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OHIO SENATE AND GOVERNOR

Methodology

Conducted August 6-10, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,008 Ohio registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (78) and cellphones (694) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (236).

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered Ohio voters using a probability proportionate to size method, which means phone numbers are proportionally representative to the number of voters in all regions across the city. Telephone fieldwork conducted by Braun Research, Inc. of Princeton, NJ.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points. Sampling error associated with subgroup results is higher. In addition to sampling error, question wording and order can influence results. Results among subgroups are only shown when the sample size is at least $N=100$.

When necessary, weights are generally applied to age, race, education, and area variables to ensure the demographics of survey respondents are representative of the registered voter population. Sources for developing weight targets include the most recent American Community Survey, Fox News Voter Analysis, and voter file data.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Web-based survey wording may differ slightly from telephone wording for improved clarity.

An asterisk () is used for percentages of less than one-half percent. A dash (-) represents a value of zero.*

Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the same way, percentages in "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts due to rounding.

1. How interested are you in the 2026 midterm elections? Are you:

	-----Interested-----			-----Not interested-----			(Don't know)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	
6-10 Aug 26	79%	45	34	21	17	4	*

For reference: How interested are you in the presidential election? Are you:

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(Don't know)
20-23 Sep 20	60%	24	13	2	*
30 May-2 June 20	55%	22	20	3	1

2. There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. Thinking about November's election for senate, governor, and other offices, please tell me how likely it is that you will vote on a scale from zero to 10, where 10 means you're certain you will vote and zero means there is no chance you will vote.

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
10 – Certain to vote	61%
9	8
8	8
7	7
6	3
5	6
4	2
3	1
2	1
1	1
0 – No chance will vote	3
(Don't know / Refused)	*

3. How motivated are you to vote in the November election? Are you:

	-----Motivated-----			-----Not motivated-----			(Don't know)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	
6-10 Aug 26	81%	52	30	19	16	3	*

For reference: How motivated are you to vote in the November election? Are you:

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(Don't know)
28 May-1 June 26	54%	23	17	7	*

4. If the Ohio election for U.S. Senator were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>28 May-1 June 26</u>
Democrat Sherrod Brown	53%	53%
Republican Jon Husted	45	45
(Other)	*	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	-
(Don't know)	2	2

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q4 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [BROWN SUPPORTERS ±4%, HUSTED SUPPORTERS ±5%]

5. Are you certain to support **[Q4 ANSWER: Brown / Husted]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	75%	23	2
Brown supporters	79%	21	*
Husted supporters	74%	26	-
28 May-1 June 26	69%	28	2
Brown supporters	73%	27	*
Husted supporters	69%	31	*

6. **[IF BROWN IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Sherrod Brown or AGAINST Jon Husted?

	<u>For Brown</u>	<u>Against Husted</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	67%	31	1
28 May-1 June 26	68%	30	2

7. **[IF HUSTED IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Jon Husted or AGAINST Sherrod Brown?

	<u>For Husted</u>	<u>Against Brown</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	58%	41	1
28 May-1 June 26	58%	39	2

[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

8. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Sherrod Brown is too close to the Democratic Party establishment?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't know)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	
6-10 Aug 26	44%	21	23	55	35	20	*

For reference Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Sherrod Brown's positions on the issues are too liberal?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(Don't know)
28 May-1 June 26	39%	23	16	60	25	35	2

9. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Jon Husted is too close to Donald Trump?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't know)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	
6-10 Aug 26	51%	33	18	48	26	22	1
28 May-1 June 26	46%	32	14	53	14	39	1

10. Which one of the following issues will be the MOST important to your vote for Senate?

[IF DON'T KNOW / ALL / OTHER: Well, if you HAD to pick one...]
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>28 May-1 June 26</u>
Inflation and high prices	40%	43%
Healthcare	14	12
Immigration and border security	12	11
Political divisions within the country	10	9
Jobs and unemployment	8	8
The conflict in Iran	6	7
Abortion	4	4
Crime	4	4
(Other)	*	-
(All/Mix)	2	1
(Don't know)	*	1

Moving on...

11. If the Ohio election for governor were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>28 May-1 June 26</u>
Democrat Amy Acton	48%	50%
Republican Vivek Ramaswamy	50	49
(Other)	*	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	-
(Don't know)	1	1

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q11 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q11 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [ACTON SUPPORTERS ±4%, RAMASWAMY SUPPORTERS ±4%]

12. Are you certain to support **[Q11 ANSWER: Acton/Ramaswamy]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	78%	20	2
Acton supporters	78%	22	*
Ramaswamy supporters	80%	20	-
28 May-1 June 26	69%	30	1
Acton supporters	70%	30	-
Ramaswamy supporters	69%	30	1

13. Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you feel like you are getting ahead financially, holding steady, or falling behind?

	<u>Getting ahead</u>	<u>Holding steady</u>	<u>Falling behind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
6-10 Aug 26	12%	50	38	-
28 May-1 June 26	12%	49	39	1
20-23 Sep 20	20%	50	28	1

- 14.-23. Please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following. If you've never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Is that strongly (favorable / unfavorable) or only somewhat?]** **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>-----Favorable-----</u>			<u>-----Unfavorable-----</u>			<u>(Can't say)</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>		
Sherrod Brown								
6-10 Aug 26	51%	25	26	47	18	29	1	2
28 May-1 June 26	53%	26	27	44	15	29	1	2

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(Can't	Never
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>say)</u>	<u>heard of</u>
JD Vance									
	6-10 Aug 26	47%	28	19	50	13	37	3	-
	28 May-1 June 26	45%	28	18	52	13	39	1	2
Vivek Ramaswamy									
	6-10 Aug 26	46%	21	25	44	15	29	1	9
	28 May-1 June 26	45%	23	22	44	15	29	1	9
The Republican Party									
	6-10 Aug 26	45%	22	22	54	19	36	1	-
Donald Trump									
	6-10 Aug 26	43%	24	18	56	12	44	1	-
	28 May-1 June 26	42%	25	17	57	12	46	1	-
	17-20 Oct 20	47%	33	15	52	8	44	1	-
	30 May-2 June 20	48%	29	19	51	9	42	1	-
Amy Acton									
	6-10 Aug 26	43%	18	25	47	18	29	1	9
	28 May-1 June 26	46%	23	23	37	15	22	2	14
Jon Husted									
	6-10 Aug 26	43%	16	26	53	20	33	1	3
	28 May-1 June 26	41%	16	25	50	19	31	2	7
The Make America Great Again, or MAGA, movement									
	6-10 Aug 26	42%	21	21	57	14	43	1	-
The Democratic Party									
	6-10 Aug 26	42%	19	23	57	19	37	1	-
The Democratic Socialists of America, or DSA									
	6-10 Aug 26	27%	9	18	54	15	39	2	16

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

	-----Democrat-----			-----Republican-----			Independent /
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>Other</u>
6-10 Aug 26	41%	34	7	47	40	7	12
28 May-1 June 26	41%	34	7	46	40	6	13
PAST TREND							
17-20 Oct 20	40%	34	6	46	39	7	14
20-23 Sep 20	43%	37	6	45	39	6	12
30 May-2 June 20	43%	36	7	46	38	8	12