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Morningside Poll 2019: Results Overview

In May 2019, the Colonel Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement released results of its second annual Morningside Poll. This poll measured the attitudes of Iowa residents on a variety of public policy issues and on the performance of the state’s legislative and executive branches. This report outlines the key elements of the poll and its results.¹

Key Elements of the Poll

- Total respondents: 774 Iowa adults
- Sampling margin of error (MOE): ± 3.5 percentage points (95% confidence level)
- Survey type: 307 landline, 467 cell phone computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI)

Survey Results by Policy Question

What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of Iowa today?²

Problem	Percent of Total Responses
Healthcare	15
Education	11
Government/elected officials	9
Employment/jobs	8
Budget/taxes	7
Environmental issues/climate change	7
Agricultural issues	6
Immigration	5
Economy	4
Infrastructure	3
Abortion/reproductive rights	2
Crime/corrections	2
Mental health	2
Drug use/addiction	1
Gun policy/violence	1
Social Security	1
Other issues	4
Don't know/refused	13

Survey conducted April 22 - May 2, 2019. N=774, MOE ±3.5 percentage points. Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

¹ Please see the “Morningside Poll 2019: Data & Methods” report for additional methodological and sampling details.

² This question was posed to respondents as an open-ended question. Answer categories (e.g. “Healthcare”) that received less than 1% of the total responses were grouped as “Other issues.”

Do you think that Iowa’s minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour should be decreased, kept the same, or increased by state lawmakers?

		Decreased Row %	Kept same Row %	Increased Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		2	24	69	5
Registered Voters		2	24	69	5
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		2	25	68	5
Party Identification ³	Democrat	0	6	92	2
	Republican	3	39	51	7
	No Party	1	31	64	4
	Something else	4	35	59	2
Gender	Women	1	17	79	4
	Men	3	32	60	6
Age	18 to 29	3	31	63	3
	30 to 49	1	33	62	4
	50 to 64	0	24	71	4
	65 or older	3	18	74	6
Education	Not college graduate	1	24	70	5
	College graduate	3	25	69	4
Income	Less than \$50,000	3	17	77	4
	\$50,000 and more	1	31	65	3
Race	White	1	26	69	4
	Non-white	4	11	80	4
Marital Status	Single, never married	3	24	70	4
	Partnered/married	2	26	68	4

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Do you think that Iowa’s county or city governments should have the authority to set minimum wages that differ from the minimum wage set by the state government?

		No Row %	Yes Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		48	46	6
Registered Voters		49	45	6
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		45	50	5
Party Identification	Democrat	34	61	5
	Republican	63	32	5
	No Party	44	49	7
	Something else	55	37	8
Gender	Women	42	52	7
	Men	55	40	5
Age	18 to 29	43	54	3
	30 to 49	43	51	6
	50 to 64	49	44	8
	65 or older	53	42	5
Education	Not college graduate	51	44	6
	College graduate	46	50	4
Income	Less than \$50,000	47	46	7
	\$50,000 and more	50	46	4
Race	White	48	46	6
	Non-white	47	44	9
Marital Status	Single, never married	44	50	6
	Partnered/married	47	47	6

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³ Partisan identification of “Democrat” includes respondents who identify as Democrats and Democratic leaning and “Republican” includes those who identify as Republican and Republican leaning.

How satisfied are you with state officeholders' response to the recent flooding in Iowa?

		Completely dissatisfied Row %	Mostly dissatisfied Row %	Mixed Row %	Mostly satisfied Row %	Completely satisfied Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		4	11	31	34	6	14
Registered Voters		4	11	31	34	6	13
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		5	11	32	33	6	13
Party Identification	Democrat	5	16	38	25	4	12
	Republican	3	7	28	41	8	13
	No Party	5	11	27	38	5	14
	Something else	2	8	35	33	4	18
Gender	Women	4	13	32	32	5	14
	Men	4	10	31	35	7	13
Age	18 to 29	2	6	40	33	6	13
	30 to 49	6	8	31	32	5	19
	50 to 64	2	13	33	33	7	12
	65 or older	5	13	28	36	5	13
Education	Not college graduate	5	12	30	35	6	12
	College graduate	2	10	35	32	6	15
Income	Less than \$50,000	5	13	33	31	6	13
	\$50,000 and more	3	11	32	35	6	14
Race	White	4	11	32	34	6	13
	Non-white	7	13	29	29	9	13
Marital Status	Single, never married	5	13	35	28	5	14
	Partnered/married	3	11	32	36	7	12

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How satisfied are you with how Iowa farmers are currently represented in international trade relations?

		Completely dissatisfied Row %	Mostly dissatisfied Row %	Mixed Row %	Mostly satisfied Row %	Completely satisfied Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		9	25	31	23	4	8
Registered Voters		9	26	31	23	4	7
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		11	25	30	23	4	6
Party Identification	Democrat	15	35	32	11	2	5
	Republican	3	14	31	38	5	9
	No Party	4	28	34	18	7	9
	Something else	4	24	29	23	8	12
Gender	Women	9	27	34	20	3	7
	Men	9	22	28	27	6	8
Age	18 to 29	5	19	39	19	7	11
	30 to 49	8	25	35	18	4	10
	50 to 64	10	25	29	27	4	5
	65 or older	9	25	28	25	5	8
Education	Not college graduate	7	24	31	25	5	8
	College graduate	10	28	32	20	3	7
Income	Less than \$50,000	8	27	29	21	6	9
	\$50,000 and more	9	25	32	25	3	6
Race	White	8	25	32	23	4	8
	Non-white	9	24	24	31	4	7
Marital Status	Single, never married	7	21	35	20	8	9
	Partnered/married	10	26	31	24	3	6

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How effective do you think allowing non-projectile, high-voltage weapons—like stun guns—on Iowa’s college campuses would be in preventing criminal activities?

		Never effective Row %	Rarely effective Row %	Sometimes effective Row %	Usually effective Row %	Always effective Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		9	19	37	22	8	5
Registered Voters		9	20	37	21	8	5
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		10	22	33	21	8	5
Party Identification	Democrat	14	31	32	15	4	4
	Republican	4	12	39	28	11	6
	No Party	9	14	38	24	10	5
	Something else	6	8	43	18	14	10
Gender	Women	10	20	38	20	6	6
	Men	8	19	37	22	8	5
Age	18 to 29	13	16	36	18	13	3
	30 to 49	8	20	37	20	10	5
	50 to 64	9	17	36	25	8	5
	65 or older	8	22	37	20	7	6
Education	Not college graduate	7	14	40	23	10	6
	College graduate	12	30	31	20	5	3
Income	Less than \$50,000	10	20	38	16	9	8
	\$50,000 and more	8	21	36	27	7	2
Race	White	8	20	37	22	8	5
	Non-white	13	24	33	16	11	2
Marital Status	Single, never married	12	23	35	20	7	3
	Partnered/married	8	21	35	22	9	5

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How would you rate Iowa in regards to the amount of funding allocated to K-12 education?

		Poor Row %	Fair Row %	Good Row %	Very Good Row %	Excellent Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		28	35	21	8	4	5
Registered Voters		29	35	21	7	4	4
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		33	30	20	8	4	4
Party Identification	Democrat	45	35	14	5	0	1
	Republican	14	32	31	13	6	5
	No Party	25	43	12	5	4	11
	Something else	18	41	27	2	8	4
Gender	Women	31	37	19	7	2	4
	Men	25	33	23	8	6	5
Age	18 to 29	30	33	19	15	1	1
	30 to 49	33	35	18	5	2	8
	50 to 64	27	36	24	7	4	3
	65 or older	26	35	20	8	5	5
Education	Not college graduate	25	37	22	9	3	4
	College graduate	34	32	19	5	6	5
Income	Less than \$50,000	28	35	21	6	3	6
	\$50,000 and more	30	33	22	8	4	3
Race	White	29	35	21	8	3	5
	Non-white	22	36	20	7	11	4
Marital Status	Single, never married	26	42	17	7	1	7
	Partnered/married	29	33	22	8	4	3

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In regards to immigration, would you oppose or favor the following proposals?

A. Develop a plan that allows those living in the U.S. illegally the chance to become citizens if they meet certain requirements over time

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		22	74	4
Registered Voters		21	75	4
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		22	75	3
Party Identification	Democrat	7	92	1
	Republican	35	60	5
	No Party	23	73	4
	Something else	35	63	2
Gender	Women	17	79	4
	Men	28	69	3
Age	18 to 29	9	87	4
	30 to 49	20	78	2
	50 to 64	22	74	4
	65 or older	26	70	4
Education	Not college graduate	27	69	3
	College graduate	13	84	3
Income	Less than \$50,000	25	72	3
	\$50,000 and more	20	78	2
Race	White	22	75	3
	Non-white	16	82	2
Marital Status	Single, never married	19	78	3
	Partnered/married	22	74	4

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B. Increase funding to expand the construction of a wall along the U.S.—Mexico border

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		50	46	4
Registered Voters		51	46	3
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		54	43	4
Party Identification	Democrat	90	8	2
	Republican	13	85	2
	No Party	57	35	8
	Something else	33	57	10
Gender	Women	59	37	4
	Men	42	55	3
Age	18 to 29	63	34	3
	30 to 49	52	44	4
	50 to 64	45	51	4
	65 or older	51	45	4
Education	Not college graduate	46	51	3
	College graduate	59	37	4
Income	Less than \$50,000	56	41	3
	\$50,000 and more	48	49	3
Race	White	50	47	3
	Non-white	69	27	4
Marital Status	Single, never married	61	36	3
	Partnered/married	45	51	4

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C. Increase funding to expand the use of border security technologies

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		17	80	3
Registered Voters		16	80	4
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		17	80	3
Party Identification	Democrat	30	67	3
	Republican	4	94	2
	No Party	20	74	6
	Something else	12	86	2
Gender	Women	21	76	3
	Men	13	84	3
Age	18 to 29	39	60	1
	30 to 49	20	76	4
	50 to 64	10	86	4
	65 or older	16	82	2
Education	Not college graduate	17	80	3
	College graduate	17	81	2
Income	Less than \$50,000	23	73	4
	\$50,000 and more	13	85	2
Race	White	16	81	3
	Non-white	31	67	2
Marital Status	Single, never married	28	68	4
	Partnered/married	12	86	3

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D. Increase funding to hire more border control agents

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		18	79	3
Registered Voters		18	79	3
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		21	76	3
Party Identification	Democrat	31	67	2
	Republican	5	92	2
	No Party	21	74	4
	Something else	20	78	2
Gender	Women	22	76	2
	Men	15	82	3
Age	18 to 29	33	64	3
	30 to 49	24	72	5
	50 to 64	16	81	2
	65 or older	13	85	2
Education	Not college graduate	16	82	3
	College graduate	22	75	3
Income	Less than \$50,000	22	75	3
	\$50,000 and more	15	82	3
Race	White	18	79	3
	Non-white	29	71	0
Marital Status	Single, never married	31	66	5
	Partnered/married	14	84	2

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E. Reduce funding to cities that provide sanctuary to undocumented immigrants

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		51	45	3
Registered Voters		52	45	3
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		54	44	2
Party Identification	Democrat	83	16	1
	Republican	23	74	3
	No Party	53	39	8
	Something else	35	61	4
Gender	Women	58	38	4
	Men	45	53	3
Age	18 to 29	66	30	4
	30 to 49	53	45	2
	50 to 64	44	51	4
	65 or older	54	43	3
Education	Not college graduate	48	48	4
	College graduate	59	39	2
Income	Less than \$50,000	55	41	4
	\$50,000 and more	51	47	2
Race	White	52	45	3
	Non-white	60	38	2
Marital Status	Single, never married	58	39	3
	Partnered/married	48	48	4

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Currently, Iowa's judges and justices are selected by the governor from a list provided by a judicial nomination committee. The governor chooses half the members of the committee and attorneys choose the other half. Do you oppose or favor changing this system so that state legislators from both parties choose half of the judicial nomination committee members instead of attorneys?

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		41	51	8
Registered Voters		42	50	8
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		44	50	6
Party Identification	Democrat	43	52	5
	Republican	44	47	9
	No Party	37	55	8
	Something else	20	61	18
Gender	Women	38	52	10
	Men	44	49	7
Age	18 to 29	28	67	5
	30 to 49	31	59	10
	50 to 64	44	46	10
	65 or older	47	46	7
Education	Not college graduate	38	54	8
	College graduate	46	46	8
Income	Less than \$50,000	37	55	8
	\$50,000 and more	43	50	7
Race	White	40	51	9
	Non-white	38	58	4
Marital Status	Single, never married	35	57	8
	Partnered/married	43	49	8

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Do you oppose or favor allowing pharmacists in the state of Iowa to dispense contraceptives like birth control pills, hormone patches, and vaginal rings to adults without a doctor's prescription?

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		37	59	4
Registered Voters		31	69	0
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		33	63	4
Party Identification	Democrat	25	72	3
	Republican	49	46	5
	No Party	41	55	4
	Something else	22	74	4
Gender	Women	40	58	2
	Men	33	61	6
Age	18 to 29	28	72	0
	30 to 49	26	71	3
	50 to 64	38	57	5
	65 or older	44	51	5
Education	Not college graduate	36	59	5
	College graduate	37	61	2
Income	Less than \$50,000	39	58	3
	\$50,000 and more	33	63	4
Race	White	36	60	4
	Non-white	40	58	2
Marital Status	Single, never married	31	67	2
	Partnered/married	39	57	4

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Do you oppose or favor legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in the state of Iowa?

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		49	48	3
Registered Voters		50	47	3
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		44	53	3
Party Identification	Democrat	34	63	3
	Republican	68	30	2
	No Party	40	57	3
	Something else	43	53	4
Gender	Women	55	43	2
	Men	42	54	4
Age	18 to 29	27	72	1
	30 to 49	34	62	5
	50 to 64	48	49	3
	65 or older	64	33	3
Education	Not college graduate	47	50	3
	College graduate	50	46	4
Income	Less than \$50,000	45	54	1
	\$50,000 and more	50	47	3
Race	White	48	49	3
	Non-white	44	56	0
Marital Status	Single, never married	31	66	3
	Partnered/married	54	43	3

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Do you oppose or favor expanding legal gambling in the state of Iowa to include betting on professional sports?

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		58	39	3
Registered Voters		59	38	3
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		56	41	3
Party Identification	Democrat	59	37	4
	Republican	64	33	3
	No Party	48	50	3
	Something else	47	47	6
Gender	Women	65	32	4
	Men	52	45	3
Age	18 to 29	49	46	5
	30 to 49	43	51	6
	50 to 64	64	34	2
	65 or older	64	33	3
Education	Not college graduate	58	39	3
	College graduate	58	37	4
Income	Less than \$50,000	60	36	4
	\$50,000 and more	57	41	2
Race	White	57	39	4
	Non-white	60	40	0
Marital Status	Single, never married	48	46	6
	Partnered/married	61	36	3

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Do you oppose or favor expanding legal gambling in the state of Iowa to include betting on college sports?

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		74	25	1
Registered Voters		74	25	1
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		72	27	1
Party Identification	Democrat	78	21	1
	Republican	78	21	1
	No Party	67	31	2
	Something else	55	45	0
Gender	Women	84	15	1
	Men	64	34	2
Age	18 to 29	58	39	3
	30 to 49	59	38	3
	50 to 64	76	23	1
	65 or older	85	14	0
Education	Not college graduate	72	27	1
	College graduate	77	21	2
Income	Less than \$50,000	75	24	1
	\$50,000 and more	74	25	1
Race	White	73	25	1
	Non-white	80	20	0
Marital Status	Single, never married	66	31	3
	Partnered/married	76	23	1

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Do you disapprove or approve of the way Governor Kim Reynolds is handling her job as Governor of Iowa?

		Disapprove Row %	Approve Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		37	55	8
Registered Voters		38	55	7
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		43	51	6
Party Identification	Democrat	68	26	7
	Republican	11	83	7
	No Party	33	56	11
	Something else	33	57	10
Gender	Women	39	52	9
	Men	35	59	6
Age	18 to 29	31	58	11
	30 to 49	35	54	11
	50 to 64	34	59	7
	65 or older	43	51	6
Education	Not college graduate	33	59	8
	College graduate	45	49	7
Income	Less than \$50,000	39	52	9
	\$50,000 and more	38	57	5
Race	White	38	55	7
	Non-white	33	58	9
Marital Status	Single, never married	35	53	12
	Partnered/married	38	56	6

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Do you disapprove or approve of the way the Iowa State Legislature is handling its job?

		Disapprove Row %	Approve Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		41	51	8
Registered Voters		42	50	8
Likely 2020 IA caucus goers		47	47	6
Party Identification	Democrat	62	31	7
	Republican	24	67	9
	No Party	38	55	7
	Something else	29	63	8
Gender	Women	41	49	10
	Men	41	53	6
Age	18 to 29	31	60	9
	30 to 49	38	55	8
	50 to 64	39	53	9
	65 or older	47	45	8
Education	Not college graduate	36	57	8
	College graduate	50	43	8
Income	Less than \$50,000	43	48	9
	\$50,000 and more	41	54	5
Race	White	41	51	8
	Non-white	44	49	7
Marital Status	Single, never married	40	52	8
	Partnered/married	41	51	8

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Respondent Characteristics

GENDER	Frequency	Percent
Woman	388	50.13
Man	386	49.87
Something else	0	0
Refused	0	0
Total	774	100

PARTY IDENTIFICATION⁴	Frequency	Percent
Democrat	288	37.21
Republican	304	39.28
No Party	113	14.60
Something else	49	6.33
Don't Know/Refused	20	2.58
Total	774	100

REGISTERED IOWA VOTER	Frequency	Percent
No	65	8.40
Yes	703	90.83
Don't Know/Refused	6	.78
Total	774	100

LIKELY 2020 IA CAUCUS GOER	Frequency	Percent
No	304	39.28
Yes	439	56.72
Don't Know/Refused	31	4.01
Total	774	100

AGE	Frequency	Percent
18 to 29	67	8.66
30 to 49	173	22.35
50 to 64	255	32.95
65 or older	279	36.05
Total	774	100

⁴ Party identification was calculated based on two questions. All respondents were first asked "In politics, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, No Party, or something else?" For those who responded "No Party," a second question was asked: "Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, equally close to the Democratic Party and Republican Party, or closer to the Republican Party?" Those who responded to this question as leaning towards either the Democratic or Republican Party were included in the categories of "Democrat" and "Republican" in the analyses above.

RACE	Frequency	Percent
American Indian/ Alaska Native	14	1.81
Asian	3	.39
Black or African American	18	2.33
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2	.26
White	695	89.79
Something else	8	1.03
Refused	34	4.39
Total	774	100

HISPANIC ETHNICITY⁵	Frequency	Percent
No	725	93.67
Yes	34	4.39
Refused	15	1.94
Total	774	100

MARITAL STATUS	Frequency	Percent
Single, never married	153	19.77
Partnered or married	464	59.95
Widowed	49	6.33
Divorced	87	11.24
Separated	6	.78
Refused	15	1.94
Total	774	100

HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME	Frequency	Percent
Less than \$20,000	79	10.21
\$20,000 to \$34,999	97	12.53
\$35,000 to \$49,999	102	13.18
\$50,000 to \$74,999	149	19.25
\$75,000 to \$99,999	102	13.18
\$100,000 to \$150,000	84	10.85
More than \$150,000	65	8.40
Refused	96	12.40
Total	774	100

⁵ Respondents were asked "Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin"?

EDUCATION COMPLETED⁶	Frequency	Percent
Less than a high school diploma	25	3.23
High school degree or equivalent	177	22.87
Some college, no degree	170	21.96
Associate degree	95	12.27
Bachelor's degree	191	24.68
Master's degree	64	8.27
Professional degree	14	1.81
Doctorate	17	2.20
Refused	21	2.71
Total	774	100

⁶ In the analysis of survey results, "Not college graduate" includes education achieved up to and including an associate degree and "College graduate" includes bachelor's degrees and beyond.