# UTAH POLITICAL TRENDS PANEL

# OCTOBER 2019

**TOPLINE REPORT**

**METHODOLOGY DETAILS**

n=979

Online interviews fielded September 25-October 8, 2019

Margin of error +- 3.1

In June and July of 2019, 103,131 Utah voters were sampled from the state’s file of registered voters and invited to join in the Utah Political Trends Panel–a representative, statewide panel of Utah voters. From this sample, 2,608 voters completed this survey to join the Utah Political Trends Panel. Utah voters who opted-in to join this panel were contacted again in the last week of August, 2019 and invited to participate in the next wave of the Utah Political Trends Panel. 979 of our 2,608 panelists responded by participating in this survey, resulting in an overall response rate of 1% of the original sample (AAPOR RR#2) and an eligible response rate of 38% of panelists (AAPOR Contact Rate #3). Survey invitations were sent via email and interviews were completed online.

Sampling error is only one possible source of error in survey research. Results can also be affected by measurement error (e.g. question wording and question order), coverage error (e.g. counting as “likely voters” survey respondents who will not vote), and non-response error (e.g. the people who responded to the survey are systematically different from people who refused or were not reachable).

To correct for non-response and minimize the likelihood of coverage error, the responses to this survey were weighted according to active voter status, county, registered party, gender, and age to reflect the registered voter population within each of Utah’s U.S. congressional districts.

The Utah Political Trends Panel is a partnership between Y2 Analytics and UtahPolicy.com. We are committed to providing transparent public opinion data so that policy makers, social scientists, journalists, teachers, and students may better-understand Utah and its unique political landscape.

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Welcome to the Utah Political Trends Panel, sponsored by Utah Policy and Y2 Analytics. As a member of this panel, you will have the opportunity to share your opinions on many of the most important topics in Utah politics and society.

We highly value your time and opinions. Please note that your participation is voluntary and that all your answers will remain strictly confidential. Most people will complete the survey in less than 10 minutes. If you exit the survey before completion, you will be able to resume it at a later time.

To begin the survey, click on the " " button below. During the survey you can use the navigation button on the bottom of the screen to advance questions. If during the survey you do not see the button, scroll down until you see it.

QTRACK1. Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction or the wrong direction? (n = 971)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Right direction | | 36% |  |
|  | Wrong direction | | 64 |  |

QTRACK2. And thinking just about Utah, do you feel things in Utah are going in the right direction or the wrong direction? (n = 956)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Right direction | | 58% |  |
|  | Wrong direction | | 42 |  |

QAPPROVAL. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following individuals or organizations are handling their jobs? If you are not aware of a particular person or organization, simply select Don’t know.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (ROTATED QAPPROVAL SERIES) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Strongly approve | Somewhat approve | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | Don't know |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | President Donald Trump (n=946) | 28% | 17 | 8 | 47 | <1 |
|  | Utah Governor Gary Herbert (n=950) | 25 | 33 | 21 | 14 | 8 |
|  | The Utah State Legislature (n=947) | 4 | 39 | 27 | 21 | 9 |
|  | Senator Mike Lee (n=947) | 20 | 23 | 16 | 31 | 11 |
|  | Senator Mitt Romney (n=949) | 16 | 30 | 25 | 26 | 4 |
|  | Congressman Rob Bishop (n=198) | 10 | 24 | 17 | 30 | 19 |
|  | Congressman Chris Stewart (n=269) | 14 | 23 | 14 | 28 | 21 |
|  | Congressman Ben McAdams (n=253) | 18 | 36 | 20 | 10 | 16 |
|  | Congressman John Curtis (n=227) | 14 | 31 | 14 | 10 | 31 |
|  | Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox (n=950) | 22 | 29 | 12 | 6 | 30 |
|  | Republicans in Congress (n=951) | 7 | 30 | 23 | 37 | 2 |
|  | Democrats in Congress (n=950) | 6 | 28 | 19 | 45 | 3 |

QCONGRESS. If the November 2020 election for U.S. House of Representatives were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate, the Democrat candidate, or someone else? (n = 944)

(ROTATED Republican AND Democrat candidate)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Republican candidate | | 42% |  |
|  | Democrat candidate | | 29 |  |
|  | Someone else | | 9 |  |
|  | Other, please specify | | 3 |  |
|  | Don't know/not sure | | 16 |  |

Q2020ELECTION. If the 2020 November election for the President of the United States were being held today who

would you vote for? (n = 944)

(ROTATED “The Republican, Donald Trump” AND “The future Democratic nominee”)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The Republican, Donald Trump | | 41% |  |
|  | The future Democratic nominee | | 33 |  |
|  | A third-party candidate | | 12 |  |
|  | Other, please specify | | 4 |  |
|  | Do not know/not sure | | 10 |  |

QIMPEACHMENT. Speaker Nancy Pelosi has announced that the House will initiate a formal impeachment inquiry

against President Donald Trump, ultimately to consider impeaching him, which might remove him

from office. Which of the following best describes what you think? (n = 943)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | There is enough evidence for Congress to begin impeachment proceedings now | | 34% |  |
|  | Congress should continue investigating to see if there is enough evidence to hold impeachment hearings in the future | | 19 |  |
|  | Congress should not hold impeachment hearings and Donald Trump should finish his term as president | | 47 |  |
|  | Do not know/Not sure | | 1 |  |

QMEDICAID. Do you support or oppose full Medicaid expansion to cover the healthcare of all low-income Utahns? (n = 944)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly support | | 33% |  |
|  | Somewhat support | | 24 |  |
|  | Somewhat oppose | | 19 |  |
|  | Strongly oppose | | 20 |  |
|  | Don't know | | 4 |  |

QLEVELTRUST. Which level of government do you trust most to spend your tax dollars wisely? (n = 911)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Federal government | | 5% |  |
|  | State government | | 34 |  |
|  | Local (i.e. County, City, and Town) government | | 61 |  |

QLEVELDECIDE. Which level of government do you think should make key decisions about issues that impact you? (n = 928)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Federal government | | 16% |  |
|  | State government | | 38 |  |
|  | Local (i.e. County, City, and Town) government | | 45 |  |

Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in each of the following?

(RANDOMIZED QLEVELDOES SERIES)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Federal government | State government | Local government |
| QLEVELDOES1. | Setting educational standards for what students should know (n=927) | 36% | 56 | 10 |
| QLEVELDOES2. | Setting standards for protecting of the environment (n=922) | 74 | 20 | 6 |
| QLEVELDOES3. | Taking care of roads and bridges (n=926) | 23 | 65 | 12 |
| QLEVELDOES4. | Protecting people from crime (n=926) | 5 | 27 | 68 |
| QLEVELDOES5. | Providing parks and recreational areas (n=927) | 15 | 34 | 50 |
| QLEVELDOES6. | Helping poor people get healthcare (n=919) | 51 | 43 | 6 |
| QLEVELDOES7. | Creating affordable housing (n=920) | 22 | 54 | 24 |

What level of government should play the biggest role in each of the following?

(RANDOMIZED QLEVELSHOULD SERIES)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Federal government | State government | Local government |
| QLEVELSHOULD1. | Setting educational standards for what students should know (n=917) | 30% | 49 | 21 |
| QLEVELSHOULD2. | Setting standards for protecting of the environment (n=915) | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| QLEVELSHOULD3. | Taking care of roads and bridges (n=917) | 25 | 62 | 12 |
| QLEVELSHOULD4. | Protecting people from crime (n=918) | 8 | 29 | 64 |
| QLEVELSHOULD5. | Providing parks and recreational areas (n=917) | 12 | 43 | 44 |
| QLEVELSHOULD6. | Helping poor people get healthcare (n=914) | 38 | 45 | 17 |
| QLEVELSHOULD7. | Creating affordable housing (n=915) | 17 | 54 | 29 |

Below are a few statements about the role and state of government. For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree.

(RANDOMIZED QLIKELEVEL SERIES)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Completely agree | Mostly agree | Mostly disagree | Completely disagree |
| QLIKELEVEL1. | The federal government should run only those things that cannot be run at the local level. (n=914) | 38% | 44 | 14 | 5 |
| QLIKELEVEL2. | The federal government provides a better return on my tax dollars than the state and local governments. (n=914) | 7 | 22 | 41 | 30 |
| QLIKELEVEL3. | I trust my state and local governments more than I do the federal government. (n=915) | 29 | 50 | 18 | 3 |
| QLIKELEVEL4. | Politicians at the state and local level are more corrupt than politicians at the federal level. (n=914) | 2 | 10 | 62 | 26 |

QJELLO1. How often do you or members of your household eat Jell-O? (n = 916)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | At least once a day | | <1% |  |
|  | A few times a week | | 1 |  |
|  | Once a week | | 1 |  |
|  | A few times a month | | 4 |  |
|  | Once a month | | 4 |  |
|  | A few times a year | | 34 |  |
|  | Once a year or less often | | 27 |  |
|  | Never | | 28 |  |

(IF QJELLO1 > Never SHOWN QJELLO2, ELSE WENT TO QGREENHOME)

QJELLO2. How do you prefer to eat your Jell-O? (n = 676)

(RANDOMIZED CHOICES)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Plain | | 31% |  |
|  | With fruit | | 16 |  |
|  | With whipped topping | | 23 |  |
|  | With fruit and whipped topping | | 24 |  |
|  | With shredded carrot | | 1 |  |
|  | Other, please specify | | 7 |  |

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QYEARBORN. What year were you born? (RECODED INTO AGE CATEGORIES FROM PANEL; n=875)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | | 26% |  |
|  | 35-44 | | 19 |  |
|  | 45-54 | | 16 |  |
|  | 55-64 | | 17 |  |
|  | 65+ | | 22 |  |

QSEX. Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself? (FROM PANEL; n = 909)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male | | 53% |  |
|  | Female | | 46 |  |
|  | In another way, please specify if you wish: | | 1 |  |

QIDEOLOGY. On most political matters do you consider yourself: (FROM PANEL; n = 910)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly conservative | | 25% |  |
|  | Moderately conservative | | 28 |  |
|  | Neither, middle of the road | | 17 |  |
|  | Moderately liberal | | 20 |  |
|  | Strongly liberal | | 9 |  |
|  | Do not know/not sure | | 1 |  |

PARTY7. Political leanings of respondents (RECODED FROM PANEL; n= 979)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strong Republican | | 24% |  |
|  | Not very strong Republican | | 11 |  |
|  | Independent leaning Republican | | 12 |  |
|  | Independent/ Other/ No preference | | 24 |  |
|  | Independent leaning Democrat | | 12 |  |
|  | Not very strong Democrat | | 5 |  |
|  | Strong Democrat | | 12 |  |

REL\_ACTIVE. Relative activity of religion of respondents. (RECODED FROM PANEL; n=979)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Very active LDS | | 42% |  |
|  | Less active LDS | | 11 |  |
|  | Not active LDS | | 2 |  |
|  | Very active Christian (non-LDS) | | 4 |  |
|  | Less active Christian (non-LDS) | | 5 |  |
|  | Not active Christian (non-LDS) | | 2 |  |
|  | Very active non-Christian | | 1 |  |
|  | Less active non-Christian | | 2 |  |
|  | Not active non-Christian | | <1 |  |
|  | Agnostic/Atheist/None | | 31 |  |

COUNTYCONDENSED. County make-up of respondents (RECODED FROM PANEL; n=979)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cache County | | 4% |  |
|  | Davis Country | | 15 |  |
|  | Salt Lake County | | 42 |  |
|  | Utah County | | 19 |  |
|  | Washington County | | 8 |  |
|  | Weber County | | 8 |  |
|  | Other | | 4 |  |

DISTRICT. US Congressional makeup of respondents (RECODED FROM PANEL; n=979)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | | 21% |  |
|  | 2 | | 28 |  |
|  | 3 | | 24 |  |
|  | 4 | | 27 |  |