Mountain States Poll

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Introduction

The Montana State University Billings Poll was first conducted in 1989 as the Eastern Montana College Poll under the direction of Dr. Craig Wilson. The Poll was renamed the Mountain States Poll in 2019. This report provides a summary of the statewide random sample of 204 Montana residents. Respondents were chosen through random digit dialing based on phone numbers provided by Scientific Telephone Samples (STS). Funding was provided for the Poll by the Department of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

The Mountain States Poll was conducted from October 11-22, 2021, in the Market Research Lab in the College of Business. The margin of error for the poll is 6.86%, with various subgroups having larger margins of error. The report contains cross-tabulations of the results based on political affiliation, gender, age, and education. The Poll was weighted based on gender, race, age, and education level. Weights were based on reports from the Census.

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1.At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's performance in office?

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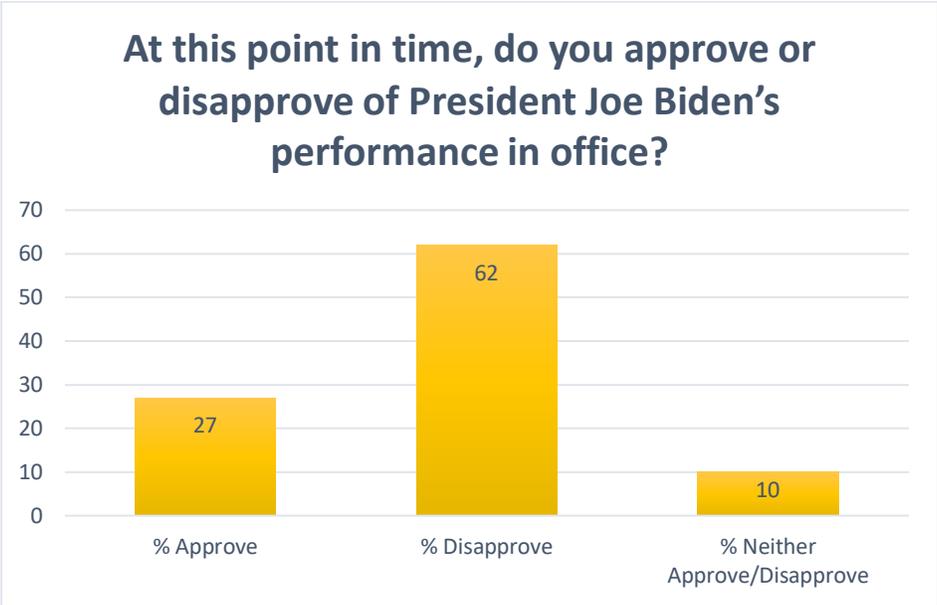
	Total	Party			Gender	
		Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	27	87	2	22	28	27
% Disapprove	62	3	97	64	62	61
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	10	8	2	13	9	11

	Age				Education			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	18	24	28	33	14	25	12	40
% Disapprove	71	50	64	61	76	68	77	48
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	7	24	7	7	10	6	8	11

2. At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden handled the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan?

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% Approve	% Disapprove	% Neither Approve/Disapprove
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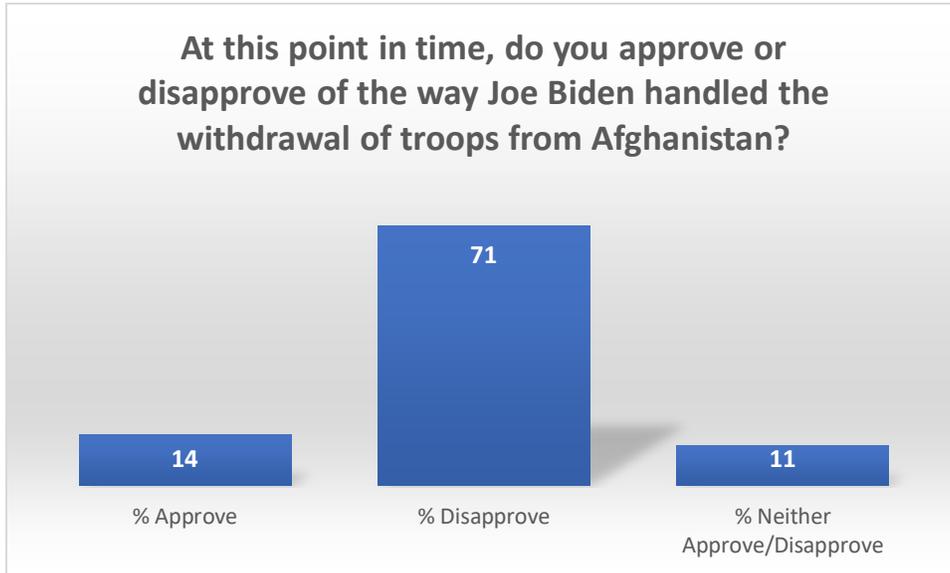
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	14	33	5	13	18	11
% Disapprove	71	23	94	77	70	72
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	11	39	0	8	9	14

	Age				**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	11	12	7	24	14	13	4	22
% Disapprove	75	67	78	64	71	78	81	59
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	14	12	12	9	11	6	4	17

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3. Do you approve or disapprove of resettling Afghan refugees in the United States?

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% Approve	41
% Disapprove	36
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	16
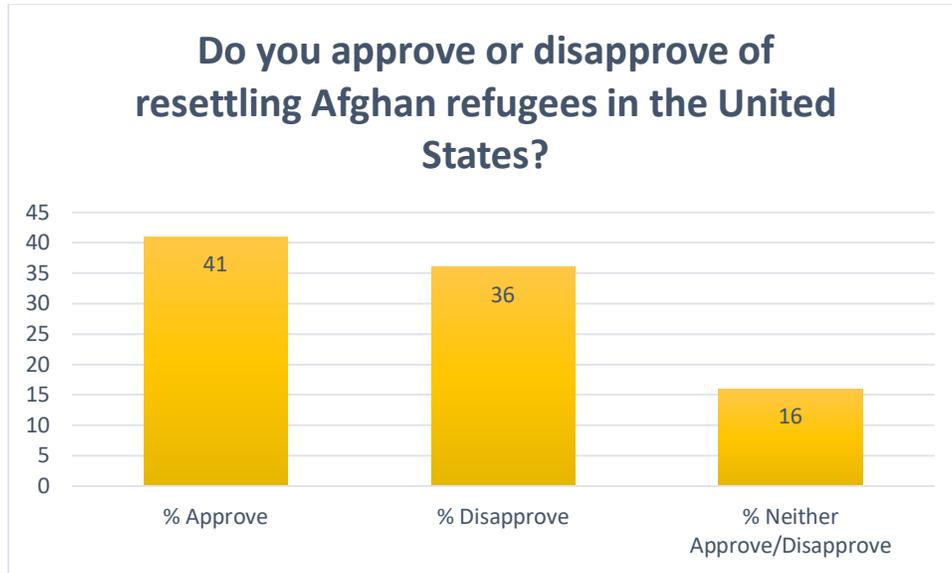
	Total	**Party**			**Gender**	
		Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	41	82	14	47	44	39
% Disapprove	36	3	59	34	33	37
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	16	8	22	13	15	18

	Age				**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	46	41	36	45	32	38	35	50
% Disapprove	25	29	36	39	46	31	12	30
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	18	18	21	13	20	19	39	16

4. At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the US Congress?

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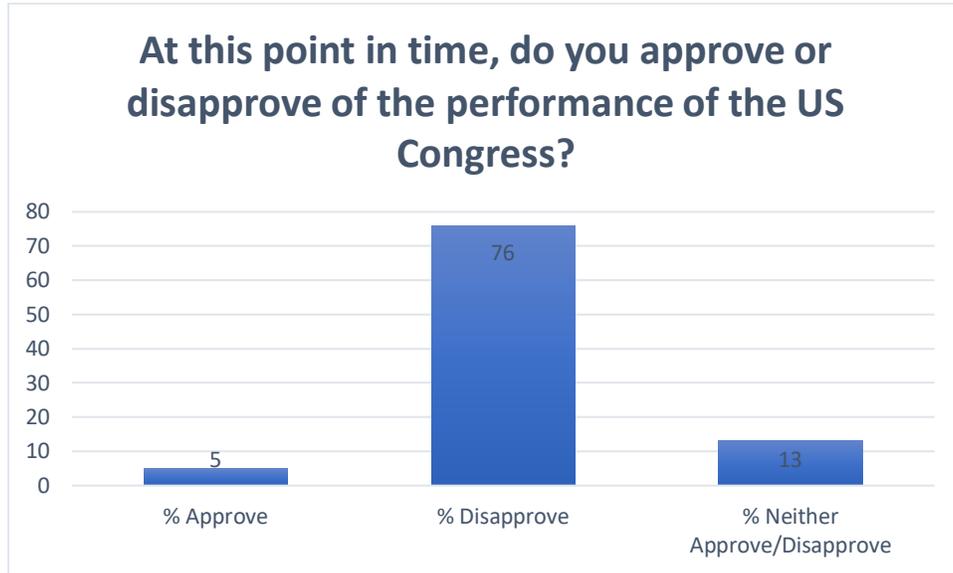
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	5	10	3	5	6	5
% Disapprove	76	51	84	80	73	78
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	13	21	10	14	16	11

		Age			**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	7	9	3	4	6	0	4	6
% Disapprove	64	59	83	82	78	78	81	73
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	21	26	9	9	10	13	8	18

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States legalizing the use of recreational marijuana at the federal level?

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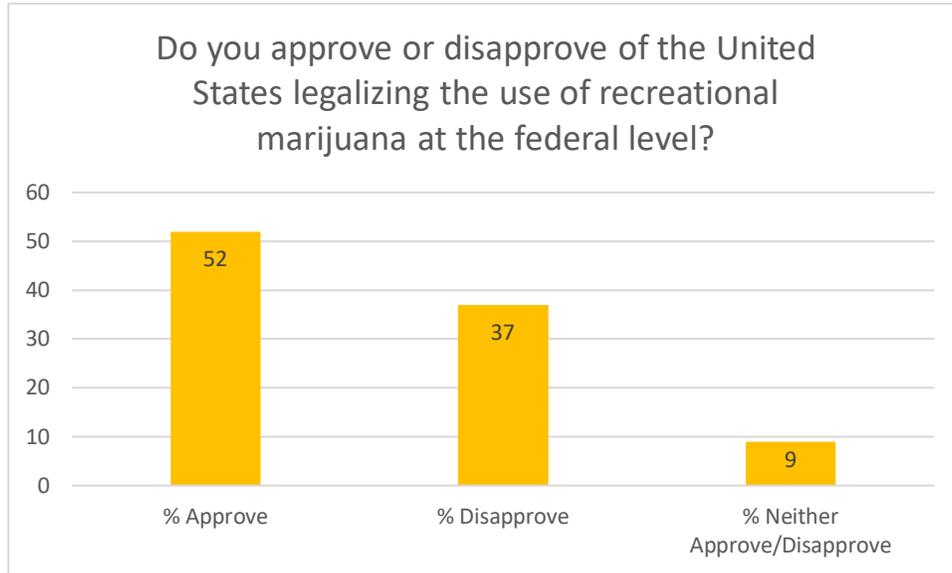
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	52	82	29	52	58	47
% Disapprove	37	10	63	33	31	43
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	9	8	6	13	9	9

		Age			**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	71	62	55	41	46	56	58	53
% Disapprove	21	26	31	51	48	38	35	32
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	7	9	14	5	4	6	8	11

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6. Do you think the United States should prioritize expanding fossil fuels or renewable energy sources?

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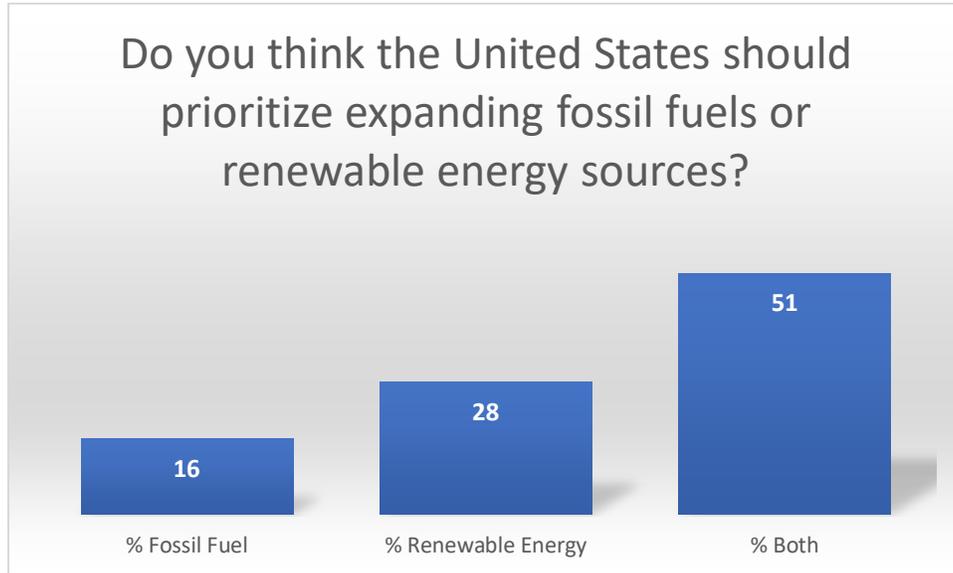
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Fossil Fuel	16	0	32	9	18	10
% Renewable Energy	28	28	6	28	31	26
% Both	51	69	57	58	49	55

	Age				**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Fossil Fuel	7	12	17	14	24	6	19	10
% Renewable Energy	25	32	26	32	18	22	19	40
% Both	61	47	55	49	50	59	62	48

7. At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of Governor Greg Gianforte's job performance?

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			51		
			30		
			15		

(Chart: % Approve = 51, % Disapprove = 30, % Neither Approve/Disapprove = 15)
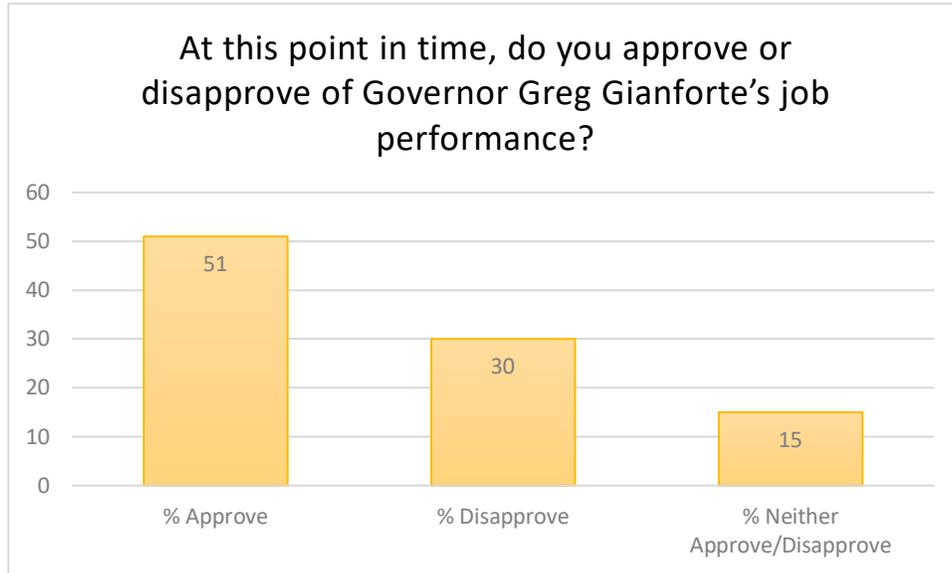
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	51	5	79	52	50	52
% Disapprove	30	77	2	33	32	29
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	15	15	16	13	15	14

	Age				**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	50	41	55	51	64	56	73	35
% Disapprove	32	38	26	32	22	22	8	45
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	18	18	14	13	12	16	12	17

8. At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of Congressperson Matthew Rosendale Sr.'s job performance?

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% Approve	% Disapprove	% Neither Approve/Disapprove
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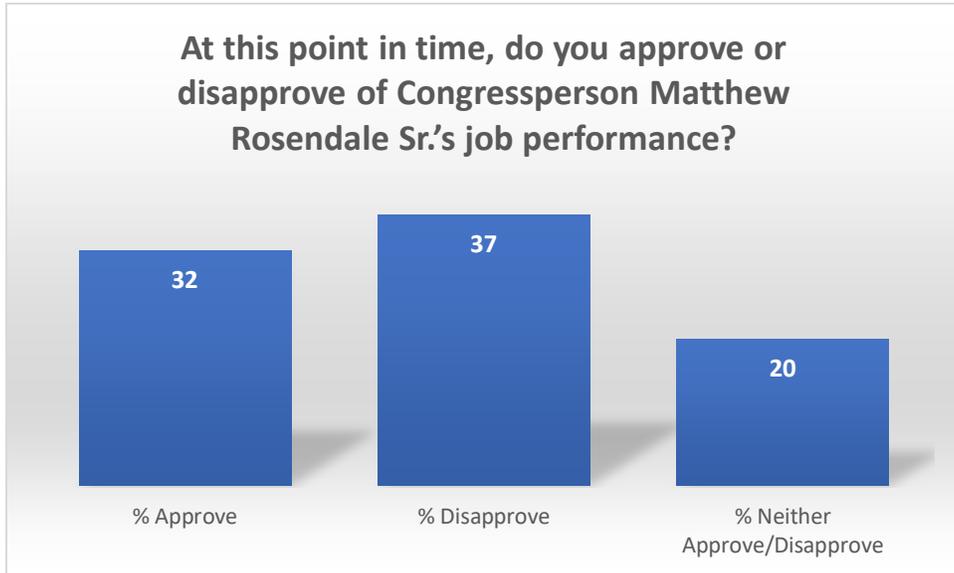
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	32	5	59	30	33	33
% Disapprove	37	85	11	42	40	35
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	20	8	21	17	18	21

	Age				**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	36	18	33	38	54	25	31	25
% Disapprove	29	44	31	43	18	31	23	55
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	21	32	22	11	20	22	27	16

**9. At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of Senator Steve Daines' job performance?**


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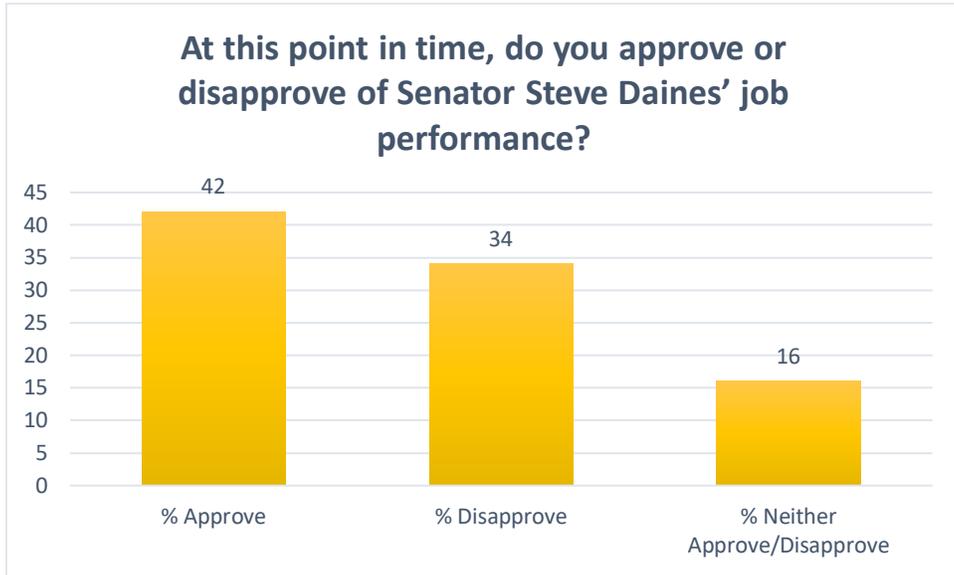
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	42	8	70	34	39	47
% Disapprove	34	82	10	38	39	30
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	16	8	11	19	15	14

		Age			**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	39	26	43	51	56	28	62	35
% Disapprove	21	41	34	37	26	34	12	47
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	32	29	10	5	12	19	15	15

10. At this point in time, do you approve or disapprove of Senator Jon Tester's job performance?
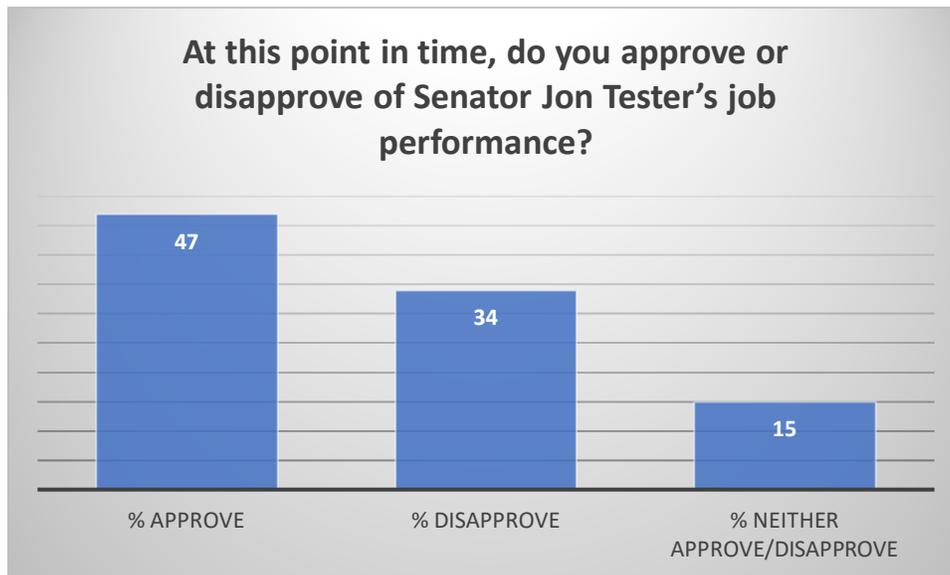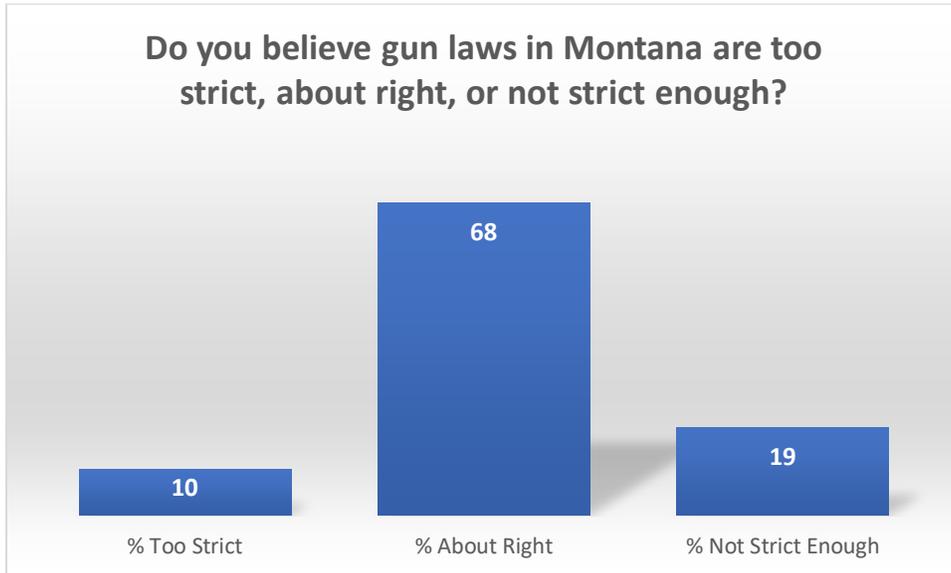

		Party			Gender	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	47	92	24	45	46	50
% Disapprove	34	5	56	38	39	27
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	15	3	14	16	10	18

		Age			Education			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	43	53	41	53	38	47	35	56
% Disapprove	39	18	38	33	44	31	50	24
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	14	21	16	12	14	13	12	16

**11. Do you approve or disapprove of state tax dollars being used toward private religious schools in Montana?**
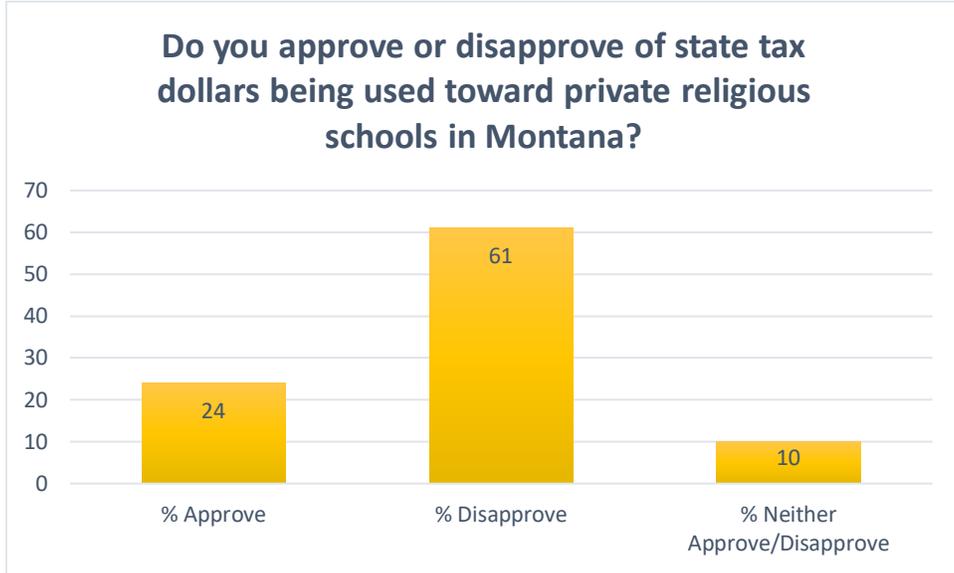
		Party			**Gender**	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Approve	24	8	30	23	22	27
% Disapprove	61	90	49	61	61	62
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	10	0	16	11	11	8

		Age			**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Approve	14	24	31	22	20	34	27	23
% Disapprove	75	62	59	59	60	50	62	66
% Neither Approve/Disapprove	11	15	9	8	12	16	4	8

12. Do you believe gun laws in Montana are too strict, about right, or not strict enough?
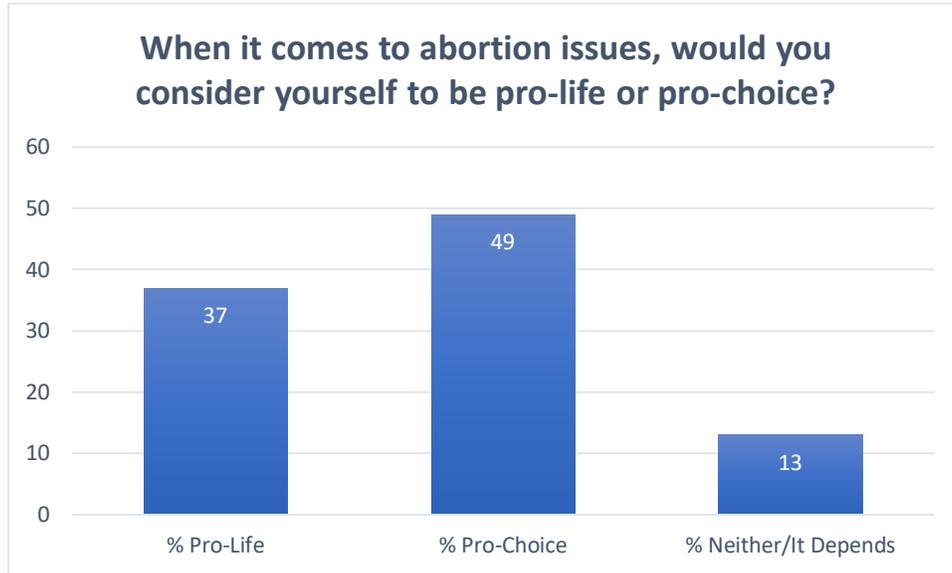

	Total	Party			Gender	
		Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Too Strict	10	5	11	11	13	5
% About Right	68	33	86	70	65	73
% Not Strict Enough	19	56	3	16	18	21

	Age				Education			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Too Strict	21	9	9	7	10	13	19	5
% About Right	71	76	66	67	72	66	62	70
% Not Strict Enough	7	15	22	22	16	19	15	23

13. Do you agree or disagree that a COVID-19 vaccine should be mandated?

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT A COVID-19 VACCINE SHOULD BE MANDATED?
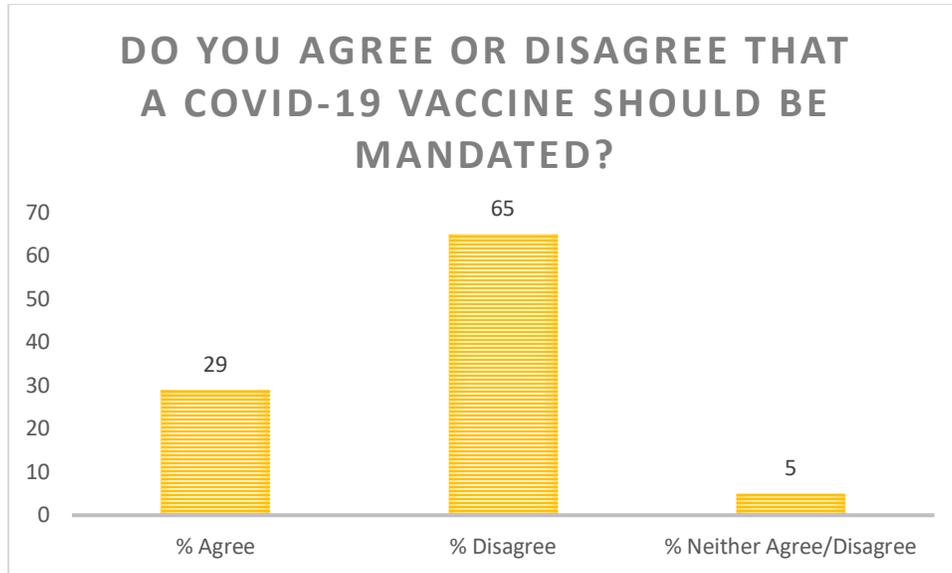
	Total	Party			Gender	
		Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Agree	29	79	3	25	27	30
% Disagree	65	8	97	70	67	62
% Neither Agree/Disagree	5	10	0	3	4	7

	Age				Education			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Agree	18	24	24	37	22	25	8	40
% Disagree	82	65	71	55	78	72	77	52
% Neither Agree/Disagree	0	9	3	7	0	3	15	5

14. When it comes to abortion issues, would you consider yourself to be pro-life or pro-choice?

		Party			Gender	
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman
% Pro-Life	37	13	57	33	31	43
% Pro-Choice	49	82	19	56	52	46
% Neither/It Depends	13	3	22	11	15	10

		Age			Education			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Pro-Life	18	6	47	50	42	38	50	31
% Pro-Choice	68	50	45	46	40	44	35	60
% Neither/It Depends	11	44	7	4	16	19	15	8

15. Do you think abortion should be legal under all circumstances, legal under specific circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
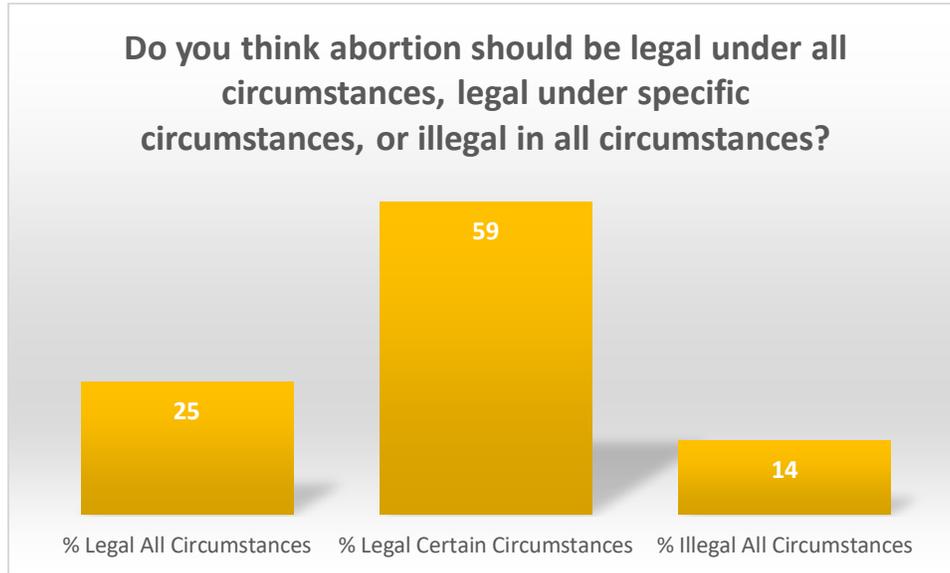
		Party			**Gender**			
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Man	Woman	Pro-Life	Pro-Choice
% Legal All Circumstances	25	51	6	27	28	23	0	50
% Legal Certain Circumstances	59	41	68	61	61	55	62	47
% Illegal All Circumstances	14	0	25	11	10	20	37	1
		Age			**Education**			
	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
% Legal All Circumstances	25	26	31	21	16	28	19	32
% Legal Certain Circumstances	64	65	59	54	62	53	69	56
% Illegal All Circumstances	11	6	10	21	20	16	12	11

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Sample Composition Before Weighting

Party				Gender				
Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Other	Man	Woman			
20%	32%	32%	14%	53%	47%			

Age				Education			
18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Up to high school	Some college	2-year degree	4-year degree+
14%	17%	29%	39%	25%	16%	13%	45%

Race			
White	Black	Native American	More than one
88%	1%	3%	3%