 2015 8:53 PM	Far too much money spent on new construction to attract federal matching funds and this should be the responsibility of state DOT and elected Representatives only. Maintenance responsibility for other existing roads should be separated between state and county responsibility. Each county should have taxing power to maintain their own roads. State roads should be limited to those crossing multiple (3 or more) county lines. The Governor should have power over any proposed bond issues.
199	Sep 3, 2015 8:51 PM	Directs activities toward politically favored and often unnecessary new infrastructure projects. Unresponsive to realistic priorities diverting funds from necessary improvements. The infrastructure Bank needs to be eliminated. It funnels billions of dollars to a few counties. The legislators that control this bank is the counties that get this money. Road maintenance and construction should be privatized. My son has a plan that would give the power to the people by using the free market approach to maintain and construct roads of anyone is truly interested in a change for the better.
200	Sep 3, 2015 8:38 PM	a bunch of rich legislators stealing from the state
201	Sep 3, 2015 8:25 PM	Please refund the disaster that is the 526 extension.
202	Sep 3, 2015 8:15 PM	should be an investigation
203	Sep 3, 2015 8:09 PM	They have more training than HP and yet are paid on the same pay scale. They should be compensated for all of the training they have to go through and have a cost of living pay increase every year. Also, they should be compensated for time/years invested into the company.
204	Sep 3, 2015 8:07 PM	Why is this agency needed? Why are they not working for the infrastructure of the whole state instead of just certain counties? I am still trying to find out who they work for, no one seems to know. We have some of the worse roads and bridges that are falling, and there seems to me no system to get anything done to improve our state.
205	Sep 3, 2015 8:06 PM	An unnecessary middleman with the only purpose of channeling millions of dollars into pork projects of a special few legislators.
206	Sep 3, 2015 8:02 PM	I think it should be shut down.
207	Sep 3, 2015 8:01 PM	another example of certain legislator's unaccountable power
208	Sep 3, 2015 7:56 PM	Cronyism.
209	Sep 3, 2015 7:48 PM	Our state has the use of Committee functions and we have hidden assets.
210	Sep 3, 2015 7:46 PM	Why does it exist?
211	Sep 3, 2015 7:41 PM	We need transparency, fairness, ethics and above all trustworthy priorities and allocation of money fairly to all counties for funding of roads. We do not need partisan politics or power plays. We need safe roads. Why do we need the STIB anyway?
212	Sep 3, 2015 7:41 PM	I am tired of the FEW controlling legislative leaders who've allocated billions of borrowed dollars, not to fix our roads, but to build new pet projects in their own counties - the vast majority of counties have gotten nothing but the bill.
213	Sep 3, 2015 7:38 PM	Lack of transparency. Cronyism and nepotism. Politically manipulated slush fund. Does work in the best interests of the citizens of our state
214	Sep 3, 2015 7:38 PM	More accountability for their lack of a long term plan and use of funds.
215	Sep 3, 2015 7:37 PM	Stop wasting tax payer money.
216	Sep 3, 2015 7:35 PM	the money should be used as originally intended
217	Sep 3, 2015 7:33 PM	SCDOT should have total control of revenues and prioritizing all new road and bridge projects. should create a separate and independent oversight committee to study all requested projects, allowing no political or special interest parties to influence final decisions.
218	Sep 3, 2015 7:31 PM	I am concerned this committee lacks oversight. This committee should be required to have all meetings open to the public, no special lunches or dinners prior to meetings, and a state wide priority list for funding. Voters should have the opportunity to approve or disapprove the committee's suggestions for transportation funding. Given the ethics issues with this committee, all decisions they make should be put to the voters at the poll prior to final project approval.
219	Sep 3, 2015 7:29 PM	The bank needs to be closed down!
220	Sep 3, 2015 7:28 PM	Directed for the benefit of few in control. Mostly Leatherman
221	Sep 3, 2015 7:27 PM	The STIB is a tool of one or two elected officials who use it to direct hundreds of millions of dollars to pet projects and their cronies. The last elected official to do that is now an admitted criminal, and the current elected official, Sen. Leatherman, packs it with his cronies to do the same, putting the whole state in debt for dubious benefits.. Reform it or abolish it,
222	Sep 3, 2015 7:25 PM	Funds not used for maintenance; favors only few counties;
223	Sep 3, 2015 7:24 PM	The STIB is focused solely on new road construction. Most of that money should be used for maintenance of existing roads instead. Also, its spending is extremely concentrated in a very few counties having political clout. The agency should be abolished and its functions turned over to the State Highway Commission.
224	Sep 3, 2015 7:21 PM	The funding of transportation projects need to be based on priority, not development.
225	Sep 3, 2015 7:16 PM	Needs to be abolished.
226	Sep 3, 2015 7:14 PM	STIB seems to be an autonomous entity and not really an agency that is controlled by legislature
227	Sep 3, 2015 7:14 PM	not accountable to the voters! Abolish not reform it.
228	Sep 3, 2015 7:12 PM	It is not fairly controlled and does not represent the broader interest of the State. Too much control to certain districts by the representatives on the SBIT. Also too much conflict of interest by committee members (interest financially directly or indirectly)
229	Sep 3, 2015 7:08 PM	

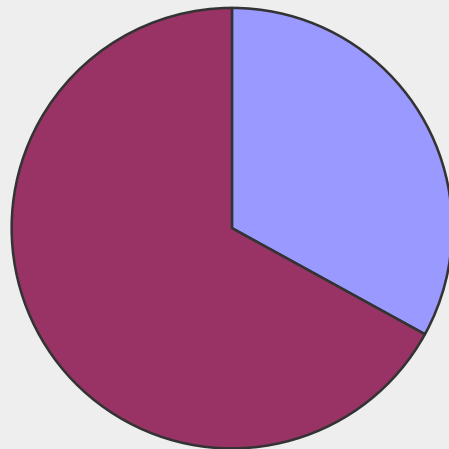
230	Sep 3, 2015 6:56 PM	Why do we need a separate bank?? I look at this like the Export/Import Federal Bank that give dollars to Special Interest and not fairly. Why is the Budget Process not enough?? Put the money Budgeted where all other dollars go-and fund say Roads by needs vs. wants!!
231	Sep 3, 2015 6:52 PM	The State Transportation Infrastructure Bank serves no good purpose. It needs to go away.
232	Sep 3, 2015 6:52 PM	The STIB is the major obstacle in South Carolina's roads crisis. They do nothing but borrow money for new projects we don't even need. They saddle taxpayers with debt and rubberstamp whatever good-for-nothing road Leatherman tells them to -- or whoever else is in charge at the moment. This is a group of people who have NO ACCOUNTABILITY to the citizens of South Carolina. Who could support that? I would abolish today if I could. It's the opposite of democracy, and it's as corrupt as it gets. I don't know anyone who thinks highly of the STIB --
233	Sep 3, 2015 6:51 PM	or of the politicians who allow it to exist. Eliminate it!
234	Sep 3, 2015 6:50 PM	The STIB should be eliminated. Road maintenance should be on at least an equal footing with road construction. Control of roads should lie with someone accountable to all the people of the state, not just a couple of powerful legislators.
235	Sep 3, 2015 6:47 PM	I feel that the bank approves new roads/projects in their counties and does not take into consideration A. Fixing what we have and B. The other counties/roads/bridges, etc. outside their area
236	Sep 3, 2015 6:46 PM	STIB is an unnecessary level of bureaucracy which adds no value to the funding stream for transportation projects
237	Sep 3, 2015 6:45 PM	Should be abolished
238	Sep 3, 2015 6:38 PM	transparency is key to citizen buy in on allocations and decisions.
239	Sep 3, 2015 5:48 PM	none at this time
240	Sep 3, 2015 5:08 PM	see about comment
241	Sep 3, 2015 12:43 PM	The State Transportation Infrastructure Bank is too politically motivated in it's decisions
242	Sep 3, 2015 1:40 AM	it is not needed DOT should not fund this bank
243	Sep 2, 2015 11:34 PM	Need to be more transparent in its purpose and how and why decisions are made to fund projects.
244	Sep 2, 2015 11:29 PM	I seems that only certain roads and repairs are only made in certain areas just before elections are held in order to get the vote. If a road or infrastructure is in need of repair or replacement it should be done and not because of what party you belong to. After all we all pay the taxes for this requirement.
245	Sep 2, 2015 5:00 PM	non elected individuals, not beholden to the public, we already have elected officials that are suppose to do this function
246	Sep 2, 2015 1:20 PM	Unaware of the existance such an organization
247	Sep 2, 2015 10:29 AM	The concentration of power and financial control of such large sums of money into the hands of such a small group of unelected people is utterly distasteful to me as a free man and no greater threat could be imposed on sound judgment, human liberty and fiduciary or financial transparency.
248	Sep 2, 2015 1:37 AM	The voters are not fully informed on what the STIBank functions are
249	Sep 2, 2015 12:53 AM	it is not working for the whole state.
250	Sep 1, 2015 11:56 PM	Oversite
251	Sep 1, 2015 11:12 PM	Incompetent and venal
252	Sep 1, 2015 11:03 PM	I would like to see more improvement on Upstate interstate system.
253	Sep 1, 2015 10:08 PM	More information to the SC voters about the bank.
254	Sep 1, 2015 9:24 PM	This is a Bank functioning like a Bank and supplies funding for important project throughout the state. I believe the SCDOT should pick statewide projects and make recommendartion to the SIB for funding and the SIB should not be in the postion to select projects.
255	Sep 1, 2015 8:52 PM	Tired of PROFESSIONAL POLITIIONS
256	Sep 1, 2015 2:32 PM	Controlled by egos and not mission.
257	Sep 1, 2015 2:00 PM	Too many rich people running this state.

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Yes	33.0%	289
No	67.0%	587
<i>answered question</i>		876
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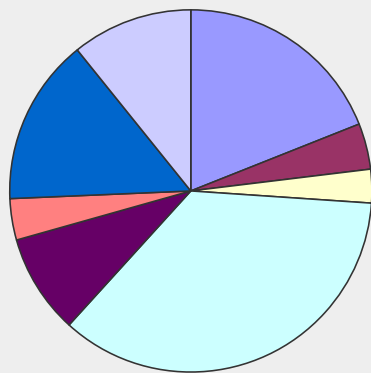
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1	Sep 29, 2015 6:27 PM	Capitol .
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3	Sep 16, 2015 1:06 PM	I need more information
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4	Sep 9, 2015 6:00 PM	with the agency
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5	Sep 7, 2015 3:13 PM	region and state
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		way, schools that teach those
		with special needs should
		always be a priority. Why?
27	Sep 1, 2015 10:27 PM	Because it's the right thing to do.
		Have seen their progress and
28	Sep 1, 2015 9:50 PM	great work for a number of years
29	Sep 1, 2015 8:40 PM	all of the above

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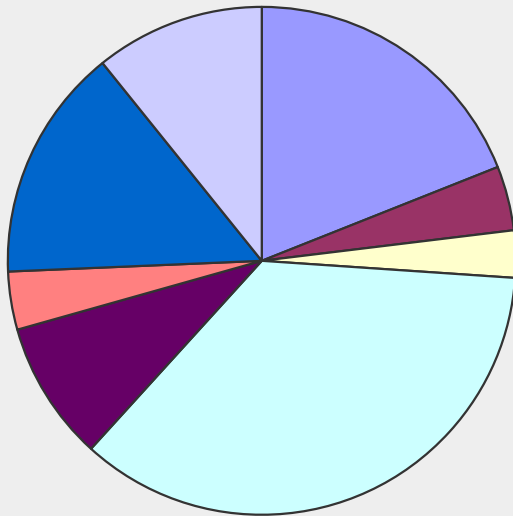
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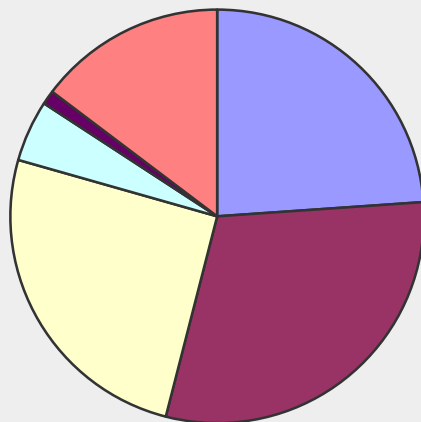
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Better	30.1%	82
About the same	25.4%	69
Worse	4.8%	13
Much worse	1.1%	3
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- Much worse
- Do not have an opinion

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Please list any comments, concerns, or suggestions you may have about the School for the Deaf and Blind. Your response may be quoted verbatim in a Committee report.

Answer Options	Response Count
	84
<i>answered question</i>	84
<i>skipped question</i>	926

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 29, 2015 9:25 PM	SCSDB is a very positive organization. They always are working on innovative programs to continue to promote the abilities of disabled youth and adults. I know many people who attended and have worked there, and they are all positive experiences as relayed to me. I cannot say enough good things abbbout this agency.
2	Sep 29, 2015 6:27 PM	I have great appreciation for the love, caring, patienc, motivaiional skills and the lists continues for the personel that take care of their clients at the School for the Deaf and Blind. May Almighty God continue to bless you.
3	Sep 28, 2015 12:51 PM	I am excited and optimistic about the school's future under the leadership of Dr McCraw.
4	Sep 22, 2015 6:47 PM	Very limited options for those who are not at or below poverty level to participate in specialized learning for the deaf and hard of hearing. My son is hard of hearing and I was very disappointed in my options available. I am very blessed to be in an excellent school system with excellent funding that bridges the gap. However not all are as fortunate. Most states have multiple facilities not just one.
5	Sep 22, 2015 12:38 AM	This school should be branched out to a community college
6	Sep 16, 2015 8:19 PM	Charitable organizations can take over this.
7	Sep 16, 2015 1:42 PM	The school has been going through a time of transition with a new president this year (who served as interim last year). She is doing an excellent job.
8	Sep 16, 2015 1:06 PM	Again, most programs run by the government aren't the best. The school is fantastic. My daughter goes to Cedar Springs Academy. The staff is very professional and kind.
9	Sep 15, 2015 2:18 PM	More qualified supervision for students is required.
10	Sep 12, 2015 9:41 PM	This school is a jewel in SC crown. The students it serves are receiving a educational & life skills that will enable them to be happy & productive adults. Ny niece graduated from the Blind school in 2014. She really blossomed at The school after struggling in public school for 6 years. I also volunteered at the Deaf School several years ago
11	Sep 11, 2015 12:20 PM	The school provides much needed services for children with special needs. It is deserving of continued resources to ensure its facilities and services are maintained at appropriate standards to serve this special population with the respect it deserves.
12	Sep 10, 2015 4:50 PM	The SC school for the Deaf and Blind deals with some of the most severely impaired children in our state . They offer a wide array of programs and services that enable these children to reach their potential and become productive members of our society . How we treat these vulnerable human beings says a lot about what kind of people we are and what kind of values we hold dear.
13	Sep 9, 2015 6:00 PM	
14	Sep 9, 2015 3:48 PM	No comment

15	Sep 8, 2015 7:33 PM	It is the school of last resort...
16	Sep 8, 2015 4:43 PM	I don't recall ever hearing a negative comment regarding this school.
17	Sep 8, 2015 3:53 PM	This agency is always working to find innovative methods to reach out to the students it serves. The staff is positive and the working environment appears to be very supportive. They really seem to have their act together.
18	Sep 8, 2015 3:26 PM	Really need more information concerning the assistance they give deaf and blind students who remain at home.
19	Sep 8, 2015 1:32 PM	None
20	Sep 7, 2015 10:54 PM	We need a small bus for Independent Living Skills Department to be able to teach individual with hands-on activity experience.
21	Sep 7, 2015 3:13 PM	SCSDB provides an invaluable service to the hearing and visually disabled. They are known for the care, concern and education provided. Top notch facilities that are available for general use. Never hear negative news about them.
22	Sep 7, 2015 4:37 AM	This school provides a needed service to the children of this state that are deaf and blind that they otherwise may not receive
23	Sep 7, 2015 12:43 AM	The professionalism and expertise shown by those who carry out the mission of SCSDB has always been exceptional. I have seen within my own family the effort put forth for children with special needs to reach their potential.
24	Sep 6, 2015 3:40 PM	The School makes it possible for these deaf, blind and multi-handicapped children to learn to cope with their disability and become productive members of society
25	Sep 5, 2015 3:47 PM	I like the idea of a specialized school like this but I have to wonder about the cost.
26	Sep 5, 2015 2:59 PM	A lack of leadership & poor management have resulted in low educational outcomes, top-heavy payroll & failed state/federal compliance in financial or operations reporting.
27	Sep 5, 2015 2:56 PM	State hiring regs are filled with loopholes the agency fills management positions by hiring personal/political pals.
28	Sep 5, 2015 1:20 PM	Highly qualified staff members have been forced out through veiled harassment or bypassed for less-qualified "game players" promotions. Some hold state classifications and pay but they do not meet minimum education or experience requirements.
29	Sep 5, 2015 11:21 AM	Economic times have called for reorganization; knee-jerk changes were made, staff identifying risks were demoted or position RIF & poor outcomes blamed on targeted scapegoats. Sadly, similar practices can be identified at other state agencies as well - all easily explained away with a state loophole. Only the LAC recognizing common denominators across state agencies will be able to enact positive change.
30	Sep 5, 2015 9:51 AM	I feel they are doing a good job. It would be wonderful if the school president can host an open meeting to talk to faculty of the three schools to help address issues, concerns or suggestions.
31	Sep 5, 2015 8:28 AM	Should be ran as a private enterprise
32	Sep 4, 2015 8:32 PM	I believe the School for the Deaf and Blind should not be operated by the state. I believe it should be operated by private charities.
		The school provides a very valuable service to the students and their families most of whom would not get this help any other way.
		Private is more efficient than government

33	Sep 4, 2015 7:45 PM	An amazing educational institution that truly empowers its students
34	Sep 4, 2015 7:40 PM	The school is providing a much needed service for our special needs students and there is a tremendous amount of care for these students by the staff
35	Sep 4, 2015 3:23 PM	serves a great need and underfunded leave the politics out of it
36	Sep 4, 2015 3:20 PM	Very dedicated employees
37	Sep 4, 2015 3:18 PM	Funding for this school and the service they provide should be funded at the highest possible level.
38	Sep 4, 2015 2:59 PM	The school is a fabulous institution that serves a very important and needy part of our State
39	Sep 4, 2015 1:25 PM	About the same is par for the course of badly run state agencies. The good old boy network isn't working for SC.
40	Sep 4, 2015 12:43 PM	The dedication and commitment of the staff and teachers of these special children/students is an inspiration and an example to be followed.
41	Sep 4, 2015 12:30 PM	The School performs a vital function in equipping and enabling sensory-challenged children, and others, to overcome their challenges and become successful and productive members of society.
42	Sep 4, 2015 12:13 PM	The SC School for the Deaf and the Blind provides excellent services to its students served statewide through the Outreach Program. High quality staff with an excellent work ethic populates this division of SCSDB and it is recognized as a leader in the state. The SCSDB campus programs struggle to find direction and be what they need to be to the population they serve. This has been caused by previous leadership that did not appear to have the best interest of students or employees at heart. The recent change in leadership has been extremely positive for SCSDB but it will take time to undo damage created by the previous administration.
43	Sep 4, 2015 12:08 PM	It serves a needed function, and should be properly supported.
44	Sep 4, 2015 2:24 AM	Not enough support for the home-bound blind. Basically, a very limited use or resource to many more blind than it helps. Very sad...
45	Sep 4, 2015 2:04 AM	I am very impressed with the education, campus, activities and care given to the students at SCSDB. This Institution has much pride and deserves praise throughout the State.
46	Sep 4, 2015 12:29 AM	needs more coverage so we can know if it works effectively
47	Sep 3, 2015 10:47 PM	The function of the State Government should be let for bid every 5 years, so that the private sector can attempt to provide the most efficient services for the Deaf and Blind.
48	Sep 3, 2015 8:35 PM	At times it seems as if the agency tries to act without informing or trying to misrepresent information to employees.
49	Sep 3, 2015 8:09 PM	My son had the opportunity to attend the school many years ago, and he definitely improved while he was there.
50	Sep 3, 2015 7:54 PM	The staff at the SCSDB are very professional and caring. They have helped many children and families from all over the state who could not find the help that they needed in other places. Some families have relocated from other states to enroll their children in the SCSDB programs. It is an outstanding opportunity for children and changes their lives.
51	Sep 3, 2015 7:43 PM	How do we know if they are doing a good job?
52	Sep 3, 2015 7:40 PM	One on one consideration of individuals actually needing this facility should have more input.

53	Sep 3, 2015 7:18 PM	training is essential for special needs people
54	Sep 3, 2015 6:59 PM	The problem-if there is any. That there is no media publicity about it. There may be folks falling through the cracks!
55	Sep 3, 2015 6:52 PM	I don't know much about this particular institution, but I support the efforts our state makes to serve these children.
56	Sep 3, 2015 6:39 PM	SCSDB is a vital agency for citizens with handicaps
57	Sep 3, 2015 6:09 PM	SCSDB provides an excellent education for South Carolina's exceptional deaf and blind students.
58	Sep 3, 2015 6:01 PM	Needs more administrators who are deaf or blind
59	Sep 3, 2015 5:59 PM	This fine insitution just keeps getting better a concern is that some full time staff make minimum wage. I would comment that the agency is good about being held to and following state standards for education. Our children all recieve free and reduced school lunch and the school provides numerous resources for the children that they would not normally recieve. I would suggest that there are more opportunities for advancement and promotion for employees as there are not many in the agency.
60	Sep 3, 2015 5:56 PM	none at this time
61	Sep 3, 2015 5:48 PM	Teacher retention and lack of certified, experienced teachers in the classrooms
62	Sep 3, 2015 5:41 PM	I believe that SCSDB does a great job. And they provide services statewide to kids who are blind, visually impaired and deaf or hard of hearing. A lot of kids would not otherwise get these services.
63	Sep 3, 2015 5:35 PM	Excellent establishment that provides much needed support and care to the Special Needs community of SC.
64	Sep 3, 2015 5:22 PM	more Family Education of the school
65	Sep 3, 2015 5:20 PM	My experience is that SCSDB have a staff that is truly dedicated to the needs of the students.
66	Sep 3, 2015 5:17 PM	South Carolina School for Deaf and Blind does a great job with students. The students get the special attention to help them get jobs, and be productive citizens.
67	Sep 3, 2015 5:15 PM	The school has made continuous improvements in the educational opportunities afforded to students with deafness, blindness and multi-sensory disabilities
68	Sep 3, 2015 5:12 PM	The School for Deaf and Blind does a valuable service for the deaf and blind handicapped students.
69	Sep 3, 2015 12:44 PM	The School for the Blind campus school does not adequately prepare students with visual impairments academically or socially to function in a sighted world. They do not employ highly qualified teachers of students with visual impairments. Teachers who do not know braille have been serving students who are completely blind and require braille instruction to access materials. The school does not provide the appropriate least restrictive environment as they will take students who could be successful in their home schools. I am very disappointed with the overall attitude and competence of the blind school. The school should be a great resource for our state and districts to use for testing expertise and assistance. However, this is not true of the blind school campus services. I am very concerned that the blind school has now been accredited to provide Carnegie credits. Students capable of receiving Carnegie credits should not be at a separate special education school.
70	Sep 3, 2015 12:01 AM	Specialty schools are necessary for our disabled citizen's. Main streaming deaf and blind students does not help them advance their coping skills- especially when kids are so mean to each other.
71	Sep 2, 2015 9:38 PM	

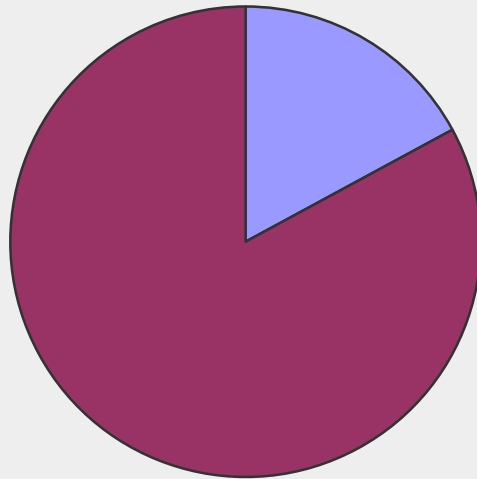
72	Sep 2, 2015 9:01 PM	fills a great need in our state I worked at the school for a number of years when there was a need for it. Things have changed and the enrollment has declined and the school is administratively top heavy (principals, supervisors, administrators, etc.) that makes the cost per pupil exhorbitant. I've also heard from current staff there there are classrooms with no more than 5 students. The state money can be used to hire support staff (interpreters, braille instructors, orientation & mobility instructors) throughout the state and serve the children locally. My guess is that the general public sees the school positively because they serve children with disabilities but if you take the emotion out of it, it is hard to justify the expense and several other states have closed their schools for the
73	Sep 2, 2015 3:10 PM	deaf and/or the blind.
74	Sep 2, 2015 1:42 PM	The SCSDB is a great asset to the state and has been for a very long time.
75	Sep 2, 2015 12:26 PM	Very critical service that is needed and appropriately fFunded
76	Sep 2, 2015 9:52 AM	Not accredited at any level, same service could be provided at home school districts at a lesser cost to the State
77	Sep 1, 2015 11:57 PM	Inspection Overly bureaucratic and lacking focus. Like most educational institutions in SCtheir primary reason for being has fallen to
78	Sep 1, 2015 11:15 PM	secondary or tertiary place!
79	Sep 1, 2015 8:53 PM	Great service for the students My former Sunday School teacher worked with the school for the deaf and blind and had positive things to say about the
80	Sep 1, 2015 8:49 PM	work that goes on there. This school is an important asset for the state. The campus is well kept and the local reputation and employees convey
81	Sep 1, 2015 8:40 PM	confidence in the services provided.
82	Sep 1, 2015 5:20 PM	the education is lacking, students are not getting properly educated
83	Sep 1, 2015 4:49 PM	Segregated environment, failed high school graduation rates, kids not being prepared for real world
84	Sep 1, 2015 2:33 PM	A great school offering a great service much needed by our state.

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Would you like to provide input about the Commission for the Blind?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	17.1%	143
No	82.9%	692
<i>answered question</i>		835
<i>skipped question</i>		175

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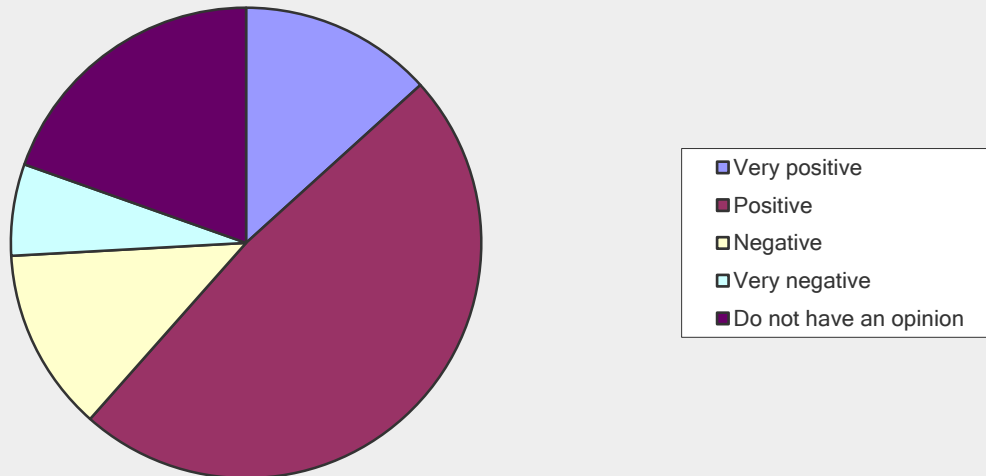
■ Yes
■ No

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Overall, what is your opinion of the Commission for the Blind?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very positive	13.3%	19
Positive	48.3%	69
Negative	12.6%	18
Very negative	6.3%	9
Do not have an opinion	19.6%	28
<i>answered question</i>		143
<i>skipped question</i>		867

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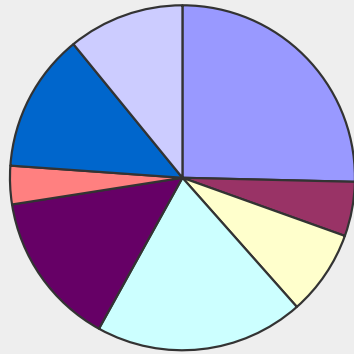


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Which of the following has most influenced your opinion of the Commission for the Blind?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Media coverage	25.4%	35
Social media	5.1%	7
Internet	8.0%	11
Personal experience with the agency	19.6%	27
Business experience with the agency	14.5%	20
Family member's experience with the agency	3.6%	5
Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience with the	13.0%	18
Other (please specify)	10.9%	15
answered question		138
skipped question		872

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 29, 2015 6:29 PM	When the School visits the State Capitol.
2	Sep 16, 2015 8:21 PM	No opinion.
3	Sep 16, 2015 1:07 PM	Don't know anyone who knows much about this commission..need more information.
4	Sep 5, 2015 3:50 PM	I know nothing about it; just as I know nothing about it.
5	Sep 4, 2015 7:48 PM	No opinion
6	Sep 4, 2015 5:28 PM	Church group My mother used books for the blind. That was the only experience I had with the
7	Sep 4, 2015 2:54 PM	agency. It was good. Do not know about this
8	Sep 4, 2015 11:40 AM	commission
9	Sep 4, 2015 11:35 AM	none
10	Sep 4, 2015 2:27 AM	MANY sources and personal experiences.
11	Sep 4, 2015 12:30 AM	needs more coverage
12	Sep 3, 2015 11:41 PM	Nothing Should be run by private
13	Sep 3, 2015 8:44 PM	institutions not government with tax dollars
14	Sep 3, 2015 7:44 PM	No reports on their activity Have heard nothing about this
15	Sep 3, 2015 7:01 PM	agency!!

Which of the following has most influenced your opinion of the agency?



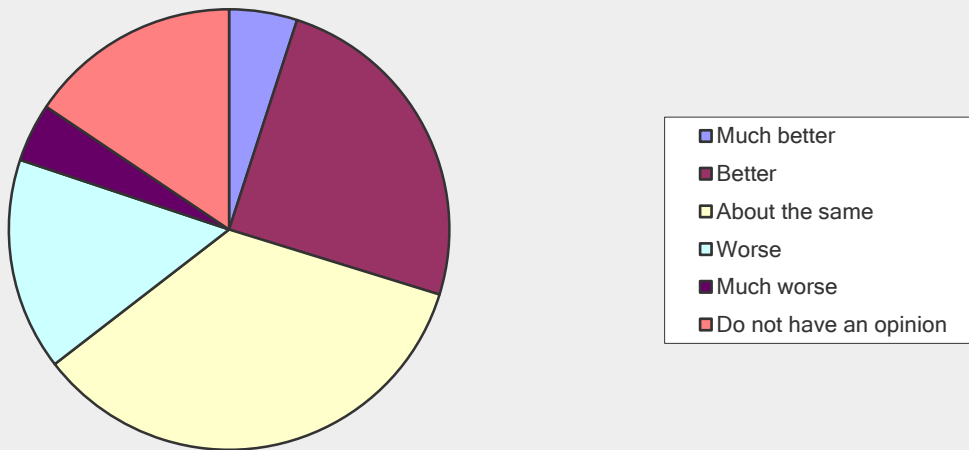
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- Social media
- Internet
- Personal experience with the agency
- Business experience with the agency
- Family member's experience with the agency
- Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience with the agency
- Other (please specify)

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How do you think the Commission for the Blind functions on an overall basis in comparison to state agencies in South Carolina?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Much better	5.0%	7
Better	24.8%	35
About the same	34.8%	49
Worse	15.6%	22
Much worse	4.3%	6
Do not have an opinion	15.6%	22
<i>answered question</i>		141
<i>skipped question</i>		869

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Answer Options	Response Count
	43
<i>answered question</i>	43
<i>skipped question</i>	967

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1	Sep 29, 2015 9:29 PM	The Commissioner is no longer effective. He has not been for many years. He is not interested in truly promoting the independence of blind individuals. He has let the staff morale dip to all-time low levels. No matter how hard the staff works, he refuses to even entertain the idea of giving merit raises. For ten years, I have not received any type of raise, though the workload has more than doubled. The attendance at the rehab center has dropped significantly. It seems that staff no longer wants to stay. In the fall last year, approximately 15 people left the agency. The Voc Rehab consumers who pass through our doors for the most part are not gainfully employed to the best of their ability. They are not encouraged to reach for the gold ring. Just getting by is considered acceptable. Incompetence is everywhere from staff performance to expectations of students. Not good. Do something.
2	Sep 23, 2015 10:08 AM	The Commission should establish more outreach offices to support persons who are unable to attend the center for training. Review technology training for younger adults.
3	Sep 22, 2015 12:40 AM	This commission should be abolished and functions given to the counties
4	Sep 16, 2015 8:21 PM	How many blind people are there? A friend who is legally blind received a magnifier and some training to assist her with Activities of Daily Living several years ago. Beyond that she has gotten no further assistance. Her lighted magnifier is no longer useful for her but she seems unable to get further help even though her impairment has worsened.
5	Sep 16, 2015 2:17 PM	Administration limited in the knowledge of blindness
6	Sep 12, 2015 2:17 AM	This agency enables the visually impaired access to technology that greatly improves their quality of life. As a visually impaired individual I was aided years ago with a magnifying lamp to help with college studies. My niece and a close friend have also benefitted from the services.
7	Sep 11, 2015 12:36 PM	One department doesn't know what the other department does. Lack of cross training.
8	Sep 8, 2015 8:40 PM	My first concern would be how I feel about combining the agency(SCCB) with DVR. I do not feel this would be in the best interest of the blind/ visually impaired individuals served. Harder to place individuals into the job market seem to get set aside and this is what would probably happen if the agencies ever combined. Another comment I would like to make is that I feel the agency(SCCB) has too many upper management staff and not enough people to do the work. Also, the VR counselors are not paid enough and the ones that stay truly have their heart in what they do
9	Sep 8, 2015 6:23 PM	because it is not for the money.

10	Sep 8, 2015 3:28 PM	Need more information to school counselors as to what the Commission for the Blind can do to help blind students in regular classrooms.
11	Sep 8, 2015 1:33 PM	None
12	Sep 7, 2015 12:11 AM	We have too many Commissions the legislators should be doing the job I should like to know more about all this commission as well as all of our state commissions, and how the members are chosen and how often the legislature reviews them. Also, what prompted this review and what usually prompts said reviews?
13	Sep 5, 2015 3:50 PM	I prefer not to answer at this time.
14	Sep 5, 2015 2:58 PM	Needs to be operated as a private business, with state assistant.
15	Sep 5, 2015 11:22 AM	The Commission for the Blind is a state ran charity. CHARities should not be ran by the state. CHARities should be ran by private charity groups. The state should never force its citizens to support a charity with taxes. The citizen should have the freedom to choose.
16	Sep 5, 2015 9:54 AM	The commission for the Blind should be operated by charitable groups and not by the state using tax money.
17	Sep 5, 2015 12:42 AM	Why is the School for the Deaf and Blind not part of the Commission for the Blind??
18	Sep 5, 2015 12:37 AM	
19	Sep 4, 2015 5:28 PM	Don't favor one area over another. It seems the upper state gets well taken care of above the other ares of the state.
20	Sep 4, 2015 2:54 PM	I don't know enough about it to give an educated opinion. SCCB needs an agency head and employees familiar with blindness and the issues surrounding it. The older blind program is extremely important but it is week due to the agency's concern with closing cases. The agency needs to address the needs of individuals who are blind and have multiple disabilities.
21	Sep 4, 2015 1:38 PM	theu due a good job.
22	Sep 4, 2015 10:33 AM	Completely useless and worthless to the home-bound blind. An agency designed to provide political jobs and and embarrassment when compared to similar agencies in most other states. A real shame....
23	Sep 4, 2015 2:27 AM	its function should be reported more
24	Sep 4, 2015 12:30 AM	Think they need to return to reading at least the opinion pages of the major newspapers over the air for the blind to listen to.
25	Sep 4, 2015 12:09 AM	Privitize it. Government's job is to protect the lives, liberty and property of its citizens and if it does more than that , it is over its bounds. Taxes dollars should not go toward the blind ,the deaf etc.
26	Sep 3, 2015 8:44 PM	I am unsure of what actually the agency does despite it's accounting of what it makes accountable.
27	Sep 3, 2015 8:36 PM	

		Working conditions seem to be improving since the addition of Kyle Walker, the new Consumer Services Director. Mr. Walker has made improvements and has plans for more. In addition, he has filled many job positions which had been vacant for months, which both eased the work load and improved morale. On the down side, most of the lower echelon employees do not have a high opinion of our Commissioner, James Kirby. While he does take an interest in what is happening within the agency, he does not seem to have a clear understanding of the amount of work involved in completing tasks. Extra work is given with no extra time to complete the work; it simply must be done in addition to regular duties and within a limited time frame. There continues to be no inventory software because of Mr. Kirby has refused to allow the purchase of any such software. This makes taking inventory an archaic and time-consuming process.
28	Sep 3, 2015 8:28 PM	
29	Sep 3, 2015 7:57 PM	The Commission for the Blind has been very helpful with issuing specialized equipment to individuals who need it.
30	Sep 3, 2015 7:44 PM	How can you give citizens a report on these unknown agencies?
31	Sep 3, 2015 7:16 PM	I have a problem with the agency having a lock on state snack rooms and cafeterias.
32	Sep 3, 2015 7:01 PM	Again, I know very little to nothing!! That to me is a problem!!
33	Sep 3, 2015 6:53 PM	I support our government's efforts to help these children. I don't hear much about it one way or the other, but I do know it exists and I am thankful for that.,
34	Sep 3, 2015 5:49 PM	none at this time
35	Sep 3, 2015 5:13 PM	I don't know why the state needs a separate agency for this.
36	Sep 2, 2015 3:10 PM	I don't understand why there is a separate agency for the blind. I think it should be a part of Vocational Rehabilitation since the blind can be accomodated in that agency. Their goals are the same and the state can eliminate much of the expense of operating a separate state agency.
37	Sep 1, 2015 8:20 PM	It is an agency that is more concern about infrastrucurer than client service. The administration is more concerned with the overall appearance of the agency, than its staff. Morale is very low and administration doesn't seem to care. The level of services being provided to the citizens of South Carolina has gone down in the last 10 years. For an agency to receive both State and Federal funds, the current administration seems to only focus on the programs that receives Federal funds. If a blind or visually impaired citizen is not interested in employment, the Commission is not willing to assist them with services. What are the citizens that are disabled and not interested in working but needs adjustment to blindness, independent living training in order to remain in the homes going to go for assistance? Why should they be penalized because they are no longer able work?
38	Sep 1, 2015 8:16 PM	
39	Sep 1, 2015 5:21 PM	consumers are not getting served to the best of the agencies ability

40 The SC Commission for the blind turns people who are
41 blind away for services if they have a secondary disability
which by law they can't do. They are only able to get a
handful of consumers' employment. Commissioner Kirby
does not collaborate with other agencies. The Commission
for the Blind facilities are not even accessible for their own
employees who are blind, making them dependent. This
agency does not use its resources very well.
Sep 1, 2015 5:00 PM
Sep 1, 2015 3:18 PM Nobody seems happy there.

42 The services and supports provided by this agency helps
the blind disabled become gainfully employed, self reliant
and independent. The services in most cases assist blind
individuals to become self supporting, independent tax
paying citizens through a helping hand rather than a hand
out. A responsive and caring state agency.
Sep 1, 2015 3:18 PM

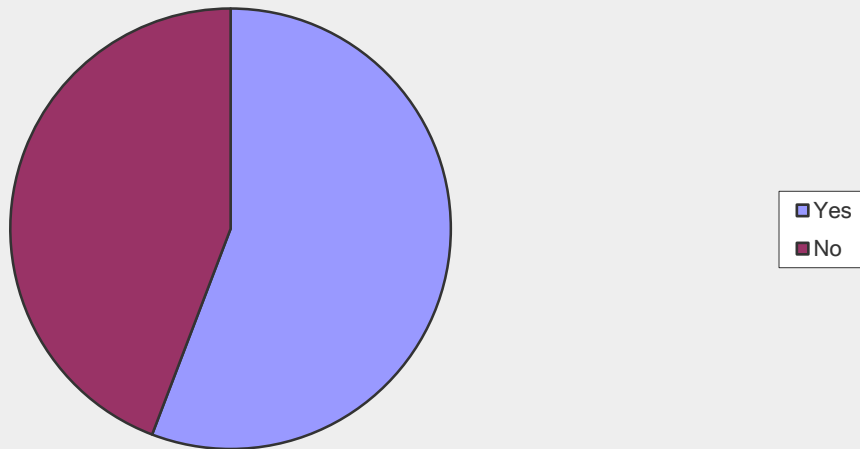
43 This used to be an excellent agency. But due to cut backs
in funding, the poor, blind people aren't being helped. I am
blind in one eye and have no help in getting the support that
I once received.
Sep 1, 2015 2:03 PM

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Would you like to provide input about the Department of Public Safety?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.8%	455
No	44.2%	360
	<i>answered question</i>	815
	<i>skipped question</i>	195

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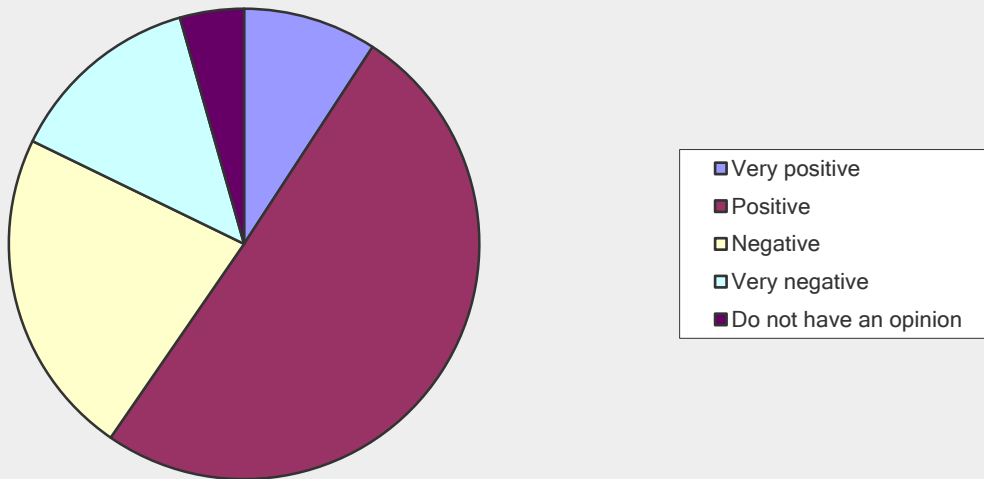


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Overall, what is your opinion of the Department of Public Safety?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very positive	9.2%	38
Positive	50.4%	207
Negative	22.6%	93
Very negative	13.4%	55
Do not have an opinion	4.4%	18
<i>answered question</i>		411
<i>skipped question</i>		599

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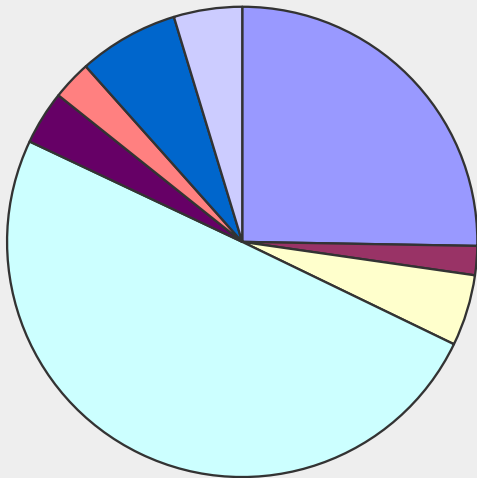
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Which of the following has most influenced your opinion of the Department of Public Safety?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Media coverage	25.3%	103
Social media	2.0%	8
Internet	4.9%	20
Personal experience with the agency	49.9%	203
Business experience with the agency	3.7%	15
Family member's experience with the agency	2.7%	11
Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience with the	6.9%	28
Other (please specify)	4.7%	19
<i>answered question</i>		407
<i>skipped question</i>		603

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 18, 2015 2:09 AM	<p>I have been employed with this agency for over 20 years now. It is of my opinion that this is the best job anyone can have. To serve the people of SC and try to keep the motoring public safe is hard but very rewarding. I have seen allot of command staff come and go over the years and seen allot of changes. I have seen moral at its best and I have seen it at its worst over the last several years. We have a disciplinary policy for a reason, people make mistakes some big and some small. Some deserve to be terminated but others do not. over the last several years the disciplinary policy has been tossed out of the window. If you get a complaint no matter how small, you will be investigated by OPR. I have had an open OPR investigation for over 1 1/2 years and when i inquire about it i am just told do not worry, it will be over soon. Given the track record of this department you have to worry because you do not know when you come to work today are you going to be</p>

		Leroy Smith and his unequal disciplinary actions. A grievance process that is a farce. An OPR Chief that fails to conduct unbiased investigations. A HR Director that makes race based decisions on discipline. The fact that the agency covers up
2	Sep 14, 2015 8:19 PM	perjury of officers
3	Sep 8, 2015 2:56 AM	Worked there
4	Sep 7, 2015 3:39 PM	None.
5	Sep 7, 2015 12:52 PM	Former employee There is no law enforcement. Enforce all law. Texting and driving is a great example.
6	Sep 5, 2015 1:35 AM	
7	Sep 4, 2015 7:05 PM	Driving on SC roads.
8	Sep 4, 2015 4:43 PM	Tesearch From talking to employees of the
9	Sep 4, 2015 4:21 PM	department
10	Sep 4, 2015 11:35 AM	none I am thankful to see that the bridge over Wateree River was
11	Sep 4, 2015 6:43 AM	refirbished. Thanks!
12	Sep 4, 2015 12:34 AM	personal observation
13	Sep 3, 2015 8:03 PM	Former Law enforcement
14	Sep 3, 2015 7:41 PM	My knowledge of government.
15	Sep 3, 2015 6:53 PM	Sheriff's Office The speed with an aging population creates a dangerous mix and it seems like our state polices risk/speed a bit less than
16	Sep 2, 2015 7:41 PM	neighboring states. THE DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS FAILING TO ENSURE SAFETY ON OUR ROADS. TRAFFIC EXCEEDS THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ALL THE TIME, TROOPERS DO NOT HAVE A PLAN FOR SLOWING THE RATE OF ACCIDENTS AND NEVER DO A RISK ACCESSIONMENT OF HIGH
17	Sep 2, 2015 7:13 PM	RISK AREAS.
18	Sep 1, 2015 11:32 PM	Accident response
19	Sep 1, 2015 8:41 PM	All of the above

Which of the following has most influenced your opinion on Public Safety?



■ Media coverage

■ Social media

□ Internet

□ Personal experience with the agency

■ Business experience with the agency

■ Family member's experience with the agency

■ Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience with the agency

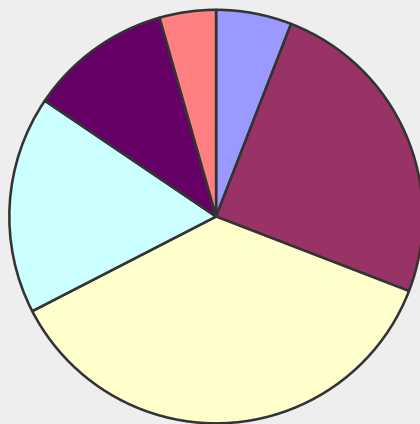
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The South Carolina House of Representatives' Legislative Oversight Committee

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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Much better	5.9%	24
Better	24.9%	101
About the same	36.5%	148
Worse	17.0%	69
Much worse	11.1%	45
Do not have an opinion	4.4%	18
<i>answered question</i>		405
<i>skipped question</i>		605

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Please list any comments, concerns, or suggestions you may have about the Department of Public Safety. Your response may be quoted verbatim in a Committee report.

Answer Options	Response Count
	164
<i>answered question</i>	164
<i>skipped question</i>	846

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 30, 2015 8:31 PM	An agency dedicated to its mission to eliminate traffic fatalities.
2	Sep 28, 2015 7:13 PM	when they should be pulling their time on the road keeping the taxpayers safe.
3	Sep 27, 2015 10:18 PM	Director and Deputy Director are not leaders. I worked for 27 years. I supervised for 15. They are not criminals. They are probably good folks I don't have a personal relationship with either man. But I do know that they don't have leader qualities and their decisions and plans are as if they are saying "in your face" I'm the director or I'm the colonel. It's sickening. I feel sorry for the people that have more than 12 months to go before they are retirement eligible. Too many good folks at that agency to work for fools. I know that sounds bad but that's what it feels like. It's like a family business that the family worked so hard to establish and the kids took control and drove it in the ground . Truly ashamed.
4	Sep 25, 2015 12:45 AM	An egomaniac director who read the riot act to a female employee because she had the nerve to make a statement about the weather while in an elevator with him. She either used the word damn or hell in that comment. the director wanted her boss to deal iwth her, but that guy was out of the office. so the director had her escorted to his office to verbally abuse her. she went back to her floor in tears and subsequently left the agency. that's just one of a plethora of instances
5	Sep 24, 2015 1:37 AM	DPS has lost years of experience due their witch hunts and harrassment of employees causing unnecessary turnover and low morale.
6	Sep 22, 2015 12:41 AM	Only keep essential duties. Assign remaining responsibilities to counties Sheriff departments

7	Sep 18, 2015 9:16 PM	I do not like my captain coming to my house after hours to terminate in front of my wife and two children. My file has nothing in however director made a decision on his own with little to no input from my superiors. Director only showed up for one hearing and it was not the final hearing only person there was the attorney for the state. What a shame he can't come and make an appearance.
8	Sep 18, 2015 2:09 AM	please see comments under #6
9	Sep 18, 2015 12:19 AM	I would like to think that the lead agency of any state would also lead in equipment, training, and technology; yet, DPS lags greatly behind most counties and municipalities. There needs to be more offices in the state to handle commercial vehicle tags. I pass 4 highway depts. to get to one just to purchase or renew a tag. To many miles and wasted
10	Sep 17, 2015 1:24 PM	time.
11	Sep 16, 2015 8:22 PM	Not needed.
12	Sep 16, 2015 7:43 PM	GOD BLESS.im Davy Brunson 157 R.R. Ave. N. Monetts S.C. 29105
13	Sep 16, 2015 5:00 PM	I believe there is a generational gap or issue between Baby Boomers/Generation X and Millennial employees. As more millennials join the work force there is often controversy between the generations. I believe that the older generations within the workforce make it extremely difficult for younger generations to thrive and become invested in the organization. Millennials do not respond well to "this is the way it has always been done" mentality. They want the organization to adapt and change with the times. I believe the turnover rate would decrease a considerable amount if the agency could find a way to bridge the gap between generations. As well as recruit for young talent that can bring fresh ideas to the agency.
14	Sep 16, 2015 3:41 PM	They should not be so opposed to Constitutional Carry and other 2nd amendment rights of law abiding citizens.
15	Sep 16, 2015 3:36 PM	There is lack of traffic enforcement on secondary roads. The rightaways are not maintained and down right dangerous!
16	Sep 16, 2015 3:21 PM	hire more people
17	Sep 16, 2015 1:35 PM	I follow the laws of the State, including the speed limit. I am consistently passed by cars doing probably 20 mph over the speed limit. Including DPS vehicles. If you don't plan to enforce the laws, let's get rid of them.

18	Sep 16, 2015 1:08 PM	We are blessed to have men and women who will serve as DPS officers in the current culture painting all law enforcement as unfair & brutal.
19	Sep 16, 2015 1:04 PM	dhec is pathetic Been having noise problems with commercial trucks for years and no one will enforce muffler laws on these big trucks have talked to head of safety 3 years ago but did no good.If all these agencys are not going to do their jobs do away with them
20	Sep 15, 2015 5:36 PM	Pay Scale needs to be restructured and brought up to standard.
21	Sep 15, 2015 5:12 PM	Our officers need to be better compensated.
22	Sep 14, 2015 9:26 PM	Leroy Smith never should have been confirmed. He was a proven racist and liar before he left Florida. His hiring of Booby Collins, given Collins racial views, are indicative of Lerot Smith's views. Mike Oliver is a worthless COlonel that has sat idly by and watched Lery Smith destrot DPS. Chris Williamson is a coward that walked away from troopers needing his help during the Confederate Flag rally's. K.D. Phelps has a history that includes letting a man die because he didn't call an ambulance for him when it was clear that he needed one. The entire command staff, save Scott Watford, needs to be removed from DPS. Officers that resigned or were terminated, in many cases, need to be offered their jobs back. Many capatains, to include Ray, Manley, Stephens, and Warren. Lt's and sergeants that were protected after committing perjury or lying during an investigation need to go. Leroy Smith has infested DPS with a cancer and allowed it grow.
23	Sep 14, 2015 8:19 PM	The director is solely responsible for a racist environment and termination without due cause of many employees and resulting in law suits against the state
24	Sep 14, 2015 3:03 PM	More visible officers would reassure citizens safety concerns.
25	Sep 12, 2015 9:43 PM	

26	Sep 12, 2015 12:46 PM	<p>Is the Oversight Committee aware that telecommunications currently does not have the capability to locate motorists? Operators use SCDOT Street Finder mapping, Google Maps and paper maps to question motorist. In emergency situations, motorists have to hang up with DPS and dial 911, because DPS does not have the equipment needed to locate based off the phone, neither cellphone nor landline. Also, there is extreme concerned about the low wages for Telecommunications employees when compared to other states. Also, the centers are understaffed. The turnover rate is extremely high.</p>
27	Sep 12, 2015 2:34 AM	<p>As a Sheriff, DPS does a lot for us. Anytime I have called on them, they have responded. The DPS grant system is efficient and the people are very helpful. It is a good organization compared to the lack of funding they must operate under.</p>
28	Sep 11, 2015 3:52 PM	<p>As a law enforcement driven agency, SCDPS only seems to value their uniform employees. LEOs have a career path ensuring salary increases when promotions occur. Civilian personnel do not have a career path, and therefore, no possibility of salary increase.</p>
29	Sep 11, 2015 2:24 PM	<p>Civilian training is also an issue Better training with the citixens of out State.</p>
30	Sep 11, 2015 1:17 PM	<p>Things seem to move slowly sometimes within the Department. Many citizens do do have a clear understanding of why things move so slowly; for example why it takes 30 days or more to get a full accident report from the DMV when the highways patrol is the department that completes them - and they are not accessible locally to many people. Many people are also concerned about why it takes so long for a Trooper to show up to an accident scene (manpower issues).</p>
31	Sep 11, 2015 12:39 PM	<p>I appreciate all these men & women placing their lives in harms way to keep us safe. They are the unsung heroes of SC.</p>
32	Sep 10, 2015 9:18 PM	<p>DPS provides a very important state service</p>

33	Sep 10, 2015 6:52 PM	<p>Losing alot of troopers/officers due to overbearing supervisors not letting troopers/officers do their jobs. Troopers/Officers are scared to do their jobs due to fear of losing their jobs. Troopers/Officers are going to be hurt or killed because they hesitate when doing their jobs. Poor salaries hender hiring quality employees. Poor equipment vehicles with 160,000 + miles, computers crashing everyday due to age, cameras crashing due to age, etc.</p>
34	Sep 10, 2015 3:02 PM	<p>I believe that given their budget, for the politicians to stay out of their business unless there is dire need and for them to be audited at least 2 times a year for consistency.</p>
35	Sep 10, 2015 11:48 AM	<p>The Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs is being micromanaged to death by Phil Riley and Ed Harmon. Entirely too much time is wasted in meetings, evaluating the smallest of details that don't matter. These two people basically hold grant funds hostage from their subgrantees because of their nonstop, useless, time-sucking meetings instead of getting the funds out to the public in a timely manner where they can do some good.</p>
36 37	Sep 9, 2015 10:53 PM Sep 9, 2015 1:03 PM	<p>The director has no idea how to manage an agency understaffed</p>
38	Sep 8, 2015 10:24 PM	<p>more money needs to be allocated for scdps in the state budget. our personnel, equipment as compared to other state agencies, i.e. north carolina is embarassing, specifically the schp which is supposedly the flagship law enforcement program in the state. it is evident that the state governing bodies do not have the scdps high on the priority list.</p>
39 40	Sep 8, 2015 8:41 PM Sep 8, 2015 7:35 PM	<p>Has shown improvement over the last 5 years Need more officers, fewer big wigs This agency is much more concerned with revenue generation and has been abused by corrupt politicians in the past. It needs to be delinked from the Statehouse except in matters of general funding and all administration turned over to the executive branch.</p>
41	Sep 8, 2015 6:36 PM	<p>What are we doing about the recruitment and retention of employees.?</p>
42	Sep 8, 2015 5:05 PM	<p>I'm not completely sure of the agenda of past</p>
43	Sep 8, 2015 4:44 PM	<p>and present staff.</p>

44	Sep 8, 2015 2:30 PM	I Think the Colonel needs more control and decision making within the Highway Patrol.
		Pay is awful. Employee with 30 years can't afford to retire. No salary increases for current position. Need to change commander. If he likes you there is no problem but if he doesn't like you, he doesn't like me and several of the troopers, he does not treat us fairly. Yells and screams at us like we are all the time, even if he is on the telephone where the person on the phone can hear him yelling and screaming. Nothing we do is ever appreciated, uses intimidation tactics, is rude and excludes us from all events whether private or business. Does not show all employees how to do all work in office. When is employee is out the other employees do not know how to handle their duties. Over reacts to situations and can't handle the stress of the position. Has a
45	Sep 8, 2015 1:21 PM	horrible temper.
		Troopers working with no pay for overtime and the lack of manpower to pay comp time! This is a problem and will be a factor in retaining Troopers. The pay is less than some county's are paying. When the Troopers have court on their days off and aren't paid that time or they are working third shift and still have to go to jury trials and still work third that night . There are so many issues.
46	Sep 8, 2015 2:56 AM	try driving sc roads and you willnot need any
47	Sep 7, 2015 6:18 PM	coments!
		The department should be monitoring the safety of our existing roads and bridges and demanding funds from the STIB to keep the public safe on our roads.
48	Sep 7, 2015 3:39 PM	We DO NOT need to change the color of our cars or uniforms as desired by the Governor. It has nothing to do with racism. We have State Law protecting them from being copied by any
49	Sep 7, 2015 12:52 PM	other agency.
		not enough road troopers. troopers are not treated fairly. Low pay. To many high paying supervisory positions. there needs to be a mandatory retirement year of service.
50	Sep 7, 2015 12:22 PM	Every time I have been pulled over, it was a legitimate ticket with no bloated claims (something not true in small SC towns), and every trooper was businesslike, professional, and polite. Even the vehicles and uniforms look excellent. I also like the fact that SC uses a central training academy for consistent
51	Sep 7, 2015 12:17 PM	teaching.

52	Sep 7, 2015 5:10 AM	The Highway Patrol could be an excellent agency if it got rid of the " Good Old Boy" reward/promotion system and start rewarding and promoting those who actually deserve it. Set up a committee that will actually talk with Road Troopers to see what the problems are. Speed up cwp processing. Ticket drivers for lack of fundamental driving rules ie; no turn signals, erratic lane changes, running yellow lights, blocking intersections , blocking passing lanes and DRIVING TOO SLOW!
53	Sep 7, 2015 4:43 AM	Pay them overtime instead of schedule adjustment. We need the manpower on the streets, increase authorized strengths and increase pay. Not a lot of people are jumping into law enforcement around the country. We need to support our law enforcement. These are dangerous times. They are being unfairly demonized.
54	Sep 7, 2015 3:43 AM	Should have citizen oversight as well
55	Sep 6, 2015 11:44 PM	
56	Sep 6, 2015 9:09 PM	
57	Sep 6, 2015 3:42 PM	There does not appear to be any effort to provide customer service to the people of SC The lack of salary increases for existing troopers and the salary increases for new applicants does nothing to improve moral. The current officers are over worked and under paid. Also the salary cap for retired officers wanting to return to a law enforcement position is unfair, because most officers who retire are not old enough to get social security upon retirement.
58	Sep 6, 2015 4:41 AM	The current leadership of the DPS is severely lacking
59	Sep 6, 2015 12:45 AM	State law enforcement officers are underpaid and poorly equipped.
60	Sep 5, 2015 9:40 PM	I have had limited interaction; and it was not responsive. However, I cannot judge without knowing how busy the department is and how well or not well-funded it is.
61	Sep 5, 2015 3:51 PM	I feel the agency does a good job trying to keep the public informed and safe.
62	Sep 5, 2015 2:59 PM	

63	Sep 5, 2015 1:16 PM	Two comments. First, the number of troopers funded by the State is grossly inadequate to the demands of public need. It routinely takes 45 minutes or more for a response to an accident call even when public safety is compromised by the delay as local law enforcement refuses to help in any way in these situations. Secondly, access to information about responsible individuals, functions and activities of local transportation boards, and processes for obtaining assistance to the public are extremely difficulty obtain or navigate. Much work needs to be done to improve the interfaces with the public in these areas.
64	Sep 5, 2015 11:29 AM	Need to put employees to work and stop outsource of all roads and repairs. Employees needs a time study for work related vs non work related time daily, it would provide you probably with 25 percent work 75 percent non work related time, what a waste.
65	Sep 5, 2015 10:41 AM	The very name of it should give you an indication that it is failing.
66	Sep 5, 2015 1:21 AM	Allow the DPS to use sound engineering practices and rid our roads of traffic unfit to use them. Example; mopeds, golf carts and bicycles do not fit in to any traffic patterns designed for motor vehicles. If we must allow bicycles, require them to travel the same as pedestrians, for their safety as well as that of the motoring public that pays for the roads.
67	Sep 5, 2015 1:03 AM	WHERE ARE THEY WHEN NEEDED-I95 TREE ACCIDENTS
68	Sep 4, 2015 8:21 PM	The state police need to monter the intersections after a convience store for litter and drink cans and issue tickets
69	Sep 4, 2015 7:05 PM	Roadways must be made safer.

		<p>The Department of Public Safety is reaching a state of implosion in terms of its overall staffing, specifically its non-uniformed personnel. Agency functions that may have been handled by a staff of ten or more, ten to fifteen years ago, are now expected to be handled at the same or higher level by only four or five employees. This situation was created by leaving positions un-filled, underfunded, converting FTE positions to part-time Temps and poor supervisory management. In the short term, since the economic crash of 2008, this may have been a reasonable approach, but in the long term it is having a critical impact on the agency's ability to adequately perform in support of its uniformed personnel. Areas in particularly dire need are: Office of Information Technology, Office of Facilities Management, Office of Human Resources, et al.</p>
70	Sep 4, 2015 6:59 PM	<p>The director of the agency seems to interfere with the operation of the SCHP and appears to recent white employees. I have spoken with some very good SCHP employees who are just waiting for their time to retire, are looking for other jobs, or have left due to his lack of leadership. He should be replaced.</p>
71	Sep 4, 2015 4:21 PM	<p>I think it's bizarre the agency has chosen to focus a safety initiative on only deaths and injuries associated with automobiles, and not incorporated Vision Zero as its policy.</p>
72	Sep 4, 2015 3:58 PM	<p>It seems the press and the Obama administration are doing everything they can to overlook the millions of good actions performed every day by our police to focus on the actions of a very few. Let's train train train and not allow all the good to be circumvented by a few mistakes.</p>
73	Sep 4, 2015 3:56 PM	<p>these folks need all the help and support they can get and dont deserve to be shot at without being able to fire back with getting crucified.</p>
74	Sep 4, 2015 3:30 PM	<p>this crap has got to stop.</p>
75	Sep 4, 2015 3:27 PM	<p>too political,not in touch with the common man.</p>
76	Sep 4, 2015 3:21 PM	<p>This is another vital agency for this state and needs to be funded appropriately.</p>
77	Sep 4, 2015 2:08 PM	<p>The agency share objectives for the organization very well.</p>

78	Sep 4, 2015 1:40 PM	The Agency, I think, is doing a great job, however, I never seem to see much in the way of highway patrol. Local towns and city police are doing fantastic. But on the interstate and major highways outside of these towns/cities, there is a lack of law enforcement for speeders and especially wreckless drivers.
79	Sep 4, 2015 1:37 PM	SC citizens have seen examples of exemplary behavior and murderous behavior.
80	Sep 4, 2015 1:14 PM	The current leadership at DPS is poor. Too many staff work in fear of making a mistake and being fired. Moral is rock bottom for both troopers and civilian staff.
81	Sep 4, 2015 12:50 PM	The basis for transportation spending should be based on input from the DPS...which road and bridges are the most unsafe or the worst repair
82	Sep 4, 2015 12:11 PM	SC Highway Patrol is well under paid. The Department is very very under staffed. We need to more Troopers and a way to retain them. We hire them and they leave. More pay for Troopers in larger counties would be one way retain Troopers. f
83	Sep 4, 2015 10:02 AM	very easy to work with on issues
84	Sep 4, 2015 6:43 AM	I will have to say that for me? Without having information at hand presently? I cannot properly comment at this time.
85	Sep 4, 2015 1:00 AM	We could use quite a lot of help with condition of some of our roadways which are unsafe for motorists
86	Sep 4, 2015 12:34 AM	all state agencies are inept and liking in ethics!!
87	Sep 4, 2015 12:27 AM	The department as a whole seems to be headed in the wrong direction. The department is very "top heavy". It seems the the lower ranking people get left out in many ways. With the increase of licensed drivers on the road, the increase of traffic fatalities and collisions are on the rise. The "guys and gals" on the road are forced to do more with less compensation. I know that money is not a fix for all, but it helps in many ways. The world is bad enough as it is and more and more is asked everyday.
88	Sep 3, 2015 11:05 PM	This departments needs a serious overhaul
89	Sep 3, 2015 10:49 PM	The law enforcement component of the Department of Public Safety is poorly funded.
90	Sep 3, 2015 9:42 PM	inability to define and solve problems
91	Sep 3, 2015 8:45 PM	Privatize it.
92	Sep 3, 2015 8:02 PM	The Department of Public Safety in Spartanburg is very good.

		We need to improve on the training of proper 'take down' arrests and treatment of women inmates after arrests.
93	Sep 3, 2015 7:48 PM	
94	Sep 3, 2015 7:45 PM	SC has poor rating among states
95	Sep 3, 2015 7:42 PM	We just need folks who will do their job. It is too large a bureaucracy with too little accountability.
96	Sep 3, 2015 7:42 PM	
97	Sep 3, 2015 7:41 PM	Show more concern for it's employees. It's over regulated. A little common sense would go a long way.
98	Sep 3, 2015 7:41 PM	The employees are good but the agency needs to be restructured. Way to top heavy. Look at the minority percentage in the agency compaired to the percentage of minorites that are in leadership positions, that does not add up.
99	Sep 3, 2015 7:39 PM	The department cannot retain manpower due to having a low salary and no pay increases after 5 years. The limited amount of troopers/officers on the road is why fatalities have increased in our state.
100	Sep 3, 2015 7:38 PM	Do not have any info on the State Agency-but have seen and interacted with the local Public Safety and am very satisfied with their performance!!
101	Sep 3, 2015 7:12 PM	
102	Sep 3, 2015 6:54 PM	Needs new leadership now.
103	Sep 3, 2015 6:53 PM	The state needs to accept more convicted prisoners.
104	Sep 3, 2015 6:50 PM	There should be more emphasis on retaining experienced employees through better pay and benifits. There is too much attention placed on recruiting new employees.
105	Sep 3, 2015 6:40 PM	Listen to employee concerns, when they are leaving by numbers, something is wrong
106	Sep 3, 2015 6:37 PM	We are losing troopers at an alarming rate. I joined the highway patrol in 1989 and we had over 1200 troopers. That was divided by 7seven districts and a small group in training. Now we have less than 800 troopers divided among ten troops. Low pay and lack of support have made this job stressful and causing morale to be extremely low. Training a tropper to work cost in excess of \$100000 per troper. Then they quit within weeks and months of patrol graduation. Please look into the disciplinary standard in this organization. Things that used to get suspensions go directly to termination.

		Well, in my opinion, we get what we hire. Minimal pay equals minimal employees. The department now has a serious problem with holding on to employees. To the point, the pay is not good. Just compare to other southeastern states. It is LOW. The agency cannot sustain a viable presence with losing 80+ employees before the year is up. We will never catch up. I am happy with the department but an overwhelming majority are not. There is a problem. My opinion. Thank you.
107	Sep 3, 2015 6:33 PM	
108	Sep 3, 2015 6:27 PM	XXXXX
		this is the most important agency in the government. this agency needs to be fully funded above all other agencies. before their budget is cut there needs to an across the board cut .
109	Sep 3, 2015 5:16 PM	
		I rate our Troopers as equal to, or better, than those in other states. Their training is outstanding as is their service to the state. To retain these outstanding individuals, I would ask that all means necessary be taken to pay these find Troopers at a wage equal to, or better, than the average pay and allowances throughout the rest of the country.
110	Sep 3, 2015 3:26 PM	
111	Sep 3, 2015 12:46 PM	Better than it used to be, but still needs a lot of work to speed up the operation. SCHP has gone downhill over the last several years. Just look at the number of officers leaving the department per year. Pay is a large factor, but poor management is the largest reason.
112	Sep 3, 2015 11:54 AM	
113	Sep 3, 2015 11:32 AM	Command staff is very one sided This Department evades issues with Safety, or says it is not my jo and attempts to pass on the porblem brought to their attention.
114	Sep 3, 2015 11:01 AM	
115	Sep 3, 2015 2:12 AM	DPS has lost sight of its mission and try's to focus on unnecessary endeavors.
		A change of leadership is needed throughout the agencies. Higher ranking/paid individuals continue to get raises while the lower level administrative staff and trooper who do the work are not compensated. People are being placed in positions based on color rather than qualifications. People are being harassed until they are forced to resign.
116	Sep 3, 2015 1:58 AM	
117	Sep 2, 2015 11:56 PM	Employee turn over rate is too excessive. Travel I-26 or I-95 and watch how cars are exceding the speed limit.
118	Sep 2, 2015 11:32 PM	

119	Sep 2, 2015 7:13 PM	<p>THE DEPT IS STILL DOING BUSINESS LIKE THEY DID 50 YEARS AGO. MODERN RISK REVIEWS MUST BE DONE ON AREAS WHERE ACCIDENTS HAPPEN ON A MUCH MORE FREQUENT BASIS.</p> <p>SCDPS is losing employees faster than they can be replaced. Why? Despite having a fully staffed recruiting section, there are no efforts made to retain veteran employees. Combined, these issues lead to decreased service, increased response times, and officer safety issues.</p>
120	Sep 2, 2015 6:32 PM	<p>Cops should obey the speed limit unless they have their siren on</p>
121	Sep 2, 2015 5:32 PM	<p>I am concerned with the leadership at the Department of Public Safety. There is a need to hire proper Directors who will work for the citizens of South Carolina and not necessarily for their own desires.</p>
122	Sep 2, 2015 5:22 PM	<p>There seem to be some management and leadership issues that need to be addressed. We have people leaving at unbelievable rates because of management. Including expectations of doing more with less. Meaning less people, resources, and funds.</p>
123	Sep 2, 2015 5:07 PM	<p>the foot officers are very professional, the upper command staff are office junkies. let the officers do their job. this agency has become too politically correct.</p>
124	Sep 2, 2015 5:07 PM	<p>I've been a member of the Department since it's inception. I worked under different Director's and numerous Colonel's. I truly love my job as a State Trooper. I believe that serving my State and Community is truly my calling in life. Over the past several years I have seen the morale of the agency decline due to a lack of leadership in the Command as well as pay raise issues or a lack of a strong push to increase employee wages or offer overtime to employees. I've witnessed class after class graduate from the SCCJA only to see that number of Trooper's depart from the agency within the same year. Uniformity throughout the agency is preached but doesn't occur. Things that one Troop does another Troop doesn't do. etc, etc.....</p>
125	Sep 2, 2015 4:22 PM	<p>Someone needs to look into why employees are leaving the division of Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs.</p>
126	Sep 2, 2015 3:28 PM	<p>Salary need to be raised in order to recruit qualified applicants and in order to retain quality employees.</p>
127	Sep 2, 2015 3:23 PM	<p>Salary need to be raised in order to recruit qualified applicants and in order to retain quality employees.</p>

128	Sep 2, 2015 3:16 PM	When my comments were entered, an exclamation point came up and stated "The comment you entered is in an invalid format"
129	Sep 2, 2015 3:11 PM	I thin body cameras will help improve what they do and hopefully weed out those who should not be in this job.
130	Sep 2, 2015 3:07 PM	More funding is needed. I can go from Charleston to the North Carolina border without seeing a trooper. The agency needs more funding to recruit and retain employees.
131	Sep 2, 2015 2:27 PM	Listen to the employees and their concerns, treat everone fairly, If you are not one of the goodold boy, you are not going anywhere
132	Sep 2, 2015 1:57 PM	It's diffucult to recruit qualified people when SC ranks the lowest in starting salary for state
133	Sep 2, 2015 1:55 PM	police in the country. Do not reappoint director Smith!
134	Sep 2, 2015 1:31 PM	Found no planning and double standards set by upper level manegement. Several in positions are unqualified which has lead to tasks not being performed. Many workers in the agency are dissatisfied with leadership.
135	Sep 2, 2015 1:28 PM	If we paid our young troopers more I think the retention scale would rise and we could keep them.
136	Sep 2, 2015 1:20 PM	The agency has entirely too many managerial positions and is being run by a man who promotes, and creates positions for, his friends. Additionally, a person who has open lawsuits against him in another state never should have been hired as the director of a South Carolina state agency.
137	Sep 2, 2015 11:56 AM	employee turn over rate is the hightest it has ever been. The number of troopers and officers on the road working greatly effects the quality of life in the state.
138	Sep 2, 2015 11:48 AM	DPS is primarily a law enforcement driven agency that values their uniform personnel over their civilian personnel. While LEOs have a career path allowing for continued pay increases, civilians do not, which mean they are stuck in a pay grade. Additional duties that should offer salary increases per policy are not
139	Sep 2, 2015 11:39 AM	honored and training is nil. Abuse of power and civil rights violations

140	Sep 2, 2015 10:24 AM	<p>I have worked for SCDPS for the last 9 years. This Agency has an effective way of assisting other Agencies, Counties, and City departments across the State with a professional law enforcement attitude. The civilian employees at the Agency do the everyday work to support the law enforcement of the Agency and the State. SCDPS is one big family of professional, courteous employees who are glad to assist each other, support law enforcement and our leaders. The Command Staff conduct every day life at the Agency with a professional and caring attitude to all employees. They are great role models for our Agency to all staff and treat others with respect and they get this respect in return. It is a Blessing to work with such a professional and caring group of individuals. I am proud to support everyone here for the work that they do. God Bless SCDPS. Thank you for letting me give my input on this Agency.</p>
141	Sep 2, 2015 3:10 AM	<p>Ed Harmon has ruined OHS(JP) and run off many, many great state employees, either through firing them, or their leaving for other agencies due to his systemic bullying and belittling of employees. Not to mention the gross mismanagement of federal funds allocated directly through him to subgrantees--victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, etc. are not receiving the level of care they once enjoyed before he took control. Look at the turnover rate in OHS(JP) over the last 3-4 years. Interview the people who left or were fired/demoted. There's a common theme, and that is Dr. Ed Harmon.</p>
142	Sep 2, 2015 2:46 AM	<p>Agency turnover is at all time highs. I am worried that the current leadership has not taken proper action to secure a stable workforce and that the agency will continue to lose talent. Leadership in all departments (particularly the Highway Patrol, Human Resources, and Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs needs to be reevaluated.</p>
143	Sep 2, 2015 12:55 AM	<p>They do the best they can.</p>
144	Sep 1, 2015 11:59 PM	<p>Pride; Protect them.</p>
145	Sep 1, 2015 11:56 PM	<p>Please give our DPS the power to enact the rules it needs to do its job effectively. The engineering needed to ensure safe roads in our State have no place in politics.</p>

146	Sep 1, 2015 11:42 PM	<p>SCDPS has always had a favoritism issue. Recently there have been cases where family members of ranking trooper shave been allowed the opportunity to become troopers without the same training as all other individuals. If the agency is in such need for officers then why not allow any officer certified in SC to have the same privilege. Another issue is that education is extremely overlooked in decisions to hire or promote causing those with education of higher learning to look elsewhere. RETENTION RETENTION RETENTION.</p>
147	Sep 1, 2015 11:41 PM	<p>Raise pay to a comparable level to get more qualified applicants to apply. Retention of hired officers should also be a concern. We may be the model for how state law enforcement should act and conduct business. Compensate as such.</p>
148	Sep 1, 2015 11:08 PM	<p>The media doesn't have to have an immediate need to know when a situation develops</p>
149	Sep 1, 2015 10:36 PM	<p>more funding needed</p>
150	Sep 1, 2015 10:12 PM	<p>We could use some more SC troopers. That would be money well spent.</p>
151	Sep 1, 2015 10:03 PM	<p>The department has poor leadership and unable to retain employees. High turnover rate</p>
152	Sep 1, 2015 9:51 PM	<p>The current Department is being operated by a very risk adverse team, who would rather sacrifice meaningful law enforcement for numbers. This administration is the very definition of racism, only the acceptable type given the current climate. The standards change on a daily basis, dependant on who you are and the color of your skin.</p>
153	Sep 1, 2015 9:29 PM	<p>SCDPS cannot serve SC with the low number of troopers. They had more troopers in the 80's with less vehicular traffic. Injurie and fatal crashes will continue to rise of they are not properly staffed with new leadership. They are doing the same thing they have always done, expecting better results.</p>
154	Sep 1, 2015 9:18 PM	<p>It all goes back to money, unfortunately. What you pay is what you hire. Salaries could be higher in my opinion. If one was to compare the SChP's salaries to only other southeastern states, it would be a pitiful comparison. The agency cannot continue to suffer the overwhelming amount of personnel leaving. The agency will never catch up with the amount of resignations. Thank you.</p>

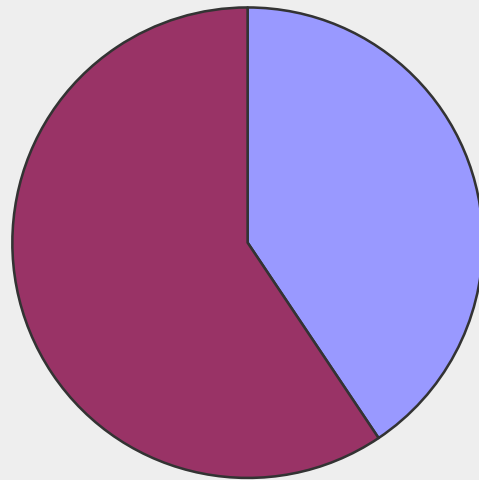
155	Sep 1, 2015 9:16 PM	Department of Public Safety officer are the lowest paid state officers in the United States compared to their state couterparts. DPS is very poorly managed as evident from the vary high turnover rate in some departments and high vacant positions in other departments. The agency as a whole is micromanaged and racially imbalanced. Micro decisions which should be delegated to division directors are made at either the Director level or deferred to certain other division directors. Racially the department is extraordinarily lopsided when compared to the ethnic makeup of SC. Furthermore, when focusing strictly on supervisor/management the divide widens further. Due to mismanagement many seasoned, well-knowledged employees have left in the last few years and many more will be leaving in the
156	Sep 1, 2015 9:16 PM	near future. The agency is not very efficient. It does very little to retain good quality employees. The overall command staff is out of touch with the needs of those employees and is truly focused
157	Sep 1, 2015 9:10 PM	on numbers. Do not reaffirm the director and find another
158	Sep 1, 2015 8:59 PM	HP Colonel The Leaders of DPS and HP have destroyed its reputation. These agency's use to be the best of the best. Where everyone wanted to work. Now no one wants to be associated with. Look at the rate of trooper leaving. But no one
159	Sep 1, 2015 8:47 PM	cares! Need to increase Troopers on the road,better
160	Sep 1, 2015 8:46 PM	pay
161	Sep 1, 2015 8:44 PM	need to modernize
162	Sep 1, 2015 8:41 PM	If anything this agency is under resourced for
163	Sep 1, 2015 4:33 PM	the needs of the state. DPS treats its employees very unfairly.
164	Sep 1, 2015 2:05 PM	I am a member of the working media and own a small newspaper. There is always room for improvement in FOIA areas such as prompt release of accident and incident reports.

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Would you like to provide input about the State Treasurer's Office?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	40.6%	306
No	59.4%	448
	<i>answered question</i>	754
	<i>skipped question</i>	256

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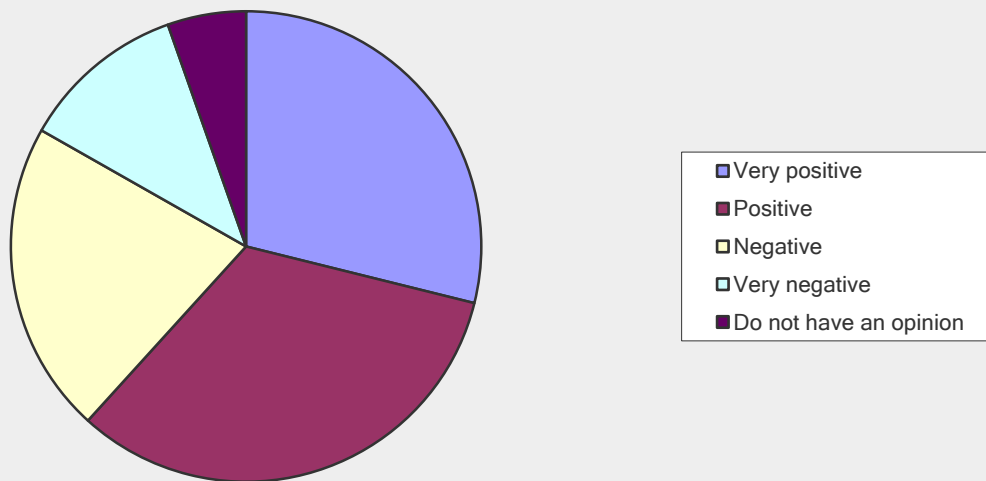
■ Yes
■ No

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Overall, what is your opinion of the State Treasurer's Office?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very positive	28.9%	86
Positive	32.9%	98
Negative	21.5%	64
Very negative	11.4%	34
Do not have an opinion	5.4%	16
<i>answered question</i>		298
<i>skipped question</i>		712

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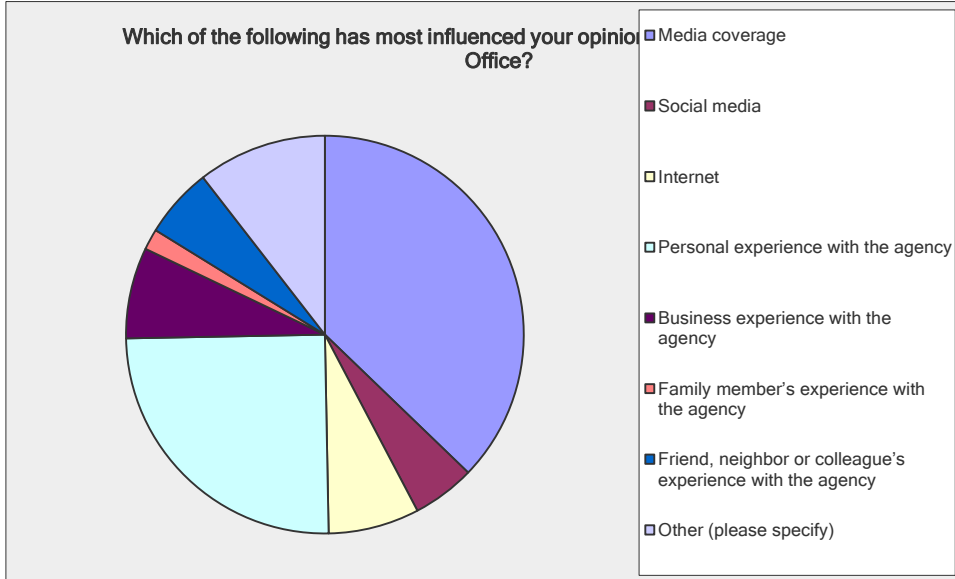
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Which of the following has most influenced your opinion of the State Treasurer's Office?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Media coverage	37.2%	110
Social media	5.1%	15
Internet	7.4%	22
Personal experience with the agency	25.0%	74
Business experience with the agency	7.4%	22
Family member's experience with the agency	1.7%	5
Friend, neighbor or colleague's experience with the	5.7%	17
Other (please specify)	10.5%	31
<i>answered question</i>		296
<i>skipped question</i>		714

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 25, 2015 5:12 PM	retiree
2	Sep 23, 2015 3:20 AM	Treasurers actions
3	Sep 11, 2015 2:25 PM	Actions are better than words
4	Sep 11, 2015 12:42 PM	Reading legislative reports& website
5	Sep 11, 2015 12:56 AM	Personal experience with the Treasurer
6	Sep 10, 2015 5:13 PM	The Treasurer's efforts to root out corruption and waste.
7	Sep 10, 2015 2:22 PM	staff
8	Sep 10, 2015 1:39 PM	Management
9	Sep 10, 2015 11:37 AM	employeeed
10	Sep 9, 2015 10:52 PM	Personal observation and investigation of the Treasurer's mission and function relative to results produced by the Treasurer's office
11	Sep 9, 2015 6:11 PM	a combination of media ,internet and personal experience
12	Sep 8, 2015 11:16 PM	I need a raise
13	Sep 7, 2015 4:41 AM	track record
14	Sep 6, 2015 4:02 AM	no direct associations
15	Sep 5, 2015 6:54 PM	Personal research and testimony of State Treasurer
16	Sep 4, 2015 8:01 PM	Do not know
17	Sep 4, 2015 4:44 PM	Research
18	Sep 4, 2015 1:43 PM	e-mail and Curtis Loftis' transparancy of the treasury Hearing Curtis M. Loftis Jr. speak in person regarding what he is trying to do....finding out where all our tax money is going.
19	Sep 4, 2015 12:15 PM	Receiving emails from him on his progress.
20	Sep 4, 2015 11:35 AM	none Seeing Curtis Loftis ensure our treasury is accountable to the taxpayer.
21	Sep 4, 2015 11:24 AM	taxpayer.
22	Sep 4, 2015 9:02 AM	Curtis Loftis I use the public roads five days a week, travelling 350 miles. My business association with the Treasurers Office comes down to where the rubber hits the road. I see the areas of road that have become debillitated. I do swerve alot around crumbling places of pavement; trying my best not to look as though I were a hung over partier from the night before. Can South Carolina find a better suited asphalt mix which will better facilitate the negative aspects of rain water, heat from the sun and freezing winter temperature? I'm not saying we should go back to using the cobbelstone tecniques of road building- but perhaps there is a fix in the works, where if we shifted over to thinking out our way of trying to throw money at things- we'd be better off. I do not believe in drastic tax increases. An extra penny or two; even extra dollars or two, are not the expediant answer. May we be ever so careful how we handel these precious tax amounts that our South Carolinian familys are striving so hard for? Thanks kindly.
23	Sep 4, 2015 6:56 AM	Sincerely, J.W.P. Jr.
24	Sep 4, 2015 6:12 AM	Watching him perform in his duties!
25	Sep 4, 2015 1:24 AM	Personal exposure 7 S. C Policy Council.

26	Sep 3, 2015 8:04 PM	Personal obsevation.
27	Sep 3, 2015 7:31 PM	Personal knowledge of treasurer actions
28	Sep 3, 2015 6:48 PM	Personal Observations
29	Sep 3, 2015 1:44 AM	Curtis Loftis transparancy
30	Sep 1, 2015 8:42 PM	all of the above
31	Sep 1, 2015 5:08 PM	Personal experience with the State Treasurer

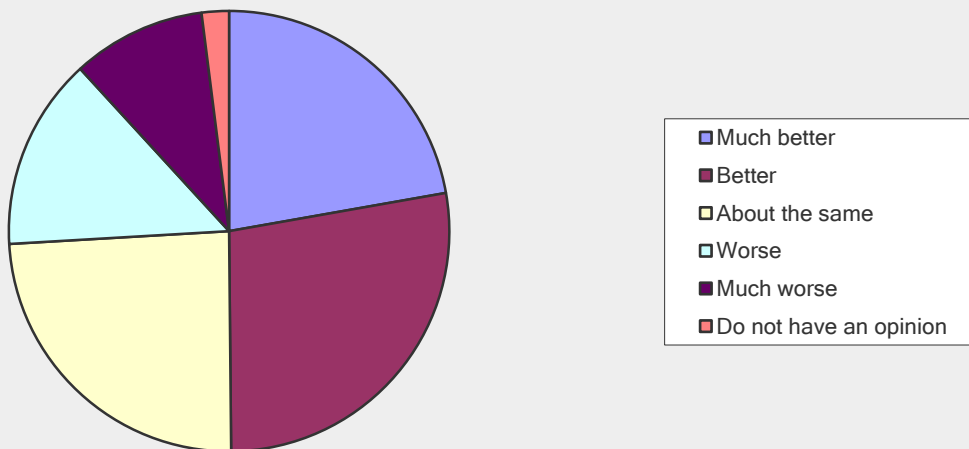


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How do you think the State Treasurer's Office functions on an overall basis in comparison to other state agencies in South Carolina?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Much better	22.2%	66
Better	27.6%	82
About the same	24.2%	72
Worse	14.1%	42
Much worse	9.8%	29
Do not have an opinion	2.0%	6
	<i>answered question</i>	297
	<i>skipped question</i>	713

How do you think the State Treasurer's Office functions on an overall basis in comparison to other state agencies in South Carolina?



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Please list any comments, concerns, or suggestions you may have about the State Treasurer's Office. Your response may be quoted verbatim in a Committee report.

Answer Options	Response Count
	129
<i>answered question</i>	129
<i>skipped question</i>	881

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 30, 2015 8:59 PM	The STO is an excellent place to work. The staff there is very professional, friendly and knowledgeable. Treasure Loftis is an asset to the state.
2	Sep 30, 2015 12:55 AM	Professional staff and we couldn't ask for better than Treasurer Loftis.
3	Sep 29, 2015 10:40 PM	Great agency to work for and be apart of.
4	Sep 29, 2015 9:24 PM	I feel the agency is genuinely putting forth the resource necessary for positive change, through public perception and fiduciary responsibility.
5	Sep 29, 2015 9:18 PM	Great office with a great staff!
6	Sep 29, 2015 8:58 PM	I appreciate the hard work put in by Treasurer Loftis's regarding the pension systems and uncovering fees.
7	Sep 29, 2015 8:54 PM	Treasurer Loftis and his staff do a wonderful job, top notch agency.
8	Sep 29, 2015 8:49 PM	State Treasurer truly cares about the taxpayers' money and retirees keeping their dream alive.
9	Sep 29, 2015 12:57 AM	STO has filled positions with highly qualified candidates
10	Sep 28, 2015 3:41 PM	I appreciate Treasurer Loftis' efforts to fight to safeguard the state's fiscal resources. He is also working to create an STO that is best in class. We need more agency heads who are willing to push actively engage in positive change. I appreciate the oversight committee's efforts to support Treasurer Loftis and the agency.
11	Sep 28, 2015 1:13 PM	The many funds in the treasurer's office , which are maintained be the bank of New York do not go through the state accounting system, and have no supervision except for the treasurer. He can do as he pleases and intermingles the money. Just a phone, a wire can move the money from one fund to the next... No one to check that transfer, from one bank account to another...Grady Patterson was honest... Loftis is creepy... Please, investigate this issue as many questions are being raised. Isn't that amazing? The citizens of this must must know where the money is and where the money goes... Very tempting for a person like Loftis to transfer money and abuse these accounts.
12	Sep 25, 2015 5:12 PM	I would respectfully suggest that the members of the oversight legislative committee agree to recommend that the law be changed and that all elected officials appoint someone who is qualified to sit on the investment commission. The governor, the comptroller general do. The state treasurer must also. Loftis has a high school degree and that does not fit the qualifications established to serve on the commission. This must be changed.
13	Sep 25, 2015 4:23 PM	

14	Sep 25, 2015 2:44 PM	It bothers me greatly that Loftis uses social media and FITSNews to attack with false allegations and virulent lies anyone and anything who has an issue or a complaint against him. His statements on Fits become vulgar as the night moves on and the drinks appear and disappear. And elected official of this state behaving in this manner reflects badlt on the office that he was elected to hold and violate the oath of the office to defend and protect.. His attacks are comprehensive and include the governor, senators, legislators, members of the investment commission, staff and former staff, veterans, black men, women, journalists and more. That behavior is unbecoming of a constitutional officer..t
15	Sep 25, 2015 1:48 PM	Curtis Loftis is not qualified for the job and it shows.. He was fired from 2 state jobs . Fired by Eckstrom and fired by Andre Bauer. He has politicized the pension system and must be removed from the commission and forced to appoint someone qualified to represent him on the commission as the governor and comptroller general do. Loftis does not have the qualifications established by law to be on the commission. Period. Rumors on the street is that the oversight common will not do anything to address this obvious deficiency . It would to bad if this problem become a crisis because of the lack of action from the oversight committee.
16	Sep 25, 2015 12:52 AM	another super ego driven elected official. when he was running for the office, loftis roundly and routinely criticized the incumbent treasurer for appearing in the future college plan with children. how many times have we seen loftis sitting on a stool surrounded by children.
17	Sep 24, 2015 1:46 AM	The State Treasurer up is doing a great job protecting the tax payers!
18	Sep 23, 2015 3:20 AM	no more self promoting tv ads using my tax dollars Update IT infrastructure to make it safe to deal with
19	Sep 22, 2015 12:42 AM	the State Advertisements for the state-run Future Scholars Program, regardless of funding source, should not include the State Treasurer. It is borderline unethical.
20	Sep 17, 2015 7:31 PM	change policies
21	Sep 17, 2015 3:08 AM	Ineffective & wasteful.
22	Sep 16, 2015 8:24 PM	We are new to SC having moved here in June 2014. I do not understand the rules concerning personal property taxes. We have to apply for 4% taxes 2 or 3 times? That is a real pain in the ass. It just seems odd to me. Also, the process of getting drivers license and car tags is very time consuming and bizarre. Seems like it could be streamlined. I read an article that Governor Haley was going to work to get Veterans benefits non-taxable. Where is she on that?
23	Sep 16, 2015 1:40 PM	The unfair property tax changes approved in 2007 almost killed and still negatively affects out of state buyers of real estate in SC which also adversely affects the income of our state.
24	Sep 16, 2015 1:10 PM	Curtis Loftis is doing a great job of protecting taxpayer money
25	Sep 15, 2015 6:07 PM	Where is all the gax tax money going?
26	Sep 15, 2015 5:37 PM	Need more fiscal responsibility
27	Sep 15, 2015 3:37 PM	Doing a great job.
28	Sep 14, 2015 9:09 PM	

29	Sep 11, 2015 12:56 AM	The Treasurer uses his office to further his political ambition and enrich his friends.
30	Sep 10, 2015 6:53 PM	Alot of mismanagement wit state money. Give the treasurer full access to all financial records and operations of the state's funds including the
31	Sep 10, 2015 5:13 PM	state retirment and pension. I believe that they should furnich the public with more reports on the fiscal strengths and
32	Sep 10, 2015 3:04 PM	weaknessess of SC Has experienced extreme amount of turnover in the past 3 years. Almost all the staff with extensive state government experience is no longer here. Management style & the lack of staff promotion has
33	Sep 10, 2015 1:39 PM	been the motivating factor. Treasurer seems to be using tax money to
34	Sep 10, 2015 1:09 PM	constantly run for office Better stewardship of my money. Let's see where it
35	Sep 10, 2015 1:07 PM	goes. Turn rate of around 90% should tell you all you
36	Sep 10, 2015 12:26 PM	need to know Very well may be the most openly run agency in the
37	Sep 10, 2015 12:03 PM	state. The office assisted me with two issues in the past
38	Sep 10, 2015 1:27 AM	year and they could not have been more helpful. Treasurer Loftis negotiated a Bank of New York Mellon lawsuit contract with no legal authority and illegally hired his attorney friend and paid him approximately \$ 2 million to handle the lawsuit. Extremely high staff turnover rate due to Treasurer, Chief of Staff and HR Deputy State Treasurer
39	Sep 10, 2015 12:48 AM	bullying and demeaning employees I have worked at the treasurer's office for more that 11 years and it used to be a slow paced office that had many, many personnel problems. The new treasurer has changed personnel, implemented new policies and created a new workplace that I
40	Sep 9, 2015 11:50 PM	love. I have done business with the Treasurer's office for a little more than 10 years and the new Treasurer's office is wonderful. In the last 2 or 3 years it has transformed itself into a modern, responsive and active place that is much more professional and
41	Sep 9, 2015 11:45 PM	businesslike. Unqualified individuals are being hired by friendshipand not expeience. Empoyees leavingoffice at a the hightest record the office has seen. No pay raises for some eventhoughexceptional review. Looking For a position that rewards employees for education, experienceand overtime!
42	Sep 9, 2015 11:09 PM	The Treasurer's Office consistently looks out for the people's interests and not those of the bureaucracy or political class.
43	Sep 9, 2015 10:52 PM	Considering the amount of turnover in this agency, there are many talented and dedicated resources at all levels, with a sincere interest to serve other agencies and citizens of the State of South
44	Sep 9, 2015 9:36 PM	Carolina.

		I have been impressed with the courage Mr Loftis has shown in his attempts to intervene with the SC Retirement Investment Commission . Apparently no other entity is paying attention to the poor performance of this group and the high salaries and outrageous bonuses they give themselves for doing a terrible job ,.Yet again another example of special interests appointees , and people taking advantage of a lack of oversight . I hope that this committee will follow the state treasurer's lead and take a long hard look at the SC Retirement Investment Commission and its director .
45	Sep 9, 2015 6:11 PM	Agency head and deputy create hostile tone and hostile working environment.
46	Sep 9, 2015 4:56 PM	needs more accountability
47	Sep 9, 2015 1:05 PM	I experienced workplace bullying and observed many other staff who were bullied and unmercifully and inappropriately humiliated by the State Treasurer, Chief of Staff and Deputy State Treasurer over HR.
48	Sep 9, 2015 11:55 AM	
		I think Curtis Loftis is certifiably insane. He is certainly vindictive and dishonest. He has mostly good people working for him, with the exception of Clarissa and Cynthia, and he mistreats the good ones. Look at how people are bailing out of that office. I've never heard of such turnover. He hoodwinked the public to get elected, and I sincerely hope this is his only term. He needs to be thoroughly investigated, and I wouldn't be surprised if charges are brought against him. Please give this serious consideration. Thank you.
49	Sep 8, 2015 10:42 PM	efficient
50	Sep 8, 2015 8:42 PM	While the current officeholder seems to be above and beyond the usual quality of State Treasurer, usually the position is held by a crony of the general assembly. Getting rid of the Budget and Control Board (or whatever it calls itself now) and turning funding over to the general assembly in an ACCOUNTABLE, ON THE RECORD, manner and putting all administration in the hands of the executive branch is the way to go here.
51	Sep 8, 2015 6:40 PM	This state needs more income. I feel like (perceive) that we've cut expenditures to the bone, and we're starting to really feel that.
52	Sep 8, 2015 4:34 PM	Budget and Control board and a few legislators have too much influence
53	Sep 8, 2015 1:38 PM	Keep up the good work!
54	Sep 7, 2015 10:56 PM	We need more raise for us staff and teacher working very hard with students everyday.
55	Sep 7, 2015 10:55 PM	Fighting to keep the Retirement Commission from continuing to pay exorbitant fees to cronies in the financial markets. Lofits's office always has data to back up their concerns and they answer questions promptly!
56	Sep 7, 2015 5:15 PM	

		This Loftis fellow has no qualifications for this office. He has run off most of the experienced staff and replaced them with political hacks. He lies to retirees and other constituents about investment gains and losses. He believes he is on a "mission from God to stamp out fraud waste and abuse" and he finds it under every stone regardless of whether it is there or not. His accusations have caused the expenditure of many hundreds of thousands of dollars in unnecessary audits and investigations all of which found no evidence of any unlawful activity. He is paranoid to the extreme and sees all the rest of the world as an enemy. This guy is unfit for office and if nothing is done he will get the State into all kinds of embarrassment and trouble. Please don't wait until I have to say "I told you so." Take some action against this mentally deranged person
57	Sep 7, 2015 2:03 PM	handling our state investments. Appears to be lack of oversight or appropriate management of SC Retirement Syst. Investment Commission investment policies which produce
58	Sep 7, 2015 12:43 PM	minimal gains for retiree future support. As a former accountant, I'm not sure why the Treasurer & Comptroller are elected positions. To be an analyst, I was interviewed by a VP & CMA who wanted to know how I could automate billing & reduce errors. Loftis has shown more honorable behavior than the entire Senate combined, so that's not a slam on him (or Exstrom), but they interviewed with 5 million people who cannot spell "reconcile." The positions should be hired, not
59	Sep 7, 2015 12:26 PM	elected. Seems to be the only section of state government
60	Sep 7, 2015 10:20 AM	actually looking out for the taxpayer
61	Sep 7, 2015 4:46 AM	Keep the Governor and representatives out of road maintenance money!
62	Sep 7, 2015 4:23 AM	You know we have plenty of money to mobilize our DOT and fix our shoddy roads. It's about time you do the right thing.
63	Sep 7, 2015 2:38 AM	Correspondence with this agency leads me to believe those who review correspondence do not give serious consideration to the concerns of the public.
64	Sep 7, 2015 12:13 AM	Who in the treasurers office is responsible for the 7 billion short fall
65	Sep 6, 2015 11:44 PM	Curtis Loftis is doing a great job of protecting taxpayer money
66	Sep 6, 2015 3:47 PM	Treasury should take over the dysfunctional State Pension Fund Commission
67	Sep 6, 2015 4:02 AM	I just wish the state could operate effectively and not responsive to cronyisms The State Treasurer has committed goss malfeasance in office, has massively violated his fiduciary responsibilities, lost the stae tens of millions of dollars in dealings with the Bank of New York Mellon, in an office of some sixty employess he has in effect gutted the office by driving some fifty people out of it. He has lied, hidden facts and misrepresented complexfinancial matters. He has violated the sate ethics laws and should be
68	Sep 5, 2015 6:54 PM	impeached.
69	Sep 5, 2015 5:17 PM	They are doing a great job.

70	Sep 5, 2015 3:55 PM	I have to wonder why state pensions do not come under this agency? The recent news that our pension fund lost 7 billion dollars in the last 10 years has caused me to question how it is run and to wonder if it would be better run under the direction of the state treasurer.
71	Sep 5, 2015 3:02 PM	I think Curtis does a good job with the Dept. and is looking out for the people's money and trying to keep the public informed.
72	Sep 5, 2015 2:33 PM	Mr. Loftis wastes time and resources, looking for imaginary problems and attempting to build his personal image.
73	Sep 5, 2015 11:29 AM	Need more agencies that work at their jobs like the Treasurer Office does and not outsource all work.
74	Sep 5, 2015 9:59 AM	The state Treasurer's office is well ran. It does have its problems but when compared to other state agencies it operates smoother. The Treasurer's office along with the auditor's work makes it possible for the citizens of the state to check on the financial well being of the state and to judge if our state law makers or using our tax money wisely.
75	Sep 5, 2015 1:36 AM	Why are we still taxing retired military?
76	Sep 5, 2015 1:10 AM	Loftis is honest. Most of the others I read about avoid use of the word. Leatherman and Limehouse are power crazy but they pull all your strings. State Income Tax needs to go AWAY. I would rather pay 1% more in sales tax than have income tax. That way EVERYBODY pays not just those that work legally.
77	Sep 5, 2015 12:38 AM	At least he's trying to let us know that about the corrupt lost money in the pension system... more than I can say about the rest of Columbia.
78	Sep 4, 2015 8:31 PM	Curtis Loftis should be supported as he looks into the handling of state retirement funds.
79	Sep 4, 2015 7:20 PM	the biggest problem I see is that the Treasurer is at the mercy of the legislature.
80	Sep 4, 2015 5:06 PM	Let's continue to execute the duties at above and beyond suspicion and keep the office free of any hint of scandal.
81	Sep 4, 2015 3:58 PM	Catrs to big bussiness more than the average person.
82	Sep 4, 2015 3:28 PM	we have the lowest return on investment for our pension fund and we are in the red we need to be able to invest in a plan that gets a better return Mr Loftis needs to be enabled to do that and the legislature needs to support him., or we are going down the tubes and the pensions are out the window
83	Sep 4, 2015 1:43 PM	I am outraged that the Investment Commission has lost \$7 billion in theSC retirement fund. Those responsible on ALL levels should be held accountable, and not the taxpayer. I demand that the legislature conduct a complete investigation, and mke it public. You are not doing your job by not exercising oversight of the taxpayers money.
84	Sep 4, 2015 1:29 PM	When the state pension loses 7 billion dollars over a ten year period there needs to be some investigation into what is or isn't happening there.
85	Sep 4, 2015 12:37 PM	I've followed Mr. Loftis' performance and I believe he is doing a great job. I believe the legislature has his hands somewhat tied due to nothing more than political reasons.
86	Sep 4, 2015 12:16 PM	

87	Sep 4, 2015 12:15 PM	I would encourage him to continue what he is doing.
88	Sep 4, 2015 10:35 AM	satisfied with there work.
89	Sep 4, 2015 9:02 AM	Curtis does a good job keeping it clean. Let's not do debt spending. Let's ballence things out and keep them that way. "Dear God? Help us do right...?"
90	Sep 4, 2015 6:56 AM	Watching him in information to the public- also how he involves himself in the affairs of our State!
91	Sep 4, 2015 6:12 AM	agencies should perform their duties akin to the comptroller!!
92	Sep 4, 2015 12:41 AM	curtis loftis is doing a good job, bucking the system, and promoting 529 accounts
93	Sep 4, 2015 12:32 AM	Treasurer Lotis should be commended for trying to influence better investing of the state retirement money.
94	Sep 4, 2015 12:11 AM	The current State Treasurer is looking out for the citizens, unlike many other state officers.
95	Sep 3, 2015 11:06 PM	
		I worked at the Treasurer's Office for many years. I have seen Curtis Loftis bully people, yell, scream, and throw things all with no accountability. He blogs and constantly talks to himself on fitsnews.com. I have also never seen more evil people than him and his chief of staff Clarissa Adams. I understand that things take time, but Loftis really needs to be fired. If he were at a private company, he would have been fired years ago. I am begging the legislature to please do something about him before someone gets hurt. Office should be combined with Auditor and
96	Sep 3, 2015 10:45 PM	Comptroller
97	Sep 3, 2015 9:07 PM	Needs to have audits from independent agents.
98	Sep 3, 2015 8:46 PM	We need to 'look' at other agencies for application of retirement system upgrade.
99	Sep 3, 2015 7:50 PM	
		Curtis Loftis seems to be doing a good job. Why not listen to him? There is far too much waste because of self-centered politicians lining their own pockets. Stop wasting tax payer money.
100	Sep 3, 2015 7:46 PM	Treasurer Loftis is working hard to serve as a steward of public funds. I hope the legislature and administrative departments work in conjunction with him. So far, it seems like he's faced unnecessary roadblocks.
101	Sep 3, 2015 7:40 PM	Seems to be an independent voice in a corrupt government where power is too concentrated in the House of Representatives
102	Sep 3, 2015 7:36 PM	I have seen that the State Treasurer reaches out to let the Public about the Office, what are the concerns and what they hope to accomplish if they can!!
103	Sep 3, 2015 7:31 PM	More investigations of the DOT.
104	Sep 3, 2015 7:14 PM	The SC Investment Commision should be eliminated and this function placed under the Treasure's office. Accountability is paramount.
105	Sep 3, 2015 6:54 PM	Treasurer Loftis is an excellent public servant. Legislators should heed his counsel on fiscal matters
106	Sep 3, 2015 6:54 PM	Listen to Curtiss, not to the other agencies
107	Sep 3, 2015 6:48 PM	I have ethical concerns about the state treasurer.
108	Sep 3, 2015 6:47 PM	Look at the staff numbers, pay. The office is in shambles, and it's because of Mr. Loftis' manic actions. The state's investments are at risk because of his craziness.
109	Sep 3, 2015 4:36 PM	It could do a better job in the investing state funds.
110	Sep 3, 2015 3:08 PM	
111	Sep 3, 2015 12:47 PM	

112	Sep 3, 2015 1:44 AM	Keep up the good work and we might get back to normal
113	Sep 2, 2015 5:10 PM	this agency needs to use the money more wisely. the legislature needs to restrict its spending to whats available.
114	Sep 2, 2015 1:51 PM	Should be appointed instead elected
115	Sep 2, 2015 10:56 AM	Curtis loftis has been the worst treasurer, in his professional life and public life. Over \$220 million lost in the trust fund of retirees, signed a 10years contract with the same bank, which lost the retirees so much money. How stupid is that? He cannot work withe Investment Commission,, He walks out of meetings in anger. He yells and throws computers and various objects at the staff of the STO.. 99% of the staff has gone and replaced with friends and all. He hired 5 PR guys. young ... and they left.. They would do personal favors for Loftis.. walking his dog, getting his laundry...spending time at the beach house ... Eventually, they leave.. Loftis is mentally unstable and has been seeing psychologist sis since childhood.
116	Sep 2, 2015 10:39 AM	I am overly impressed with the Treasurer's efforts to make public the performance of the State's pension fund. This sort of transparency and communication is not only vital to a free society but also exemplary behavior of what an elected official should be. If we as a free society do not expose our own weaknesnes then they will be exposed and exploited by the enemies of it.
117	Sep 2, 2015 1:41 AM	To much money shows up that has not been accounted for
118	Sep 2, 2015 1:26 AM	I think that any company or department that has a 90% employee turnover needs to be looked at closely. I highly question paying a friend \$2 million dollars for poor legal advice. The majority of the employees were political appointees with little or no experience.I understand that the atmosphere in the office was not conducive to employee moral; the Treasurer's temper being one factor.
119	Sep 2, 2015 12:56 AM	none
120	Sep 1, 2015 9:11 PM	They cannot manage money very well.
121	Sep 1, 2015 9:03 PM	Mrs. Haley seems to be doing a very good job. Spend our money unfriviously.
122	Sep 1, 2015 8:42 PM	529 plans have been an asset offsetting a bit of the unnecessary increase in the cost of college attendance.
123	Sep 1, 2015 7:55 PM	My comments are directed at the State Treasurer not the staff of the Treasurer's Office. He continues to interfere with the management of the State Trust Funds, his dealings with the B of NY has cost the state and the retirees millions.
124	Sep 1, 2015 7:46 PM	I'm a former 4 year employee with extensive knowledge of workplace retaliation, threats and verbal abuse from the Treasurer and his Chief of Staff. Please look into each division and the contracts associated with the programs. Follow the money.
125	Sep 1, 2015 7:06 PM	Very poorly managed agency. Turnover rate has been extremely high. Hopefully, Oversight Committee will be able to determine the reasons.

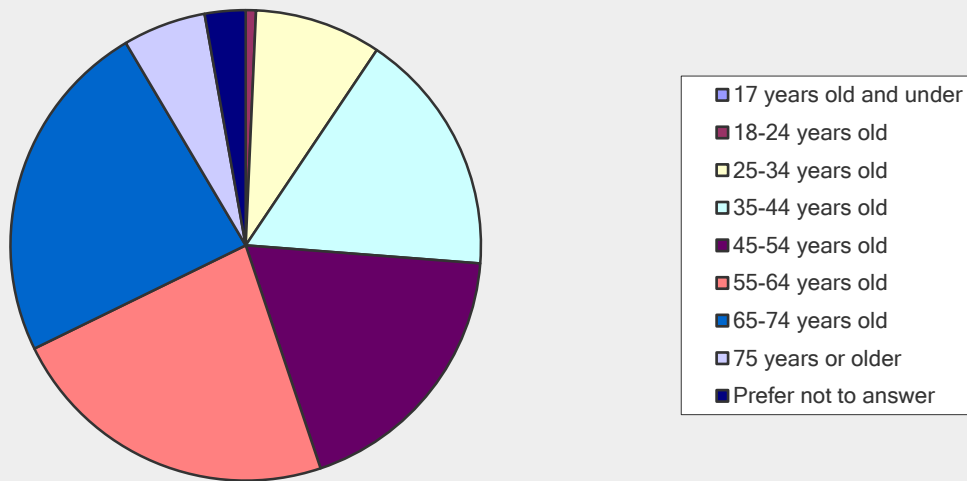
126	Sep 1, 2015 6:01 PM	<p>Employees are treated with such a lack of respect that it is abusive. Turnover is the highest of any state agency. Over the past five years there has been almost 100% turnover in staff. There is a serious lack of transparency. For example, does the Treasurer believe that we owe funds to the securities lending collateral account? Has he transferred any money to this account? From where and how much? The value of the settlement with the Bank of New York was woefully overestimated by the Treasurer. Was this done to increase the amount that went to the attorneys? Are there any minimal qualifications that one must have to be Treasurer? If not, Why not? Does the current Treasurer have the qualifications to oversee the complicated financial operations of the state treasury?</p>
127	Sep 1, 2015 5:08 PM	<p>The Treasurer has used his office to financially reward his friends and to grandstand.</p>
128	Sep 1, 2015 3:58 PM	<p>Great staff! Treasurer refuses to step up to the plate to request the State Auditor conduct audits of courts and/or law enforcement agencies that are not remitting fines and fees in a timely manner. The State Auditor won't audit unless requested by the State Treasurer. So, these agencies just keep getting away with not remitting and funding for those agencies supported by these funds just keeps</p>
129	Sep 1, 2015 2:56 PM	<p>dwindling away.</p>

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What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
17 years old and under	0.0%	0
18-24 years old	0.7%	5
25-34 years old	8.7%	64
35-44 years old	16.8%	124
45-54 years old	18.6%	137
55-64 years old	22.9%	169
65-74 years old	23.7%	175
75 years or older	5.7%	42
Prefer not to answer	2.8%	21
<i>answered question</i>		737
<i>skipped question</i>		273

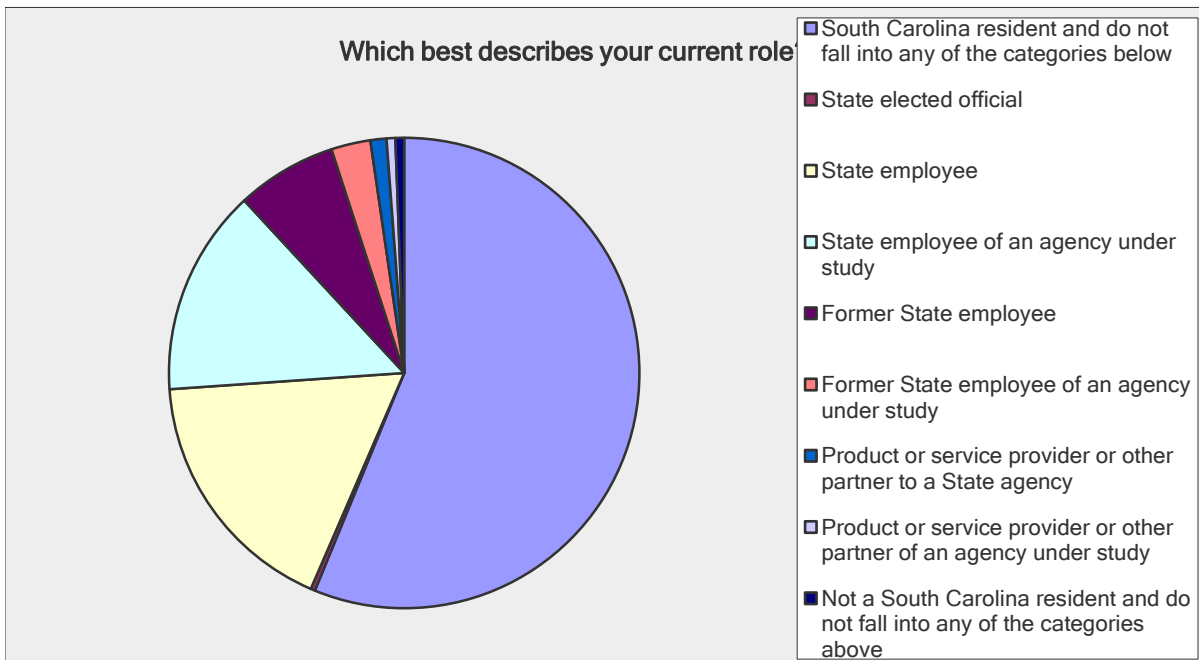
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Which best describes your current role?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
South Carolina resident and do not fall into any of the	56.2%	392
State elected official	0.3%	2
State employee	17.4%	121
State employee of an agency under study	14.2%	99
Former State employee	6.9%	48
Former State employee of an agency under study	2.7%	19
Product or service provider or other partner to a State	1.1%	8
Product or service provider or other partner of an agency	0.6%	4
Not a South Carolina resident and do not fall into any of	0.6%	4
<i>answered question</i>		697
<i>skipped question</i>		313

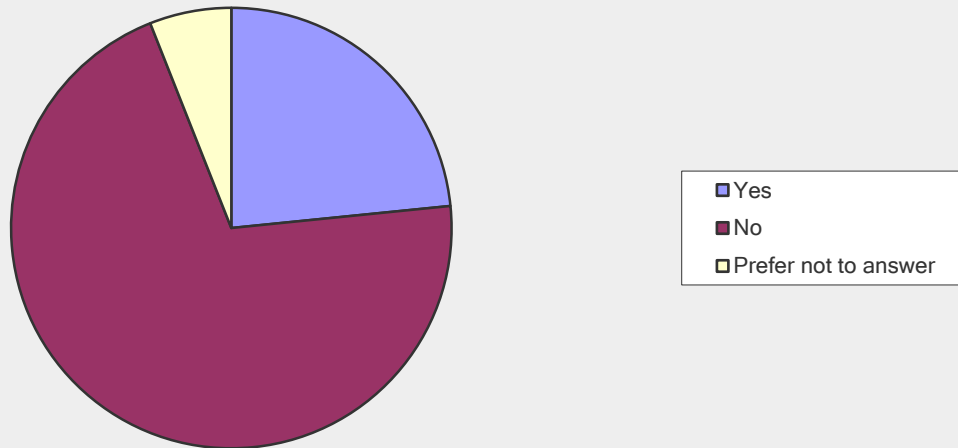


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Are there any children, seventeen years old and under, currently living in your home?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	23.4%	172
No	70.6%	518
Prefer not to answer	6.0%	44
<i>answered question</i>		734
<i>skipped question</i>		276

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In which county do you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Abbeville	0.7%	5
Aiken	2.4%	17
Allendale	0.0%	0
Anderson	2.1%	15
Bamberg	0.1%	1
Barnwell	0.1%	1
Beaufort	5.9%	41
Berkeley	2.1%	15
Calhoun	0.3%	2
Charleston	12.5%	87
Cherokee	1.1%	8
Chester	0.0%	0
Chesterfield	0.6%	4
Clarendon	0.9%	6
Colleton	0.1%	1
Darlington	1.3%	9
Dillon	0.0%	0
Dorchester	1.6%	11
Edgefield	0.0%	0
Fairfield	0.4%	3
Florence	1.4%	10
Georgetown	0.6%	4
Greenville	7.2%	50
Greenwood	1.7%	12
Hampton	0.1%	1
Horry	1.9%	13
Jasper	0.4%	3
Kershaw	0.9%	6
Lancaster	1.0%	7
Laurens	0.7%	5
Lee	0.0%	0
Lexington	8.0%	56
Marion	0.3%	2
Marlboro	0.3%	2
McCormick	0.1%	1
Newberry	0.3%	2
Oconee	1.0%	7
Orangeburg	0.4%	3
Pickens	4.6%	32
Richland	10.2%	71
Saluda	0.6%	4
Spartanburg	19.9%	139
Sumter	1.1%	8
Union	0.6%	4
Williamsburg	0.3%	2

York	3.4%	24
Do not live in South Carolina	0.6%	4
answered question		698
skipped question		312

