Bloomberg Politics Ohio Poll

Poll Questions

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**] and [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], for whom would you vote? **(Alternate candidate names every other interview.)**

(If not sure or would not vote, ask:) Toward which do you lean?

	Q.2a	Q.2b	Total
Hillary Clinton	39	4	43
Donald Trump	44	4	48
Other/would not vote (VOL)	9	6	6
Not sure	8	3	3

Would you say your vote for Hillary Clinton is more a vote to support her for president, or more a vote to stop Donald Trump from becoming president? **(Asked only of Clinton voters; n=329.)**

56	More to support Clinton
37	More to vote against Trump
7	Not sure

Would you say your vote for Donald Trump is more a vote to support him for president, or more a vote to stop Hillary Clinton from becoming president? **(Asked only of Trump voters; n=403.)**

49	More to support Trump
45	More to vote against Clinton
7	Not sure

If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**], [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], [**Gary Johnson for the Libertarian Party**], and [**Jill Stein for the Green Party**], for whom would you vote? **(Rotate candidate names in brackets.)**

(If not sure, or would not vote, ask:) Toward which do you lean?

	Q.5a	Q.5b	Total
Hillary Clinton	38	1	39
Donald Trump	43	1	44
Gary Johnson	10	-	10
Jill Stein	3	-	3
Would not vote (VOL)	1	1	1
Not sure	6	4	4

If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district: The [DEMOCRATIC] candidate or the [REPUBLICAN] candidate? **(If not sure, ask:)** Which way are you leaning—toward the [REPUBLICAN] candidate or the [DEMOCRATIC] candidate? **(Alternate party names each interview.)**

36   Democratic candidate
2   Lean Democratic candidate
49   Republican candidate
2   Lean Republican candidate
2   Other (VOL)
10   Not sure

If the general election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were [**Ted Strickland for the Democrats**] and [**Rob Portman for the Republicans**], for whom would you vote? **(Alternate candidate names every other interview.)**

36   Ted Strickland
53   Rob Portman
3   Other/would not vote (VOL)
7   Not sure

Ohio Republican Governor John Kasich has refused to endorse Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. Does that make you more likely or less likely to vote for Donald Trump?

24   More likely
31   Less likely
32   Makes no difference (VOL)
13   Not sure

Do you think things in the state of Ohio are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

57   Right direction
33   Wrong track
10   Not sure

Which of the following do you see as the most important issue facing Ohio right now? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

6   Immigration
17   Health care
4   Climate change
5   Terrorist threat from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS
8   Taxes
17   A decline in real income for American workers
36   Unemployment and jobs
3   Trade
1   Other (VOL) (specify:)
1   None of these (VOL)
2   Not sure

[Personalities]

Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. <u>If you don't know enough to answer, just say so.</u> **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

	Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Barack Obama, president of the United States	46	51	28	18	15	36	3
Bill Clinton, former president of the United States	46	51	19	26	20	30	4
Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president	40	57	17	24	12	45	2
Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president	45	52	21	24	11	41	3
Tim Kaine, Democratic nominee for vice president and U.S. senator from Virginia	37	37	14	23	17	20	25
Mike Pence, Republican nominee for vice president and governor of Indiana	48	34	23	25	16	18	18
John Kasich, governor of Ohio	59	35	19	40	19	15	6
Rob Portman, U.S. senator from Ohio	57	27	18	39	16	11	16
Sherrod Brown, U.S. senator from Ohio	47	28	18	29	14	14	25
Ted Strickland, candidate for U.S. Senate from Ohio	39	48	12	27	21	26	13
The Democratic Party	42	53	16	26	22	31	5
The Republican Party	45	50	14	31	28	22	5
Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party nominee for president	22	40	5	17	22	18	38
Jill Stein, the Green Party nominee for president	14	37	3	11	20	18	49
Vladimir Putin, president of the Russian Federation	9	73	2	7	30	43	18

Now, I'm going to mention some concerns that political opponents have expressed about Donald Trump. For each, please tell me if this is something that bothers you a lot, a little, or not at all. **(Rotate.)**

	Bothers A lot	Bothers A little	Bothers Not at all	Not Sure
Trump's decision not to release his tax returns	39	21	40	1
Trump's criticism of a reporter that was seen as mocking the reporter's physical disability	57	21	20	2
Trump's charitable foundation's illegal contribution to the Florida attorney general's political group as the attorney general was deciding not to investigate fraud claims against Trump University	40	25	29	6

Now, I'm going to mention some concerns that political opponents have expressed about Hillary Clinton. For each, please tell me if this is something that bothers you a lot, a little, or not at all. **(Rotate.)**

	Bothers A lot	Bothers A little	Bothers Not at all	Not Sure
Clinton's handling of her private e-mail, which the FBI director called "extremely careless"	57	25	18	1
Clinton's handling of the Benghazi attack in which four Americans were killed while she was secretary of state	59	20	20	1
Clinton's family's foundation accepted money from foreign governments when she was secretary of state	53	23	22	1

Some say the Clinton Foundation has done important work helping hundreds of thousands of poor and sick people around the globe using donations from people, companies, and countries around the world. Some are concerned that the foundation raising hundreds of millions of dollars while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State was a conflict of interest.

What is the best approach for the Clinton Foundation to take going forward: **(Read list. Do not alternate.)**

- 39   Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton should immediately sever all ties to the foundation
- 29   The Clintons should sever all ties to the foundation only if Hillary Clinton is elected president
- 24   The Clinton Foundation should continue as it is, with Bill and Chelsea Clinton still involved even if Hillary Clinton is elected as president
- 8   Not sure

Donald Trump has said as president he would enforce immigration law more strongly than President Obama has, creating a deportation task force and deporting millions of undocumented immigrants. In your view, is this a good or bad idea?

- 49   Good idea
- 45   Bad idea
- 6   Not sure

Donald Trump has also said he would build a wall along the Mexican border and that he could make Mexico pay for it. Do you think it is realistic or unrealistic that this would happen under a Trump presidency?

- 26   Realistic
- 71   Unrealistic
- 2   Not sure

The North American Free Trade Agreement (called NAFTA) came into effect under Bill Clinton's presidency. Do you think trade deals such as NAFTA do more to increase Ohio exports and to add jobs, or more to entice Ohio companies to move and to decrease jobs?

20	More to increase exports and jobs
57	More to lose companies and jobs
23	Not sure

Over the last 10 years, have you or has anyone in your household been unemployed because of layoffs or companies closing, or looking for work but unable to find a job?

16	Yes, respondent
16	Yes, someone in household
6	Yes, both
61	No
1	Not sure

These final questions are asked just to see what cross-section of Ohio voters we are interviewing.

What is your age? **(RECORD ACTUAL AGE AND CODE WITH APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP. IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, OFFER AGE GROUPS.)**

b. **(CODE PROPER CATEGORY :)**

9	Under 25
5	25 to 29
6	30 to 34
8	35 to 39
8	40 to 44
8	45 to 49
10	50 to 54
10	55 to 59
11	60 to 64
24	65 and over
-	Refused/not sure

In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? **(If independent, ask:)** Do you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats, or are you totally independent?

33	Republican
10	Lean Republican
17	Totally independent
7	Lean Democrat
29	Democrat
1	Other (VOL)
2	Refused/not sure

What is the last grade of school you completed? **(Read list.)**

25	High school graduate or less
20	Some college (no degree)
12	Associate's (two-year) degree
24	Bachelor's (four-year) degree
18	Postgraduate work or degree
1	Refused/not sure

With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, or some other group?
(If not Hispanic, ask:) Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background?
(If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.)

83	White
11	Black
2	Hispanic
-	Asian
2	Other
-	Multi-racial
2	Refused/not sure

Sex:

50	Male
50	Female

Methodology

Sept. 14 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg Politics Ohio Poll, conducted Sept. 9-12 by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, is based on interviews with 802 Ohio residents who are say they will definitely vote in the 2016 general election.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 1,138 Ohio adults with randomly selected landline and cell phone telephone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Responses from the full probability sample were weighted by age and race to reflect the general population based on recent census data. Interviews were administered in English.

Percentages based on the subsample of 802 Ohio likely voters may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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