

# CBS News 2018 Battleground Tracker Montana



Sample 543 Registered Voters  
Conducted September 10-14, 2018  
Margin of Error ±5.2%

## 1. How would you rate the economy in the area where you live?

Very good	21%
Somewhat good	51%
Somewhat bad	24%
Very bad	3%

## 2. How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2018 midterm election campaign?

Great deal	38%
Fair amount	40%
Not very much	16%
None at all	6%

## 3. As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2018 midterm elections for House and Senate?

Definitely	72%
Probably	12%
Maybe	10%
Probably not	4%
Definitely not	2%

## 4. As best you can recall, have you voted in a midterm election before in Montana either in 2014 or 2010?

Yes	76%
No	24%

## 5. The general election for U.S. Senate in Montana is coming up this November. If the Senate election were held today and these were the candidates, would you vote for:

*Among likely voters*

Jon Tester (Democrat)	47%
Matthew Rosendale (Republican)	45%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	5%
I wouldn't vote	0%

**6. Which best describes your support for [Senate Candidate] right now?**

*Among likely voters supporting Tester or Rosendale*

Very strong – I’ve decided .....	69%
Strong – I probably won’t change .....	18%
Somewhat strong – I might still change .....	11%
Not too strong – I’ll probably change at some point .....	2%

**7. What’s the main reason you’re supporting [Senate Candidate]?**

*Among likely voters supporting Tester or Rosendale*

His personal character and leadership qualities .....	31%
His stance on the issues .....	49%
Because he is a Democrat/Republican .....	20%

**8. Would you ever consider voting for Matthew Rosendale this year?**

*Asked of likely voters supporting Jon Tester*

Yes .....	6%
No .....	88%
Not sure .....	6%

**9. Would you ever consider voting for Jon Tester this year?**

*Asked of likely voters supporting Matthew Rosendale*

Yes .....	3%
No .....	88%
Not sure .....	9%

**10. How do you feel about voting in the election in November?**

Very enthusiastic .....	52%
Somewhat enthusiastic .....	29%
Not very enthusiastic .....	19%

**11. Regardless of which candidate you might support, which candidate do you think is better on...**

	Jon Tester	Matthew Rosendale	Both equal	Not sure yet
Health care	41%	35%	6%	17%
Immigration	36%	41%	5%	18%
Crime	34%	36%	9%	21%
Gun policy	35%	42%	8%	14%

**12. Would your 2018 Senate vote be...**

In support of Donald Trump .....	36%
In opposition to Donald Trump .....	30%
Not about Donald Trump .....	34%

**13. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling his job as President?**

Strongly approve .....	34%
Somewhat approve .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%

**14. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the U.S. right now?**

Very satisfied .....	20%
Somewhat satisfied .....	27%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	23%
Very dissatisfied .....	30%

**15. Do you think the policies of the Trump Administration are responsible for the current state of the economy in your area?**

Yes, a lot .....	33%
Yes, some .....	22%
Yes, a little .....	23%
No, not at all .....	22%

**16. Would you like the next Senator from Montana to be someone who generally:**

Tries to oppose Donald Trump as much as they can .....	20%
Is progressive but tries to work with Donald Trump at times .....	28%
Is conservative but independent from Donald Trump at times .....	23%
Tries to support Donald Trump as much as they can .....	29%

**17. Do you think of your vote for U.S. Senate this fall...?**

To help Democrats gain control of the Senate .....	31%
To help Republicans keep control about the Senate .....	36%
Not about party control of the Senate .....	33%

18. Whether or not you agree with them, how would you describe the way the Republican party has handled its majority in Congress the last two years:

Gone too far trying to do things only they want .....	42%
Not gone far enough trying to do things they want .....	41%
Done about the right amount .....	16%

19. Whether or not you agree with them, if the Democrats have majority control of Congress next year, do you feel it would:

Force both parties to work together and compromise .....	36%
Lead to stalemate between the parties .....	46%
Not change things much at all .....	18%

20. In what they say and do, do you think the Democratic party:

Tries to put the interests of whites over racial minorities .....	10%
Tries to put the interests of racial minorities over whites .....	46%
Tries to treat their interests the same way .....	44%

21. In what they say and do, do you think the Republican party:

Tries to put the interests of whites over racial minorities .....	38%
Tries to put the interests of racial minorities over whites .....	4%
Tries to treat their interests the same way .....	57%

22. In what they say and do, do you think the Democratic party:

Tries to put the interests of large corporations over working people .....	36%
Tries to put the interests of working people over large corporations .....	40%
Tries to treat their interests the same way .....	24%

23. In what they say and do, do you think the Republican party:

Tries to put the interests of large corporations over working people .....	50%
Tries to put the interests of working people over large corporations .....	15%
Tries to treat their interests the same way .....	35%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jon Tester is currently doing as Senator from Montana?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	29%

25. How much do you think each person understands the needs and problems of the people of Montana?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all
Jon Tester	37%	25%	21%	17%
Matthew Rosendale	27%	29%	21%	23%
Donald Trump	23%	24%	13%	40%

26. [Question held for future release.]

27. Whether or not you support him, do you mostly like or mostly dislike these things about Donald Trump?

	Mostly like	Mostly dislike	Not sure
How he handles himself personally	30%	55%	14%
His policies overall	51%	39%	10%
How he handles issue of race and race relations	43%	44%	13%
His economic policies	52%	36%	12%

28. In the 2018 election for the Senate, what will be more important to you:

National issues and the direction of the country	70%
Local issues and what's happening in your area and state	30%

29. In general, do you think laws covering the sale of guns should be made...

More strict	41%
Less strict	17%

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Kept as they are now ..... 41%

**30. Have recent changes to tax laws made by the Republican Congress and President Trump impacted your own taxes...**

For the better ..... 30%  
 For the worse ..... 17%  
 Not much impact so far ..... 43%  
 Haven't heard about any changes ..... 9%

**31. How have the recent changes to health care laws made by the Republican Congress impacted your own health care coverage and costs?**

Helped ..... 10%  
 Hurt ..... 29%  
 Not much impact so far ..... 50%  
 Haven't heard about any changes ..... 11%

**32. Are recent changes to trade policy made by President Trump impacting your own area...**

For the better ..... 14%  
 For the worse ..... 30%  
 Not much impact so far ..... 41%  
 Haven't heard about any changes ..... 14%

**33. Would you say that you and your family are...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago ..... 28%  
 About the same financially as you were a year ago ..... 47%  
 Worse off financially than you were a year ago ..... 22%  
 Not sure ..... 3%

**34. In general, compared to male candidates, do you think women candidates pay...**

More attention to the issues you care about ..... 30%  
 Less attention to the issues you care about ..... 11%  
 No difference in attention ..... 59%

35. How often do you vote?

Always .....	74%
Sometimes .....	22%
Rarely .....	4%
Never .....	0%

36. [Question held for future release.]

37. Do you approve or disapprove of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, sometimes referred to as Obamacare?

Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	24%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	43%

38. When it comes to health care, how concerned are you about each of the following:

	A lot	Some	Not much
Making sure everyone is covered	50%	29%	21%
Keeping costs down	84%	14%	2%
Improving healthcare quality	71%	23%	6%
Making sure pre-existing conditions are covered	72%	19%	9%

39. Generally, do you think Jon Tester's policy views are:

More liberal than most Democrats in Congress .....	17%
More moderate than most Democrats in Congress .....	33%
About the same as most Democrats in Congress .....	50%

40. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal .....	12%
Somewhat liberal .....	15%

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Moderate .....	25%
Somewhat conservative .....	23%
Very conservative .....	21%
Not sure .....	4%

**41. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?**

Strong Democrat .....	22%
Not very strong Democrat .....	6%
Lean Democrat .....	10%
Independent .....	13%
Lean Republican .....	16%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Strong Republican .....	21%
Not sure .....	3%



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## 1. Rate the economy

How would you rate the economy in the area where you live?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Very good	21%	28%	15%	18%	16%	22%	28%
Somewhat good	51%	52%	50%	46%	58%	48%	53%
Somewhat bad	24%	16%	32%	32%	24%	25%	18%
Very bad	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(268)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(141)

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	21%	23%	7%	28%	30%	6%	15%	36%
Somewhat good	51%	52%	59%	47%	51%	53%	51%	50%
Somewhat bad	24%	21%	31%	20%	18%	34%	31%	13%
Very bad	3%	4%	3%	5%	1%	7%	3%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 2. Attention to midterms

How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2018 midterm election campaign?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Great deal	38%	45%	32%	18%	23%	45%	54%
Fair amount	40%	35%	45%	32%	49%	36%	43%
Not very much	16%	13%	18%	30%	21%	16%	2%
None at all	6%	7%	5%	19%	7%	3%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(266)	(275)	(90)	(112)	(198)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	38%	44%	46%	43%	29%	50%	25%	40%
Fair amount	40%	42%	37%	38%	48%	37%	35%	45%
Not very much	16%	11%	10%	14%	18%	10%	30%	9%
None at all	6%	3%	6%	4%	4%	2%	9%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(454)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(144)	(156)	(239)

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### 3. Likely Turnout

As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2018 midterm elections for House and Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Definitely	72%	77%	68%	28%	63%	81%	94%
Probably	12%	9%	14%	24%	14%	9%	5%
Maybe	10%	6%	14%	22%	18%	7%	1%
Probably not	4%	6%	3%	19%	3%	2%	0%
Definitely not	2%	2%	1%	7%	1%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(268)	(274)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Definitely	72%	86%	84%	74%	67%	87%	53%	76%
Probably	12%	14%	6%	13%	13%	9%	19%	8%
Maybe	10%	0%	5%	9%	15%	3%	19%	9%
Probably not	4%	0%	5%	2%	4%	0%	5%	6%
Definitely not	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(542)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(157)	(239)

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## 4. Previous midterm vote

As best you can recall, have you voted in a midterm election before in Montana either in 2014 or 2010?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	76%	78%	73%	38%	70%	83%	94%
No	24%	22%	27%	62%	30%	17%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(274)	(90)	(113)	(197)	(141)

  

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	76%	85%	80%	79%	73%	79%	65%	80%
No	24%	15%	20%	21%	27%	21%	35%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(150)	(205)	(162)	(144)	(158)	(238)

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## 5. Senate vote - likely voters

The general election for U.S. Senate in Montana is coming up this November. If the Senate election were held today and these were the candidates, would you vote for:

*Among likely voters*

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Jon Tester (Democrat)	47%	42%	52%	68%	53%	42%	43%
Matthew Rosendale (Republican)	45%	50%	40%	23%	40%	50%	48%
Someone else	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%
I wouldn't vote	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(453)	(227)	(226)	(47)	(89)	(177)	(140)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jon Tester (Democrat)	47%	47%	99%	40%	5%	94%	61%	8%
Matthew Rosendale (Republican)	45%	45%	1%	49%	83%	4%	23%	85%
Someone else	3%	3%	0%	3%	6%	1%	5%	2%
Not sure	5%	5%	0%	8%	6%	1%	11%	5%
I wouldn't vote	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(453)	(453)	(135)	(177)	(131)	(138)	(113)	(202)

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## 6. Strength of support - likely voters

Which best describes your support for [Senate Candidate] right now?

*Among likely voters supporting Tester or Rosendale*

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Very strong – I’ve decided	69%	72%	67%	40%	64%	73%	78%
Strong – I probably won’t change	18%	17%	20%	33%	21%	14%	17%
Somewhat strong – I might still change	11%	10%	11%	20%	14%	11%	5%
Not too strong – I’ll probably change at some point	2%	1%	2%	7%	1%	2%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(417)	(209)	(209)	(43)	(82)	(163)	(129)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very strong – I’ve decided	69%	69%	88%	62%	61%	80%	64%	65%
Strong – I probably won’t change	18%	18%	9%	21%	26%	12%	17%	24%
Somewhat strong – I might still change	11%	11%	3%	15%	10%	8%	14%	10%
Not too strong – I’ll probably change at some point	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	0%	5%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(417)	(417)	(135)	(159)	(116)	(135)	(95)	(187)

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## 7. Main reason for support - likely voters

What's the main reason you're supporting [Senate Candidate]?

*Among likely voters supporting Tester or Rosendale*

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
His personal character and leadership qualities	31%	36%	26%	46%	30%	28%	30%
His stance on the issues	49%	48%	49%	46%	38%	52%	53%
Because he is a Democrat/Republican	20%	16%	25%	8%	32%	20%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(416)	(209)	(208)	(43)	(82)	(162)	(129)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
His personal character and leadership qualities	31%	31%	34%	30%	25%	34%	45%	21%
His stance on the issues	49%	49%	43%	59%	44%	49%	39%	54%
Because he is a Democrat/Republican	20%	20%	23%	11%	31%	17%	16%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(416)	(416)	(135)	(159)	(115)	(135)	(95)	(186)

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## 8. Consider the Republican - likely voters

Would you ever consider voting for Matthew Rosendale this year?

*Asked of likely voters supporting Jon Tester*

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	6%	7%	4%	24%	6%	1%	1%
No	88%	84%	91%	61%	89%	92%	96%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%	15%	5%	7%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(214)	(95)	(118)	(32)	(47)	(74)	(60)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	6%	6%	4%	9%	*	2%	8%	*
No	88%	88%	95%	76%	*	93%	86%	*
Not sure	6%	6%	1%	15%	*	5%	6%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(214)	(214)	(134)	(70)	(6)	(129)	(69)	(16)



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## 9. Consider the Democrat - likely voters

Would you ever consider voting for Jon Tester this year?

*Asked of likely voters supporting Matthew Rosendale*

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	3%	3%	3%	*	5%	0%	2%
No	88%	91%	86%	*	90%	93%	90%
Not sure	9%	6%	11%	*	5%	7%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(203)	(113)	(90)	(11)	(35)	(89)	(68)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	3%	3%	*	2%	4%	*	*	2%
No	88%	88%	*	93%	89%	*	*	92%
Not sure	9%	9%	*	5%	7%	*	*	6%
Totals	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	*	*	100%
Weighted N	(203)	(203)	(1)	(88)	(109)	(6)	(26)	(171)

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## 10. Voting enthusiasm

How do you feel about voting in the election in November?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Very enthusiastic	52%	55%	49%	22%	43%	57%	71%
Somewhat enthusiastic	29%	29%	30%	46%	39%	23%	20%
Not very enthusiastic	19%	16%	21%	32%	18%	20%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(268)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very enthusiastic	52%	61%	74%	48%	44%	73%	33%	53%
Somewhat enthusiastic	29%	25%	21%	26%	37%	19%	32%	33%
Not very enthusiastic	19%	14%	4%	26%	19%	8%	35%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 11A. Better candidate on issues — Health care

Regardless of which candidate you might support, which candidate do you think is better on...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Jon Tester	41%	38%	44%	41%	42%	41%	42%
Matthew Rosendale	35%	40%	31%	22%	31%	37%	45%
Both equal	6%	7%	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%
Not sure yet	17%	15%	20%	32%	21%	17%	6%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(264)	(272)	(90)	(111)	(195)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jon Tester	41%	46%	86%	37%	7%	88%	46%	10%
Matthew Rosendale	35%	37%	1%	37%	66%	3%	20%	65%
Both equal	6%	6%	3%	8%	7%	1%	7%	8%
Not sure yet	17%	11%	10%	18%	20%	8%	27%	17%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(450)	(149)	(204)	(161)	(144)	(154)	(238)

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## 11B. Better candidate on issues — Immigration

Regardless of which candidate you might support, which candidate do you think is better on...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Jon Tester	36%	31%	41%	33%	42%	32%	39%
Matthew Rosendale	41%	50%	32%	21%	36%	48%	46%
Both equal	5%	6%	4%	9%	3%	4%	6%
Not sure yet	18%	13%	23%	37%	19%	16%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(264)	(272)	(90)	(111)	(195)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jon Tester	36%	40%	84%	27%	5%	83%	38%	6%
Matthew Rosendale	41%	43%	3%	47%	73%	6%	25%	72%
Both equal	5%	6%	2%	7%	2%	4%	9%	3%
Not sure yet	18%	11%	11%	19%	20%	7%	28%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(450)	(149)	(204)	(161)	(144)	(154)	(238)

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## 11C. Better candidate on issues — Crime

Regardless of which candidate you might support, which candidate do you think is better on...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Jon Tester	34%	28%	39%	35%	39%	28%	36%
Matthew Rosendale	36%	44%	28%	13%	32%	42%	44%
Both equal	9%	9%	10%	7%	9%	12%	9%
Not sure yet	21%	19%	22%	44%	20%	18%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(536)	(264)	(272)	(90)	(111)	(195)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jon Tester	34%	36%	77%	25%	6%	74%	35%	8%
Matthew Rosendale	36%	39%	2%	39%	67%	5%	15%	68%
Both equal	9%	10%	6%	13%	8%	7%	14%	8%
Not sure yet	21%	15%	15%	22%	18%	14%	35%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(450)	(149)	(204)	(161)	(144)	(154)	(238)

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## 11D. Better candidate on issues — Gun policy

Regardless of which candidate you might support, which candidate do you think is better on...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Jon Tester	35%	30%	40%	41%	39%	28%	37%
Matthew Rosendale	42%	48%	37%	27%	38%	48%	48%
Both equal	8%	12%	5%	9%	4%	9%	11%
Not sure yet	14%	10%	18%	23%	18%	15%	4%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(264)	(272)	(90)	(111)	(196)	(140)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jon Tester	35%	39%	81%	25%	6%	76%	36%	10%
Matthew Rosendale	42%	44%	1%	49%	76%	6%	28%	74%
Both equal	8%	8%	11%	11%	3%	8%	11%	7%
Not sure yet	14%	9%	6%	15%	15%	10%	25%	9%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(450)	(148)	(204)	(162)	(143)	(155)	(238)

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## 12. Trump support

Would your 2018 Senate vote be...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
In support of Donald Trump	36%	35%	38%	29%	40%	38%	37%
In opposition to Donald Trump	30%	27%	32%	45%	31%	24%	26%
Not about Donald Trump	34%	38%	30%	26%	29%	38%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(268)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
In support of Donald Trump	36%	34%	2%	38%	70%	7%	23%	63%
In opposition to Donald Trump	30%	32%	74%	19%	3%	69%	25%	8%
Not about Donald Trump	34%	34%	24%	43%	27%	24%	52%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(543)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 13. Trump job approval

Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Strongly approve	34%	38%	30%	11%	29%	39%	45%
Somewhat approve	19%	18%	21%	23%	24%	21%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	14%	9%	30%	10%	9%	5%
Strongly disapprove	35%	30%	39%	36%	37%	31%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(268)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(141)

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	34%	35%	3%	37%	63%	7%	17%	61%
Somewhat approve	19%	18%	3%	23%	29%	5%	24%	25%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	7%	11%	12%	6%	4%	20%	11%
Strongly disapprove	35%	39%	82%	28%	2%	84%	38%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)



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## 14. Satisfied with things

Overall, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the U.S. right now?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Very satisfied	20%	24%	16%	12%	11%	25%	24%
Somewhat satisfied	27%	28%	27%	20%	32%	30%	26%
Somewhat dissatisfied	23%	21%	24%	27%	28%	19%	20%
Very dissatisfied	30%	27%	33%	40%	28%	26%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(268)	(273)	(90)	(112)	(198)	(141)

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very satisfied	20%	20%	2%	21%	38%	3%	11%	36%
Somewhat satisfied	27%	27%	6%	35%	40%	7%	28%	40%
Somewhat dissatisfied	23%	22%	28%	19%	15%	25%	32%	15%
Very dissatisfied	30%	31%	64%	25%	7%	65%	29%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(162)	(144)	(158)	(237)

**15. Credit for the economy**

Do you think the policies of the Trump Administration are responsible for the current state of the economy in your area?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes, a lot	33%	37%	28%	16%	21%	40%	43%
Yes, some	22%	21%	24%	23%	29%	23%	16%
Yes, a little	23%	21%	24%	30%	28%	17%	21%
No, not at all	22%	21%	24%	31%	22%	20%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(266)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(196)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, a lot	33%	35%	17%	39%	43%	15%	15%	55%
Yes, some	22%	22%	22%	18%	27%	25%	28%	17%
Yes, a little	23%	20%	22%	27%	18%	19%	35%	16%
No, not at all	22%	23%	39%	16%	12%	40%	21%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(453)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 16. Senator support for Trump

Would you like the next Senator from Montana to be someone who generally:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Tries to oppose Donald Trump as much as they can	20%	20%	19%	32%	27%	17%	10%
Is progressive but tries to work with Donald Trump at times	28%	24%	33%	34%	24%	27%	30%
Is conservative but independent from Donald Trump at times	23%	24%	22%	25%	25%	24%	17%
Tries to support Donald Trump as much as they can	29%	32%	26%	8%	24%	32%	43%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tries to oppose Donald Trump as much as they can	20%	20%	47%	15%	1%	47%	17%	5%
Is progressive but tries to work with Donald Trump at times	28%	27%	42%	26%	14%	44%	44%	8%
Is conservative but independent from Donald Trump at times	23%	22%	9%	30%	27%	4%	24%	34%
Tries to support Donald Trump as much as they can	29%	31%	2%	29%	58%	5%	15%	53%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 17. Party control

Do you think of your vote for U.S. Senate this fall...?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
To help Democrats gain control of the Senate	31%	26%	36%	40%	30%	26%	32%
To help Republicans keep control about the Senate	36%	40%	33%	23%	35%	38%	44%
Not about party control of the Senate	33%	34%	31%	37%	35%	36%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
To help Democrats gain control of the Senate	31%	33%	83%	18%	2%	78%	25%	6%
To help Republicans keep control about the Senate	36%	38%	2%	37%	69%	4%	20%	66%
Not about party control of the Senate	33%	29%	14%	44%	29%	18%	55%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 18. Republican majority

Whether or not you agree with them, how would you describe the way the Republican party has handled its majority in Congress the last two years:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Gone too far trying to do things only they want	42%	33%	51%	43%	48%	37%	44%
Not gone far enough trying to do things they want	41%	52%	31%	25%	28%	50%	51%
Done about the right amount	16%	15%	18%	32%	24%	12%	5%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(540)	(266)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(195)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gone too far trying to do things only they want	42%	44%	80%	34%	18%	81%	48%	15%
Not gone far enough trying to do things they want	41%	44%	15%	50%	57%	15%	23%	70%
Done about the right amount	16%	12%	5%	15%	25%	4%	29%	15%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(540)	(453)	(150)	(204)	(163)	(144)	(157)	(239)

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## 19. Democratic majority

Whether or not you agree with them, if the Democrats have majority control of Congress next year, do you feel it would:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Force both parties to work together and compromise	36%	33%	38%	41%	50%	27%	32%
Lead to stalemate between the parties	46%	48%	44%	35%	31%	56%	51%
Not change things much at all	18%	19%	18%	24%	18%	17%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(539)	(267)	(273)	(90)	(113)	(195)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Force both parties to work together and compromise	36%	34%	73%	25%	19%	64%	38%	17%
Lead to stalemate between the parties	46%	50%	14%	54%	67%	22%	32%	70%
Not change things much at all	18%	16%	13%	21%	14%	14%	30%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(539)	(451)	(149)	(204)	(162)	(143)	(158)	(238)

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## 20. Race interests - Democratic Party

In what they say and do, do you think the Democratic party:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Tries to put the interests of whites over racial minorities	10%	11%	9%	15%	5%	10%	10%
Tries to put the interests of racial minorities over whites	46%	51%	40%	37%	46%	49%	47%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	44%	38%	51%	48%	49%	41%	43%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(536)	(264)	(272)	(89)	(113)	(196)	(138)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tries to put the interests of whites over racial minorities	10%	8%	5%	14%	10%	7%	5%	15%
Tries to put the interests of racial minorities over whites	46%	47%	11%	50%	74%	8%	37%	74%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	44%	45%	84%	36%	15%	85%	58%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(536)	(449)	(150)	(200)	(164)	(144)	(156)	(236)

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## 21. Race interests - Republican Party

In what they say and do, do you think the Republican party:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Tries to put the interests of whites over racial minorities	38%	33%	43%	46%	44%	31%	39%
Tries to put the interests of racial minorities over whites	4%	4%	5%	9%	7%	3%	2%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	57%	63%	52%	45%	49%	66%	59%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(537)	(266)	(271)	(89)	(111)	(196)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tries to put the interests of whites over racial minorities	38%	39%	90%	27%	6%	86%	37%	10%
Tries to put the interests of racial minorities over whites	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	1%	8%	4%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	57%	57%	8%	69%	90%	13%	55%	86%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(537)	(453)	(150)	(204)	(161)	(144)	(156)	(236)



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## 22. Business interests - Democratic Party

In what they say and do, do you think the Democratic party:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Tries to put the interests of large corporations over working people	36%	38%	34%	39%	29%	44%	27%
Tries to put the interests of working people over large corporations	40%	38%	43%	32%	46%	35%	48%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	24%	24%	23%	29%	24%	21%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(528)	(254)	(273)	(86)	(113)	(192)	(137)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tries to put the interests of large corporations over working people	36%	33%	15%	39%	53%	17%	27%	52%
Tries to put the interests of working people over large corporations	40%	43%	61%	33%	31%	62%	39%	28%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	24%	24%	24%	27%	16%	21%	34%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(528)	(444)	(150)	(197)	(161)	(143)	(152)	(232)

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## 23. Business interests - Republican Party

In what they say and do, do you think the Republican party:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Tries to put the interests of large corporations over working people	50%	47%	52%	59%	55%	45%	46%
Tries to put the interests of working people over large corporations	15%	12%	18%	12%	24%	16%	9%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	35%	41%	30%	29%	21%	39%	45%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(264)	(273)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(137)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tries to put the interests of large corporations over working people	50%	50%	92%	43%	22%	89%	52%	24%
Tries to put the interests of working people over large corporations	15%	14%	3%	12%	29%	4%	19%	20%
Tries to treat their interests the same way	35%	36%	5%	45%	49%	7%	29%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(449)	(150)	(203)	(161)	(143)	(157)	(235)

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## 24. Senator job approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jon Tester is currently doing as Senator from Montana?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Strongly approve	27%	27%	27%	34%	24%	24%	30%
Somewhat approve	26%	21%	31%	34%	35%	21%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	18%	17%	18%	27%	22%	15%	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%	35%	24%	5%	18%	40%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	27%	29%	66%	15%	6%	54%	32%	7%
Somewhat approve	26%	24%	33%	29%	13%	37%	32%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	18%	16%	0%	21%	28%	3%	24%	22%
Strongly disapprove	29%	31%	1%	35%	52%	6%	12%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 25A. Understands needs and problems — Jon Tester

How much do you think each person understands the needs and problems of the people of Montana?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	37%	33%	42%	34%	36%	34%	45%
Some	25%	24%	26%	26%	36%	27%	12%
Not much	21%	22%	19%	18%	17%	24%	21%
Not at all	17%	21%	13%	22%	11%	15%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(542)	(268)	(274)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	37%	42%	83%	31%	7%	80%	42%	10%
Some	25%	24%	11%	32%	30%	15%	31%	27%
Not much	21%	20%	1%	19%	39%	2%	19%	33%
Not at all	17%	14%	5%	18%	24%	3%	8%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(150)	(205)	(162)	(144)	(157)	(239)

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## 25B. Understands needs and problems — Matthew Rosendale

How much do you think each person understands the needs and problems of the people of Montana?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	27%	33%	21%	15%	14%	30%	41%
Some	29%	25%	32%	37%	41%	27%	16%
Not much	21%	20%	22%	19%	25%	18%	23%
Not at all	23%	22%	25%	29%	20%	25%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(540)	(266)	(274)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(140)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	27%	28%	3%	28%	49%	4%	13%	50%
Some	29%	27%	12%	33%	41%	15%	32%	35%
Not much	21%	23%	37%	20%	5%	37%	30%	5%
Not at all	23%	22%	48%	19%	5%	44%	25%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(540)	(451)	(150)	(205)	(161)	(144)	(156)	(238)

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## 25C. Understands needs and problems — Donald Trump

How much do you think each person understands the needs and problems of the people of Montana?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	23%	26%	19%	12%	16%	23%	33%
Some	24%	23%	25%	18%	27%	31%	17%
Not much	13%	14%	12%	16%	17%	11%	10%
Not at all	40%	37%	44%	54%	40%	35%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(113)	(198)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	23%	23%	1%	24%	43%	5%	8%	43%
Some	24%	24%	2%	28%	42%	5%	21%	38%
Not much	13%	11%	10%	15%	9%	6%	23%	10%
Not at all	40%	42%	87%	33%	6%	84%	48%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(149)	(205)	(164)	(143)	(158)	(239)

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## 27A. Trump things — How he handles himself personally

Whether or not you support him, do you mostly like or mostly dislike these things about Donald Trump?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Mostly like	30%	35%	26%	17%	35%	34%	31%
Mostly dislike	55%	50%	60%	55%	58%	53%	56%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%	27%	7%	13%	13%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(537)	(265)	(272)	(90)	(111)	(195)	(141)

  

	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly like	30%	29%	4%	35%	53%	8%	22%	49%
Mostly dislike	55%	59%	90%	53%	25%	91%	66%	27%
Not sure	14%	12%	5%	12%	22%	1%	12%	24%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(537)	(452)	(150)	(205)	(161)	(142)	(154)	(239)

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## 27B. Trump things — His policies overall

Whether or not you support him, do you mostly like or mostly dislike these things about Donald Trump?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Mostly like	51%	52%	49%	30%	47%	59%	56%
Mostly dislike	39%	35%	43%	35%	44%	37%	40%
Not sure	10%	13%	8%	35%	9%	4%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(265)	(273)	(90)	(111)	(196)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly like	51%	51%	5%	58%	90%	11%	37%	84%
Mostly dislike	39%	42%	87%	31%	5%	87%	42%	8%
Not sure	10%	7%	8%	11%	5%	2%	21%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(452)	(150)	(205)	(161)	(143)	(154)	(239)



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## 27C. Trump things — How he handles issue of race and race relations

Whether or not you support him, do you mostly like or mostly dislike these things about Donald Trump?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Mostly like	43%	49%	37%	24%	38%	51%	49%
Mostly dislike	44%	37%	51%	46%	49%	40%	44%
Not sure	13%	14%	12%	30%	12%	9%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(265)	(273)	(90)	(111)	(196)	(141)

  

	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly like	43%	44%	3%	49%	78%	4%	29%	76%
Mostly dislike	44%	47%	90%	39%	10%	91%	51%	11%
Not sure	13%	9%	7%	12%	12%	5%	20%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(452)	(150)	(205)	(161)	(143)	(154)	(239)

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## 27D. Trump things — His economic policies

Whether or not you support him, do you mostly like or mostly dislike these things about Donald Trump?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Mostly like	52%	56%	47%	31%	51%	59%	55%
Mostly dislike	36%	31%	41%	35%	41%	32%	38%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%	33%	7%	9%	7%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(265)	(273)	(90)	(111)	(197)	(140)

  

	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly like	52%	52%	5%	61%	87%	9%	44%	83%
Mostly dislike	36%	39%	81%	29%	7%	80%	36%	9%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	10%	6%	11%	20%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(452)	(150)	(205)	(161)	(143)	(155)	(238)

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## 28. National vs local issues

In the 2018 election for the Senate, what will be more important to you:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
National issues and the direction of the country	70%	73%	67%	52%	62%	73%	84%
Local issues and what's happening in your area and state	30%	27%	33%	48%	38%	27%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(539)	(266)	(273)	(90)	(114)	(196)	(140)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
National issues and the direction of the country	70%	76%	75%	70%	69%	76%	60%	74%
Local issues and what's happening in your area and state	30%	24%	25%	30%	31%	24%	40%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(539)	(452)	(150)	(203)	(163)	(144)	(158)	(237)

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## 29. Gun laws

In general, do you think laws covering the sale of guns should be made...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
More strict	41%	36%	47%	39%	43%	37%	49%
Less strict	17%	25%	10%	25%	14%	19%	12%
Kept as they are now	41%	39%	43%	36%	43%	44%	39%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(268)	(274)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More strict	41%	45%	81%	34%	17%	85%	39%	17%
Less strict	17%	16%	7%	23%	21%	3%	14%	28%
Kept as they are now	41%	39%	12%	43%	62%	12%	47%	55%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(238)

**30. Tax reform**

Have recent changes to tax laws made by the Republican Congress and President Trump impacted your own taxes...

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
For the better	30%	37%	23%	13%	33%	35%	31%
For the worse	17%	14%	21%	22%	17%	14%	19%
Not much impact so far	43%	41%	46%	48%	38%	42%	46%
Haven't heard about any changes	9%	8%	10%	17%	12%	8%	4%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(267)	(274)	(90)	(114)	(196)	(141)

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
For the better	30%	32%	7%	39%	43%	10%	16%	51%
For the worse	17%	19%	28%	16%	7%	31%	22%	6%
Not much impact so far	43%	43%	60%	37%	39%	53%	47%	35%
Haven't heard about any changes	9%	6%	5%	7%	11%	5%	15%	8%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(452)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(143)	(158)	(239)

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## 31. Health care law changes

How have the recent changes to health care laws made by the Republican Congress impacted your own health care coverage and costs?

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Helped	10%	15%	5%	13%	13%	10%	5%
Hurt	29%	22%	35%	38%	30%	26%	27%
Not much impact so far	50%	50%	50%	43%	41%	52%	58%
Haven't heard about any changes	11%	13%	10%	6%	16%	12%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(539)	(267)	(272)	(90)	(113)	(197)	(139)

  

	Likely Voter		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Helped	10%	8%	6%	8%	17%	1%	4%	19%
Hurt	29%	31%	53%	26%	9%	57%	32%	10%
Not much impact so far	50%	50%	38%	56%	56%	37%	52%	56%
Haven't heard about any changes	11%	11%	3%	10%	17%	5%	12%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(539)	(451)	(150)	(202)	(163)	(143)	(158)	(237)

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## 32. Trade policy

Are recent changes to trade policy made by President Trump impacting your own area...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
For the better	14%	19%	9%	9%	14%	14%	17%
For the worse	30%	26%	34%	26%	28%	30%	35%
Not much impact so far	41%	43%	40%	52%	28%	44%	41%
Haven't heard about any changes	14%	12%	17%	13%	30%	12%	7%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(268)	(273)	(90)	(113)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
For the better	14%	15%	2%	18%	22%	4%	6%	25%
For the worse	30%	34%	64%	24%	8%	63%	32%	9%
Not much impact so far	41%	40%	25%	50%	47%	25%	40%	52%
Haven't heard about any changes	14%	11%	9%	8%	22%	7%	22%	13%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(541)	(452)	(149)	(205)	(164)	(142)	(158)	(239)

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## 33. Family finances

Would you say that you and your family are...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Better off financially than you were a year ago	28%	34%	21%	17%	33%	31%	25%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47%	43%	51%	55%	37%	44%	54%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%	18%	26%	20%	25%	22%	21%
Not sure	3%	5%	2%	8%	4%	3%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better off financially than you were a year ago	28%	29%	9%	32%	41%	8%	20%	44%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47%	46%	55%	39%	51%	52%	45%	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%	23%	33%	26%	7%	38%	27%	9%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	8%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)



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## 34. Gender of candidates

In general, compared to male candidates, do you think women candidates pay...

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
More attention to the issues you care about	30%	21%	38%	30%	33%	27%	31%
Less attention to the issues you care about	11%	13%	10%	8%	8%	11%	17%
No difference in attention	59%	66%	52%	62%	58%	62%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(267)	(274)	(90)	(113)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More attention to the issues you care about	30%	31%	60%	23%	13%	58%	29%	13%
Less attention to the issues you care about	11%	12%	0%	15%	19%	4%	8%	18%
No difference in attention	59%	57%	40%	62%	68%	37%	63%	69%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(452)	(150)	(204)	(164)	(143)	(158)	(239)

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## 35. Vote frequency

How often do you vote?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Always	74%	78%	71%	45%	59%	79%	98%
Sometimes	22%	20%	24%	44%	36%	18%	2%
Rarely	4%	2%	5%	10%	4%	3%	0%
Never	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(268)	(273)	(90)	(113)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Always	74%	85%	81%	79%	70%	82%	57%	81%
Sometimes	22%	14%	16%	18%	25%	15%	36%	16%
Rarely	4%	0%	3%	2%	5%	2%	6%	3%
Never	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(541)	(453)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(143)	(158)	(239)

## 36. [Question held for future release.]

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## 37. Obamacare approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, sometimes referred to as Obamacare?

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Strongly approve	19%	16%	22%	16%	20%	16%	25%
Somewhat approve	24%	23%	24%	38%	23%	22%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	13%	15%	16%	24%	12%	6%
Strongly disapprove	43%	48%	39%	30%	33%	50%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(197)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	19%	22%	51%	12%	0%	48%	18%	2%
Somewhat approve	24%	23%	39%	21%	11%	40%	31%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	12%	9%	15%	17%	7%	21%	14%
Strongly disapprove	43%	43%	1%	52%	71%	5%	30%	75%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 38A. Health care concerns — Making sure everyone is covered

When it comes to health care, how concerned are you about each of the following:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	50%	43%	56%	54%	52%	50%	45%
Some	29%	30%	29%	28%	30%	26%	35%
Not much	21%	27%	15%	18%	17%	24%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(140)

  

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	50%	50%	85%	40%	24%	88%	61%	20%
Some	29%	29%	13%	32%	44%	9%	28%	42%
Not much	21%	21%	2%	27%	32%	3%	11%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(453)	(150)	(205)	(163)	(144)	(158)	(238)

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## 38B. Health care concerns — Keeping costs down

When it comes to health care, how concerned are you about each of the following:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	84%	79%	89%	70%	83%	87%	90%
Some	14%	19%	10%	26%	14%	13%	9%
Not much	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	0%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(268)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	84%	87%	85%	82%	85%	89%	88%	79%
Some	14%	12%	14%	16%	13%	10%	9%	20%
Not much	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 38C. Health care concerns — Improving healthcare quality

When it comes to health care, how concerned are you about each of the following:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	71%	68%	74%	74%	75%	67%	71%
Some	23%	23%	22%	15%	20%	26%	25%
Not much	6%	9%	4%	11%	5%	7%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(267)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(140)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	71%	72%	79%	69%	64%	82%	77%	59%
Some	23%	22%	21%	21%	28%	17%	17%	30%
Not much	6%	6%	0%	10%	8%	1%	6%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(542)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 38D. Health care concerns — Making sure pre-existing conditions are covered

When it comes to health care, how concerned are you about each of the following:

	Gender			Age group			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	72%	64%	79%	76%	65%	74%	70%
Some	19%	24%	14%	12%	27%	17%	21%
Not much	9%	12%	6%	12%	8%	9%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(268)	(275)	(90)	(114)	(198)	(141)

  

	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	72%	72%	94%	65%	57%	97%	77%	53%
Some	19%	18%	5%	23%	29%	2%	18%	30%
Not much	9%	10%	1%	12%	14%	1%	5%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(543)	(454)	(150)	(205)	(164)	(144)	(158)	(239)

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## 39. Senator policy views

Generally, do you think Jon Tester's policy views are:

	Total	Gender		Age group			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
More liberal than most Democrats in Congress	17%	17%	17%	19%	9%	18%	21%
More moderate than most Democrats in Congress	33%	33%	32%	51%	36%	25%	28%
About the same as most Democrats in Congress	50%	50%	50%	30%	55%	57%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(266)	(272)	(88)	(114)	(195)	(141)

	Total	Likely Voter	Party ID			Ideology		
		Yes	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More liberal than most Democrats in Congress	17%	16%	9%	13%	31%	9%	10%	27%
More moderate than most Democrats in Congress	33%	32%	52%	31%	16%	53%	37%	17%
About the same as most Democrats in Congress	50%	52%	39%	55%	53%	38%	53%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(538)	(451)	(149)	(204)	(162)	(143)	(156)	(239)



# HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

September 16, 2018

The CBS News 2018 Battleground Tracker is a series of panel studies in the United States. The poll is conducted by YouGov, an online polling company.

This poll interviewed 543 registered voters in Montana and was fielded between September 10–14, 2018.

The respondents were selected to be representative of registered voters in Montana in terms of age, race, gender, and education. Of the 543 respondents, 200 respondents were selected from YouGov's online panel, 102 respondents were selected from Precision Sample's online panel, 75 respondents were selected from SSI/Research Now's online panel, 13 respondents were selected from Critical Mix's online panel, 39 respondents were selected from Prodege's online panel, 112 respondents were selected from Quest Mindshare's online panel, and 2 respondents were selected from P2Sample's online panel.

The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, and geography based on the American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, as well as 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.1 to 7.0, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 1.2.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage  $p$  based upon the entire sample is approximately 5.2%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and  $n$  is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.