



## **Nebraska Poll Results**

**Trump Approval: 46-44% (10% undecided)**

**Ricketts re-elect 39-42% (19% undecided)**

**Fischer re-elect 35-42% (22% undecided)**

**Arming teachers: 56-25% against (20% undecided)**

### **POLLING METHODOLOGY**

For this poll, a sample of likely households (based on recent general election participation) for an automated poll was chosen from the population registered to vote in Nebraska, and there were 660 completed responses to eight poll questions.

The survey was conducted March 4-5. The margin of error, with a 95% confidence interval, was 3.8%. The demographic breakdown of the respondents was 92-2% white/black (5% other), while the party registration of respondents was 35-53% Democratic/Republican (13% Independents). The geographic breakdown of the respondents was as follows: 33% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, 31% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, and 35% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District (*The explanation of the boundaries of these regions is graphically depicted in Exhibit A at the end of the poll analysis*).

### **POLL RESULTS**

Question 1: Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of President Donald Trump?

<b>Approve</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>

Question 2: Do you believe that Governor Pete Ricketts deserves to be re-elected?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>19%</b>

Question 3: Do you believe that Senator Deb Fischer deserves to be re-elected?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>22%</b>

Question 4: Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of Pete Ricketts?

<b>Approve</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>23%</b>

Question 5: Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of Deb Fischer?

<b>Approve</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>24%</b>

Question 6: And finally, in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting, do you agree or disagree that teachers should be armed?

<b>Agree</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>20%</b>

Question 7: To ensure that our survey responses are most accurate, are you male or female?

<b>Female</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>44%</b>

Question 8: And for demographic purposes, what is your age?

<b>18-34</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>35-54</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>55-64</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>65 or older</b>	<b>52%</b>

## SUMMARY

JMC Analytics and Polling conducted this poll for the general election electorate regarding the job approval/re-elect numbers for both Governor Ricketts and Senator Fischer, both of whom are up for re-election this year. There are three main takeaways from this poll: (1) President Trump's approval rating among Nebraskans has dropped noticeably since his nearly 2:1 win in 2016, (2) Governor Ricketts and Senator Fischer are underwater on both their re-elect and job approval numbers, and (3) Arming teachers is an overwhelmingly unpopular idea.

President Trump's job approval rating was 46-44% positive (he carried Nebraska 60-34% over Hillary Clinton in 2016). While there is some party polarization (Republicans still support him 72-17%, while Democrats are 82-10% opposed), President Trump has seen a substantial decline in his support among Independents, who give him a 55-37% **disapproval**. From a geographic perspective, his approval is underwater in both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Districts. It is a healthier 55-34% in the more rural 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District (although for proper perspective, Trump carried the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional district 74-20% in 2016). There is an 11-point gender gap in terms of how men and women perceive President Trump's job performance.

Both the re-elect and job approval numbers were tested for Governor Ricketts and Senator Fischer, who are both up for re-election this year, and both are "underwater": Ricketts' re-elect numbers are 42-39% negative, while Fischer's are 42-35% negative. For both Republican incumbents, patterns of support are similar: Independents are driving the negative ratings: for Ricketts, his numbers are 48-29% negative, while it's 45-19% negative for Fischer. Similarly, both are "underwater" in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Districts. Curiously, while there was an 11-point gender gap facing President Trump, the gender gap for both Ricketts and Fischer was minimal.

Finally, respondents were asked whether they support or oppose arming teachers, and the results were unilaterally and unequivocally negative by a 56-25% margin, with strong margins against the idea nearly across the board: even Republicans were against arming teachers by a 37-35% margin.

In summary, Nebraska's Republican tendencies will be tested this year, as both of its incumbents at the top of the ballot face negative job approval ratings and re-elect numbers.

# CROSSTABS

## *Question 1 – President Trump approval*

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Trump Job	1 Approve	13%	36%	48%	46%
Approval	2 Disapprove	53%	53%	44%	44%
	3 No Opinion	33%	11%	9%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Trump Job	1 Approve	10%	37%	72%	46%
Approval	2 Disapprove	82%	55%	17%	44%
	3 No Opinion	8%	7%	11%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Trump Job	1 Approve	37%	36%	51%	51%	55%	46%
Approval	2 Disapprove	54%	53%	43%	39%	35%	44%
	3 No Opinion	9%	11%	7%	10%	10%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region			
		CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	Total
Trump Job	1 Approve	45%	38%	55%	46%
Approval	2 Disapprove	46%	54%	34%	44%
	3 No Opinion	10%	8%	11%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Trump Job	1 Approve	50%	43%	46%
Approval	2 Disapprove	42%	46%	44%
	3 No Opinion	8%	10%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 and up	Total
Trump Job	1 Approve	38%	42%	46%	49%	46%
Approval	2 Disapprove	35%	52%	48%	40%	44%
	3 No Opinion	26%	6%	5%	11%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Question 2 – Ricketts re-elect*

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Ricketts re-elect	1 Yes	7%	25%	41%	39%
	2 No	40%	56%	41%	42%
	3 Undecided	53%	19%	18%	19%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Ricketts re-elect	1 Yes	13%	29%	59%	39%
	2 No	73%	48%	20%	42%
	3 Undecided	14%	23%	21%	19%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Ricketts re-elect	1 Yes	32%	33%	40%	45%	45%	39%
	2 No	44%	54%	41%	37%	38%	42%
	3 Undecided	24%	13%	19%	17%	17%	19%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region			
		CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	Total
Ricketts re-elect	1 Yes	37%	35%	46%	39%
	2 No	46%	51%	30%	42%
	3 Undecided	18%	14%	24%	19%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Ricketts re-elect	1 Yes	42%	37%	39%
	2 No	43%	41%	42%
	3 Undecided	14%	22%	19%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				Total
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 and up	
Ricketts re-elect	1 Yes	44%	33%	39%	41%	39%
	2 No	41%	49%	46%	37%	42%
	3 Undecided	15%	18%	15%	21%	19%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Question 3 – Fischer re-elect*

		Race Name			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Fischer re-elect	1 Yes	13%	22%	36%	35%
	2 No	47%	50%	42%	42%
	3 Undecided	40%	28%	22%	22%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			Total
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	
Fischer re-elect	1 Yes	15%	19%	52%	35%
	2 No	70%	45%	24%	42%
	3 Undecided	14%	36%	24%	22%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					Total
		0	1	2	3	4	
Fischer re-elect	1 Yes	30%	24%	37%	37%	43%	35%
	2 No	45%	52%	37%	37%	41%	42%
	3 Undecided	26%	24%	25%	25%	16%	22%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region			
		CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	Total
Fischer re-elect	1 Yes	33%	31%	40%	35%
	2 No	45%	47%	36%	42%
	3 Undecided	22%	21%	24%	22%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Fischer re-elect	1 Yes	37%	34%	35%
	2 No	44%	41%	42%
	3 Undecided	19%	25%	22%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 and up	Total
Fischer re-elect	1 Yes	24%	28%	35%	39%	35%
	2 No	50%	46%	45%	39%	42%
	3 Undecided	26%	27%	20%	21%	22%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Question 4 – Ricketts job approval*

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Ricketts Job Approval	1 Approve	13%	22%	39%	37%
	2 Disapprove	33%	58%	39%	40%
	3 No Opinion	53%	19%	23%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Ricketts Job Approval	1 Approve	12%	25%	56%	37%
	2 Disapprove	69%	51%	18%	40%
	3 No Opinion	18%	24%	26%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Ricketts Job	1 Approve	30%	30%	35%	45%	44%	37%
Approval	2 Disapprove	43%	49%	39%	37%	34%	40%
	3 No Opinion	27%	21%	27%	17%	22%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region			
		CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	Total
Ricketts Job	1 Approve	37%	34%	40%	37%
Approval	2 Disapprove	42%	50%	28%	40%
	3 No Opinion	21%	16%	31%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Ricketts Job	1 Approve	44%	32%	37%
Approval	2 Disapprove	42%	38%	40%
	3 No Opinion	14%	30%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 and up	Total
Ricketts Job	1 Approve	38%	35%	37%	38%	37%
Approval	2 Disapprove	38%	50%	46%	33%	40%
	3 No Opinion	24%	15%	18%	29%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Question 5 – Fischer job approval*

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Fischer Job	1 Approve	20%	25%	35%	34%
Approval	2 Disapprove	40%	50%	41%	42%
	3 No Opinion	40%	25%	24%	24%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Fischer Job	1 Approve	14%	22%	50%	34%
Approval	2 Disapprove	68%	46%	23%	42%
	3 No Opinion	18%	33%	26%	24%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Fischer Job	1 Approve	27%	22%	35%	40%	43%	34%
Approval	2 Disapprove	40%	56%	39%	37%	41%	42%
	3 No Opinion	33%	22%	27%	23%	16%	24%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region			
		CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	Total
Fischer Job	1 Approve	30%	33%	39%	34%
Approval	2 Disapprove	45%	45%	35%	42%
	3 No Opinion	24%	21%	26%	24%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Fischer Job	1 Approve	39%	31%	34%
Approval	2 Disapprove	44%	40%	42%
	3 No Opinion	17%	29%	24%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 and up	Total
Fischer Job	1 Approve	26%	25%	34%	39%	34%
Approval	2 Disapprove	50%	49%	46%	36%	42%
	3 No Opinion	24%	26%	20%	25%	24%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Question 6 – Arming teachers

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Arming	1 Agree	13%	25%	25%	25%
Teachers	2 Disagree	67%	67%	55%	56%
	3 Undecided	20%	8%	20%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Arming	1 Agree	9%	25%	35%	25%
Teachers	2 Disagree	82%	60%	37%	56%
	3 Undecided	9%	14%	28%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Arming	1 Agree	23%	22%	31%	29%	22%	25%
Teachers	2 Disagree	58%	65%	52%	52%	53%	56%
	3 Undecided	19%	13%	17%	19%	25%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region			
		CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	Total
Arming	1 Agree	25%	19%	29%	25%
Teachers	2 Disagree	57%	62%	49%	56%
	3 Undecided	18%	19%	22%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Arming	1 Agree	33%	18%	25%
Teachers	2 Disagree	51%	59%	56%
	3 Undecided	16%	23%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 and up	Total
Arming	1 Agree	38%	27%	32%	19%	25%
Teachers	2 Disagree	44%	60%	56%	54%	56%
	3 Undecided	18%	13%	12%	26%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

# Appendix A: Nebraska regions

