



Ohio US House District 12 Poll Results

Trump Approval: 54-40% (6% undecided)

Balderson 46%, O'Connor 35%, Manchik 1% (19% 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 the 12th Congressional District of Ohio, and there were 500 completed responses to 10 poll questions.

The survey was conducted June 13-16. The margin of error, with a 95% confidence interval, was 4.4%. The demographic breakdown of the respondents was 95-4% white/black (2% other), while the party affiliation of respondents was 54-27% Republican/Democratic (20% Independents). The geographic breakdown of the respondents was as follows: 22% from Delaware County, 29% from Franklin County, 25% from Licking County, 5% from Marion and Morrow Counties, 9% from Muskingum County, and 9% from Richland County (*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?

Approve	54%
Disapprove	40%
No Opinion	6%

Question 2: Do you think that the just concluded Singapore summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un was a success or a failure for the United States?

Success	53%
Failure	31%
No Opinion	16%

Question 3: Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of Governor John Kasich?

Approve	43%
Disapprove	36%
No Opinion	21%

Question 4: If the election for US Senate were held today, which candidate would you support? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

Brown	42%
Renacci	36%
Farley	1%
Jaynes	<1%
Undecided	20%

Question 5: If the election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you support? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

DeWine	42%
Cordray	41%
Irvine	1%
Hill	1%
Gadell-Newton	<1%
Undecided	15%

Question 6: If the election for Congress were held today, which candidate would you support? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

Balderson	46%
O'Connor	35%
Manchik	1%
Undecided	18%

Question 7: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Troy Balderson?

Favorable	29%
Unfavorable	21%
No Opinion	32%
Never Heard	18%

Question 8: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Danny O'Connor?

Favorable	24%
Unfavorable	13%
No Opinion	35%
Never Heard	27%

Question 9: To ensure that our survey responses are most accurate, are you male or female?

Female	54%
Male	46%

Question 10: And for demographic purposes, what is your age?

18-34	4%
35-54	16%
55-64	28%
65 or older	52%

SUMMARY

JMC Analytics and Polling conducted this poll for the special election electorate regarding voter attitudes about both the special and the fall elections. The job performance of both President Trump and Governor Kasich were also asked of respondents. There are three main takeaways from this poll: (1) Democrats are doing well at the top of the ticket, (2) Republican Troy Balderson is in a strong position to hold the district for his party in August, and (3) President Trump's approval rating seems to have been helped by the perception that the North Korea summit was a success.

When assessing the poll results, it's important to appreciate that the white-collar influence of Columbus creates political rhythms that are somewhat different than the rest of Ohio. To illustrate, while the state moved from 51-

48% Obama in 2012 to 51-43% Trump in 2016 (an eleven-point swing, in other words), the needle barely moved in the 12th district: a 54-44% Romney win in 2012 was a nearly identical 52-41% Trump win in the district (the Columbus area favored Clinton 49-46%, while the rest of the district favored Trump 63-32%).

The poll results contain good news for both the Democrats and the Republicans, depending on the race. Democrats are in good shape with races at the top of the ballot: Senator Sherrod Brown has a 42-36% lead over Congressman Jim Renacci, with nearly identical leads in the Columbus orbit (45-36%) and in the rest of the district (40-35%). Even though 20% are undecided, Congressman Renacci's first order of business is consolidating the GOP base: Democrats favor Senator Brown 89-4%, while Republicans are less unanimously for Renacci 56-18%. Brown also has a 45-25% lead among Independents.

Also favorable for the Democrats is that in this Republican district, the Governor's race is a statistical tie, with Attorney General Mike DeWine only having a 42-21% lead over former Attorney General Richard Cordray. DeWine actually does somewhat better in the Columbus area (44-41% lead) than in the rest of the district (which favors Cordray 40-39%). The partisan contours of this race are similar to the Senate race, and that should concern Republicans: Democrats favor Cordray 89-7%, Republicans favor DeWine 62-15%, and Independents favor Cordray 46-34%.

Either party could find something noteworthy about Governor Kasich's approval rating: while he only has a 43-36% plurality approval in his old district, he actually polls better among Democrats (51-31%) and Independents (41-34%) than among Republicans (40-39%). And there was an unusual "negative gender gap": women approved of Kasich 43-35%, while men approved 43-37%.

Republicans can take solace in the fact that President Trump's approval ratings are nearly identical to his 2016 showing in the district, and that should also give Republican Congressional candidate Troy Balderson a needed lift in the August special election. While Trump carried the district 52-41%, his district approval rating is 54-40%. Unlike the statewide races, Republicans are solidly behind the President (81-15%). Democrats disapprove 87-11%, while Independents give Trump a 45-38% disapproval rating. Curiously, his numbers within and without the Columbus area are nearly identical, which was not the case in the 2016 election.

Also helping President Trump at the present time is the perception that the North Korea summit was a success. Responses generally follow party lines: Republicans felt it was a success by a 77-13% margin, Democrats by a 65-12% margin disagreed, but Independents by a 42-35% margin thought the summit was a success.

In the special election for Congress, Republican Troy Balderson has an 11 point (46-35%) lead over Danny O'Connor. Unlike the statewide races, Balderson has had more success with consolidating the Republican base: they favor him 71-11%, while Democrats favor O'Connor 77-8%, and Independents favor O'Connor 44-28%. It also helps Balderson that he leads both in the Columbus area (43-37%) and in the more rural parts of the district (49-33% lead). It also probably helps that he has higher name recognition (82 vs 73%) than O'Connor.

In summary, the poll contains results that either party can find favorable, but the Congressional race is likely to be a Republican hold.

CROSSTABS

Question 1 – President Trump approval

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Trump	1 Approve	28%	56%	55%	54%
Approval	2 Disapprove	72%	33%	39%	40%
	3 No Opinion		11%	6%	6%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	Total
Trump	1 Approve	11%	81%	38%	54%
Approval	2 Disapprove	87%	15%	45%	40%
	3 No Opinion	2%	4%	16%	6%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Trump	1 Approve	38%	46%	62%	53%	57%	54%
Approval	2 Disapprove	49%	41%	33%	44%	38%	40%
	3 No Opinion	13%	13%	5%	3%	4%	6%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	Total
Trump	1 Approve	63%	45%	51%	62%	57%	58%	54%
Approval	2 Disapprove	30%	48%	41%	35%	43%	37%	40%
	3 No Opinion	6%	7%	8%	4%		5%	6%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Trump	1 Approve	56%	52%	54%
Approval	2 Disapprove	39%	42%	40%
	3 No Opinion	5%	7%	6%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	Total
Trump	1 Approve	73%	53%	55%	52%	54%
Approval	2 Disapprove	23%	41%	40%	41%	40%
	3 No Opinion	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 2 – North Korea summit a success

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
North Korea	1 Success	22%	56%	54%	53%
Summit	2 Failure	50%	11%	31%	31%
Success	3 No Opinion	28%	33%	15%	16%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	Total
North Korea	1 Success	12%	77%	42%	53%
Summit	2 Failure	65%	13%	35%	31%
Success	3 No Opinion	23%	10%	22%	16%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
North Korea	1 Success	40%	41%	58%	53%	58%	53%
Summit	2 Failure	38%	36%	25%	36%	27%	31%
Success	3 No Opinion	21%	23%	17%	11%	15%	16%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	Total
North Korea	1 Success	63%	46%	51%	58%	53%	53%	53%
Summit	2 Failure	23%	38%	32%	19%	30%	35%	31%
Success	3 No Opinion	14%	17%	17%	23%	17%	12%	16%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
North Korea	1 Success	57%	49%	53%
Summit	2 Failure	31%	31%	31%
Success	3 No Opinion	12%	19%	16%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				Total
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	
North Korea	1 Success	64%	50%	51%	54%	53%
Summit	2 Failure	23%	39%	30%	30%	31%
Success	3 No Opinion	14%	11%	19%	16%	16%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 3 – Kasich job approval

		Race Name			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Kasich	1 Approve	61%	33%	42%	43%
Approval	2 Disapprove	22%	11%	37%	36%
	3 No Opinion	17%	56%	21%	21%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			Total
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	
Kasich	1 Approve	51%	40%	41%	43%
Approval	2 Disapprove	31%	39%	34%	36%
	3 No Opinion	18%	21%	24%	21%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					Total
		0	1	2	3	4	
Kasich	1 Approve	36%	46%	48%	42%	42%	43%
Approval	2 Disapprove	34%	30%	33%	42%	36%	36%
	3 No Opinion	30%	24%	19%	15%	22%	21%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	
Kasich Approval	1 Approve	46%	50%	42%	35%	26%	40%	43%
	2 Disapprove	41%	32%	33%	46%	38%	35%	36%
	3 No Opinion	13%	17%	25%	19%	36%	26%	21%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Kasich Approval	1 Approve	43%	43%	43%
	2 Disapprove	37%	35%	36%
	3 No Opinion	20%	22%	21%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				Total
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	
Kasich Approval	1 Approve	45%	34%	40%	47%	43%
	2 Disapprove	41%	45%	41%	30%	36%
	3 No Opinion	14%	21%	19%	22%	21%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 4 – US Senate ballot test

		Race Name			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Ballot (US Senate)	1 Brown	67%	44%	41%	42%
	2 Renacci	17%	33%	37%	36%
	3 Farley			1%	1%
	4 Jaynes			0%	0%
	5 Undecided	17%	22%	21%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			Total
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	
Ballot (US Senate)	1 Brown	89%	18%	45%	42%
	2 Renacci	4%	56%	25%	36%
	3 Farley	2%	1%	2%	1%
	4 Jaynes		0%		0%
	5 Undecided	5%	25%	27%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Ballot (US Senate)	1 Brown	49%	39%	39%	44%	42%	42%
	2 Renacci	26%	34%	42%	35%	37%	36%
	3 Farley	4%	1%			2%	1%
	4 Jaynes				1%		0%
	5 Undecided	21%	26%	19%	20%	19%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	Total
Ballot (US Senate)	1 Brown	36%	52%	39%	42%	45%	35%	42%
	2 Renacci	42%	32%	33%	31%	32%	49%	36%
	3 Farley			3%			7%	1%
	4 Jaynes	1%						0%
	5 Undecided	21%	17%	25%	27%	23%	9%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Ballot (US Senate)	1 Brown	42%	43%	42%
	2 Renacci	38%	34%	36%
	3 Farley	1%	2%	1%
	4 Jaynes		0%	0%
	5 Undecided	19%	21%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	Total
Ballot (US Senate)	1 Brown	45%	40%	44%	42%	42%
	2 Renacci	32%	39%	35%	36%	36%
	3 Farley	9%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	4 Jaynes	5%				0%
	5 Undecided	9%	20%	21%	21%	20%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 5 – Governor ballot test

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Ballot (Governor)	1 Cordray	67%	44%	40%	41%
	2 DeWine	28%	33%	42%	42%
	3 Gadell-Newton			0%	0%
	4 Irvine			1%	1%
	5 Hill			1%	1%
	6 Undecided	6%	22%	15%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	Total
Ballot (Governor)	1 Cordray	89%	15%	46%	41%
	2 DeWine	7%	62%	34%	42%
	3 Gadell-Newton	1%	0%		0%
	4 Irvine		2%	1%	1%
	5 Hill		1%		1%
	6 Undecided	4%	20%	18%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Ballot (Governor)	1 Cordray	53%	39%	35%	47%	37%	41%
	2 DeWine	36%	36%	44%	40%	45%	42%
	3 Gadell-Newton		1%			1%	0%
	4 Irvine			1%	1%	2%	1%
	5 Hill				2%	1%	1%
	6 Undecided	11%	24%	20%	10%	14%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	Total
Ballot (Governor)	1 Cordray	33%	48%	42%	35%	45%	35%	41%
	2 DeWine	46%	43%	37%	38%	34%	49%	42%
	3 Gadell-Newton			1%	4%			0%
	4 Irvine	2%	1%	1%		2%		1%
	5 Hill	1%	1%	2%				1%
	6 Undecided	18%	8%	18%	23%	19%	16%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Ballot (Governor)	1 Cordray	44%	38%	41%
	2 DeWine	39%	43%	42%
	3 Gadell-Newton		1%	0%
	4 Irvine	1%	1%	1%
	5 Hill	1%	0%	1%
	6 Undecided	14%	16%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	Total
Ballot (Governor)	1 Cordray	55%	39%	44%	39%	41%
	2 DeWine	27%	44%	42%	42%	42%
	3 Gadell-Newton			1%	0%	0%
	4 Irvine	5%	3%	1%	0%	1%
	5 Hill			1%	1%	1%
	6 Undecided	14%	15%	11%	17%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 6 – US House special election ballot test

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Ballot (US House Special)	1 Balderson	33%	44%	46%	46%
	2 O'Connor	50%	11%	35%	35%
	3 Manchik			1%	1%
	4 Undecided	17%	44%	18%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			Total
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	
Ballot (US	1 Balderson	8%	71%	28%	46%
House	2 O'Connor	77%	11%	44%	35%
Special)	3 Manchik	1%	1%		1%
	4 Undecided	14%	18%	27%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					Total
		0	1	2	3	4	
Ballot (US	1 Balderson	30%	37%	45%	48%	51%	46%
House	2 O'Connor	49%	34%	32%	38%	32%	35%
Special)	3 Manchik			1%	2%		1%
	4 Undecided	21%	29%	21%	12%	17%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	
Ballot (US	1 Balderson	49%	38%	45%	46%	57%	51%	46%
House	2 O'Connor	31%	42%	36%	31%	30%	30%	35%
Special)	3 Manchik	2%	1%					1%
	4 Undecided	18%	19%	19%	23%	13%	19%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Ballot (US	1 Balderson	50%	42%	46%
House	2 O'Connor	34%	36%	35%
Special)	3 Manchik	1%	0%	1%
	4 Undecided	15%	21%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				Total
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	
Ballot (US	1 Balderson	64%	43%	44%	46%	46%
House	2 O'Connor	18%	38%	41%	33%	35%
Special)	3 Manchik	5%		1%	0%	1%
	4 Undecided	14%	20%	15%	20%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 7 – Balderson approval

		Race Name			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Balderson Approval	1 Approve	22%	33%	30%	29%
	2 Disapprove	28%	33%	21%	21%
	3 No Opinion	33%	11%	32%	32%
	4 Never Heard	17%	22%	18%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	Total
Balderson Approval	1 Approve	8%	46%	13%	29%
	2 Disapprove	41%	11%	21%	21%
	3 No Opinion	31%	31%	36%	32%
	4 Never Heard	20%	12%	29%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					
		0	1	2	3	4	Total
Balderson Approval	1 Approve	11%	20%	32%	36%	32%	29%
	2 Disapprove	15%	20%	18%	26%	22%	21%
	3 No Opinion	43%	34%	29%	25%	34%	32%
	4 Never Heard	32%	26%	21%	13%	12%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	Total
Balderson Approval	1 Approve	33%	17%	30%	27%	57%	33%	29%
	2 Disapprove	21%	29%	16%	27%	26%	5%	21%
	3 No Opinion	32%	37%	34%	23%	11%	35%	32%
	4 Never Heard	14%	17%	20%	23%	6%	28%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Balderson	1 Approve	32%	27%	29%
Approval	2 Disapprove	21%	21%	21%
	3 No Opinion	30%	33%	32%
	4 Never Heard	16%	19%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				Total
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	
Balderson	1 Approve	50%	26%	32%	27%	29%
Approval	2 Disapprove	27%	26%	24%	18%	21%
	3 No Opinion	14%	25%	29%	37%	32%
	4 Never Heard	9%	23%	16%	18%	18%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 8 – O'Connor approval

		Race Name			Total
		Black	Other	White	
O'Connor	1 Approve	22%	33%	24%	24%
Approval	2 Disapprove	11%	22%	13%	13%
	3 No Opinion	44%	11%	36%	35%
	4 Never Heard	22%	33%	27%	27%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Party			Total
		Democrat	Republican	Unknown	
O'Connor	1 Approve	53%	13%	17%	24%
Approval	2 Disapprove	6%	18%	10%	13%
	3 No Opinion	32%	37%	35%	35%
	4 Never Heard	10%	32%	37%	27%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

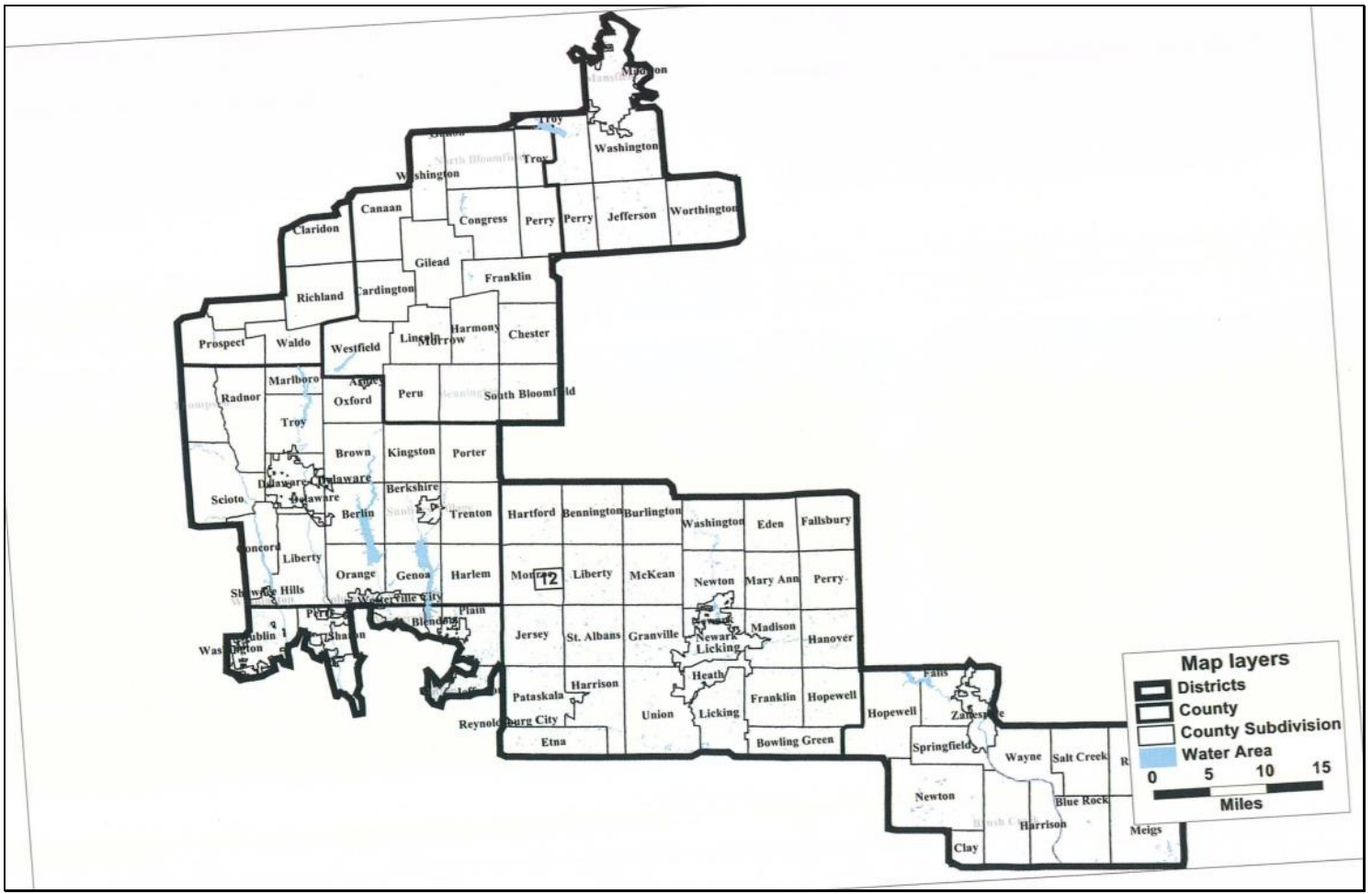
		Voter Score (Last Four General Elections)					Total
		0	1	2	3	4	
O'Connor	1 Approve	9%	20%	23%	33%	25%	24%
Approval	2 Disapprove	6%	14%	17%	13%	14%	13%
	3 No Opinion	38%	34%	33%	33%	38%	35%
	4 Never Heard	47%	31%	27%	21%	24%	27%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		DELAWARE	FRANKLIN	LICKING	MARION / MORROW	MUSKINGUM	RICHLAND	Total
O'Connor	1 Approve	19%	33%	26%	19%	19%	12%	24%
Approval	2 Disapprove	13%	13%	9%	15%	21%	16%	13%
	3 No Opinion	39%	34%	36%	19%	38%	35%	35%
	4 Never Heard	29%	20%	28%	46%	21%	37%	27%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
O'Connor	1 Approve	28%	21%	24%
Approval	2 Disapprove	18%	10%	13%
	3 No Opinion	30%	40%	35%
	4 Never Heard	25%	29%	27%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age Range				
		1 18 to 34	2 35 to 54	3 55 to 64	4 65 or older	Total
O'Connor	1 Approve	41%	26%	21%	24%	24%
Approval	2 Disapprove	14%	19%	14%	11%	13%
	3 No Opinion	23%	23%	35%	41%	35%
	4 Never Heard	23%	33%	29%	24%	27%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Appendix A: Ohio CD 12 regions



Map from <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/globalassets/publications/maps/2012congressionaldistricts.pdf>