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OHIO SENATE AND GOVERNOR

Methodology

Conducted October 15-19, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 2,005 Ohio registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (219) and cellphones (1,306) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (480).

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 ± 2 percentage points. A subsample of 1,592 has been defined as likely voters (LV), with a margin of error of ± 2 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. Likely voters are based on a probabilistic statistical model that relies on past vote history, interest in the current election, intention to vote, age, education, race, ethnicity, and marital status.

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>	
Likely Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	87%	58	29	12	11	1	*

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	64%	25	10	1	-

Registered Voters

15-19 Oct 26	84%	54	30	16	14	2	*
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 Jun 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. If you have already voted, either early or by sending in a mail or absentee ballot, please just say so.

Likely Voters

	<u>15-19 Oct 26</u>
10 – Certain to vote	62%
9	8
8	5
7	3
6	2
5	3
4	1
3	1
2	1
1	*
0 – No chance will vote	1
Already voted	15
(Don't know / Refused)	*

Registered Voters

	<u>15-19 Oct 26</u>	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>
10 – Certain to vote	58%	61%
9	6	8
8	6	8
7	4	7
6	2	3
5	5	6
4	2	2
3	1	1
2	1	1
1	*	1
0 – No chance will vote	2	3
Already voted	14	N/A
(Don't know / Refused)	*	*

3. **[IF ALREADY VOTED:** When you cast your early or absentee ballot, did you vote in person or by mail?] **[IF NOT ALREADY VOTED:** This year, will you vote early or on Election Day?] **[IF EARLY:** Will you vote early in person, or by submitting a mail or absentee ballot?] **[IF ELECTION DAY:** Will you vote in person, or by submitting a mail or absentee ballot on Election Day?]

	<u>Early, in person</u>	<u>Early, mail / absentee</u>	<u>Election Day, in person</u>	<u>Election Day, mail / absentee</u>	<u>(Don't plan on voting)</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
Likely Voters						
15-19 Oct 26	26%	16	55	1	*	1
17-20 Oct 20	22%	36	36	3	*	3
20-23 Sep 20	12%	32	42	10	-	5
Registered Voters						
15-19 Oct 26	26%	16	55	2	*	1
17-20 Oct 20	21%	35	36	3	1	4
20-23 Sep 20	12%	31	41	9	1	6

4. **[IF NOT ALREADY VOTED:** 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?)] **[IF ALREADY VOTED:** When you cast your early or absentee ballot in the election for U.S. Senator, did you vote for:] **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

Likely Voters

	<u>15-19 Oct 26</u>
Democrat Sherrod Brown	52%
Republican Jon Husted	47
(Other)	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	2

Registered Voters

	<u>15-19 Oct 26</u>	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>28 May-1 June 26</u>
Democrat Sherrod Brown	53%	53%	53%
Republican Jon Husted	46	45	45
(Other)	*	*	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	*	-
(Don't know)	2	2	2

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q4 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [SKIP AND CODE AS CERTAIN IF ALREADY VOTED IN Q2] [BROWN SUPPORTERS LV $\pm 3\%$ RV $\pm 3\%$, HUSTED SUPPORTERS LV $\pm 3.5\%$ RV $\pm 3\%$]

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>
Likely Voters			
15-19 Oct 26	84%	14	2
Brown supporters	88%	12	*
Husted supporters	83%	16	1
Registered Voters			
15-19 Oct 26	81%	17	2
Brown supporters	85%	15	*
Husted supporters	80%	20	1
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	*

[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

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

	-----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>	
Likely Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	50%	30	20	49	24	25	1
Registered Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	49%	28	21	50	27	23	1
28 May-1 June 26	39%	23	16	60	25	35	2

For reference: 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	*

7. 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>	
Likely Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	52%	38	14	46	20	26	1
Registered Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	52%	38	15	46	21	25	1
6-10 Aug 26	51%	33	18	48	26	22	1
28 May-1 June 26	46%	32	14	53	14	39	1

8. Which political party do you want to win control of the U.S. Senate in the upcoming election? **[ROTATE]**

	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
15-19 Oct 26 LV	50%	48	1
15-19 Oct 26 RV	51%	48	1

Moving on...

9. **[IF NOT ALREADY VOTED:** If the Ohio election for governor were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW:** Do you lean closer to one candidate?)] **[IF ALREADY VOTED:** When you cast your early or absentee ballot in the election for governor, did you vote for:] **[ROTATE NAMES]**

Likely Voters

	<u>15-19 Oct 26</u>
Democrat Amy Acton	50%
Republican Vivek Ramaswamy	48
(Other)	1
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	1

Registered Voters

	<u>15-19 Oct 26</u>	<u>6-10 Aug 26</u>	<u>28 May-1 June 26</u>
Democrat Amy Acton	51%	48%	50%
Republican Vivek Ramaswamy	47	50	49
(Other)	1	*	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	*	-
(Don't know)	1	1	1

10. Compared to two years ago, is your family's financial situation better today, worse today, or about the same?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
15-19 Oct 26 LV	19%	46	35	*
15-19 Oct 26 RV	18%	48	35	*

For reference: 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

11.-12. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion 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]**

		-----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>
Sherrod Brown									
Likely Voters									
15-19 Oct 26	50%	27	23	48	15	32	2	*	
Registered Voters									
15-19 Oct 26	49%	25	24	48	17	31	2	*	
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	
Jon Husted									
Likely Voters									
15-19 Oct 26	42%	17	25	55	17	38	2	1	
Registered Voters									
15-19 Oct 26	40%	16	24	57	18	38	2	1	
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	

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? **[IF APPROVE / DISAPPROVE: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove), or only somewhat?]**

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			(Don't know)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	
Likely Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	43%	22	21	57	11	46	*
FIRST TERM TREND							
17-20 Oct 20	50%	35	16	49	8	41	1
20-23 Sep 20	47%	30	17	51	8	43	1
Registered Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	42%	20	21	58	12	46	*
FIRST TERM TREND							
17-20 Oct 20	50%	33	17	49	9	40	1
20-23 Sep 20	47%	29	18	52	10	42	2
30 May-2 June 20	50%	29	21	48	8	40	2

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>
Likely Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	43%	36	7	48	42	6	9
PAST TREND							
17-20 Oct 20	41%	35	6	47	40	7	12
20-23 Sep 20	44%	37	7	46	40	6	10
Registered Voters							
15-19 Oct 26	43%	35	8	46	40	6	11
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