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**Emerson College Poll: Iowa Leaning For Trump 44% to 41%.
Grassley, Coasting to a Blowout, Likely to Retain Senate Seat.**

BOSTON, MA – In the state where it all started last February 1—at the Iowa Caucuses—Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are still battling to win Iowa’s 6 electoral college votes. In the latest Emerson College poll, Trump leads Clinton 44% to 41%, with Gary Johnson at 5%, Jill Stein at 4% and 5% of voters still undecided.

Voter sentiment has barely budged since an Emerson poll in early September found Trump leading by 5 points, 44% to 39%. Clinton’s 2-point gain since then has come from a reshuffling of Stein and Johnson supporters and Undecided voters.

Trump and Clinton are closely splitting the Independent vote, with Clinton winning 40% to Trump’s 37%. The gender gap is also very modest. Men prefer Trump over Clinton, 45% to 41%, while women favor Clinton 44% to 42%. However, voters’ opinion of Trump is more positive. He has a net -4 favorability rating compared to Clinton’s net -28.

The U.S. Senate race between GOP incumbent Chuck Grassley and former Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge is all but over, with Grassley leading by 28 points, 60% to 32%. This is a dramatic improvement from the 51% to 40% advantage Grassley held in an Emerson poll published on September 2.

Grassley, who is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was seen as potentially vulnerable due to the GOP-controlled Senate’s refusal to act on the Supreme Court nomination of Merrick Garland. However, that situation hasn’t dented his popularity with Iowa voters. His favorable/unfavorable ratio is 55% to 37%, a net of +18, while Judge’s numbers are 28% to 55% or net -27.

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The Emerson College poll for Iowa was conducted November 1-3 under the Supervision of Professor Spencer Kimball. The sample consisted of only likely general election voters, n=700, with a margin of error (MOE) of +/- 3.6 percentage points. The Iowa data was weighted by 2012 election results, party affiliation, age, and district. It is important to remember that subsets based on gender, age and party breakdowns carry with them higher margins of error, as the sample size is reduced. Data was collected using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system of landlines only. The full methodology and results can be found at www.theecps.com.

Frequency Table

Likely Presidential

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Already Voted	262	37.5	37.5	37.5
	Voting Early	87	12.5	12.5	50.0
	Election Day	350	50.0	50.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	238	34.0	34.0	34.0
	Republican	238	34.0	34.0	68.0
	Independent	224	32.0	32.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	309	44.1	44.1	44.1
	female	391	55.9	55.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	364	52.0	52.0	52.0
	Mitt Romney	322	46.0	46.0	98.0
	Someone else	14	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	126	18.0	18.0	18.0
	Clinton	173	24.7	24.7	42.6
	Cruz	71	10.2	10.2	52.8
	Trump	179	25.5	25.5	78.3
	Kasich	22	3.1	3.1	81.4
	Rubio	46	6.5	6.5	87.9
	Other	72	10.3	10.3	98.3
	No vote	12	1.7	1.7	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Name Recognition

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	244	34.9	34.9	34.9
	unfavorable	441	62.9	62.9	97.8
	undecided	8	1.2	1.2	99.0
	never heard of	7	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Trump Name Recognition

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	326	46.6	46.6	46.6
	unfavorable	355	50.7	50.7	97.3
	undecided	15	2.1	2.1	99.4
	never heard of	4	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Grassley Name Recognition

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	387	55.3	55.3	55.3
	unfavorable	258	36.8	36.8	92.1
	undecided	48	6.9	6.9	99.1
	never heard of	7	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Judge Name Recognition

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	198	28.3	28.3	28.3
	unfavorable	386	55.1	55.1	83.4
	undecided	95	13.5	13.5	96.9
	never heard of	22	3.1	3.1	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Clinton	289	41.3	41.3	41.3
	Trump	308	44.0	44.0	85.3
	Gary Johnson	36	5.2	5.2	90.5
	Jill Stein	30	4.3	4.3	94.8
	Unsure	37	5.2	5.2	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Expectation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Donald Trump	355	50.8	50.8	50.8
	Hillary Clinton	264	37.7	37.7	88.5
	Gary Johnson	18	2.6	2.6	91.1
	Jill Stein		.0	.0	91.1
	Unsure	62	8.9	8.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Senate Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Grassley	419	59.9	59.9	59.9
	Judge	220	31.5	31.5	91.4
	Someone Else	27	3.8	3.8	95.2
	Undecided	33	4.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	161	23.0	23.0	23.0
	35-54	266	38.0	38.0	61.0
	55-74	224	32.0	32.0	93.0
	75+	49	7.0	7.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	55	7.8	7.9	7.9
	HS	136	19.5	19.7	27.6
	Some College	137	19.6	19.8	47.4
	Associate	70	10.0	10.1	57.5
	Bachelor	183	26.1	26.4	83.9
	Post Grad	112	16.0	16.1	100.0
	Total	693	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	7	1.0		
Total		700	100.0		

Phone Status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Cell Phone Only	115	16.5	16.8	16.8
	Land Line only	66	9.5	9.6	26.4
	both	506	72.3	73.6	100.0
	Total	688	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	12	1.7		
Total		700	100.0		

USC District

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00	175	25.0	25.0	25.0
	2.00	175	25.0	25.0	50.0
	3.00	175	25.0	25.0	75.0
	4.00	175	25.0	25.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	