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Methodology

Conducted September 24-28, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,204 Iowa registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (183) and cellphones (733) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (288).

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered Iowa 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 ± 2.5 percentage points. A subsample of 1,008 has been defined as likely voters (LV), with a margin of 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. 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								
24-28 Sep 26		87%	55	32	13	10	3	*
Registered Voters								
24-28 Sep 26		82%	50	32	17	13	4	1

For reference: How interested are you in the 2016 presidential election -- are you extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested or not at all interested?

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
18-21 Jan 16	53%	35	12	1	*
4-7 Jan 16	56%	35	8	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>24-28 Sep 26 LV</u>	<u>24-28 Sep 26 RV</u>
10 – Certain to vote	77%	71%
9	5	5
8	5	6
7	3	4
6	3	4
5	3	4
4	1	1
3	*	1
2	1	1
1	*	1
0 – No chance will vote	2	3
(Don't know / Refused)	*	*

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

Likely Voters

	<u>24-28 Sep 26</u>
Democrat Josh Turek	49%
Republican Ashley Hinson	47
(Other)	1
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	2

Registered Voters

	<u>24-28 Sep 26</u>	<u>23-27 June 26</u>
Democrat Josh Turek	50%	50%
Republican Ashley Hinson	46	46
(Other)	1	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	*
(Don't know)	3	4

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q3 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q3 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [TUREK SUPPORTERS LV $\pm 4\%$ RV $\pm 3.5\%$, HINSON SUPPORTERS LV $\pm 5\%$ RV $\pm 4.5\%$]

4. Are you certain to support **[Q3 ANSWER: Turek / Hinson]**, 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			
24-28 Sep 26	79%	15	6
Turek supporters	88%	10	2
Hinson supporters	77%	20	3
Registered Voters			
24-28 Sep 26	77%	17	6
Turek supporters	86%	13	1
Hinson supporters	74%	23	2
23-27 June 26	73%	21	6
Turek supporters	82%	17	1
Hinson supporters	72%	27	2

[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

5. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Josh Turek'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								
24-28 Sep 26	43%	22	21	54	24	30	3	
Registered Voters								
24-28 Sep 26	43%	22	21	55	24	30	2	
23-27 June 26	37%	17	19	59	33	27	4	

6. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Ashley Hinson 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								
24-28 Sep 26	52%	36	17	46	17	29	1	
Registered Voters								
24-28 Sep 26	52%	36	16	47	19	28	1	
23-27 June 26	50%	35	15	48	22	26	2	

7. 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>
24-28 Sep 26 LV	49%	48	3
24-28 Sep 26 RV	50%	47	3

- 8.-11. How important will **[ITEM]** be to your vote for Senate? **[RANDOMIZE]**

		-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			(Don't know)
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	
The cost of living								
24-28 Sep 26 LV	89%	57	32	10	7	3	1	
24-28 Sep 26 RV	89%	58	31	10	7	3	1	
Immigration								
24-28 Sep 26 LV	70%	39	31	29	20	9	1	
24-28 Sep 26 RV	69%	38	31	30	21	9	1	
Donald Trump								
24-28 Sep 26 LV	65%	43	22	32	16	16	3	
24-28 Sep 26 RV	63%	41	22	34	16	17	3	
Artificial intelligence technology								
24-28 Sep 26 LV	62%	27	34	35	24	11	3	
24-28 Sep 26 RV	60%	27	33	37	25	12	3	

Moving on...

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

Likely Voters

	<u>24-28 Sep 26</u>
Democrat Rob Sand	53%
Republican Zach Lahn	44
(Other)	1
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	2

Registered Voters

	<u>24-28 Sep 26</u>	<u>23-27 June 26</u>
Democrat Rob Sand	53%	53%
Republican Zach Lahn	43	44
(Other)	1	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*	*
(Don't know)	2	3

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>
Likely Voters				
24-28 Sep 26	13%	45	41	1
Registered Voters				
24-28 Sep 26	13%	44	42	1
23-27 June 26	11%	46	42	1

14.-15. 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?]** **[ROTATE]**

		-----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>
Josh Turek									
Likely Voters									
24-28 Sep 26		48%	27	22	40	17	24	9	3
Registered Voters									
24-28 Sep 26		48%	26	23	39	17	22	10	3
23-27 June 26		51%	25	26	33	17	16	7	9
Ashley Hinson									
Likely Voters									
24-28 Sep 26		42%	18	24	50	12	38	7	1
Registered Voters									
24-28 Sep 26		40%	17	23	50	13	37	8	2
23-27 June 26		42%	22	21	49	14	34	4	5

16. 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
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>know)</u>
24-28 Sep 26 LV		42%	24	19	57	9	48	1
24-28 Sep 26 RV		41%	22	19	58	11	48	1

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								
24-28 Sep 26		40%	32	8	49	41	8	11
Registered Voters								
24-28 Sep 26		41%	33	8	48	40	8	11
23-27 June 26		41%	33	8	48	40	8	12