



## Spring 2019 Ohio Poll

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Sample size: 1361 adults

Margin of error:  $\pm 3.4\%$ . The margin of error is applicable only to overall results and not to demographic subgroups. Total column percentages (or row percentages for certain questions) may not be exactly 100% due to rounding.

**Q1: Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has proposed to raise the state tax on gasoline by 18 cents per gallon, with the income dedicated to building and repairing roads and highways. To what extent do you oppose or support this proposal?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Strongly support	6.5	9.7	4.0	9.4	8.4	2.2
Support	23.1	24.7	21.8	23.5	25.7	20.4
Oppose	32.0	29.2	34.2	30.6	32.7	32.8
Strongly oppose	23.4	24.7	22.4	21.6	23.5	25.1
Unsure	15.0	11.7	17.6	14.9	9.8	19.5
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q2: There is a bill before the state legislature that would ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detectable, usually six t.cyhe s9T3700.0 100.0**

**Q3: Now we have some questions about gun policy in Ohio. Would you support or oppose a mandatory waiting period on all gun purchases in Ohio, so that everyone who purchases a gun must wait a certain number of days before taking the gun home?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Oppose	11.1	14.0	8.8	5.3	17.2	11.6
Support	73.0	72.1	73.7	84.0	67.7	66.8
Neither support nor oppose	11.1	9.9	12.1	6.3	12.2	15.0
Unsure	4.8	4.0	5.4	4.5	2.9	6.6
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q4: Would you support or oppose a statewide ban on the manufacture, sale, and possession of high-powered rifles capable of semi-automatic fire, such as the AR-15?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Oppose	25.3	35.0	17.7	13.0	37.5	27.1
Support	55.7	49.8	60.3	74.1	42.9	48.4
Neither support nor oppose	12.9	10.9	14.4	9.2	15.6	14.2
Unsure	6.1	4.3	7.6	3.6	4.0	10.4
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q5: Would you support or oppose a statewide ban on the sale of guns to people who have been charged with domestic violence?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Oppose	9.5	12.1	7.4	6.9	10.6	11.0
Support	73.8	70.5	76.4	80.9	69.9	70.2
Neither support nor oppose	10.7	12.1	9.5	7.4	14.7	10.4
Unsure	6.1	5.3	6.8	4.8	4.8	8.5
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q6: Next, we have several questions about the opioid epidemic in Ohio. Have you, or someone you know, struggled with opioid addiction? (Please select all that apply.)**

No, I do not know anyone personally who has struggled with opioid addiction	Yes, a close friend has struggled with opioid addiction	Yes, a family member has struggled with opioid addiction	Yes, an acquaintance has struggled with opioid addiction	Yes, I have struggled with opioid addiction
58.2	12.1	18.6	18.8	4.6

Note: Respondents were permitted to select multiple answers to this question.

**Q7: Do you think people can recover from opioid addiction?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, people cannot recover	5.3	5.0	5.6	3.6	6.3	6.1
Yes, people can recover	73.1	76.8	70.2	73.0	74.1	72.5
Unsure	21.6	18.2	24.2	23.4	19.6	21.4
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q8: There is a prescription drug called Narcan or Naloxone that can prevent people from dying if they are experiencing an overdose of a prescription painkiller or heroin. Some states have made this drug available to adults without a prescription. Other states restrict the sale of this drug because they think it might encourage the use of illegal drugs. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Narcan or Naloxone should be available without a prescription	39.2	40.7	38.1	48.6	33.0	35.4
Narcan or Naloxone should only be allowed with a prescription	36.9	37.7	36.3	29.9	45.3	36.6
Unsure	23.9	21.6	25.6	21.5	21.6	28.0
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q9: For the 2020 U.S. presidential election, would you prefer a Democratic candidate or Donald Trump to win?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Democratic candidate	43.2	42.2	44.0	90.4	5.4	29.1
Donald Trump	30.5	37.6	24.9	3.0	76.8	18.1
Neither	11.2	9.7	12.4	1.1	8.1	23.7
Unsure	15.1	10.5	18.7	5.5	9.6	29.1
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q10: If you were to vote in the Democratic primaries, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for...**

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	Totals
A female candidate	30.5	4.1	65.5	100.0
A non-white candidate	17.6	4.1	78.2	100.0

Note that this question was given only to self-identified Democrats ( $n = 428$ ) and that results therefore have a 0.2% margin of error.

Note: Respondents were permitted to select multiple answers to this question. Included responses consist only of those from self-reported Democrats ( $n = 428$ ) and results therefore have a necessarily higher margin of error than other questions.

**Q12: Since Donald Trump's election, would you say you are paying more, less, or about the same amount of attention to politics as you used to?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Less attention	10.7	8.2	12.7	12.7	5.5	13.2
More attention	43.6	43.6	43.6	54.0	49.5	28.5
About the same attention	41.3	46.0	37.6	31.9	43.5	48.6
Unsure	4.4	2.3	6.1	1.4	1.5	9.8
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q13: And since the 2016 U.S. presidential election, have you attended a political event, rally, or organized protest?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, I have not attended a political event since the 2016 presidential election	90.7	90.4	91.0	89.8	93.0	89.7
Yes, I have attended a political event since the 2016 presidential election	5.4	6.3	4.7	8.3	4.3	3.5
Unsure	3.8	3.3	4.3	1.9	2.7	6.7

**Q16: If a new person moved to your community, would it make it easier or harder for you to get along with them if he or she were a Republican?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Easier to get along	6.0	7.3	4.9	0.4	17.1	2.1
Harder to get along	9.9	9.6	10.2	22.8	0.5	5.2
No difference	77.1	75.4	78.5	65.6	80.0	86.0
Unsure	7.0	7.6	6.4	11.2	2.4	6.7
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q17: Please select all that apply. When you talk about politics with someone who disagrees with you, do you generally find it to be...**

Interesting	Informative	Stressful	Frustrating	I do not discuss politics with people I disagree with
27.6	18.0	11.6	21.8	40.9

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**Q20.2: Now we would like to know something about the feelings you have toward President Donald Trump. Has Donald Trump ever made you feel... - Hopeful?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Never	50.2	47.1	52.6	80.8	13.3	51.5
Sometimes	29.9	29.9	29.9	14.6	37.5	38.4
Frequently	19.9	23.0	17.5	4.6	49.2	10.1
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q20.3: Now we would like to know something about the feelings you have toward President Donald Trump. Has Donald Trump ever made you feel... - Anxious?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Never	30.0	30.4	29.7	16.6	43.6	31.5
Sometimes	42.0	46.5	38.4	37.0	45.6	43.8
Frequently	28.0	23.1	31.9	46.4	10.8	24.7
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q20.4: Now we would like to know something about the feelings you have toward President Donald Trump. Has Donald Trump ever made you feel... - Enthusiastic?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Never	59.0	53.7	63.3	87.9	20.8	63.2
Sometimes	25.9	28.7	23.8	9.4	43.4	27.3
Frequently	15.0	17.7	12.9	2.7	35.8	9.5
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q21: On a scale of 1 to 10, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
(1) Strongly disapprove	35.5	33.2	37.3	67.4	5.3	29.8
(2)	5.4	4.8	5.8	8.6	1.3	5.7
(3)	6.5	7.8	5.4	9.0	2.3	7.5
(4)	4.3	3.1	5.3	4.0	2.4	6.3
(5)	9.1	5.5	11.9	4.6	7.1	15.1
(6)	4.9	4.5	5.2	1.3	5.7	7.8
(7)	8.4	8.6	8.3	1.3	14.1	10.6
(8)	8.6	10.3	7.3	1.5	19.3	6.5
(9)	5.0	6.5	3.8	1.1	11.3	3.5
(10) Strongly approve	12.4	15.5	10.0	1.3	31.2	7.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q22.1: Changing topics: Imagine an elected official, with whom you share beliefs, was accused of any one of the following things while he or she was in college. Would you want him or her to resign from office? - Sexual harassment**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, should not resign	30.8	38.1	25.1	20.0	44.4	29.8
Yes, should resign	42.7	36.9	47.3	57.7	28.2	40.3
Unsure	26.5	25.0	27.7	22.2	27.3	29.9
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Q23.2: Imagine an elected official, with whom you share beliefs, was accused of any one of the following things after their term in office began. Would you want him or her to resign from office? - Sexual assault**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, should not resign	8.0	11.2	5.4	3.9	13.0	7.7
Yes, should resign	79.3	76.1	81.8	90.0	68.6	78.0
Unsure	12.7	12.7	12.8	6.1	18.4	14.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q23.3: Imagine an elected official, with whom you share beliefs, was accused of any one of the following things after their term in office began. Would you want him or her to resign from office? - Adultery**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, should not resign	38.2	39.4	37.3	35.8	43.4	36.2
Yes, should resign	39.5	38.4	40.4	45.9	33.2	38.6
Unsure	22.3	22.2	22.3	18.3	23.3	25.2
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q23.4: Imagine an elected official, with whom you share beliefs, was accused of any one of the following things after their term in office began. Would you want him or her to resign from office? - Domestic violence**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, should not resign	9.6	13.1	6.9	5.1	15.8	8.8
Yes, should resign	76.1	71.5	79.8	87.3	65.6	74.2
Unsure	14.2	15.4	13.3	7.6	18.6	17.0
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q23.5: Imagine an elected official, with whom you share beliefs, was accused of any one of the following things after their term in office began. Would you want him or her to resign from office? - Rape**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
No, should not resign	6.6	9.7	4.1	3.6	10.4	6.3
Yes, should resign	83.7	80.8	86.0	91.6	77.5	81.3
Unsure	9.7	9.4	9.9	4.8	12.1	12.4
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q24: Next, we have some questions about foreign affairs. Do you think the U.S. does – or does not – have a responsibility to accept refugees into the country?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
U.S. does not have a responsibility	43.2	48.3	39.2	20.5	69.9	42.7
U.S. has a responsibility	37.7	39.9	36.0	60.4	17.7	32.6
Unsure	19.1	11.8	24.8	19.1	12.4	24.7
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Q25.1: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Refugees are increasing the amount of crime in the U.S.**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Disagree	35.2	38.0	33.0	57.8	12.4	32.5
Agree	38.3	41.8	35.6	16.1	68.8	34.3
Unsure	26.4	20.1	31.4	26.1	18.8	33.2
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q25.2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Refugees are taking away jobs in the U.S.**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Disagree	39.6	44.6	35.7	60.7	18.2	37.1
Agree	39.1	40.0	38.4	22.2	63.7	34.9
Unsure	21.3	15.5	25.8	17.1	18.1	28.0
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q25.3: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Refugees are a threat to the American way of life.**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Disagree	42.1	44.5	40.2	61.6	19.4	42.3
Agree	34.2	35.0	33.6	19.4	59.5	27.3
Unsure	23.7	20.5	26.2	19.0	21.1	30.4
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q26: Now, we have a few questions about imm4(No)32(w,)-529(w)32(e)-500(ha)32(v)32(e)-500(a)-500(few**

**Q27.3: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Immigrants are a threat to the American way of life.**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Disagree	48.6	50.4	47.2	69.8	23.7	49.0
Agree	31.1	31.2	31.1	12.7	54.8	29.1
Unsure	20.3	18.4	21.8	17.6	21.5	21.9
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Q28.1: Over the past 7 days, how often did you get news from the following social media sites – if at all? (By news we mean information about events and issues that involve more than just your friends or family.) - Facebook**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Never	48.8	57.9	41.7	50.4	47.8	48.2
1-2 Days	16.9	11.7	20.9			

**Q30: Which of the following best describes how you approach news stories from social medi-  
asites, even if neither is exactly right?**

Response	Overall	M %	F %	Dem %	Rep %	Oth %
Largely be accurate	29.5	26.5	31.9	38.6	22.6	26.4
Largely be inaccurate	70.5	73.5	68.1	61.4	77.4	73.6
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

## Survey demography

Gender	<i>n</i>	% (Raw)	% (Wtd)
Male%	721	53.0	44.1
Female%	640	47.0	55.9
Total%	1361	100.0	100.0

Education	<i>n</i>	% (Raw)	% (Wtd)
No college%	300	22.0	48.8
Some college or two year degree %	444	32.6	29.2
Four year degree or advanced degree%	617	45.3	22.0
Total%	1361	100.0	100.0

Race/Ethnicity	<i>n</i>	% (Raw)	% (Wtd)
White%	1198	88.0	82.9
Black or African American%	80	5.9	13.8
Other**%	83	6.1	3.4
Total%	1361	100.0	100.0

Annual Household Income	<i>n</i>	% (Raw)	% (Wtd)
< 25K%	220	16.2	32.9
25K to 50K%	343	25.2	28.0
50K to 75K%	255	18.7	18.0
75K to 100K%	231	17.0	8.5
100K to 150K%	210	15.4	8.3
> 150K%	102	7.5	4.3
Total%	1361	100.0	100.0

Party ID**	<i>n</i>	% (Raw)	% (Wtd)
Democrat%	428	31.4	34.6
Republican%	464	34.1	30.0
Other%	469	34.5	35.4
Total%	1361	100.0	100.0

Age**	<i>n</i>	% (Raw)	% (Wtd)
18 to 29	189	13.9	17.1
30 to 44	359	26.4	26.3
45 to 64	605	44.5	45.1
65 or over	208	15.3	11.5
Total%	1361	100.0	100.0

\*This category includes, but is not limited to: Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Asian-American, American Indian or Alaska Native.

\*\*Neither Party ID nor Age were used as weighting characteristics.

## **Methodological notes**

This poll was conducted between 3/1/19, and 3/15/19, among adults 18 years and older in Ohio ( $n = 1361$ ), by students enrolled in the Department of Politics and Global Citizenship's capstone course, Public Interest Research, at Baldwin Wallace University, in conjunction with the Community Research Institute. The 16 students proposed the topics, crafted the wording of each question, and determined the order in which questions should be asked.

## **Survey Respondents**

Survey respondents were drawn from online panels organized and curated by Dynata. To qualify for the survey, respondents had to be age 18 or older, live in Ohio, and identify the county in which they live.

To overcome some of the limitations associated with online surveys, we utilized quotas for gender (51% female) and age (18-29 years- about 16.9%; 30-44 years- about 24.5%; 45-64 years- about 34.9%; and 65 years and up- about 23.7%) based on data from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) for Ohio.

We also stratified the sample by region (i.e., Northeast Ohio, Southeast Ohio, Northwest Ohio, Southwest Ohio,

## Response order effects

To prevent response order effects, which can occur if respondents are more likely to choose the first response option in a survey, students randomized the order in which the responses appeared for several questions, which are described below.

- Q19 asked, "For the 2020 U.S. presidential election, would you prefer a Democratic candidate or Donald Trump to win?" Response options included "Democratic candidate," "Donald Trump," "Neither," and "Unsure." The order of "Democratic candidate" and "Donald Trump" were randomized.
- For Q21, which asked Democrats and Independents to select the issues they think the Democratic Party should focus on for the 2020 election, we randomized order in which all issues appeared.
- Q22 asked, "Since Donald Trump's election, would you say you are paying more, less, or about the same amount of attention to politics as you used to?" Response choices included: "More attention," "Less attention," "About the same attention," and "Unsure." We randomized the order of "More attention" and "Less attention."
- Q23 asked, "And since the 2016 U.S. presidential election, have you attended a political event, rally, or organized protest?". Response choices included: "No, I have not attended a political event since the 2016 presidential election," "Yes, I have attended a political event since the 2016 presidential election," and "Unsure." We randomized the order of "No, I have not attended a political event since the 2016 presidential election" and "Yes, I have attended a political event since the 2016 presidential election."
- Those who responded in the affirmative to Q23 were asked Q24. The question read: "And would you say this event was:" Response choices included: "In support of Donald Trump or his policies," "In opposition to Donald Trump or his policies," and "Not related to Donald Trump or his policies." We randomized the order of "In support of Donald Trump or his policies" and "In opposition to Donald Trump or his policies."
- Q28 stated, "Please select all that apply. When you talk about politics with someone who disagrees with you, do you generally find it to be:" Response choices included: "Interesting," "Informative," "Stressful," "Frustrating," and "I do not discuss politics with anyone who disagrees with me."
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