

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
Important Issues in Iowa Release
November 2, 2018
October 2018 poll of Iowa respondents

Sample: 496 adult respondents in Iowa, margin of error +/-4.5%.

About:

The poll was conducted Oct. 8-22, 2018 by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty and graduate students in the Department of Political Science in the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project, which uses the facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center directed by Frederick Boehmke, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the poll. The Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development cooperatively support the poll.

Since 2007, the University of Iowa Department of Political Science has conducted the Hawkeye Poll, a series of national and state public opinion polls that constitute an important learning opportunity for interested undergraduates enrolled in select political science courses. About one thousand students have had the opportunity to directly participate in the research production process and to acquire valuable career-related knowledge about survey research and public polling in general.

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Respondent Identification: A random sample of registered voters was acquired with 57% household landline numbers and 43% mobile phone numbers. All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

Weighting: Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and party registration.

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| IA - Most important issue (open ended) | % |
| Jobs/Unemployment | 3.1 |
| The economy/recession | 10.8 |
| Budget deficit/national debt | 1.1 |
| Government spending | 0.9 |
| Taxes | 5.4 |
| Terrorism | 0.1 |
| Banking/Finance/Wallstreet | 0.2 |
| Illegal Immigration/Border Security | 4.3 |
| Environment/Climate Change | 1.6 |
| Education | 9.8 |
| Health care | 22.5 |
| Transportation/Roads | 0.9 |
| Race Relations/Police | 0.4 |
| Abortion/Planned Parenthood | 1.2 |
| Something else | 1.9 |
| Women's Rights | 0.2 |
| Income Inequality | 1.2 |
| Trade | 2.8 |
| Something else | 14.8 |
| National security | 0.3 |
| Don't know/Refused | 16.7 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Important issue – Health care | % |
| Very Important | 56.7 |
| Important | 35.2 |
| Slightly Important | 5.2 |
| Not Important at all | 2.2 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.7 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Important issue – Women's Rights | % |
| Very Important | 39.5 |
| Important | 36.4 |
| Slightly Important | 14.6 |
| Not Important at all | 6.4 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 3.1 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Important issue – Economy | % |
| Very Important | 44.7 |
| Important | 44.6 |
| Slightly Important | 9.0 |
| Not Important at all | 0.8 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Important issue – Taxes | % |
| Very Important | 29.6 |
| Important | 49.2 |
| Slightly Important | 16.8 |
| Not Important at all | 3.2 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 1.3 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Important issue – Immigration | % |
| Very Important | 32.5 |
| Important | 35.7 |
| Slightly Important | 15.5 |
| Not Important at all | 14.6 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 1.7 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Important issue – Criminal Justice | % |
| Very Important | 35.0 |
| Important | 45.5 |
| Slightly Important | 6.0 |
| Not Important at all | 6.9 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| | Age Category | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| IA - Important issue - Healthcare | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55-69 | 70 and over | Total |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 50.9 | 54.3 | 66.2 | 57.8 | 56.7 |

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| Important | 37.4 | 37.4 | 29.3 | 36.2 | 35.2 |
| Slightly Important | 8.5 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 5.2 |
| Not Important at all | 3.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| IA - Important issue - Healthcare | 3-point Party ID | | | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | Democrat | Republican | Independent | No Preference | Other | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 73.7 | 44.0 | 52.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.9 |
| Important | 23.4 | 45.0 | 40.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 |
| Slightly Important | 0.7 | 8.5 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 |
| Not Important at all | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| IA - Important issue - Healthcare | 3-point Ideology | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| | Liberal | Conservative | In Between | |
| | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 66.9 | 49.0 | 57.7 | 57.3 |
| Important | 32.4 | 42.7 | 32.1 | 35.1 |
| Slightly Important | 0.7 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 5.3 |
| Not Important at all | 0.0 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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| IA - Medicaid for recipients with disabilities, mental illness | % |
| Better | 6.5 |
| Stayed the same | 18.3 |
| Worse | 49.8 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 25.4 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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| IA - Healthcare Coverage Confidence | % |
| Federal Government | 23.7 |
| State Government | 22.4 |
| Private Market | 40.6 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 13.3 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Ideology | | | |
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| IA - Healthcare Coverage Confidence | Liberal | Conservative | In Between | Total |
| | % | % | % | % |
| Federal Government | 44.7 | 12.1 | 21.7 | 24.3 |
| State Government | 24.7 | 17.3 | 25.3 | 22.9 |
| Private Market | 17.8 | 63.1 | 37.0 | 40.0 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 12.8 | 7.5 | 16.0 | 12.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | Education level | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| IA - Healthcare Coverage Confidence | <8th | <High School | High School | Vocational | Some College | 4yr Degree | Post College | Total |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Federal Government | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 4.3 | 17.4 | 31.6 | 43.7 | 23.7 |
| State Government | 0.0 | 21.4 | 30.5 | 14.6 | 27.0 | 12.8 | 18.5 | 22.3 |
| Private Market | 41.1 | 56.6 | 37.0 | 71.2 | 39.5 | 45.7 | 29.7 | 40.7 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 58.9 | 22.0 | 15.7 | 9.9 | 16.1 | 9.9 | 8.1 | 13.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Ideology | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| IA - Important issue - Healthcare | Liberal | Conservative | In Between | Total |
| | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 66.9 | 49.0 | 57.7 | 57.3 |
| Important | 32.4 | 42.7 | 32.1 | 35.1 |
| Slightly Important | 0.7 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 5.3 |
| Not Important at all | 0.0 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Ideology | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| IA - Important issue - Women's Rights | Liberal | Conservative | In Between | Total |
| | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 68.1 | 18.3 | 39.5 | 40.1 |
| Important | 27.4 | 39.7 | 37.7 | 35.9 |
| Slightly Important | 4.5 | 26.3 | 13.4 | 15.0 |
| Not Important at all | 0.0 | 11.5 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.0 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Ideology | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| IA - Important issue - Taxes | Liberal | Conservative | In Between | Total |
| | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 16.3 | 40.1 | 30.7 | 30.0 |
| Important | 55.7 | 40.6 | 50.9 | 49.1 |
| Slightly Important | 19.0 | 16.0 | 16.6 | 17.0 |
| Not Important at all | 8.9 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 3.3 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Ideology | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| IA - Important issue - Immigration | Liberal | Conservative | In Between | Total |
| | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 36.0 | 50.5 | 22.3 | 33.4 |
| Important | 35.8 | 31.4 | 38.9 | 36.1 |
| Slightly Important | 15.2 | 9.8 | 19.8 | 15.9 |
| Not Important at all | 12.0 | 7.0 | 18.5 | 13.8 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | Gender of respondent | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| IA - Important issue - Healthcare | Male | Female | Total |
| | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 50.1 | 62.9 | 56.7 |
| Important | 43.0 | 28.0 | 35.2 |
| Slightly Important | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Not Important at all | 1.8 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| IA - Important issue - Women's Rights | Frequency of religious service attendance | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | More than once/week | Once/week | Once or twice/month | A few times per year | Seldom | Never | Total |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Very Important | 17.4 | 29.6 | 19.4 | 39.7 | 56.8 | 66.5 | 39.4 |
| Important | 43.9 | 47.3 | 42.5 | 36.5 | 27.3 | 21.2 | 37.0 |
| Slightly Important | 19.3 | 13.4 | 32.7 | 11.9 | 4.2 | 9.0 | 14.4 |
| Not Important at all | 13.4 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 11.9 | 5.1 | 3.2 | 6.3 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 2.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| IA - Tariffs current impact on Iowa's economy | % |
|---|-------|
| Helped | 12.9 |
| No effect | 17.8 |
| Hurt | 57.6 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 11.7 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| IA - Tariffs future impact on Iowa's economy | % |
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| Helped | 30.4 |
| No effect | 10.3 |
| Hurt | 49.4 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 9.9 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| IA - Kavanaugh Confirmation | % |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Support | 44.6 |
| Oppose | 43.4 |
| Not following the nomination | 2.5 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 9.5 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| IA - Chuck Grassley Approval | % |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly Approve | 22.6 |
| Approve | 19.2 |
| Neutral | 10.6 |
| Disapprove | 11.6 |
| Strongly Disapprove | 29.5 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Party ID | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| IA - Kavanaugh Confirmation | Democrat | Republican | Independent | No Preference | Other | Total |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Support | 12.3 | 88.2 | 37.2 | 53.9 | 22.4 | 44.6 |
| Oppose | 78.7 | 5.8 | 42.8 | 11.0 | 73.4 | 43.4 |
| Not following the nomination | 2.3 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 6.7 | 3.9 | 16.7 | 33.9 | 4.3 | 9.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | 3-point Party ID | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| IA - Chuck Grassley Approval | Democrat | Republican | Independent | No Preference | Other | Total |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Strongly Approve | 2.1 | 47.6 | 19.8 | 1.2 | 22.4 | 22.6 |
| Approve | 11.3 | 31.7 | 16.4 | 28.5 | 4.3 | 19.2 |
| Neutral | 4.3 | 13.9 | 12.6 | 2.4 | 22.4 | 10.6 |
| Disapprove | 18.4 | 3.4 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 11.6 |
| Strongly Disapprove | 59.5 | 0.9 | 25.7 | 35.2 | 46.7 | 29.5 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 4.4 | 2.6 | 11.8 | 32.7 | 0.0 | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| | Gender of respondent | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| IA - Kavanaugh Confirmation | Male | Female | Total |
| | % | % | % |
| Support | 53.1 | 36.5 | 44.6 |
| Oppose | 39.1 | 47.5 | 43.4 |
| Not following the nomination | 1.7 | 3.2 | 2.5 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 6.0 | 12.9 | 9.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| IA - Chuck Grassley Approval | Gender of respondent | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Total |
| | % | % | % |
| Strongly Approve | 26.2 | 19.1 | 22.6 |
| Approve | 28.5 | 10.4 | 19.2 |
| Neutral | 7.2 | 13.8 | 10.6 |
| Disapprove | 12.9 | 10.4 | 11.6 |
| Strongly Disapprove | 24.3 | 34.4 | 29.5 |
| Don't Know/Refused | 1.0 | 11.8 | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

| Age Category | % |
|--------------|-------|
| 18-34 | 30.3 |
| 35-54 | 30.5 |
| 55-69 | 24.2 |
| 70 and over | 15.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| Gender of respondent | % |
|----------------------|-------|
| Male | 48.6 |
| Female | 51.4 |
| Total | 100.0 |

| 3-point Party ID | % |
|------------------|-------|
| Democrat | 31.1 |
| Republican | 30.2 |
| Independent | 34.4 |
| NoPreference | 1.1 |
| Other | 3.2 |
| Total | 100.0 |