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Most Ohio residents approve of governor's job and support extensive COVID-19 regulations
Spectrum News/Ipsos poll finds majority of Ohioans support state law mandating mask usage in public

Topline Findings

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These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between October 7-14, 2020 on behalf of Spectrum News. For this survey, a sample of 1,400 adults age 18+ from Ohio was interviewed online in English, including an oversample of 400 respondents in the Cleveland media market, for a total of 652 interviews in that market. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.0 percentage points for all respondents and plus or minus 4.4 percentage points for respondents in the Cleveland media market.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

		Ohio	Cleveland
		N=1,400	**N=652**
1. Which of the following do you consider to be the main problem facing **Ohio** today? You may select up to three.	Healthcare	22%	18%
	Crime or violence	25%	27%
	Immigration	4%	3%
	Unemployment	32%	34%
	Education	14%	14%
	Taxes	9%	9%
	Climate change/natural disasters	7%	8%
	COVID-19/coronavirus	55%	59%
	Racial injustice	16%	19%
	Opioid or drug addiction	35%	33%
	Affordable housing	15%	11%
	Gun control	8%	9%
	Agriculture	1%	1%
	Homelessness	0%	0%
	Police reform	0%	0%
	Air quality	0%	0%
	Abortion	0%	0%
	Other	3%	3%
	None of these	3%	1%

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2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way **Mike DeWine** is handling his job as governor?		Strongly approve	22%	23%
		Somewhat approve	44%	47%
		Somewhat disapprove	16%	13%
		Strongly disapprove	9%	7%
		Don`t know	9%	9%
NETS		*Approve*	*67%*	*71%*
		Disapprove	*24%*	*20%*
5. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way **Mike DeWine** is handling the following?	COVID-19	Strongly approve	27%	28%
		Somewhat approve	38%	42%
		Somewhat disapprove	16%	14%
		Strongly disapprove	13%	10%
		Don`t know	7%	6%
	NETS	*Approve*	*65%*	*70%*
		Disapprove	*28%*	*24%*
	Jobs and the economy	Strongly approve	16%	16%
		Somewhat approve	42%	44%
		Somewhat disapprove	20%	21%
		Strongly disapprove	11%	7%
		Don`t know	12%	12%
	NETS	*Approve*	*58%*	*60%*
		Disapprove	*31%*	*28%*
	Crime and public safety	Strongly approve	17%	17%
		Somewhat approve	41%	46%
		Somewhat disapprove	19%	16%
		Strongly disapprove	11%	9%
		Don`t know	12%	13%
	NETS	*Approve*	*58%*	*63%*
		Disapprove	*30%*	*24%*
	Protests and social unrest	Strongly approve	16%	15%
		Somewhat approve	37%	41%
		Somewhat disapprove	21%	17%
		Strongly disapprove	13%	11%
		Don`t know	14%	17%
	NETS	*Approve*	*53%*	*56%*
		Disapprove	*34%*	*27%*
	Plans for sending children back to school	Strongly approve	16%	15%
		Somewhat approve	37%	37%
		Somewhat disapprove	22%	22%
		Strongly disapprove	15%	15%
		Don`t know	11%	11%
	NETS	*Approve*	*53%*	*52%*
		Disapprove	*37%*	*37%*

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5. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way **Mike DeWine** is handling the following?	Climate change	Strongly approve	10%	11%
		Somewhat approve	30%	31%
		Somewhat disapprove	17%	16%
		Strongly disapprove	11%	9%
		Don`t know	32%	33%
	NETS	*Approve*	*40%*	*42%*
		Disapprove	*28%*	*25%*
	Gun control	Strongly approve	15%	15%
		Somewhat approve	32%	29%
		Somewhat disapprove	20%	21%
		Strongly disapprove	13%	12%
		Don`t know	20%	23%
	NETS	*Approve*	*47%*	*44%*
		Disapprove	*33%*	*33%*
7. How would you rate how the following are handling the COVID-19 pandemic?	The federal government	Excellent	9%	9%
		Good	24%	23%
		Just fair	25%	24%
		Poor	38%	40%
		Don`t know	3%	4%
	NETS	*Excellent/Good*	*33%*	*32%*
		Just fair/Poor	*63%*	*64%*
	Your state government	Excellent	14%	13%
		Good	40%	41%
		Just fair	28%	30%
		Poor	15%	12%
		Don`t know	4%	4%
	NETS	*Excellent/Good*	*53%*	*54%*
		Just fair/Poor	*43%*	*42%*
	Your local/city government	Excellent	11%	10%
		Good	45%	46%
		Just fair	26%	27%
		Poor	14%	13%
		Don`t know	5%	5%
	NETS	*Excellent/Good*	*55%*	*56%*
		Just fair/Poor	*40%*	*40%*
8. In light of the current circumstances, how long do you think it will be before life in your city or community will get back to normal?		Less than a month	2%	2%
		1-2 months	4%	4%
		3-under 6 months	8%	11%
		6 months-1 year	34%	29%
		Longer than a year	36%	41%
		Never	6%	6%
		Don`t know	10%	8%
NETS		*Under 6 months*	*14%*	*16%*
		6 months or longer	*70%*	*69%*

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9. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming presidential election?		Very likely		66%	66%
		Somewhat likely		7%	8%
		Somewhat unlikely		3%	3%
		Very unlikely		10%	10%
		I have already voted		9%	8%
		Don`t know		5%	5%
NETS		*Likely*		*73%*	*74%*
		Unlikely		*12%*	*13%*
10. Thinking about the upcoming presidential election, regardless of your plans to vote (including if you have already voted), what would be your preferred method of voting this year?		*In-person on Election Day*	*34%*		*32%*
		In-person before Election Day	*13%*		*12%*
		By mail or absentee ballot	*32%*		*34%*
		By dropping off your ballot at an election office or polling place	*10%*		*11%*
		Other	*0%*		*1%*
		I do not plan to vote	*10%*		*10%*
11. Regardless of your plan to vote, how confident are you that your vote will be counted if you voted…	In-person on Election Day	Very confident		57%	56%
		Somewhat confident		27%	26%
		Not very confident		6%	7%
		Not confident at all		5%	5%
		Don`t know		6%	6%
	NETS	*Confident*		*83%*	*82%*
		Not confident		*11%*	*12%*
	In-person before Election Day	Very confident		47%	47%
		Somewhat confident		32%	32%
		Not very confident		9%	10%
		Not confident at all		7%	5%
		Don`t know		6%	7%
	NETS	*Confident*		*79%*	*79%*
		Not confident		*15%*	*15%*
	By mail or absentee ballot	Very confident		26%	30%
		Somewhat confident		35%	32%
		Not very confident		19%	17%
		Not confident at all		15%	14%
		Don`t know		6%	6%
	NETS	*Confident*		*61%*	*62%*
		Not confident		*33%*	*32%*
	By dropping off your ballot at an election office or polling place	Very confident		35%	40%
		Somewhat confident		33%	32%
		Not very confident		15%	12%
		Not confident at all		10%	9%
		Don`t know		6%	7%
	NETS	*Confident*		*68%*	*72%*
		Not confident		*26%*	*21%*

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13. How likely are you to trust the outcome of the presidential election, regardless of who wins?		Very likely	26%	27%
		Somewhat likely	38%	38%
		Somewhat unlikely	15%	16%
		Very unlikely	8%	7%
		Don`t know	13%	12%
NETS		*Likely*	*63%*	*65%*
		Unlikely	*23%*	*24%*
14. Have the following made you more or less favorable towards President Donald Trump ahead of this November's election?	The handling of the current vacancy in the U.S. Supreme Court	Much more favorable	19%	18%
		Somewhat more favorable	12%	10%
		No impact	24%	22%
		Somewhat less favorable	8%	9%
		Much less favorable	31%	35%
		Don`t know	6%	6%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*31%*	*28%*
		Less favorable	*39%*	*44%*
	The nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court	Much more favorable	20%	17%
		Somewhat more favorable	11%	10%
		No impact	27%	24%
		Somewhat less favorable	7%	9%
		Much less favorable	27%	30%
		Don`t know	7%	10%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*31%*	*27%*
		Less favorable	*35%*	*39%*
	The recent reporting on Trump`s tax returns	Much more favorable	8%	9%
		Somewhat more favorable	6%	6%
		No impact	37%	31%
		Somewhat less favorable	9%	9%
		Much less favorable	34%	38%
		Don`t know	7%	8%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*14%*	*15%*
		Less favorable	*43%*	*46%*
	The national recovery plan from the coronavirus	Much more favorable	15%	11%
		Somewhat more favorable	18%	16%
		No impact	19%	19%
		Somewhat less favorable	11%	11%
		Much less favorable	32%	37%
		Don`t know	6%	6%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*32%*	*27%*
		Less favorable	*43%*	*48%*

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14. Have the following made you more or less favorable towards President Donald Trump ahead of this November's election?	Trump`s performance in the first presidential debate	Much more favorable	13%	11%
		Somewhat more favorable	10%	9%
		No impact	23%	21%
		Somewhat less favorable	11%	11%
		Much less favorable	38%	44%
		Don`t know	5%	5%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*23%*	*19%*
		Less favorable	*49%*	*55%*
	Trump`s handling of jobs and the economy	Much more favorable	23%	20%
		Somewhat more favorable	17%	16%
		No impact	16%	14%
		Somewhat less favorable	10%	12%
		Much less favorable	30%	34%
		Don`t know	4%	5%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*40%*	*36%*
		Less favorable	*40%*	*46%*
	The fact that Trump contracted COVID-19	Much more favorable	8%	7%
		Somewhat more favorable	7%	9%
		No impact	48%	45%
		Somewhat less favorable	7%	7%
		Much less favorable	25%	28%
		Don`t know	5%	5%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*15%*	*15%*
		Less favorable	*32%*	*35%*
	Trump`s public comments around mask wearing and social distancing	Much more favorable	11%	9%
		Somewhat more favorable	10%	9%
		No impact	24%	23%
		Somewhat less favorable	13%	12%
		Much less favorable	38%	44%
		Don`t know	4%	5%
	NETS	*More favorable*	*20%*	*17%*
		Less favorable	*51%*	*55%*
15. President Trump recently announced that he had tested positive for COVID-19. What impact, if any, do you think this announcement will have on the upcoming election?		Major impact	20%	24%
		Minor impact	32%	33%
		No impact	33%	31%
		Don`t know	15%	12%

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16. How much do you support or oppose the following?	The movement to impeach Governor Mike DeWine, led by some Republican state representatives	Strongly support	11%	9%
		Somewhat support	13%	11%
		Somewhat oppose	19%	20%
		Strongly oppose	42%	44%
		Don`t know	16%	16%
	NETS	*Support*	*23%*	*21%*
		Oppose	*61%*	*64%*
	Former Gov. John Kasich speaking at the Democratic National Convention	Strongly support	18%	20%
		Somewhat support	20%	25%
		Somewhat oppose	13%	9%
		Strongly oppose	19%	17%
		Don`t know	30%	29%
	NETS	*Support*	*38%*	*45%*
		Oppose	*32%*	*26%*
	The U.S. withdrawing from international trade agreements	Strongly support	15%	14%
		Somewhat support	23%	20%
		Somewhat oppose	21%	23%
		Strongly oppose	22%	23%
		Don`t know	20%	21%
	NETS	*Support*	*37%*	*34%*
		Oppose	*43%*	*46%*
	Paying tariffs, or import taxes, on goods imported into the U.S.	Strongly support	11%	10%
		Somewhat support	30%	33%
		Somewhat oppose	20%	20%
		Strongly oppose	16%	14%
		Don`t know	22%	23%
	NETS	*Support*	*41%*	*44%*
		Oppose	*37%*	*34%*
	Ohio House Bill 6, which provided a bailout of Ohio`s two nuclear plants to keep them open through 2027	Strongly support	11%	9%
		Somewhat support	26%	28%
		Somewhat oppose	19%	19%
		Strongly oppose	19%	16%
		Don`t know	26%	28%
	NETS	*Support*	*37%*	*37%*
		Oppose	*38%*	*35%*
18. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	There should be a state law in Ohio mandating that masks be worn at all times in public	Strongly agree	37%	42%
		Somewhat agree	24%	22%
		Somewhat disagree	15%	14%
		Strongly disagree	19%	17%
		Don`t know	6%	6%
	NETS	*Agree*	*61%*	*64%*
		Disagree	*33%*	*31%*

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18. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	There are an adequate number of COVID-19 testing sites in my community	Strongly agree	15%	14%
		Somewhat agree	30%	23%
		Somewhat disagree	17%	22%
		Strongly disagree	13%	14%
		Don`t know	24%	28%
	NETS	*Agree*	*46%*	*37%*
		Disagree	*31%*	*35%*
	I feel comfortable dining inside a restaurant	Strongly agree	19%	18%
		Somewhat agree	30%	29%
		Somewhat disagree	19%	19%
		Strongly disagree	27%	28%
		Don`t know	5%	6%
	NETS	*Agree*	*49%*	*47%*
		Disagree	*46%*	*47%*
	I will take the first generation COVID-19 vaccine when it is approved by the FDA	Strongly agree	16%	15%
		Somewhat agree	22%	21%
		Somewhat disagree	17%	14%
		Strongly disagree	31%	35%
		Don`t know	14%	15%
	NETS	*Agree*	*38%*	*36%*
		Disagree	*48%*	*49%*
	I am having trouble, or have had trouble, paying my bills as a result of COVID-19	Strongly agree	19%	17%
		Somewhat agree	21%	21%
		Somewhat disagree	22%	24%
		Strongly disagree	33%	32%
		Don`t know	5%	5%
	NETS	*Agree*	*40%*	*38%*
		Disagree	*55%*	*57%*
	COVID-19 lockdowns in my community have been too restrictive	Strongly agree	11%	12%
		Somewhat agree	19%	16%
		Somewhat disagree	31%	31%
		Strongly disagree	31%	33%
		Don`t know	8%	8%
	NETS	*Agree*	*30%*	*29%*
		Disagree	*62%*	*64%*
		IF EMPLOYED	**N=707**	**N=336**
	I feel comfortable returning to my workplace right now	Strongly agree	32%	32%
		Somewhat agree	33%	34%
		Somewhat disagree	17%	16%
		Strongly disagree	14%	12%
		Don`t know	5%	6%
	NETS	*Agree*	*65%*	*66%*
		Disagree	*31%*	*28%*

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18. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	The early closing time for bars and restaurants has limited the spread of COVID-19 in Ohio	Strongly agree	19%	18%
		Somewhat agree	31%	29%
		Somewhat disagree	18%	18%
		Strongly disagree	18%	21%
		Don`t know	14%	14%
	NETS	*Agree*	*49%*	*46%*
		Disagree	*36%*	*40%*
19. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		**IF CHILD AGE 5-17**	**N=354**	**N=148**
	My child is falling behind in school because of COVID-19	Strongly agree	21%	25%
		Somewhat agree	25%	24%
		Somewhat disagree	23%	23%
		Strongly disagree	27%	21%
		Don`t know	5%	7%
	NETS	*Agree*	*46%*	*49%*
		Disagree	*50%*	*44%*
	All colleges and universities in Ohio should be closed and only offer virtual classes	Strongly agree	23%	22%
		Somewhat agree	30%	31%
		Somewhat disagree	21%	21%
		Strongly disagree	16%	16%
		Don`t know	11%	10%
	NETS	*Agree*	*53%*	*53%*
		Disagree	*36%*	*37%*
	My local school district is handling the COVID-19 pandemic well	Strongly agree	17%	17%
		Somewhat agree	39%	38%
		Somewhat disagree	15%	16%
		Strongly disagree	11%	9%
		Don`t know	18%	21%
	NETS	*Agree*	*56%*	*55%*
		Disagree	*26%*	*25%*
		IF CHILD AGE 5-17	**N=354**	**N=148**
	I feel that my child is, or would be, safe attending school in-person	Strongly agree	25%	26%
		Somewhat agree	29%	30%
		Somewhat disagree	18%	20%
		Strongly disagree	22%	18%
		Don`t know	6%	6%
	NETS	*Agree*	*54%*	*56%*
		Disagree	*40%*	*39%*
		IF CHILD AGE 5-17	**N=354**	**N=148**
	My child has the necessary tools to learn in the current environment	Strongly agree	31%	30%
		Somewhat agree	45%	44%
		Somewhat disagree	13%	17%
		Strongly disagree	8%	8%
		Don`t know	4%	2%
	NETS	*Agree*	*76%*	*74%*
		Disagree	*21%*	*25%*

19. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	The way that Ohio funds school districts according to standardized test results works well	Strongly agree	9%	7%
		Somewhat agree	22%	22%
		Somewhat disagree	25%	23%
		Strongly disagree	22%	22%
		Don`t know	23%	27%
	NETS	*Agree*	*30%*	*29%*
		Disagree	*46%*	*45%*
20a. Regarding COVID-19, which of the following are true to you? Select all that apply.		I have been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19	3%	2%
		A relative has been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19	15%	15%
		A friend or acquaintance has been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19	24%	27%
		A relative or friend has died from COVID-19	9%	7%
		I suspect I have or had COVID-19	7%	7%
		Someone I know suspects they have or had COVID-19	13%	12%
		None of the above	53%	53%
21. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Police using excessive force against Black or African Americans is a widespread problem	Strongly agree	35%	37%
		Somewhat agree	23%	22%
		Somewhat disagree	18%	19%
		Strongly disagree	18%	16%
		Don`t know	6%	5%
	NETS	*Agree*	*58%*	*60%*
		Disagree	*36%*	*35%*
	The recent protests regarding racial justice will bring about positive change in our society	Strongly agree	11%	11%
		Somewhat agree	27%	27%
		Somewhat disagree	22%	24%
		Strongly disagree	25%	24%
		Don`t know	14%	13%
	NETS	*Agree*	*38%*	*38%*
		Disagree	*47%*	*49%*
	Black Americans receive equal treatment to white Americans in this country	Strongly agree	18%	16%
		Somewhat agree	22%	20%
		Somewhat disagree	22%	25%
		Strongly disagree	31%	33%
		Don`t know	7%	7%
	NETS	*Agree*	*40%*	*36%*
		Disagree	*53%*	*57%*

21. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Racism is a significant problem in Ohio	Strongly agree	27%	27%
		Somewhat agree	29%	31%
		Somewhat disagree	20%	21%
		Strongly disagree	16%	13%
		Don`t know	8%	8%
	NETS	*Agree*	*56%*	*58%*
		Disagree	*36%*	*35%*
	Lately, I do not feel safe in my community	Strongly agree	11%	11%
		Somewhat agree	20%	23%
		Somewhat disagree	32%	32%
		Strongly disagree	30%	29%
		Don`t know	7%	5%
	NETS	*Agree*	*31%*	*34%*
		Disagree	*63%*	*61%*
	I support reducing my local police department`s budget in order to increase investment in social programs	Strongly agree	16%	14%
		Somewhat agree	18%	18%
		Somewhat disagree	16%	17%
		Strongly disagree	41%	42%
		Don`t know	9%	8%
	NETS	*Agree*	*34%*	*33%*
		Disagree	*57%*	*59%*
	I support the Black Lives Matter movement	Strongly agree	28%	32%
		Somewhat agree	23%	24%
		Somewhat disagree	12%	11%
		Strongly disagree	27%	26%
		Don`t know	10%	9%
	NETS	*Agree*	*51%*	*55%*
		Disagree	*39%*	*37%*
24. In 2021, Ohio must pay its full share of Medicaid expansion costs for the first time, estimated to be around $5 billion. Which of the following comes closer to your view on this, even if neither is exactly right?	The Ohio government should pay its share of Medicaid costs to preserve access to affordable healthcare for more Ohioans		62%	61%
	The Ohio government should not pay its share of Medicaid costs because the financial burden, and additional strain from		13%	16%
	Don`t know		25%	24%

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About the Study

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The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the population of Ohio using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.0 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,400, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 4.5 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points for respondents the in Cleveland media market.

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