

November 2 - 6, 2017  
 600 Respondents  
 300 Respondents in all split samples  
 365 Landline respondents, 235 Wireless respondents

**NEBRASKA STATEWIDE  
 FREQUENCIES**

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First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

|               | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|--------------|
| Yes .....     | 100          |
| No.....       | -            |
| (ref:SCREEN1) |              |

Did I reach you on a cell phone?

|                            | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Yes .....                  | 39           |
| No.....                    | 61           |
| (Don't know/refused) ..... | 0            |
| (ref:CELL)                 |              |

Thinking about the elections in Nebraska for offices like Governor and Nebraska state legislature - do you always vote in these elections, sometimes vote in these elections, are the chances 50-50, or do you never vote in general elections?

|                            | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Always.....                | 70           |
| Sometimes .....            | 25           |
| 50-50.....                 | 5            |
| Never.....                 | -            |
| (Don't know/refused) ..... | -            |
| (ref:WILLVOTE)             |              |

(SPLIT B) Thinking back, what issue, or issues, have the Governor and Nebraska state legislature been focused on?

|   | <b>Total</b> |
|---|--------------|
| Taxes .....                                     | 19           |
| Economy/jobs/unemployment.....                  | 10           |
| Education .....                                 | 9            |
| Health care/Medicaid .....                      | 6            |
| State budget/control spending .....             | 6            |
| Roads/infrastructure/interstates .....          | 6            |
| Senior/elderly issues.....                      | 3            |
| Police issues/crime .....                       | 3            |
| Corruption in government .....                  | 3            |
| Helping businesses.....                         | 2            |
| Farming/agriculture .....                       | 2            |
| Illegal immigration .....                       | 2            |
| Accountability/transparency in government ..... | 2            |
| Keep doing what they're doing.....              | 2            |
| Other .....                                     | 7            |
| None.....                                       | 5            |
| (Don't know/refused).....                       | 15           |
| (ref:ISSUE2)                                    |              |

Now I am going to read you some pairs of statements, and I want you to tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or more with the second statement, even if neither is exactly right. The (first/next) pair is...

| Stmt<br>A<br>Much | Stmt<br>A<br>Smwt | Stmt<br>B<br>Smwt | Stmt<br>B<br>Much | Both | Nei-<br>ther | (DK/<br>Ref) | Total<br>Stmt<br>A | Total<br>Stmt<br>B | A<br>-<br>B |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
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(STATEMENT A) The best way to build a stronger middle class is to give people the tools they need - a strong economy, a good education, skills training, and help in finding a good-paying job.

(STATEMENT B) The best way to build Nebraska's middle class is to reduce spending on programs that create a cycle of dependence on government handouts like welfare and food stamps. ....

|    |    |    |   |   |   |   |           |           |           |
|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 49 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 4 | <b>64</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>39</b> |
|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Now, let me read you a list of proposals that may help to build a stronger middle class in Nebraska. For each, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal. The first/next proposal is...

|  | Strng<br>Fav | Smwt<br>Fav | Smwt<br>Opp | Strng<br>Opp | (DK/<br>Ref) | Total<br>Fav | Total<br>Opp | Fav<br>-<br>Opp |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Make community college classes free for every Nebraska high school graduate.....   | 34           | 35          | 17          | 6            | 8            | 69           | 23           | 46              |
| Provide tax credits for families to send their infants to quality, early childhood education programs .....  | 32           | 35          | 17          | 6            | 11           | 66           | 23           | 43              |
| Expand voluntary full-day pre-kindergarten programs throughout the state .....   | 29           | 42          | 16          | 3            | 10           | 71           | 19           | 51              |
| Provide more career and vocational education programs throughout the state .....   | 39           | 45          | 10          | 1            | 5            | 84           | 11           | 73              |
| Expand access to affordable child care for young children .....  | 36           | 40          | 14          | 3            | 7            | 75           | 17           | 58              |
| Help families save more for retirement by offering membership into state-managed retirement plans .....  | 33           | 42          | 14          | 2            | 9            | 75           | 16           | 59              |
| Incentivize businesses to create quality jobs with living wages and benefits like health insurance, retirement, and paid leave.....  | 40           | 38          | 13          | 1            | 8            | 78           | 14           | 64              |
| Ensure that Medicaid covers all uninsured Nebraska children and make it easier for families to enroll them .....   | 35           | 40          | 14          | 3            | 8            | 75           | 17           | 58              |
| Expand afterschool programs throughout the state.....  | 31           | 43          | 14          | 4            | 8            | 74           | 18           | 56              |
| Provide paid family leave for employees to cover up to 12 weeks of leave from their jobs to deal with a serious illness, to care for a sick relative, or to care for a new child ..... | 33           | 37          | 16          | 4            | 9            | 71           | 20           | 51              |
| Ensure that employees can earn up to seven paid sick days each year to use if they or a family member has a routine illness like the flu or need to see a doctor .....                 | 36           | 42          | 13          | 3            | 7            | 77           | 15           | 62              |

(ref:ECPROP)

Now, I'm going to read you a list of different areas of education and health care. For each, please tell me whether that should be the largest focus of investment, a major focus, a focus, or not much of a focus of investment in the state budget.

|  | Lrgst<br>focus | Major<br>focus | Focus | Not too<br>much | (DK/<br>ref) | Lrgst/<br>Major<br>focus | Focs/<br>Not | Lrg/Maj<br>-<br>Fcs/Not |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Full-day pre-kindergarten classes .....      | 8              | 33             | 37    | 16              | 6            | 41                       | 53           | -11                     |
| Mental health care.....                      | 21             | 37             | 36    | 2               | 3            | 59                       | 38           | 20                      |
| Career and vocational training classes ..... | 29             | 43             | 24    | 1               | 4            | 71                       | 25           | 46                      |
| Afterschool programs .....                   | 14             | 46             | 29    | 7               | 4            | 60                       | 36           | 24                      |
| Medicaid .....                               | 31             | 41             | 16    | 7               | 5            | 72                       | 23           | 49                      |
| Community colleges.....                      | 17             | 56             | 20    | 3               | 3            | 73                       | 23           | 50                      |
| Children's health services .....             | 42             | 37             | 12    | 1               | 8            | 79                       | 14           | 65                      |
| University of Nebraska .....                 | 18             | 43             | 25    | 8               | 5            | 62                       | 33           | 28                      |

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes.

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

|                                  | Total     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Strong Democrat.....             | 23        |
| Weak Democrat .....              | 9         |
| Independent-lean Democrat .....  | 3         |
| Independent .....                | 5         |
| Independent-lean Republican..... | 12        |
| Weak Republican.....             | 17        |
| Strong Republican .....          | 32        |
| (Don't know/refused).....        | -         |
| <b>Democrat .....</b>            | <b>31</b> |
| <b>Independent.....</b>          | <b>19</b> |
| <b>Republican.....</b>           | <b>49</b> |

(ref:PTYID1)

Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Liberal, Moderate, or Conservative?

|                           | Total |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Liberal .....             | 17    |
| Moderate .....            | 40    |
| Conservative .....        | 42    |
| (Don't know/refused)..... | 1     |

(ref:IDEO1)

In what year were you born?

|                          | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 18 - 24 .....            | 3            |
| 25 - 29 .....            | 1            |
| 30 - 34 .....            | 4            |
| 35 - 39 .....            | 7            |
| 40 - 44 .....            | 6            |
| 45 - 49 .....            | 8            |
| 50 - 54 .....            | 12           |
| 55 - 59 .....            | 15           |
| 60 - 64 .....            | 7            |
| Over 64 .....            | 37           |
| (No answer).....         | 2            |
| <br>                     |              |
| <b>18 - 49 .....</b>     | <b>29</b>    |
| <b>50 and over .....</b> | <b>69</b>    |
| (ref:AGE)                |              |

What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

|                              | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 - 11th grade.....          | 3            |
| High School graduate .....   | 22           |
| Non-college post H.S. ....   | 16           |
| Some college .....           | 26           |
| College graduate.....        | 23           |
| Post-graduate school .....   | 9            |
| (Don't know/refused).....    | 1            |
| <br>                         |              |
| <b>H.S. or less .....</b>    | <b>25</b>    |
| <b>Post H.S.....</b>         | <b>42</b>    |
| <b>College graduate.....</b> | <b>32</b>    |
| (ref:EDUC)                   |              |

Are you currently married, unmarried but living with a partner, single and never married, separated, widowed or divorced?

|                                      | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Married .....                        | 76           |
| Unmarried, living with partner ..... | 3            |
| Single .....                         | 6            |
| Separated .....                      | 1            |
| Widowed .....                        | 10           |
| Divorced.....                        | 2            |
| (Other).....                         | -            |
| (Don't know/refused).....            | 2            |
| (ref:MARIT2)                         |              |

And do you have any children, 18 years of age or younger, that live either half-time or full-time in your household?

|                           | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Yes .....                 | 32           |
| No.....                   | 66           |
| (Don't know/refused)..... | 2            |
| (ref:KIDS)                |              |

In terms of your job status, are you employed, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?

|                            | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Employed .....             | 62           |
| Unemployed .....           | 3            |
| Retired.....               | 31           |
| Student.....               | 1            |
| Homemaker .....            | 1            |
| (Other).....               | 0            |
| (Don't know/refused) ..... | 1            |
| (ref:EMPLOY)               |              |

And, please think about your personal financial situation. In case of an emergency, do you have enough money saved to cover your bills for at least six months?

(IF NO) How many months' worth of savings do you have set aside to support you and your family through a major economic hardship?

|   | <b>Total</b> |
|---|--------------|
| Yes .....                               | 35           |
| No, six months or more .....            | 7            |
| No, three to five months.....           | 22           |
| No, two months .....                    | 13           |
| No, one month.....                      | 3            |
| No, no savings/less than one month..... | 3            |
| (Don't know/refused) .....              | 18           |
| (ref:FINANCE)                           |              |

And in the past year or two, has there been any time that someone in your household needed medical care but did not get it?

|                            | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Yes .....                  | 14           |
| No.....                    | 82           |
| (Don't know/refused) ..... | 3            |
| (ref:HEALTH)               |              |

And do you and your family own OR rent the home in which you live?

|                            | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Own.....                   | 81           |
| Rent.....                  | 15           |
| (Don't know/refused) ..... | 4            |
| (ref:HOME)                 |              |

Party Registration from voter file

|                  | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|--------------|
| Democrat.....    | 29           |
| Nonpartisan..... | 12           |
| Republican ..... | 59           |
| (ref:REGIS)      |              |

Sex of respondent

|              | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------|--------------|
| Male .....   | 47           |
| Female ..... | 53           |
| (ref:GENDER) |              |