

**University of Iowa Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab Poll – Topline Results**  
**March 17, 2021**  
**January/February online poll of Iowans**

**Sample:** 1000 voting-age resident in Iowa, margin of error +/-3.2%.

**About:** The Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab Poll was fielded January 13, 2021 to February 3, 2021.

The poll was designed by the Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab, comprised of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students. The Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab is co-directed by Profs. Fred Boehmke in Political Science and Kajsa Dalrymple in Journalism and Mass Communication. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project, and collaborated with the Iowa Social Science Research Center directed by Frederick J. Boehmke. The University of Iowa Public Policy Center provided support for this poll as part of its PolicyRISE initiative to expand experiential research for UI students.

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The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) contracted with a web panel vendor, Ipsos Observer, to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of 1,000 respondents. Respondents invited to complete the web survey were Iowa adults, aged 18-120 years, recruited for participation via web panel. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and urbanicity.

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**Respondent Identification:** All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and urbanicity.

**Weighting:** Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and party identification. Alternate weighting schemes, such as by age, sex, and education produced substantively similar results.

*In recent years, the governor and state legislative leaders have found themselves at odds with state courts on an important question related to the issue of abortion. In 2018 the state Supreme Court struck down a 2017 abortion law, writing in its decision that the Iowa constitution guarantees women the “fundamental right to decide whether to continue or terminate a pregnancy”. Governor Reynolds and legislative leaders disagree with this interpretation of the constitution. They have proposed amending the constitution to clearly state that it “shall not be construed to recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion”. Amendments to the constitution must be approved by the legislature and are then voted on by the people in a statewide election. If this amendment were on the ballot would you support or oppose it?*

	%
Strongly Support	14.8
Support	14.3
Neutral	15.2
Oppose	12.8
Strongly Oppose	33.9
Don't Know/Declined	9.0
Total	100.0

*Support for the amendment by sex.*

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly Support	20.0	9.7	14.8
Support	14.2	14.4	14.3
Neutral	17.5	12.9	15.2
Oppose	12.2	13.3	12.8
Strongly Oppose	30.5	37.3	33.9
Don't Know/Declined	5.5	12.4	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Support for the amendment by Party Identification.*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	7.0	29.5	12.0	14.8
Support	9.1	20.6	14.5	14.3
Neutral	10.0	16.5	15.9	15.2
Oppose	14.3	11.1	13.4	12.8
Strongly Oppose	54.8	12.9	32.6	33.9
Don't Know/Declined	4.8	9.4	11.6	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Support for the amendment by age.*

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	13.2	14.4	16.7	15.6	14.8
Support	14.0	16.8	10.6	15.9	14.3
Neutral	17.4	15.2	14.8	11.0	15.2
Oppose	9.1	13.2	14.9	15.9	12.8
Strongly Oppose	39.1	30.1	33.0	33.1	33.9
Don't Know/Declined	7.2	10.3	10.0	8.5	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Support for amendment by view about Iowa's state government.*

	Too liberal	About right	Too conservative	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	22.5	28.0	5.1	16.7
Support	16.9	23.0	6.9	14.8
Neutral	21.3	16.8	10.1	14.3
Oppose	12.4	11.6	12.3	12.1
Strongly Oppose	18.8	14.5	60.8	36.4
Don't Know/Declined	8.1	6.1	4.8	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Support for amendment by voted in 2020.*

	Yes	No	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly Support	16.8	5.1	15.0
Support	13.9	15.5	14.2
Neutral	12.9	26.9	15.0
Oppose	13.1	11.2	12.8
Strongly Oppose	35.6	26.0	34.1
Don't Know/Declined	7.7	15.3	8.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

*What is your sex?*

	%
Male	49.2
Female	50.8
Total	100.0

*Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?*

	%
Democrat	29.4

Republican	24.9
Independent	37.8
No preference	5.4
Other	2.4
Total	100.0

*Recoded from age: In what year were you born?*

	%
18-34	29.8
35-54	31.3
55-69	24.6
70 and over	14.2
Total	100.0

*Which comes closer to your view about Iowa's state government? Would you say it...?*

	%
Too liberal	13.6
About right	40.3
Too conservative	46.0
Total	100.0

*Did you vote in the most recent Presidential election??*

	%
Yes	84.6
No	15.4
Total	100.0