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OHIO'S SENATE RACE

In the heated race for U.S. Senate in Ohio, Democratic challenger Sherrod Brown leads incumbent Republican Mike DeWine by 14 points among likely voters. 49% of likely voters say they will vote for Brown next month, while 35% say they will cast their vote for DeWine. Results are similar among registered voters: 48% would vote for Brown, and 34% would vote for DeWine.

OHIO SENATE VOTE
(Among Likely Voters)

Brown	49%
DeWine	35
Don't know	9

The race is dominated by concerns about the economy - and negative assessments of President Bush and the Republican Party.

In addition, Ohio Democrats are particularly energized about voting in general this year. 58% of them say they are more enthusiastic than usual, compared to just 32% of Republican voters. That trend is also evident nationally, although the gap between the two parties is much smaller; nationally, 50% of Democrats are enthusiastic, compared to 35% of Republicans.

ENTHUSIASM COMPARED TO PAST CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS
(Among Likely Voters)

	Ohio				U.S.
	All	Reps	Dems	Inds	(10/9/2006)
More	45%	32%	58%	43%	43%
Less	29	38	19	32	35
Same	23	27	22	21	20

Although some political observers have speculated that the scandal involving former Congressman Mark Foley (R-FL) and the reaction of the Republican leadership might depress turnout, Ohio's Republican voters say this issue on its own has not deterred them: 85% say the Foley scandal will make no difference in their vote. 39% of Democrats say it will make them more likely to vote Democratic. 14% of Independents say it will steer them to the Democratic side.

HAS THE FOLEY SCANDAL MADE YOU...

(Among Likely Voters)

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
More likely to vote Republican	2%	0%	6%	1%
More likely to vote Democratic	21	39	4	14
Less likely to vote at all	2	1	1	3
Makes no difference	73	58	85	79

WHO'S VOTING FOR BROWN?

Men and women support Brown by similar margins. Brown gets the support of a majority of Democrats and liberals. He leads 44% to 31% among Independents, and among moderates 54% to 29%. DeWine gets the backing of 76% of Republicans, and 56% of conservatives. Still, a quarter of conservatives say they will vote for Brown, the Democrat next month. While a majority of white evangelicals are backing DeWine, 34% say they will vote for Brown.

OHIO SENATE VOTE - DEMOGRAPHICS

(Among Likely Voters)

	Brown	DeWine
Men	48%	36
Women	50%	34
Republicans	12%	76
Democrats	84%	7
Independents	44%	31
Liberals	72%	17
Moderates	54%	29
Conservatives	28%	56
White evangelicals	34%	52
<u>Church attendance</u>		
Weekly	39%	46
Almost weekly	46%	41
Less often	55%	31
Never	54%	27
<u>President 2004</u>		
Kerry Voters	83%	7
Bush Voters	18%	67

In the 2004 presidential election in Ohio, women voters were split in their vote, while 52% of men voted for George W. Bush and 47% voted for John Kerry. Independents and moderates went for Kerry, while white evangelical voters supported Bush over Kerry by 76% to 24%.

Brown does surprisingly well in parts of the state that should vote Republican - but these areas are especially hit this year with competitive House elections in Republican districts, along with a whiff of scandal: they include the district of Representative Bob Ney, and Deborah Pryce, who has been touched by the fallout from the Mark Foley investigation.

While 61% of likely voters who have made a candidate choice say their mind is made up, almost four in 10 say it is too early to say for sure. Among DeWine's supporters, more than half say their mind is made up, but 45% say they could change their mind. Brown backers appear somewhat more solid. 66% of them say their mind is made up.

IS YOUR MIND MADE UP?...

(Among Likely Voters)

	All	Brown Voters	DeWine Voters
Yes	61%	66%	54%
No	39	34	45

THE PRESIDENT AND THE ISSUES

President George W. Bush is a negative factor in the election for U.S. Senate in Ohio. Just 10% of likely voters say they think of their Senate vote as one in support of the President, while three times as many - 31% - say theirs will be a vote against him. Still, most likely voters - 56% - say their vote will not be about the President.

SENATE VOTE WILL BE:

(Among Likely Voters)

For Bush	10%
Against Bush	31
Not about Bush	56

30% of likely voters in Ohio say that if George W. Bush supported a candidate in their area they would be less likely to vote for the candidate, while just 11% say the President's involvement would make them more likely to do so. Nearly six in 10 say the President's support would not affect their vote.

THE DOMINANT ISSUE - THE ECONOMY

Local issues trump national ones in Ohio this election cycle. 45% of registered voters say they will base their vote on local issues, while 35% will vote based on national issues.

That's quite a different dynamic than national polls have shown. In a CBS News/New York Times poll conducted in September, far fewer - 27% - of registered voters said they would vote based on local issues, and 63% said their vote would be determined by national issues.

VOTE BASED ON...?

(Among Registered Voters)

	Ohio	U.S. (9/2006)
National issues	35%	63%
Local issues	45	27

One issue in particular is dominant. When offered a list of issues, voters in Ohio choose the economy and jobs as the one that will matter most in their vote decision for U.S. Senate. 46% of likely voters say the economy will matter most. (In this poll, 65% of Ohioans say the state's economy is

in bad shape.) The economy and jobs is followed by health care with 17%, terrorism with 15%, and 13% say Iraq will matter most in their vote.

WHICH ISSUE WILL MATTER MOST IN YOUR VOTE FOR SENATE?

(Among Likely Voters)

Economy and jobs	46%
Health care	17
Terrorism	15
Iraq	13
Something else	7

The economy and Iraq appear to be issues that are working for Brown. Majorities of likely voters who choose either the economy and jobs or Iraq as the issue that will matter most say they will vote for Brown next month. A majority of those who choose terrorism say they will vote for DeWine.

ISSUES THAT MATTER AND THE SENATE VOTE

(Among Likely Voters)

	All	Vote for Brown	Vote for DeWine
Economy and jobs	46%	57%	28
Health care	17	51%	31
Terrorism	15	20%	70
Iraq	13	63%	29

Another indication that the economy is a prevailing issue in this race is that earlier in the questionnaire respondents were asked to volunteer, in their own words, which issue facing Ohio would most matter in their vote for Senate. 47% of likely voters cited the economy and jobs - far ahead of any other issue. Education followed with 13%, and taxes with 5%. When asked to volunteer an issue facing the country that will be important in their vote for Senate, the economy and jobs again topped the list with 23%, followed by the war in Iraq (17%) and terrorism (9%).

VIEWS OF THE SENATE CANDIDATES

Voters in Ohio are split in their overall opinions of Brown, the Democratic challenger: 25% view Brown favorably, while 19% have an unfavorable opinion of him. Still, with only three weeks remaining before the election, 55% of Ohio voters are undecided or unable to offer an opinion of the Congressman.

Incumbent DeWine, who is seeking his third term, is viewed somewhat more negatively. 21% have a favorable opinion of him, while 32% of view him unfavorably. 46% did not offer an opinion one way or the other.

VIEWS OF THE CANDIDATES

(Among Registered Voters)

	Brown	DeWine
Favorable	25%	21%
Not favorable	19	32
Undecided/haven't heard enough	55	46

Moreover, just 36% of Ohio residents approve of the job DeWine is doing as Senator; 39% disapprove. George Voinovich, the junior Senator from Ohio who is not running this year, fares better. 45% of Ohioans approve of the job George Voinovich is doing as Senator, while 27% disapprove.

SENATE JOB APPROVALS

	DeWine	Voinovich
Approve	36%	45%
Disapprove	39	27
Don't know	25	28

In terms of ideology, 35% of voters perceive Brown as a liberal, 27% describe him as a moderate, while just 13% think he's a conservative. As for DeWine, he is perceived as a conservative by 36% of voters. 28% say he's a moderate, and 11% think he's a liberal.

DO YOU THINK OF ... AS A LIBERAL, A MODERATE, OR A CONSERVATIVE?

(Among Registered Voters)

	Brown	DeWine
Liberal	35%	11%
Moderate	27	28
Conservative	13	36

44% of Republicans view DeWine as a moderate, as do 27% of conservatives. 38% of Republican conservatives view DeWine as a moderate.

THE SENATE CAMPAIGN

Most Ohio voters are watching the political campaigns in their state closely. 39% of likely voters they say they are paying a lot of attention to the campaign, and another 49% are paying some attention. Just 12% are not paying much attention.

A majority of Ohio voters have seen television ads for both Senate candidates - 73% say they have seen ads for both Brown and DeWine. Only 10% say they have not seen any ads for Brown or DeWine.

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY TV ADS FOR THE SENATE CANDIDATES?

(Among Registered Voters)

Brown	5%
DeWine	9
Both	73
No, neither	10

Not only have Ohio voters seen ads, but many have been contacted by the campaigns as well. 41% of voters say they have been contacted on behalf of the Senate candidates. Among those contacted, 23% say they have been contacted by the DeWine campaign, while the same number has been contacted by Brown's campaign. 41% say both campaigns have contacted them.

WHICH SENATE CAMPAIGN HAS CONTACTED YOU?

(Among voters who have been contacted)

Brown	23%
DeWine	23
Both	41

Ohio voters view both Senate candidates as being on the attack. More than six in 10 say each candidate is spending more time attacking their opponent than explaining what he would do as Senator.

CANDIDATES ARE SPENDING MORE TIME:

(Among Registered Voters)

	Brown	DeWine
Explaining what they would do	22%	20%
Attacking their opponent	63	65

Many registered voters in Ohio are talking about the Senate campaign: 42% have discussed the Senate race in the last week or so, while 58% have not. Among those who have discussed the campaign with their family or friends, 20% have talked about who they are voting for, 20% have discussed the candidates' positions on the issues, and 11% have talked about other issues.

TALKED WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT SENATE CAMPAIGN

(Among Registered Voters)

Yes	42%
No	58

So far, few have seen any campaigning by religious leaders. Only 3% of voters say that the clergyman of their church or synagogue has urged them to vote for a particular candidate or party this year.

THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE

Ted Strickland, the Democratic candidate for Ohio Governor, has a sizable lead over his opponent, Ohio Secretary of State and Republican Ken Blackwell. Among those likely to vote in November, Strickland garners 54% of the vote, and Blackwell receives just 29%.

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR

(Among Likely Voters)

Strickland	54%
Blackwell	29

Strickland receives the support of nearly all Democratic likely voters, but the same can't be said of Blackwell and voters from his party; 21% of Republican likely voters say they will support Strickland. And Blackwell also loses the support of key Republican constituencies: 34% of conservatives and 37% of white evangelical voters say they will support the Democratic candidate for governor.

Strickland is advantaged by the low ratings given to the CURRENT Republican Governor, Bob Taft - just 16% of registered voters and 14% of likely voters approve of how Taft is doing his job.

Voters see the state's economy in bad shape, and political corruption as widespread in their state - 52% say it is, as opposed to 42% who believe it is limited to a few isolated incidents. Majorities of Democrats (63%) and Independents (52%) agree that corruption is widespread in Ohio politics. Most Republicans - who currently control the governor's seat and both houses of the state legislature - think political corruption is limited.

HOW COMMON IS POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN OHIO?

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Widespread	52%	39%	63%	52%
Limited	42	55	33	41

Corruption is considered a particular problem for the Ohio GOP: four in 10 voters say the Ohio Republican party has the more corrupt politicians, while far fewer say the Democratic Party does. One quarter volunteer that both are equally corrupt. Results among likely voters are similar.

WHICH OHIO PARTY IS MORE CORRUPT?
(Among Registered Voters)

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Republicans	43%	14%	71%	38%
Democrats	12	26	1	10
Both equal	27	33	16	32

There are, though, big partisan differences on this: Republicans are more likely to say the Democrats are more corrupt, while most Democrats see the GOP as such.

Those Republicans who are supporting Strickland think Ohio is on the wrong track, rate the state's economy very poorly, and think corruption in Ohio is widespread. But a more personal reason could be influencing these voters -- a dislike for Blackwell, whom they view unfavorably, and a favorable opinion of Ted Strickland.

Views of Strickland are mostly positive among those voters with an opinion, but views of Blackwell are mostly negative. 31% of voters have a favorable opinion of Strickland, and 17% are unfavorable. But 38% have a negative opinion of Blackwell, and 16% are favorable.

VIEWS OF THE CANDIDATES
(Among Registered Voters)

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Strickland	31%	17	51
Blackwell	16%	38	45

Blackwell may be paying the price for his controversial handling of the 2004 election in Ohio; among those voters who think that election was not fair and accurate, 55% have a negative view of him now. Views of Blackwell are also negative among African Americans (Blackwell himself is African American), and are divided among white evangelicals. 22% of conservatives have a negative opinion of him as well.

Overall, about four in 10 voters think this has been a nasty race, including one in four who thinks both candidates have attacked each other unfairly.

Another one in 10 thinks Ken Blackwell has attacked his opponent unfairly, while 5% think Strickland has.

There is still some opportunity for movement in this race. 34% of likely voters who've made a choice say their mind is not yet made up (although 65% say it is).

THE STATE OF THE STATE

One out of 4 Ohio residents believe that things in Ohio are headed in the right direction, while seven out of 10 think things are off on the wrong track. The same is true when Ohioans look at the direction of the country as whole.

RIGHT DIRECTION OR WRONG TRACK?

	Ohio	U.S.
Right direction	23%	26%
Wrong track	71	70

But there is at least one issue that most Ohioans perceive as worse for their state than for the country - the condition of the economy. 65% of Ohioans believe the Ohio economy is at least somewhat bad, with 28% saying it is very bad. In contrast, Ohioans are evenly divided when asked about the condition of the national economy - 49% say it is good, while 50% say it is bad.

OHIO ECONOMY VS. NATIONAL ECONOMY

	Ohio	U.S.
Good	34%	49%
Bad	65	50

Ohioans rate the condition of the national economy lower than do Americans overall. Nationally, a majority of Americans (60%) believe the U.S. economy is in good shape.

Ohioans are particularly concerned about job loss. 63% of Ohio residents believe that the number of jobs in their community has decreased over the last four years, while 23% think the number of jobs has stayed about the same. Only one in 10 Ohioans believe that jobs have increased. Ohio's unemployment rate is 5.7% - tied with Tennessee as the seventh highest unemployment rate in the nation.

HAVE LOCAL JOBS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS...?

Increased	11%
Decreased	63
Stayed the same	23

Many Ohio residents are feeling the pinch personally. 69% say they do not make enough to put money into savings, and nearly one out of 5 Ohio residents say they do not earn enough to cover their bills and financial obligations. 28% of Ohio residents say that someone in their household has been out of work and looking for a job over the past twelve months, and 44% are at least somewhat concerned that a member of their household will lose their job in the next twelve months. 23% say they are very concerned.

IS VOTING FAIR?

In the wake of accusations of vote fraud in Ohio in 2004 (and 38% of Ohio voters think the presidential vote count in Ohio was not fair and accurate), some Ohio voters are worried about potential vote problems in the coming election. 36% say they are very or somewhat concerned about encountering problems that will either prevent them from voting or prevent their vote from being counted accurately in November. This is an even greater concern among Democrats; 53% are concerned.

CONCERN ABOUT VOTING PROBLEMS

(Among Registered Voters)

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Very concerned	15%	5%	23%	14%
Somewhat concerned	21	14	30	18
Not at all/not very concerned	64	80	46	67

Most African American voters are worried about voting problems. Most voters who think the 2004 Ohio vote was not fair and accurate are also concerned about what will happen this year.

Ohio voters express widespread dissatisfaction with the current voting methods in the U.S. 61% think the U.S. needs to find ways to make methods used for voting and counting votes more accurate, while 37% think current methods are as accurate as possible.

OHIO ON THE ISSUES

The President's job approval rating among Ohio residents is 34% - matching his job approval rating for the whole country.

BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Approve	34%	34%
Disapprove	61	60

Republicans in Ohio are slightly more likely than Republicans nationally to approve of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, while Democrats in Ohio have a slightly more negative view of the President than they do nationally.

The President's ratings on specific issues in Ohio are similar to his ratings nationally.

BUSH'S APPROVAL RATINGS

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Terrorism	48%	46%
Economy	33%	34%
Iraq	32%	30%

Many Ohioans are skeptical of the way the President is handling the situation with North Korea - four out of 10 residents of Ohio disapprove, slightly more than those who approve. Another one out of 4 Ohioans don't know enough about the situation to say either way.

BUSH'S HANDLING OF NORTH KOREA

Approve	36%
Disapprove	40
Don't know	24

FIXING THE ECONOMY

Ohio has experienced significant job loss, and many of those jobs have gone overseas. It isn't surprising, therefore, that 66% think that U.S. trade with other countries loses more jobs for the U.S.

TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES...

Loses jobs	66%
Creates jobs	18
No effect on jobs	9

One issue that will be on the ballot in November will be to raise the minimum wage to \$6.85 an hour from \$5.15, and Ohioans strongly support that effort. 84% of Ohioans favor it, including 77% who do so strongly. Among likely voters, views are much the same; 76% favor that strongly, and another 8% favor it but not so strongly.

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$6.85

	All	Likely Voters
Favor strongly	77%	76%
Favor not so strongly	7	8
Oppose	13	14

This poll identifies a core group of economically disaffected people. 28% of Ohioans say an adult in their household has been out of work and actively looking for a job in the past year. These people offer harsh assessments of their state: 81% think it is on the wrong track, and 7 in 10 rate the economy there poorly. Four in 10 of this group are Democrats, and nearly one in 5 are African American. Just under a third says the economy and jobs and unemployment will be the most important issues in their Senate vote. And they will vote Democratic, supporting Brown over DeWine (57% to 25%) in the Senate race, and Strickland over Blackwell (65% to 25%) in the Governor's race.

Many Ohioans lack economic security. One in five say they are not getting by financially, and 23% are very concerned that someone in their household may be laid off or out of work in the next year.

And 69% of Ohioans believe that trade restrictions are necessary to protect domestic industries (and presumably, jobs). Just 23% think free trade must be allowed, even if domestic industries are hurt by foreign competition.

Households with a union member (about 25% in our poll) also express harsh views of the Ohio economy. 74% think the Ohio economy is very or somewhat bad, and 77% say that jobs in their community have decreased in the last four years. 73% think trade with other countries loses jobs for the U.S., and 77% believe that trade needs to be restricted to protect those jobs.

Nine in 10 likely voters in union households support raising the minimum wage, including 86% who support it very strongly.

Most Ohioans also view illegal immigration as a serious problem. 55% see it as a very serious problem, and another 31% see it as somewhat serious.

IRAQ

Compared to the country as a whole, Ohioans are slightly more supportive of the war in Iraq. 45% think it was the right thing to do, while 49% think the U.S. ought to have stayed out. Nationally, 40% think it was the right thing to do, and 55% believe the U.S. should have stayed out.

	WAR IN IRAQ	
	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Right thing	45%	40%
Should have stayed out	49	55

With that exception, Ohioans' views of the war mirror those found nationwide. 33% think the war is going well, while far more, 65%, think it is going badly.

Just over half would like to see U.S. troops start coming home, also similar to Americans' views as a whole. 25% think the U.S. ought to keep the same number of troops there, and 15% think troop levels ought to be increased.

	U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ	
	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Increased	15%	17%
Keep same	25	21
Decrease	23	26
Remove all	30	30

51% see the war in Iraq as separate from the war on terrorism; 45% think it is part of that war.

And while a plurality believe the war in Iraq has not affected the threat of terrorism against the U.S., 38% think it has made it worse.

	WAR IN IRAQ EFFECT ON TERROR THREAT	
	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Increased	38%	34%
Decreased	15	12
Stayed the same	46	52

Many doubt the veracity of the President's comments about the war. Only 15% think George W. Bush is telling the entire truth about how things are going in Iraq, while 51% think he is telling the truth but hiding something, and 31% think he is mostly lying.

Ohioans in households with a family member who is serving or who has served in Iraq (14% of Ohio households) are divided as to whether military action there was the right thing to do; 44% say it was, 51% say it was not. They are very negative about how the war is going now: 22% say it is going well,

while three times as many, 75%, think it is going badly. 55% would like to see U.S. troops start to come home. There have been 125 U.S. military fatalities from Ohio since the conflict in Iraq began.

Although nearly all Ohioans have heard or read at least something about North Korea's recent test of a nuclear device, 71% think that country represents a threat that can be contained for now.

THE FOLEY FALLOUT IN OHIO

Ohioans think the Republican leadership acted improperly in their handling of the scandal involving former Congressman Mark Foley. Americans as a whole feel the same.

GOP LEADERS' HANDLING OF FOLEY SITUATION WAS...

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Proper	28%	27%
Improper	46	51
Not sure	26	22

30% of Ohio Republicans see the GOP's Congressional leadership as handling the situation improperly but more, 40%, think they handled it properly. Most Democrats, 59%, believe it was handled improperly.

And most Ohioans believe Republican leaders were more concerned with their own political standing than with the safety of the Congressional pages. Most Americans believe the same.

GOP LEADERS' WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH...

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Safety of pages	17%	10%
Their own political standing	65	79

As have Americans nationwide, Ohioans have heard a lot about the scandal. Eight in ten have heard something and more than half, 51%, say they've heard or read a lot.

Among all Ohioans, the Democrats are seen as more likely to share Americans' moral values. These views are much the same as among all Americans.

WHICH PARTY SHARES YOUR MORAL VALUES?

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Democrats	47%	47%
Republicans	38	38

Overall, Congress gets low marks in Ohio - even lower than it does nationwide.

CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Approve	22%	27%
Disapprove	65%	64

An overwhelming number of Ohioans, 76%, cannot name anything that Congress has accomplished in the past two years. These findings are similar to those found among Americans nationwide in September, when 75% could not name a single thing.

In general, Ohioans do not feel Congress shares the moral values of most Americans. Just 31% think it does. However, more - 47% - think their own Representative matches those values.

DOES...SHARE YOUR MORAL VALUES?

	Yes	No
Congress	31%	60
Your own representative	47%	34

DEMOCRATIC ADVANTAGES

The Democratic Party holds a sizeable advantage in being perceived as able to create jobs, and able to make the right spending decisions with taxpayer money.

OHIO: WHICH PARTY...?

(Among Registered Voters)

	Democrats	Republicans
Makes right spending decisions	47%	30
Would create more jobs	54%	27

Voters nationwide also said the Democrats would make better spending decisions in the latest nationwide CBS News/New York Times poll.

One of the current campaign charges from Republicans is that a Democratic Congress would raise taxes. 39% of Ohio voters agree - but nearly as many think their taxes will rise under a GOP Congress, too. Republicans do have an edge on being able to hold the line on taxes, though: 56% think taxes would stay the same under Republicans; fewer - 48% - think their taxes would stay the same if the Democrats take control.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR TAXES IF...

(Among Registered Voters)

	Increase	Stay same	Decrease
Dems win Congress	39%	48	8
Reps keep Congress	34%	56	5

Ohio voters earning over \$50,000 per year are more likely to think their taxes would increase under a Democratic Congress (more than four in ten think so) than those earning under \$50,000, of whom three in ten expect an increase.

PARTISAN VOTING AND THE PARTIES

About one in 10 Ohio voters say they always cast their votes for Democrats, and slightly fewer do the same for Republicans. This is about the same in the Buckeye state as it is nationwide. Another one-quarter of Ohio voters say they usually vote Republican, and about another quarter usually vote Democratic. 34% vote equally for candidates from each party. This group of

people, who might be viewed as 'swing voters,' is not much larger in Ohio than it is nationwide.

DO YOU USUALLY VOTE...
(Among Registered Voters)

	Ohio	U.S. (10/9/2006)
Always for Republicans	5%	7%
Usually for Republicans	24	21
About equally for both	34	30
Usually for Democrats	22	25
Always for Democrats	10	14

Self-described Independents in Ohio (those who claim no party identification) look very even-handed in distributing their votes - nearly two-thirds of them say they split their choices equally between the parties. 13% of Ohio Independents usually vote Republican, and 13% usually back Democrats, though they don't consider themselves part of the party.

As it stands now, among those voters who usually cast ballots equally for either party, Democrat Sherrod Brown has a slight lead in the Senate race, and Democrats have an edge in the generic Congressional choice.

Still, as with Americans nationwide, Ohio voters say they'd like to have elections without party labels.

This poll was conducted among a statewide random sample of 1164 adults in Ohio, interviewed by telephone October 11-15, 2006. The sample included 1020 registered voters. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points and plus or minus three points among registered voters. Each registered voter is assigned a probability of voting, which is used to calculate the likely voter results. The sum of these probabilities is the effective number of likely voters. The effective number of likely voters is 689. The error due to sampling for likely voters could be plus or minus four points.

CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL
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q1 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2006 election campaigns in Ohio this year -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	***** LIKELY VOTERS *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	39	39	41	37
Some	49	47	48	52
Not much	10	13	10	9
No attention	2	1	2	2
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q2 How likely is it that you will vote in the 2006 election in November -- would you say you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote in the election?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
Definitely vote	69	73	78	57
Probably vote	16	16	12	19
Probably not vote	7	4	5	9
Definitely not vote	7	5	4	11
Already voted (Vol.)	1	1	0	1
DK/NA	0	1	1	3

q3 Compared to previous Congressional elections, this year: Are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

	***** LIKELY VOTERS *****			
More enthusiastic	45	32	58	43
Less enthusiastic	29	38	19	32
Same (Vol.)	23	27	22	21
DK/NA	3	3	1	4

q4 Is your opinion of Mike DeWine favorable, not favorable, undecided or haven't you heard enough about Mike DeWine yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
Favorable	21	38	7	22
Not favorable	32	12	50	30
Undecided	32	33	27	36
Haven't heard enough	14	16	15	11
Refused	1	1	1	1

q5 Is your opinion of Sherrod Brown favorable, not favorable, undecided or haven't you heard enough about Sherrod Brown yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Favorable	25	8	44	20
Not favorable	19	34	8	17
Undecided	32	30	30	37
Haven't heard enough	23	26	18	25
Refused	1	2	0	1

q6 If the 2006 election for U.S. Senate were being held today, would you vote for Mike DeWine, the Republican candidate, OR for Sherrod Brown, the Democratic candidate?

	***** LIKELY VOTERS *****			
DeWine	35	76	7	31
Brown	49	12	84	44
Someone else/Neither/Other	1	1	1	2
Won't Vote (Vol)	1	1	0	1
Depends (Vol.)	5	6	3	5
DK/NA	9	4	5	17

q7 Well as of today, do you lean more towards Mike DeWine, or more towards Sherrod Brown?

DeWine	38	78	9	36
Brown	52	15	87	46
Someone else/Neither/Other	1	1	1	2
Won't Vote (Vol.)	1	1	0	1
DK/NA	8	5	3	15

q8 And is your mind made up, or is it too early to say for sure?

	Total	Brown Voters	DeWine Voters
Mind made up	61	66	54
Too early to say	39	34	45
DK/NA	0	0	1

q9 Is your opinion of Ted Strickland favorable, not favorable, undecided or haven't you heard enough about Ted Strickland yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Favorable	31	15	52	24
Not favorable	17	32	6	15
Undecided	26	31	21	29
Haven't heard enough	25	22	21	31
Refused	1	0	0	1

q10 Is your opinion of Kenneth Blackwell favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Kenneth Blackwell yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Favorable	16	36	4	12
Not favorable	38	17	58	34
Undecided	23	23	21	26
Haven't heard enough	22	23	17	26
Refused	1	1	0	2

q11 If the 2006 election for Governor of Ohio were being held today, would you vote for Kenneth Blackwell, the Republican candidate, or Ted Strickland, the Democratic candidate?

	***** LIKELY VOTERS *****			
Blackwell	29	61	6	28
Strickland	54	21	86	47
Someone else/Neither/Other	2	3	0	3
Won't Vote (Vol.)	0	1	0	1
Depends (Vol.)	5	5	4	6
DK/NA	10	9	4	15

q12 Well as of today, do you lean more towards Blackwell or more towards Strickland?

Blackwell	34	66	8	33
Strickland	57	24	88	51
Someone else/Neither/Other	2	3	0	3
Won't Vote (Vol.)	0	1	0	1
DK/NA	7	6	4	12

q13 And is your mind made up, or is it too early to say for sure?

Mind made up	65	59	78	54
Too early to say	34	40	22	45
DK/NA	1	1	0	1

q14 If the 2006 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

Republican	32	77	2	28
Democratic	50	9	92	39
Other (Vol.)	0	0	0	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	0	0	1	0
Depends (Vol.)	6	5	2	11
DK/NA	12	9	3	21

q15 Regardless of how you intend vote in November, which will matter to you more when you vote -- your state's local issues or national issues?

State's local issues	45	39	49	46
National issues	35	43	31	32
Both (Vol.)	18	16	18	19
DK/NA	2	2	2	3

q16 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Approve	34	76	6	28
Disapprove	61	19	92	62
DK/NA	5	5	2	10

q17 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	33	71	8	29
Disapprove	60	23	88	62
DK/NA	7	6	4	9

q18 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

Approve	32	69	6	28
Disapprove	62	26	90	63
DK/NA	6	5	4	9

q19 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with North Korea?

Approve	36	63	17	34
Disapprove	40	14	59	40
DK/NA	24	23	24	26

q20 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	48	84	22	47
Disapprove	44	13	69	44
DK/NA	8	3	9	9

q21 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

Approve	22	31	14	22
Disapprove	65	53	73	68
DK/NA	13	16	13	10

q22 Think about the things Congress has done during the past year. Is there any one thing that Congress has done in the past year that stands out in your mind?
 IF YES, ASK: What is that?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Legislation (general)	5	5	5	6
Patriot Act / privacy	2	3	2	2
Bickered/ argued	2	3	1	3
Immigration reform/talked	2	2	0	3
Mark Foley/Sex Scandal	2	2	1	2
Other	11	8	11	11
Nothing/DK/NA	76	77	80	73

q23 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob Taft is handling his job as Governor?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

Approve	16	20	14	17
Disapprove	74	69	78	70
DK/NA	10	11	8	13

q24 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike DeWine is handling his job as United States Senator?

Approve	36	62	16	35
Disapprove	39	16	60	36
DK/NA	25	22	24	29

q25 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Voinovich is handling his job as United States Senator?

Approve	45	55	41	43
Disapprove	27	16	32	29
DK/NA	28	29	27	28

q26 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party comes closer to sharing your moral values?

Republican party	38	87	5	31
Democratic party	47	8	88	38
Both (Vol.)	2	1	0	4
Neither (Vol.)	6	1	2	12
DK/NA	7	3	5	15

q27 Do you think most members of Congress share the moral values most Americans try to live by or don't they?

Do	31	40	23	31
Don't	60	48	68	61
DK/NA	9	12	9	8

q28 Does your own Representative in Congress share the moral values most Americans try to live by or not?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Does	47	60	39	46
Does not	34	20	42	36
DK/NA	19	20	19	18

q29 BLANK

q30 If George W. Bush supported a candidate for political office in your area, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate, or wouldn't it affect how you voted one way or another?

***** LIKELY VOTERS *****
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
More likely	11	24	4	7
Less likely	30	4	58	22
Wouldn't affect vote	58	72	38	70
DK/NA	1	0	0	1

q31 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Right direction	26	56	5	23
Wrong track	70	37	93	73
DK/NA	4	7	2	4

q32 Do you feel things in OHIO are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	23	42	10	21
Wrong track	71	51	85	73
DK/NA	6	7	5	6

q33 Think for a minute about issues and problems facing the COUNTRY. Which ONE would you say will be most important in your vote for U.S. SENATE?

***** LIKELY VOTERS *****

Economy and Jobs	23	9	16	14
War in Iraq	17	7	10	5
Education	4	4	4	5
Defense / Military	4	7	2	4
Illegal Immigration	4	5	1	5
Health Care	3	2	5	3
Foreign Policy	2	1	3	3
Terrorism (general)	9	15	3	10
Other	14	24	37	34
DK/NA	20	26	19	17

q34 Now think for a minute about issues and problems facing OHIO. Which ONE would you say will be most important in your vote for U.S. Senate?

***** LIKELY VOTERS *****

	*** Party ID ***			
Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
%	%	%	%	
Education	13	11	11	16
Economy	18	16	20	17
Jobs and Unemployment	29	24	36	25
Taxes/IRS	5	8	2	5
Other	16	17	15	19
DK/NA	19	24	16	18

q35 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***

Very good	7	16	1	6
Fairly good	42	64	27	39
Fairly bad	32	11	42	39
Very bad	18	8	29	16
DK/NA	1	1	1	0

q36 How would you rate the condition of the economy in OHIO these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

Very good	3	5	1	2
Fairly good	31	46	19	31
Fairly bad	37	35	39	37
Very bad	28	12	40	28
DK/NA	1	2	1	2

q37 In the last week or so, have you talked with any of your friends or family members about this year's election for U.S. Senate?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

Yes	42	37	49	40
No	58	63	51	60
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q38 What did you talk about?

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE TALKED ABOUT SENATE RACE

Who we were voting for	20	20	23	18
Candidate stands on issues	20	21	21	17
Other issues	11	12	10	10
Advertising	8	6	8	8
Candidates' personal qualities	8	8	7	9
Jobs & economy	8	5	9	9
The parties	6	7	7	3
Bush/ connection to Bush	3	1	3	3
Iraq	3	4	4	3
Campaign strategy/ tactics	2	2	2	1
Other	6	7	3	13
DK/NA	5	7	3	6

q39 Which one of the following issues will matter most to you when you decide how to vote in the race for U.S. Senate: the economy and jobs, terrorism, Iraq, health care, or something else?

	***** LIKELY VOTERS *****			
Economy and jobs	46	42	49	46
Terrorism	15	24	8	15
Iraq	13	11	15	12
Healthcare	17	14	22	14
Something else	7	8	4	9
DK/NA	2	1	2	4

q40 Do you think of your vote for U.S. Senator this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, a vote against George W. Bush, or don't you think of your vote this fall as being about George W. Bush's presidency?

Support of Bush	10	27	1	6
Against Bush	31	5	58	22
Not about Bush	56	64	38	68
DK/NA	3	4	3	4

q41 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote to help put Democrats in control of Congress, a vote to help keep Republicans in control of Congress, or will your vote be about something else?

Put Democrats in	36	3	71	25
Keep Republicans in	17	48	1	9
Something else	45	48	27	62
DK/NA	2	1	1	4

q42 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make the right decision about how the government should spend taxpayers' money?

	*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***			
Republican	30	70	3	25
Democratic	47	10	83	40
Both (Vol.)	2	2	1	2
Neither (Vol.)	11	11	7	16
DK/NA	10	7	6	17

q43 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to create new jobs?

Republican	27	58	4	25
Democratic	54	21	88	47
Both (Vol.)	3	2	0	6
Neither (Vol.)	6	6	3	10
DK/NA	10	13	5	12

q44 If the Democrats take control of Congress in November, do you think your taxes would increase , decrease, or stay about the same?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Increase	39	63	15	43
Decrease	8	4	17	3
Same	48	28	64	47
DK/NA	5	5	4	7

q45 If the Republicans keep control of Congress in November, do you think your taxes would increase , decrease, or stay about the same?

Increase	34	16	54	29
Decrease	5	7	4	6
Same	56	73	41	58
DK/NA	5	4	1	7

q46 Do you think of Mike DeWine as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

Liberal	11	11	9	12
Moderate	28	44	15	27
Conservative	36	30	45	34
DK/NA	25	15	31	27

q47 Do you think of Sherrod Brown as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

Liberal	35	50	25	31
Moderate	27	17	37	25
Conservative	13	8	13	17
DK/NA	25	24	24	26

q48 What do you think Mike DeWine has been spending more time doing in his campaign-- explaining what he would do as Senator or attacking Sherrod Brown?

Explaining	20	34	10	17
Attacking	65	47	76	68
Don't know/No answer	15	19	14	15

q49 What do you think Sherrod Brown has been spending more time doing in his campaign -- explaining what he would do as Senator or attacking Mike DeWine?

Explaining	22	17	30	19
Attacking	63	66	56	68
Don't know/No answer	15	17	14	13

q50 Have you seen any commercials on television for Mike DeWine or Sherrod Brown?
IF YES: Which one?

Mike DeWine	9	11	12	5
Sherrod Brown	5	7	4	6
Both	73	69	72	78
No, neither	10	11	10	9
DK/NA	3	2	2	2

q51 Have you been contacted on behalf of any of the Senate candidates -- whether it was by a letter in the mail, by telephone, or in person by a campaign worker?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes	41	40	43	38
No	58	59	55	59
DK/NA	1	1	2	3

q52 Which campaign contacted you -- Mike DeWine's or Sherrod Brown's?

DeWine's	23	34	14	21
Brown's	23	15	29	23
Both (vol.)	41	34	44	45
DK/NA	13	17	13	11

q53 Has the clergyman of the church or synagogue you attend urged you to vote for a particular candidate or a particular political party during this year's campaign?

Yes, candidate	2	0	3	2
Yes, party	1	1	2	2
No	91	96	89	90
Do not attend church	5	3	5	7
DK/NA	1	0	1	0

q54 Which candidate or party did your clergyman mention -- the Republican candidate or party, or the Democratic candidate or party?

Republican/DeWine/Blackwell	26	55	16	37
Democratic/Brown/Strickland	65	0	78	58
Both (vol.)	7	45	6	0
DK/NA	2	0	0	5

q55 Do you think either of these candidates for Governor from Ohio -- Kenneth Blackwell or Ted Strickland -- has attacked the other UNFAIRLY?
 IF YES: Who attacked unfairly?

Blackwell	10	3	18	8
Strickland	5	9	3	3
Both equal (vol.)	24	21	22	29
No, neither	40	48	37	35
DK/NA	21	19	20	25

q56 How common do you think corruption is in Ohio politics -- is it widespread, or is it limited to a few isolated incidents?

Widespread	52	39	63	52
Limited	42	55	33	41
DK/NA	6	6	4	7

q57 Which political party in Ohio do you think has more corrupt politicians -- the Republican party or the Democratic party?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Republican	43	14	71	38
Democratic	12	26	1	10
Both equal (vol.)	27	33	16	32
Neither (vol.)	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	17	26	11	19

q58 If you could choose, which of these would you prefer: Continuing to have elections between Democratic and Republican candidates, OR Having elections in which all the candidates ran without party labels?

Continue two parties	26	31	35	14
All individuals	68	63	59	80
DK/NA	6	6	6	6

q59 How much have you heard or read about Mark Foley, a Congressman from Florida who sent sexually explicit internet and cell phone messages to teen-aged Congressional pages -- a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

	****TOTAL RESPONDENTS****			
A lot	51	51	49	53
Some	29	32	27	28
Not much	10	9	13	9
Nothing	9	7	11	9
DK/NA	1	1	0	1

q60 From what you know, do you think that members of the House Republican leadership acted properly or improperly in their handling of the situation?

Properly	28	40	20	28
Improperly	46	30	59	45
DK/NA	26	31	21	26

q61 Which do you think concerned the House Republican leadership MORE, the safety of the teen-aged Congressional pages or the leadership's own political standing?

Safety of pages	17	20	12	19
Political standing	65	50	75	67
Both equal (Vol.)	3	4	1	3
DK/NA	16	26	12	11

q62 Has the scandal involving Mark Foley and the House Republican leadership's response made you: 1. More likely to vote for Republican candidates in November, OR 2. More likely to vote for Democratic candidates in November, OR 3. Less likely to vote at all in November, OR 4. It won't make much difference in how you vote in November?

***** LIKELY VOTERS *****				
*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
More likely Republican	2	6	0	1
More likely Democratic	21	4	39	14
Less likely to vote at all	2	1	1	3
No difference	73	85	58	79
Depends (Vol.)	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	2	4	2	3

q63 How concerned are you that you will encounter problems that might prevent you from voting or prevent your vote from being counted accurately in November -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****				
Very concerned	15	5	23	14
Somewhat concerned	21	14	30	18
Not very concerned	22	22	17	26
Not at all concerned	42	58	29	41
DK/NA	1	0	1	1

q64 Do you think that on the whole, the methods we have for voting and counting the votes in this country are as accurate as possible, or do you think we need to find ways to make them more accurate?

As accurate as possible	37	58	24	32
Need to find ways to make	61	40	75	66
DK/NA	2	2	1	2

q65 Think back to the 2004 Presidential election between George W. Bush and John Kerry. Do you think the 2004 Presidential election vote count in Ohio was fair and accurate, or not?

*****TOTAL RESPONDENTS*****				
Yes	54	88	30	51
No	39	8	64	40
Depends (vol.)	1	0	0	2
DK/NA	6	4	6	7

q66 Now think back to the 2000 Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Looking back to 2000, would you say George W. Bush legitimately won the 2000 Presidential election, or not?

Legitimately won	47	85	22	42
Did not	47	10	73	50
DK/NA	6	5	5	8

q67 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the US have stayed out?

****TOTAL RESPONDENTS****
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Right thing	45	76	23	42
Stayed out	49	20	72	49
Don't know/No answer	6	4	5	9

q68 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	3	6	1	3
Somewhat well	30	55	13	27
Somewhat badly	30	25	29	35
Very badly	35	12	57	33
Don't know/No answer	2	2	0	2

q69 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do now--should the US increase the number of US troops in Iraq, keep the same number of US troops in Iraq as there are now, decrease the number of US troops in Iraq, or remove all its troops from Iraq?

Increase	15	23	9	15
Keep the same number	25	43	12	23
Decrease	23	16	30	22
Remove all troops	30	10	44	31
Don't know/No answer	7	8	5	9

q70 BLANK

q71 Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF YES, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

Major part	34	62	16	30
Minor part	11	14	8	13
Not part	51	20	73	55
DK/NA	4	4	3	2

q72 As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

Increased	38	21	51	39
Decreased	15	29	6	13
Stayed about the same	46	48	42	47
D/NA	1	2	1	1

q73-74 BLANK

q75 When he talks about how things are going for the U.S. in Iraq today, do you think George W. Bush is telling the entire truth, is mostly telling the truth but is hiding something, or is mostly lying?

*****TOTAL RESPONDENTS*****
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Telling the entire truth	15	33	3	12
Hiding Something	51	58	41	54
Mostly lying	31	6	53	31
DK/NA	3	3	3	3

q76 How serious a problem do you think the issue of illegal immigration is for the country right now -- very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

Very serious	55	60	52	54
Somewhat serious	31	34	29	30
Not too serious	10	5	13	10
Not at all serious	4	1	5	5
DK/NA	0	0	1	1

q77 How much have you heard or read about reports of North Korea testing a nuclear device -- a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

A lot	44	44	37	50
Some	42	46	46	35
Not much	10	7	12	10
Nothing at all	4	3	5	4
DK/NA	0	0	0	1

q78 Which of these comes closest to your opinion ..1. North Korea's development of weapons is a threat to the United States that requires military action right now. 2. North Korea's development of weapons is a threat that can be contained for now. 3. North Korea's development of weapons is not a threat to the United States at all.

Requires action now	14	15	16	12
Can be contained	71	78	70	68
Not a threat	9	3	8	14
DK/NA	6	4	6	6

q79 Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion? 1. Trade restrictions are necessary to protect domestic industries, OR 2. Free trade must be allowed, even if domestic industries are hurt by foreign competition.

Restrictions necessary	69	62	74	69
Free trade must be allowed	23	27	20	23
Don't know/No answer	8	11	6	8

q80 Overall, would you say U.S. trade with other countries creates more jobs for the U.S., loses more jobs for the U.S., or does U.S. trade with other countries have no effect on U.S. jobs?

****TOTAL RESPONDENTS****

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Creates jobs	18	25	15	17
Loses jobs	66	60	70	66
No effect	9	10	8	9
Don't know/No answer	7	5	7	8

q81 In the last four years, has the number of jobs in your community increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

Increased	11	18	5	12
Decreased	63	47	78	61
Stayed about the same	23	32	15	25
Don't know/No answer	3	3	2	2

q82 As you may know, the federal minimum wage is currently \$5.15 an hour. Do you favor or oppose raising the minimum wage to \$6.85 an hour over the next two years, or not?

IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: Do you favor/oppose raising the minimum wage strongly or not so strongly?

Favor strongly	77	64	93	73
Favor not so strongly	7	9	4	10
Oppose not so strongly	5	12	0	6
Oppose strongly	8	13	2	9
Don't know/No answer	3	2	1	2

q83 Think about past elections in which you have voted, including national and statewide elections. Would you say you always vote Republican, usually vote Republican, vote about equally for both parties, usually vote Democratic, or always vote Democratic?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

Always vote of Republicans	5	14	0	2
Usually vote for Republicans	24	64	0	13
Split vote evenly	34	20	18	63
Usually vote for Democrats	22	0	49	13
Always vote for Democrats	10	0	28	1
Never vote (Vol.)	2	0	4	3
DK/NA	3	2	1	5

q84 BLANK

q85 If you do vote in the November 7th election, will you vote by mail or by turning in an absentee ballot, OR will you vote at your precinct polling place on Election Day?

IF ABSENTEE, ASK: As of today, have you already returned your absentee ballot or are you still planning to vote absentee?

****TOTAL RESPONDENTS****

Mail/absentee - returned	2	2	2	2
Mail/absentee - planning to	12	11	12	12
Precinct voter	85	84	85	85
Early voter - already voted	0	1	0	0
Early voter - planning to	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	0	1	0	

q86 Think about your household income, would say that it is more than enough so that you can save and buy some extras, just enough to meet your bills and obligations, or it is not enough to meet your bills and obligations?

*****TOTAL RESPONDENTS*****
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
More than enough	30	47	23	25
Just enough	50	37	51	58
Not enough	19	15	25	17
DK/NA	1	1	1	0

q87 In the last twelve months has any adult in your household been out of work and actively looking for work?

Yes	28	15	35	31
No	72	84	65	69
DK/NA	0	1	0	0

q88 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work or looking for a job -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?

Very concerned	23	10	31	25
Somewhat concerned	21	18	19	24
Not very concerned	17	21	14	17
Not at all concerned	38	51	34	34
DK/NA	1	0	2	0

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1164	
Total Republicans	350	314
Total Democrats	393	395
Total Independents	421	455
Registered Voters	1020	958
*Likely Voters		689

*Every registered voter is included in the likely voter model, and is assigned a probability of voting, which is used to calculate the likely voter results. The sum of these probabilities is the effective number of likely voters.