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The University of Montana Big Sky Poll collects and reports information about Montanans' perceptions of local, state, and federal issues. The poll is directed by Dr. Sara Rinfret, Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Public Administration Program, and Dr. Justin Angle, Associate Professor of Marketing and Warren and Betsy Wilcox Faculty Fellow.

The UM Big Sky Poll online survey was conducted from February 21 – March 1, 2019 with 293 registered Montana voters. The margin of error (MOE) is +/- 5.72 at a 95 percent confidence level. Survey results were weighted by geography and gender to more accurately reflect demographics of the registered voter population in Montana. Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100 percent.

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Elected Official Job Performance

Question: Do you think each of the following elected officials or elected bodies are doing an excellent, good, fair or poor job?

President Donald Trump

| Answer | Percentage |
|-----------|------------|
| Excellent | 29% |
| Good | 16% |
| Fair | 9% |
| Poor | 47% |

Senator Jon Tester

| Answer | Percentage |
|-----------|------------|
| Excellent | 29% |
| Good | 22% |
| Fair | 16% |
| Poor | 33% |

Senator Steve Daines

| Answer | Percentage |
|-----------|------------|
| Excellent | 19% |
| Good | 28% |
| Fair | 29% |
| Poor | 23% |

House Representative Greg Gianforte

| Answer | Percentage |
|-----------|------------|
| Excellent | 15% |
| Good | 23% |
| Fair | 25% |
| Poor | 38% |

U.S. Congress

| Answer | Percentage |
|-----------|------------|
| Excellent | 3% |
| Good | 16% |
| Fair | 35% |
| Poor | 46% |

Governor Steve Bullock

| Answer | Percentage |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Excellent | 21% |
| Good | 32% |
| Fair | 26% |
| Poor | 21% |

Montana Legislature

| Answer | Percentage |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Excellent | 4% |
| Good | 41% |
| Fair | 43% |
| Poor | 12% |

2020 Election

Question: If the election for US President was held today, which one of the following potential candidates would you vote for? [can only select one]

| Answer | Percentage |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Donald Trump | 40% |
| Beto O'Rourke | 3% |
| Elizabeth Warren | 5% |
| Joe Biden | 15% |
| Cory Booker | 3% |
| John Kasich | 4% |
| Kirsten Gillibrand | 1% |
| Kamala Harris | 4% |
| Bernie Sanders | 8% |
| Howard Schultz | 1% |
| Someone else | 12% |
| None/I don't plan to vote | 4% |

Question: If the election for Montana Governor was held today, which one of the following potential candidates would you vote for? [can only select one]

| Answer | Percentage |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Tim Fox | 17% |
| Corey Stapleton | 8% |
| Whitney Williams | 1% |
| Mike Cooney | 5% |
| Matt Rosendale | 8% |
| Greg Gianforte | 16% |
| Kathleen Williams | 27% |
| Someone else | 15% |
| None/I don't plan to vote | 4% |

National and State Issues

Question: Do you think marijuana should be legalized in Montana?

| Answer | Percentage |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Yes | 51% |
| No | 37% |
| Don't know | 12% |

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Montana should move to a total mail-in voting system, with no in-person voting.

| Answer | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly agree | 14% |
| Agree | 16% |
| Disagree | 32% |
| Strongly disagree | 25% |
| Don't know | 14% |

Question: From which of the following sources of information do you get most of your news?

| Answer | Percentage |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Television | 46% |
| Print Media (e.g. Newspaper) | 16% |
| Social Media | 14% |
| Radio | 8% |
| Something else | 15% |
| Don't know | 2% |

Question: From what you know, has Montana ever elected a female representative to the U.S. Congress?

| Answer | Percentage |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Yes | 49% |
| No | 26% |
| Don't know | 25% |

Demographics

| <i>N = 293</i> | <i>Survey Respondents</i> |
|---|---------------------------|
| <i>Gender</i> | |
| <i>Female</i> | 58% |
| <i>Male</i> | 42% |
| <i>Other</i> | <1% |
| <i>Prefer not to answer</i> | <1% |
| <i>Age</i> | |
| <i>18-26</i> | 5% |
| <i>27-46</i> | 23% |
| <i>47-66</i> | 44% |
| <i>67 or older</i> | 28% |
| <i>Level of Education</i> | |
| <i>Some high school</i> | 1% |
| <i>High school/GED</i> | 14% |
| <i>Some college</i> | 28% |
| <i>Associate's degree</i> | 10% |
| <i>Bachelor's degree</i> | 26% |
| <i>Post baccalaureate (Master's, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)</i> | 21% |
| <i>Political Party</i> | |
| <i>Republican</i> | 36% |
| <i>Independent</i> | 32% |
| <i>Democrat</i> | 27% |
| <i>Libertarian</i> | 1% |
| <i>Prefer not to answer</i> | 2% |
| <i>Other</i> | 2% |
| <i>Total Household Income</i> | |
| <i>\$0 - \$20,000</i> | 10% |
| <i>\$20,001 - \$37,000</i> | 12% |
| <i>\$37,001 - \$46,000</i> | 6% |
| <i>\$46,001 - \$57,000</i> | 12% |
| <i>\$57,001 - \$88,000</i> | 20% |
| <i>\$88,001 - \$150,000</i> | 20% |
| <i>\$150,001 and above</i> | 10% |
| <i>Prefer not to answer</i> | 11% |