

## POST-ELECTION POLL ANALYSIS

### MSU-MTN Post-Election Poll Results

#### Approval and Selected Issues

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The MSU-MTN team conducted a post-election poll of those respondents who participated in our pre-election poll. The post-election poll was mailed the day after the election, and responses were collected between November 8 and December 14, 2018. For more details, please see the survey methodology.

**Table 1a: Approval Ratings for Senator Steve Daines**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	16%	42%	18%	13%	10%
Democrat	1%	25%	35%	28%	11%
Republican	33%	53%	4%	3%	7%
Independent	8%	48%	21%	12%	12%
Other	17%	37%	15%	13%	18%

**Table 1b: Approval Ratings for Senator Jon Tester**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	25%	28%	20%	25%	3%
Democrat	61%	38%	1%	1%	0%
Republican	3%	13%	36%	44%	5%
Independent	25%	38%	13%	21%	3%
Other	14%	32%	26%	25%	3%

**Table 1c: Approval Ratings for Representative Greg Gianforte**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	16%	34%	18%	27%	5%
Democrat	0%	3%	32%	63%	2%
Republican	36%	58%	3%	2%	1%
Independent	5%	35%	26%	26%	9%
Other	14%	28%	21%	26%	11%

**Table 1d: Approval Ratings for Governor Steve Bullock**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	18%	42%	19%	15%	6%
Democrat	41%	50%	3%	2%	4%
Republican	5%	28%	33%	26%	8%
Independent	18%	54%	12%	12%	5%
Other	11%	44%	24%	17%	5%

**Table 1e: Approval Ratings for President Donald Trump**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	29%	24%	8%	38%	1%
Democrat	1%	2%	10%	87%	0%
Republican	56%	39%	3%	2%	0%
Independent	18%	26%	9%	45%	2%
Other	29%	24%	13%	32%	2%

**Table 1f: Approval Ratings for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	14%	31%	15%	29%	12%
Democrat	0%	8%	21%	61%	10%
Republican	29%	49%	8%	5%	9%
Independent	8%	27%	17%	32%	17%
Other	9%	32%	17%	24%	18%

**Table 2a: Are things heading in the right direction or wrong direction in the U.S.?**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Right direction</b>	<b>Wrong direction</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	50%	42%	8%
Democrat	10%	79%	11%
Republican	85%	10%	5%
Independent	42%	46%	11%
Other	49%	48%	4%

**Table 2b: Are things heading in the right direction or wrong direction in Montana?**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Right direction</b>	<b>Wrong direction</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	54%	29%	17%
Democrat	64%	22%	15%
Republican	51%	33%	17%
Independent	53%	29%	18%
Other	44%	34%	22%

**Table 3: Approval of 2017 tax law**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	46%	38%	15%
Democrat	4%	83%	13%
Republican	83%	4%	13%
Independent	37%	47%	15%
Other	42%	32%	27%

**Table 4: Views on 2010 health care reform law**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	36%	14%	48%	3%
Democrat	75%	12%	9%	4%
Republican	7%	12%	79%	2%
Independent	42%	17%	39%	2%
Other	25%	18%	53%	3%

**Table 5: Illegal immigration is a serious problem in the U.S.**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	45%	20%	9%	17%	7%	1%
Democrat	9%	21%	15%	37%	16%	3%
Republican	77%	19%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Independent	37%	22%	13%	22%	6%	1%
Other	43%	18%	11%	15%	11%	1%

**Table 6: Important to protect federal lands in Montana**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	60%	29%	5%	3%	1%	1%
Democrat	85%	14%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Republican	39%	42%	10%	4%	2%	2%
Independent	64%	28%	4%	3%	1%	0%
Other	61%	25%	5%	7%	1%	0%

**Table 7: States should be able to impose a work requirement for Medicaid**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	46%	30%	7%	9%	4%	4%
Democrat	16%	35%	13%	19%	8%	8%
Republican	69%	27%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Independent	45%	31%	6%	9%	5%	4%
Other	46%	30%	8%	7%	5%	5%

**Table 8: Teachers should be allowed to carry guns in schools**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	22%	24%	7%	15%	27%	5%
Democrat	2%	9%	5%	22%	59%	3%
Republican	40%	37%	8%	8%	5%	3%
Independent	16%	24%	7%	18%	29%	7%
Other	26%	21%	8%	13%	20%	11%

**Table 9: The State of Montana should offer a publicly funded, voluntary pre-school program**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	21%	28%	16%	15%	13%	7%
Democrat	35%	43%	10%	4%	3%	5%
Republican	15%	16%	17%	21%	25%	7%
Independent	19%	36%	18%	11%	7%	9%
Other	15%	16%	22%	27%	12%	9%

**Table 10: The federal government should pursue policies designed to reduce income inequality in the United States**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Overall	26%	22%	13%	16%	19%	5%
Democrat	52%	31%	6%	3%	3%	6%
Republican	10%	14%	16%	23%	33%	4%
Independent	23%	25%	15%	17%	16%	5%
Other	23%	16%	18%	20%	18%	6%

\* Note that rows in tables may not sum to 100% exactly due to rounding.