

**The MSU-Billings Poll**  
**National, State and Local Issues**  
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**27th Poll**



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## INTRODUCTION

The “MSU-Billings Poll” began in 1989. This is the twenty-fifth year the survey has been conducted and during this time twenty-seven surveys have been completed. The Co-Directors of the Poll are Dr. Craig Wilson (Political Science), Dr. Scott Rickard (Director of the Center for Applied Economic Research) and Dr. Matt McMullen (Psychology). We would like to thank Ms. Brenda Dockery for serving as the supervisor for this research project, Ms. Jessica Ridgway for assisting us and Ms. Glenda Holbrook for helping with the word processing.

This report summarizes the results of a statewide random sample telephone survey of 410 adult Montanans. The poll was conducted October 7-10. Students enrolled in the course Political Science 342, Media, Public Opinion, Polling and some additional students doing an independent polling project completed interviews for this survey. The survey was completed using random digit dial methodology, which selects both the phone numbers and members of a household to interview. Land line and cell phone numbers were included in the sample. 49% of the sample was reached through cell phones. The poll was conducted using MSU-Billings’ CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) software. Multiple attempts were made to reach selected households. The survey results have a +/-5% margin of error at a confidence level of 95% (95% of the time the results will fall within the +/- 5% margin of error). Factors such as question order and wording can affect survey results. Statistical tests were employed to determine whether statistically significant relationships ( $p=.05$ ) existed between key variables.

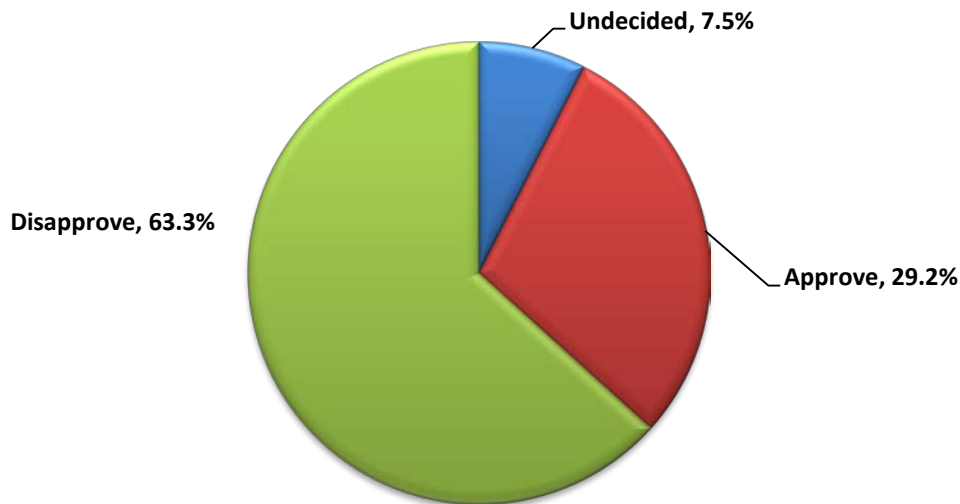
## I. NATIONAL ISSUES

### 1. PRESIDENT OBAMA'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE

This is the fifth year the “MSU-Billings Poll” asked respondents, “At this point in time do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama’s overall performance in office?” A majority of those polled (63.3%) answered “disapprove.”

In comparison, in 2012, 55.7% said “disapproved,” in 2011, 57.5% of those questioned replied “disapprove”, in 2010, 52.9% said “disapprove” and in 2009, 53% also replied “disapprove.”

#### 2009 President Obama’s Overall Job Performance



#### Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Gender was not significant with regard to Obama’s performance.
- 73% of Democrats approved of Obama, while 92% of Republicans and 80% of independents disapproved.
- Income was not related to the approval of Obama.
- Age was not related to opinions about Obama.
- Education was not related to opinions about Obama.
- 70% of those who felt the economy was doing better approved of Obama, while 69% who felt the economy was worse disapproved of him.
- 79% of the respondents who approved of the affordable care act also liked the President, while 84% of those disliking the act did not approve of the President.
- 92% of those who approved of Obama opposed the government shut down, as did a majority of 58% of those who did not approve of him.

- 71% of those wanting stronger gun laws backed the President, while 83% of those feeling they were too strict opposed him.
- A majority (57%) of those who approved of Obama favored increasing the debt, while a plurality (46%) of those who disapproved of him did not want to approve the increase.
- 90% of the respondents opposed to the Tea Party approved of the President’s performance, while 43% of Tea Party supporters disapproved of him.
- A majority (75%) of the President’s supporters backed same sex marriage, a majority (85%) of his opponents did not.

**2. U. S. ECONOMY BETTER OR WORSE OFF**

In reply to the question, “In an overall sense, do you feel that the U.S. economy is better or worse off than a year ago” a majority of 50.4% of those polled said “worse off.”

**U. S. ECONOMY BETTER OR WORSE OFF**

<u>Better</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>32.2%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>50.4%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Statistically Significant Relationship:**

- 64% of those who felt the economy was getting better liked Obama, while 80% of those who felt it was worse did not approve of the President’s performance.
- A plurality of men (47%) thought the economy was worse off, as did a majority of females (54%).
- Age was not related to opinions about the economy.
- A majority of Democrats (62%) thought the economy was better off, while a majority of Republicans (70%) and independents (54%) replied “worse off.”
- Level of income was not related to opinions about the economy.
- 85% of those opposed to the government shutdown felt the economy was getting better, while 57% of the respondents feeling it was worse also did not approve of the shutdown.
- 57% of those who felt the economy was better favored increasing the debt, while a plurality (49%) who felt the economy was worse did not want to increase the debt limit.
- 72% of those opposed to the Tea Party felt the economy was better, while 43% of those who supported the group said the economy was worse.
- 50% of those favoring increasing the Federal debt also felt the economy was better than last year, while 65% of those feeling the economy was worse did not want to increase the debt.

**3. SUPPORT OR OPPOSE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

When asked whether they would “support or oppose the 2010 congressional passage of the Affordable Care Act medical legislation which is now going into effect,” a majority (56.7%) of the respondents answered “disapprove.” Last year a majority (51.6%) of those polled replied “oppose” when asked this question.

**SUPPORT OR OPPOSE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Partially Support/ Oppose</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
28.5%	56.7%	5%	9.8%	100%

**Statistically Significant Relationship:**

- A majority (64%) supporting the ACA felt the economy was better off, while 80% opposed to it felt the economy was worse.
- 73% of Democrats supported Obamacare while a majority of Republicans (86%) and independents (64%) opposed it.
- Age was not related to opinions about the Affordable Care Act.
- Gender was not related to opinions about the Affordable Care Act.
- Education was not related to opinions about Obamacare.
- Income was not related to opinion about Obamacare.

**4. DEFUND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT BY SHUTTING DOWN GOVERNMENT**

In response to the query: “Do you support or oppose delaying the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act by partially shutting down the government,” A majority of (69%) of those surveyed said “oppose.”

**DEFUND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT BY SHUTTING DOWN GOVERNMENT**

<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Undecided/NA</u>	<u>Total</u>
22%	69%	9%	100%

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Majorities of Democrats (90%), independents (70%), and Republicans (52%), opposed the shutdown.
- Majorities of males (64%) and females (74%) opposed the shutdown.
- Education was not related to opinions about the shutdown.
- Income was not related to opinions about the shutdown.
- A majority (73.3%) of those supporting the shutdown felt the economy was worse than last year; a plurality (42%) who opposed the shutdown also felt the economy was worse off.
- 52% of those supporting the shutdown were Tea Party supporters, while 56% of those against the shutdown were Tea Party opponents.

**5. VOTE ON EXPANDING FEDERAL DEBT**

Those polled were asked, “In several weeks Congress has to vote on whether or not to increase the federal debt which allows the government to pay its bills. Do you feel that Congress should vote to increase the debt limit?” A plurality of those polled (38%) said “not increase.” The results for this question fall with the +/-5% margin of error for this poll.

**VOTE ON FEDERAL DEBT**

<u>Increase</u>	<u>Not Increase</u>	<u>Undecided/NA</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>37.1%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A plurality (44%) of males favored increasing the debt, while a plurality of females (38.9%) opposed increasing it.
- A majority, (50%) of Democrats favored increasing the debt as did a plurality (33%) of independents, while a plurality of Republicans (44%) opposed the action.
- A plurality (42%) of those with a college degree favored increasing the debt, while a plurality (44%) of those without a college degree opposed increasing the debt.
- 53% of those supporting the debt increase also backed Obamacare, while 46% opposed to the healthcare act opposed the increase.
- 55% of Tea Party opponents favored increasing the debt, while a plurality (40%) of the group’s supporters opposed a debt increase.
- Education was not related to opinions about the debt.
- Age was not related to opinions about the debt.

**6. TAKING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SYRIA IF IT DOESN'T COMPLY**

In reply to a question phrased, “If Syria is found to not be complying with the agreement (to destroy) its chemical weapons, would you support U. S. military air strikes against military bases in Syria,” a plurality (45.6 %) of the respondents answered, “oppose”.

**TAKING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SYRIA IF IT DOESN'T COMPLY**

<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Undecided/NA</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>36.6%</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Pluralities of men (46%) and women (45%) opposed airstrikes

**7. OPINIONS OF TEA PARTY**

A “1” to “5” scaled question was asked, “Where 1 presents strongly oppose and 5 represents strongly support, do you support or oppose the actions of the Tea Party Movement?” A plurality (36%) of those polled said “strongly oppose.” Answers 1 and 2 were then combined to represent “to some extent oppose,” 3 equals “undecided/neutral” and 4 and 5 were combined to represent “to some extent support.”

**OPINIONS OF TEA PARTY**

<u>1-2 Oppose</u>	<u>3 - Undecided/Neutral</u>	<u>4-5 Support</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>43.9%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A majority (84%) of Democrats opposed the Tea Party to some extent, while a plurality (48%) of Republicans supported the group to some extent.
- The greatest opposition to the Tea Party (48%) was found among those aged 50-61 (48%) while their most support (23%) existed in the 18-35 group.
- Income was not related to opinions about the Tea Party.



## II. OPINIONS ABOUT MONTANA ELECTION OFFICIALS JOB PERFORMANCE

A series of questions were next asked about the opinions held about several Montana elected officials job performance.

### 1. JOB PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK

A majority of those polled replied “approve” (53 %), when asked the question, “At this point in time do you approve or disapprove of Governor Steve Bullock’s overall performance in office?”

#### JOB PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK

<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>53%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Gender was not significant regarding opinions of Bullock.
- A majority of Democrats (70%) approved Bullock’s performance in office, as did pluralities of Republicans (41%) and independents (47%).
- Income was not related to opinions on Bullock.
- Those aged 62+ liked Bullock the most (59%), while his least support was found in the 18-35 (17%) cohort.
- 79% of those who approved of the President also approved of Bullock’s performance, while a plurality (41%) of those disapproving of the President also disapproved of Bullock.
- 43% of those approving of Bullock felt the economy was getting better, while 77% of those who regarded the economy as worse disapproved of the Governor’s performance.
- A plurality (46%) of those approving of Bullock opposed Obamacare, as did 82% of those opposed to his performance.
- A majority (58%) of those approving of Bullock opposed the Tea Party. A plurality (49%) of individuals disapproving of him supported the group.
- 57% of Bullock supporters felt there was about the right amount of wilderness, 25% said too little and 14% about right.
- 67% of those polled who said there was too much Bakken Oil development approved of Bullock, and 43% of those who said there was too little development also approved of him.
- 81% of those who said there was too much coal development approved Bullock, as did 41% of the individuals who felt there was too little coal mining.

- In terms of Bullocks’ performance a majority or plurality of those who approved (57%), disapproved (48%), or were undecided (54%) about his performance felt gun laws should stay about the same.

**2. JOB PERFORMANCE OF SENATOR MAX BAUCUS**

When a question phrased, “Do you approve or disapprove of U.S. Senator Max Baucus ‘overall performance in office,” a plurality (44.1 %) of the interviewees replied approve.

**JOB PERFORMANCE OF SENATOR MAX BAUCUS**

<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Undecided/NA</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>44.1%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Gender was not significant regarding opinions of Baucus.
- A majority (68%) of Democrats approved of Baucus, a majority (58%) of Republicans disapproved, as did a plurality (47%) of independents.
- Income was not related to opinions about Baucus.
- The greatest support for Baucus (53%) was found in the 50-61 age group, while his least support (50%) was evident in the 36-49 age cohorts.
- 74% of those approving of the President also approved of Baucus’ performance, while a majority (53%) who disapproved of Obama also disapproved of Baucus.
- A majority (69%) of individuals feeling the economy was worse off disapproved of Baucus. A plurality (44%) of individuals feeling the economy was better off approved of his job performance.
- A plurality (47%) of Baucus’ supporters backed the affordable care act, while a majority (76%) who opposed the bill disapproved of the Senator’s performance.
- 66% of Baucus’ supporters opposed the Tea Party, while a plurality (49%) of those who disapproved of him approved of the group.
- 56% of Baucus’ backers said there was about the right amount of wilderness, 25% said too little and 12% too much.
- 55% of those who said too little Bakken development approved of Baucus, 52% who disapproved him said there was too little.
- 65% of those feeling there was too much coal development approved of Baucus, 55% of those responding too little mining opposed his job performance.
- In terms of approval of Baucus, a majority (59%) approving and disapproving (54%), as well as a plurality (44%) who were undecided about the issue felt that gun laws should stay the same.

- In terms of Senator Baucus’ performance majorities of those who approved (62%) and disapproved (73%) of his behavior and 50% of the undecided opposed the legalization of marijuana.

**3. JOB PERFORMANCE OF SENATOR JOHN TESTER**

When asked, “At this point in time do you approve or disapprove of U. S. Senator Jon Tester’s job performance,” a plurality (44.7%) of those interviewed answered approve.

**JOB PERFORMANCE OF SENATOR JOHN TESTER**

<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Undecided/NA</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>44.7%</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A majority (78%) of Democrats approved of Tester, while a majority (62%) of Republicans and plurality (44%) of independents did not approve.
- Gender was not significant in opinions about Tester
- Income was not related to opinions about Tester
- Those aged 62+ (54%) liked Tester the most, while those aged 36-99 (52%) were the least supportive.
- 83% of the respondents approving of the President also approved of Tester, while a majority (57%) disapproving of the President also disapproved of Tester.
- A majority (51%) of those who felt the economy was improving supported Tester, while 70% of those who disapproved of his performance felt the economy was worse off.
- A majority (53%) of Tester supporters backed the affordable care act, while 83% of those who disapproved of him disapproved of the legislation.
- 72% of those approving of Tester disapproved of the Tea Party, while 45% of those disapproving of the Senator supported the group.
- 55% of Tester backers said the amount of wilderness was about right, 27% too little and 12% too much.
- 80% of those polled who approved of Tester felt there was too much oil development, 59% of individuals feeling there was too little development disapproved of him.
- 78% of Tester supporters said there was too much coal development, while 59% of those who opposed his performance replied too little.
- A majority or plurality of those who approved (52%) disapproved (60%) or were undecided (48%) about the issue felt that gun laws should be about the same.
- Majorities of those who approved (60%) disapproved (72%) or were undecided (56%) about Tester’s performance opposed the legislation of marijuana.

#### **4. JOB PERFORMANCE OF U. S. REPRESENTATIVE STEVE DAINES**

A plurality (38.8%) of those surveyed replied “approve” when asked, “Do you approve or disapprove of the overall job performance of Representative Steve Daines.” The results of this question fall within the +/-5% margin of error for this poll.

#### **JOB PERFORMANCE OF U. S. REPRESENTATIVE STEVE DAINES**

<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>	<b><u>Undecided/NA</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>39%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### **Statistically Significant Relations:**

- Gender was not significant in opinions about Daines.
- A majority of Republicans (53%) approved of Daines, a plurality (39%) of Democrats disapproved, and a majority (53%) of independents were undecided.
- Income was not related to opinions about Daines.
- Age was not related to the level of support.
- A majority (74%) who approved of Daines disapproved of the President 53%. 41% of those who disapproved of him also disapproved of the President.
- 75% of the respondents who approved of Daines opposed Obamacare. A majority (52%) who disapproved of him backed the legislation.
- A plurality (39%) that supported the Tea Party backed Daines, while 71% of those opposed to the group disapproved of him.
- 53% of Daines’ supporters replied there was too much wilderness, 32% said too little and 38% about right.
- 41% of those saying there was too much Bakken development disapproved of Daines 48% of those responding too little approved of him.
- 46% of those who felt there was too little coal development approved of Daines, 56% of those who disapproved said too much coal has been developed.
- A majority or plurality of respondents who approved (62%), disapproved (46%) or were undecided 53% about Daines felt that gun law should stay the same.
- 61% of Daines supporters felt the economy was worse off, 50% of individuals feeling it was better off disapproved of him.

### **III. MONTANA STATE ISSUES**

#### **1. SUPPORT FOR INCREASED FEDERAL WILDERNESS AREA IN MONTANA**

A plurality of those polled (48.7%) answered “about right” when asked the question, “At this time in Montana do you feel there is too little, about the right amount, or too little federal wilderness area.”

**SUPPORT FOR INCREASED FEDERAL WILDERNESS IN MONTANA**

<u>Too Much</u>	<u>About Right</u>	<u>Too Little</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
19.6%	48.8%	24.8%	6.8%	100%

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A majority of women (56%) and plurality of men (42%) felt there was about the right amount of federal wilderness area.
- A majority (55%) of Democrats and pluralities of Republicans (46%) and independents (42%) felt there was about the right amount of federal wilderness area.
- Age was not related to opinions about federal wilderness area.

**2. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF BAKKEN OIL IN MONTANA**

In answering the query, “Do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of Bakken oil deposits located in Montana, “a plurality (40.2%) of those polled replied “too little.”

**CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF BAKKEN OIL IN MONTANA**

<u>Too Much</u>	<u>Too Little</u>	<u>About Right</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
10%	40.2%	26.4%	23.4%	100%

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Pluralities of men (45%) and women (35%) thought there was too little oil development of the Bakken reserves.
- A majority of Republicans (51%) and independents felt there was too little oil development, while a plurality of Democrats (29%) felt there was about the right amount.
- Age was not related to opinions about the Bakken Oil Deposits
- 74% of those who felt there was too little Bakken development felt there was also too little coal development. While 42% of those saying there was too much oil development felt the same about coal.

### 3. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF MONTANA'S COAL RESERVES

A plurality (41%) of the interviewees said “too little” when asked the question, “Do you think there is “too much”, “too little”, or “about the right amount” of development of Montana’s coal reserves?”

#### CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF MONTANA'S COAL RESERVES

<u>Too Much</u>	<u>Too Little</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
9.2%	41%	34.8%	15%	100%

#### Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A majority (57%) of Republicans felt there was “too little” coal development, while a plurality of Democrats (45%) felt there was “about the right amount.”
- Age was not related to opinions about the coal reserves
- Gender was not related to opinions about the coal reserves

### 4. SUPPORT STRICTER GUN LAWS IN MONTANA

A majority (55 %) of the respondents answered “stay the same” when asked the question, “Do you think gun control laws in Montana should be more strict, stay the same, or less strict?”

#### SUPPORT STRICTER GUN CONTROL LAWS IN MONTANA

<u>More Strict</u>	<u>Stay Same</u>	<u>Less Strict</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
18%	55%	25%	2%	100%

#### Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A plurality (47%) of Democrats felt gun laws should stay the same, majorities of Republicans (61%) and independents felt the laws should stay the same.
- Gender was not related to opinion about gun laws in Montana.
- Education was not related to opinions about gun laws in Montana.
- 71% of individuals saying gun laws should be stricter liked Obama, while 83% replying less strict disapproved of the President’s performance.
- 85% of Tea Party opponents felt gun laws should be stricter, 48% of the groups supporters favored less strict laws.

**5. SUPPORT LEGALIZING MONTANA RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA**

When the question was asked, “Do you support or oppose the legalization of recreational use of marijuana in Montana,” a majority (63.9 %) of the interviewees answered “no”

**SUPPORT LEGALIZING MONTANA RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA**

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>32.4%</b>	<b>63.9%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- Majorities of Republicans (75%) and Democrats (52%) opposed legalization, as did 50% of independents.
- Majorities of all age groups opposed legalization.
- Gender was not related to the opinions about this legalization.
- A majority (69%) of those who supported legalization of marijuana also backed same sex marriage. A majority (55%) of individuals opposed to the legalization opposed same sex marriage.
- A majority (67%) of pro-Tea Party respondents opposed same sex marriage. A majority 64% of anti-Tea Party interviewers supported same sex marriage.

**6. SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN MONTANA**

A plurality (46.6 %) of the respondents replied “support” when asked, “Would you support or oppose the legalization of same sex marriage in Montana?” The results for this question fell with the +/-5% margin of error for this survey.

**SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN MONTANA**

<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>46.6%</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- A majority (76%) of Democrats and plurality of independents (47%) supported same sex marriage, while a majority (61%) of Republicans opposed them.

- Gender was not related to opinions about the issue.
- Education was not related to opinions on this issue.
- 75% of the respondents approving of Obama supported same sex marriage, while 58% opposed to his performance did not.

**7. VOTE IN MONTANA 2013 STATE HOUSE RACES**

In answering the question, “If the 2013 general election was held today, do you think you would vote for the Republican or Democratic state House of Representative candidate in your district”, a plurality of the interviewers (42.9%) said Republican.

**VOTE IN MONTANA 2012 STATE HOUSE RACES**

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Other/Don't Know</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>42.9%</b>	<b>31.7%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Statistically Significant Relationships:

- 79% of Democrats planned on voting for Democratic candidates, 82% of Republicans for their party’s nominees, and 27% of independents were undecided.
- Level of education was not related to vote intent.
- Level of income was not related to vote intent.
- Gender was not related to vote intent.
- 79% of those who approved of Obama planned on voting for a Democratic candidate, while 61% of those disapproving of his performance planned on voting Republican.
- A majority (77%) of those supporting Obamacare planned on voting for a Democrat, while 64% of those opposed to the law planned on voting Republican.
- A majority (65%) of those opposed to the Tea Party planned on voting Democratic. A majority (71%) of Tea Party supporters planned on voting Republican.
- 74% of those wanting stricter gun control said they would vote Democratic, while 58% of Republicans favoring less strict laws said they would vote Republican.
- A majority (51%) of Democrats who opposed legalizing marijuana planned on backing their party’s candidate, as did 73% of Republican voters opposed to legalization.
- A majority 74% of Democrats backing same sex marriage planned on voting for their party’s candidate. 58% of Republicans opposed to the concept said they would vote G.O.P.
- A majority (53%) of Republicans who felt there was too much wilderness planned on voting G.O.P., a plurality (44%) of Democrats feeling there was too much planned on voting for their party’s candidate.