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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's online survey was conducted from February 12-22, 2020, with 498 likely Montana voters. The margin of error (MOE) is +/- 4.39 at the 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	33%
Good	20%
Fair	10%
Poor	37%

Senator Jon Tester

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	16%
Good	26%
Fair	31%
Poor	27%

Senator Steve Daines

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	15%
Good	29%
Fair	36%
Poor	20%

House Representative Greg Gianforte

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	13%
Good	24%
Fair	31%
Poor	32%

U.S. Congress

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	2%
Good	15%
Fair	40%
Poor	43%

Governor Steve Bullock

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	14%
Good	32%
Fair	33%
Poor	21%

Montana Legislature

Answer	Percentage
Excellent	5%
Good	42%
Fair	45%
Poor	9%

2020 Election

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

Answer	Percentage
Donald Trump	52%
Pete Buttigieg	35%
Don't know	13%

Answer	Percentage
Donald Trump	56%
Bernie Sanders	34%
Don't know	9%

Answer	Percentage
Donald Trump	56%
Joe Biden	34%
Don't know	10%

Answer	Percentage
Donald Trump	57%
Elizabeth Warren	33%
Don't know	10%

Answer	Percentage
Donald Trump	53%
Amy Klobuchar	31%
Don't know	15%

Answer	Percentage
Donald Trump	55%
Michael Bloomberg	31%
Don't know	15%

Question: If the election for Montana Senate seat was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?

Answer	Percentage
Steve Daines	47%
Steve Bullock	38%
Cora Neumann	7%
Wilmot Collins	4%
Mike Knoles	2%
John Mues	2%

Question: If the election for Montana Representative seat was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?

Answer	Percentage
Kathleen Williams	36%
Matt Rosendale	36%
Corey Stapleton	19%
Joe Dooling	3%
Tom Winter	3%
Timothy Johnson	2%
John Evankovich	2%

Question: If the election for Montana Governor was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?

Answer	Percentage
Greg Gianforte	35%
Tim Fox	22%
Mike Cooney	21%
Whitney Williams	14%
Albert Olszewski	7%
Ron Vandevender	1%

National and State Issues

Question: How much do you trust that elections are fair? I have a lot of trust, some trust, or no trust.

Answer	Percentage
A lot of trust	30%
Some trust	57%
No trust	13%

Question: In your view, is the economy improving, staying the same, or getting worse?

Answer	Percentage
Improving	50%
Staying the same	31%
Getting worse	19%

Question: For presidential elections, do you support or oppose changing to a system in which the president is elected by popular vote, instead of by the Electoral College?

Answer	Percentage
Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	19%
Neither support nor oppose	16%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	28%

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

Answer	Percentage
Yes	54%
No	37%
Don't know	9%

Question: In your opinion, should internet users be able to ask for the data a company has collected about them and who the data has been sold to?

Answer	Percentage
Yes	92%
No	5%
Don't know	4%

Question: To date, 38 states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). To the best of your knowledge, is Montana one of the 38 states that has ratified the ERA?

Answer	Percentage
Yes	31%
No	9%
Don't know	60%

Demographics

<i>N = 498</i>	<i>Survey Respondents</i>
<i>Gender</i>	
<i>Female</i>	56%
<i>Male</i>	43%
<i>Other</i>	<1%
<i>Prefer not to answer</i>	<1%
<i>Age</i>	
<i>18-26</i>	10%
<i>27-46</i>	33%
<i>47-66</i>	39%
<i>67 or older</i>	18%
<i>Level of Education</i>	
<i>High school/GED</i>	12%
<i>Some college</i>	29%
<i>Associate's degree</i>	12%
<i>Bachelor's degree</i>	27%
<i>Post baccalaureate (Master's, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)</i>	16%
<i>Other</i>	4%
<i>Political Party</i>	
<i>Republican</i>	43%
<i>Independent</i>	26%
<i>Democrat</i>	25%
<i>Libertarian</i>	2%
<i>Other</i>	2%
<i>Prefer not to answer</i>	3%
<i>Total Household Income</i>	
<i>\$0 - \$20,000</i>	11%
<i>\$20,001 - \$37,000</i>	16%
<i>\$37,001 - \$46,000</i>	7%
<i>\$46,001 - \$57,000</i>	13%
<i>\$57,001 - \$88,000</i>	21%
<i>\$88,001 - \$150,000</i>	19%
<i>\$150,001 and above</i>	7%
<i>Prefer not to answer</i>	5%