

# HONEST ELECTIONS PROJECT ACTION DECEMBER SURVEY

N600 Registered Voters  
December 7 – 10, 2023  
Margin of Error  $\pm$  4.0%

You have been selected randomly to participate in a survey and have a rare opportunity to voice your opinions. We are not selling or promoting any product and we are not asking for a donation; we simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

A. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed in the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

100% No

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B. Are you registered to vote in Ohio?

100% Yes

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AGE. In what year were you born? (Make REFUSED into 9 9 9 9)

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AGE\_1. IF UNSURE OR REFUSED, ASK: Which of the following categories best describes your age?

7%	18 to 24
13%	25 to 34
15%	35 to 44
15%	45 to 54
19%	55 to 64
31%	65 or older

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GENDER. What is your gender?

48%	Male
52%	Female

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1. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) that every election should be transparent and accountable to the voters? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1 THEN REST)

**93% Total Agree**

81%	Strongly Agree
13%	Somewhat Agree

**3% Total Disagree**

1%	Somewhat Disagree
2%	Strongly Disagree

3% Unsure / Refused

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2. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) that foreign nationals should be allowed to influence elections in the United States? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1 THEN REST)

**10%** **Total Agree**

- 5% Strongly Agree
- 5% Somewhat Agree

**85%** **Total Disagree**

- 11% Somewhat Disagree
  - 74% Strongly Disagree
  
  - 5% Unsure / Refused
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3. It is currently illegal for foreign nationals to contribute to political campaigns, but foreign nationals may still give money to campaigns for ballot measures, for instance to amend the Ohio Constitution. Knowing this, would you support or oppose a law to ban foreign nationals from giving money to ballot measure campaigns? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1 THEN REST)

**56%** **Total Support**

- 42% Strongly Support
- 14% Somewhat Support

**34%** **Total Oppose**

- 11% Somewhat Oppose
  - 23% Strongly Oppose
  
  - 10% Unsure / Refused
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4. Sometimes, foreign nationals influence elections indirectly by funneling donations through so-called “dark money” groups. Knowing this, would you (ROTATE) support or oppose (END ROTATE) a law to ban indirect foreign influence in elections? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1 THEN REST)

**68%** **Total Support**

- 55% Strongly Support
- 13% Somewhat Support

**27%** **Total Oppose**

- 7% Somewhat Oppose
  - 20% Strongly Oppose
  
  - 5% Unsure / Refused
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5. Last year, a single out-of-state group spent over \$10 million on ballot measure campaigns in Ohio. This same organization also receives donations from foreign nationals. Knowing this, would you (ROTATE) support or oppose (END ROTATE) a law that bans “dark money” organizations from contributing to ballot measure campaigns if they accept any funding from foreign sources? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1 THEN REST)

**67%** **Total Support**

- 54% Strongly Support
- 13% Somewhat Support

**26%** **Total Oppose**

- 10% Somewhat Oppose
- 16% Strongly Oppose
  
- 7% Unsure / Refused

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6. Would knowing that a campaign to change the Ohio Constitution is influenced by foreign donations make you (ROTATE) more or less likely (END ROTATE) to vote in favor of the change?

**30% Total More Likely**  
19% Much More Likely  
11% Somewhat More Likely

**52% Total Less Likely**  
15% Somewhat Less Likely  
37% Much Less Likely  
  
18% Unsure / Refused

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7. Would you be (ROTATE) more or less likely (END ROTATE) to vote for a candidate who supports banning foreign donations to ballot measure campaigns?

**75% Total More Likely**  
45% Much More Likely  
30% Somewhat More Likely

**15% Total Less Likely**  
8% Somewhat Less Likely  
8% Much Less Likely  
  
10% Unsure / Refused

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8. Did you vote in the August election this year, which included Issue 1, which would require a 60% vote to approve a Constitutional amendment?

71% Yes  
21% No  
7% Do Not Recall  
1% Refused

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IF YES ON Q8, ASK:

8\_A. How did you vote in the August election?

**N424**  
44% For Issue 1  
46% Against Issue 1  
9% Do Not Recall  
1% Refused

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ASK ALL:

9. Did you vote in the November election this year, which included Issue 1, which would provide that each individual has the right to make and carry out their own reproductive decisions?

74% Yes  
21% No  
4% Do Not Recall  
1% Refused

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IF YES ON Q9, ASK:

9\_A. How did you vote in the November election?

**N446**

63% For Issue 1  
33% Against Issue 1  
3% Do Not Recall  
1% Refused

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**ASK ENTIRE SAMPLE**

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample --

PARTYID. In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a (ROTATE) Republican, Independent, or Democrat?

**37% Total Republican**

24% Strong Republican  
13% Not so strong Republican

**28% Total Independent**

8% Independent leaning Republican  
15% Independent  
4% Independent leaning Democrat

**33% Total Democrat**

11% Not so strong Democrat  
22% Strong Democrat

1% Other  
1% Refused

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ETHNICITY. Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

4% Yes  
96% No  
-- Unsure  
-- Refused

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RACE. And is your race Caucasian, African-American, Asian, or some other race?

79% Caucasian / White  
10% African-American / Black  
2% Asian  
4% Hispanic  
2% American Indian  
3% Other  
-- Unsure  
-- Refused

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RELIGION. Do you consider your religious background to be... **(Randomize first three options)**

25%	Protestant
2%	Fundamentalist / Pentecostal
22%	Catholic
15%	Other Christian denomination
1%	Jewish
5%	Atheist
6%	Agnostic
*	Islam
7%	Baptist
10%	Other
4%	Unsure
3%	Refused

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INCOME. We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income to be...?

38%	Below \$40,000
34%	Between \$40,000 and \$79,999
17%	Between \$80,000 and \$124,999
8%	Above \$125,000
2%	Unsure
1%	Refused

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EDUCATION. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

2%	Less than high school
27%	High school graduate
24%	Some college
11%	College graduate with Associate or 2 year degree
23%	College graduate with a Bachelor's or 4 year degree
11%	Post-graduate degree
2%	Technical or vocational school graduate
*	Don't Know/ Refused

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AREA. Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as... **(ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP)**

20%	Urban
52%	Suburban
26%	Rural
1%	Don't Know/Refused

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IDEOLOGY. Would you consider your political views to be (ROTATE) conservative, liberal (END ROTATE), or moderate?

**38%** **Total Conservative**  
17% Strongly Conservative  
22% Somewhat Conservative  
  
35% Moderate  
  
**24%** **Total Liberal**  
13% Somewhat Liberal  
12% Strongly Liberal  
  
2% Unsure / Refused

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MARRIAGE. Which of the following best describes your marital status? (ROTATE CHOICES)

24% Single, Never Married  
52% Married, or Domestic Partnership  
13% Divorced  
7% Widowed  
3% Separated  
1% Refused

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PARENT. Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

27% Yes  
72% No  
1% Refused

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IF YES, IN PREVIOUS QUESTION, ASK:

CH\_EDU. Which of the following describes the status of your child or children? (ALLOW MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE)

**N162**  
30% Young Child, Not Enrolled in School  
69% School-Age Child, Enrolled in Public School K-12  
13% School-Age Child, Enrolled in Private School K-12  
8% Young Adult, Enrolled in Public School Higher Education  
3% Young Adult, Enrolled in Private School Higher Education  
3% Young Adult, Not Enrolled in Higher Education  
2% Multi-Generational Household  
1% Unsure / Refused

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ASK ALL:

NEWS. Where do you primarily get your news from?

23%	Cable News (CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, etc.)
30%	Broadcast News (ABC, CBS, NBC, etc.)
21%	Social Media
14%	News Websites
2%	Newspapers
7%	Something Else
3%	Unsure / Refused

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