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Morningside Poll 2022: Results Overview

In April 2022, the Colonel Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement released results of its fifth 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: 689 Iowa adults
- Sampling margin of error (MOE): ± 3.7 percentage points (95% confidence level)
- Survey type: 150 landline, 539 cell phone computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI)

Survey Results by Policy Question

What do you think is the most important problem facing the United States today?²

Problem	Percent of Total Responses
Elected Officials	12
Inflation	12
Economy	11
Education	8
Immigration	7
Partisan/Political Divisions	7
Social/Morality Issues	7
Climate Change	5
Government Structure/Institutions	5
International Relations	5
War in Ukraine	5
COVID	2
Healthcare	2
Inequality Issues	2
News Media	2
Other Issues	5
Don't Know/Refused	3

Survey conducted April 8-22, 2022. N= 689, MOE ±3.7 percentage points.

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¹ Please see the “Morningside Poll 2022: 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. “Immigration”) that received less than 1% of the total responses were grouped as “Other Issues.”

What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of Iowa today?³

Problem	Percent of Total Responses
Inflation	11
Elected Officials	10
Economy	9
Education	9
Unemployment Issues	8
Partisan/Political Divisions	8
Agricultural Issues	6
Climate Change	6
Social/Morality Issues	5
Population Decline	4
Immigration	3
Government Structure/Institutions	3
Drugs	2
Gun Policy	1
Other Issues	6
Don't Know/Refused	9

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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		24	26	26	14	6	4
Party Identification ⁴	Democrat	41	28	15	8	3	5
	Republican	8	22	33	23	10	3
	No Party	28	25	28	9	6	5
	Something else	19	33	28	14	4	3
Gender	Women	30	26	25	11	4	5
	Men	19	27	28	17	6	4
Age	18 to 24	21	18	42	18	0	0
	25 to 44	31	30	19	8	6	5
	45 to 64	20	29	26	14	7	4
	65 or older	24	23	27	16	5	5
Education	Not college graduate	20	28	26	16	5	5
	College graduate	28	25	26	11	6	4
Race	White	24	27	25	14	5	4
	Non-white	28	20	27	15	7	3

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³ This question was posed to respondents as an open-ended question. Answer categories (e.g. “Immigration”) that received less than 1% of the total responses were grouped as “Other Issues.”

⁴ Partisan identification of “Democrat” includes respondents who identify as Democrats and Democratic leaning and “Republican” includes those who identify as Republican and Republican leaning.

To what extent would you oppose or favor a bill currently being considered in the Iowa legislature that would make it a misdemeanor for school educators to give students access to 'obscene' books?

		Strongly Oppose Row %	Oppose Row %	Neither Oppose nor Favor Row %	Favor Row %	Strongly Favor Row %	DK/REF Row %
All Respondents		32	22	9	12	13	12
Party Identification	Democrat	43	23	11	8	5	10
	Republican	31	17	7	14	20	10
	No Party	27	27	10	10	12	15
	Something else	27	22	9	20	16	7
Gender	Women	36	22	12	10	9	12
	Men	29	23	8	14	16	11
Age	18 to 24	27	33	15	18	6	0
	25 to 44	33	21	12	11	13	9
	45 to 64	33	15	11	12	17	12
	65 or older	33	26	5	12	10	14
Education	Not college graduate	27	23	10	13	15	12
	College graduate	41	20	8	11	10	10
Race	White	33	23	9	12	12	12
	Non-white	23	13	17	10	28	8

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How would you rate the quality of women's healthcare resources in Iowa?

		Poor Row %	Fair Row%	Good Row %	Very Good Row %	Excellent Row %	DK/REF Row %
All Respondents		14	27	28	18	9	6
Party Identification	Democrat	29	37	18	9	4	3
	Republican	3	15	34	29	14	4
	No Party	13	28	30	14	8	7
	Something else	11	32	29	15	6	8
Gender	Women	16	30	28	16	7	3
	Men	12	24	29	19	9	7
Age	18 to 24	27	27	24	9	12	0
	25 to 44	15	32	26	10	6	10
	45 to 64	14	24	27	18	12	5
	65 or older	11	27	28	18	9	6
Education	Not college graduate	11	28	30	19	7	5
	College graduate	17	26	25	17	10	6
Race	White	14	26	28	18	8	6
	Non-white	15	33	22	12	12	5

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To what extent would you oppose or favor a law that would ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, usually around the sixth week of pregnancy?

		Strongly Oppose Row %	Oppose Row %	Neither Oppose nor Favor Row %	Favor Row %	Strongly Favor Row %	DK/REF Row %
All Respondents		34	19	9	12	22	4
Party Identification	Democrat	45	25	7	6	5	4
	Republican	19	12	4	18	45	2
	No Party	32	21	17	12	13	5
	Something else	36	16	10	12	20	7
Gender	Women	42	19	9	7	18	4
	Men	29	19	8	16	24	4
Age	18 to 24	45	12	18	3	21	0
	25 to 44	37	14	12	12	21	4
	45 to 64	31	20	8	12	24	5
	65 or older	35	21	7	13	20	5
Education	Not college graduate	29	18	11	13	24	6
	College graduate	41	20	5	11	20	2
Race	White	36	19	9	12	21	4
	Non-white	33	15	8	13	25	5

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Do you oppose or favor proposed Iowa legislation that will require Iowa students to use school restrooms according to the sex listed on their birth certificate?

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		34	58	8
Party Identification	Democrat	67	24	9
	Republican	8	86	6
	No Party	30	62	8
	Something else	32	59	9
Gender	Women	42	50	8
	Men	27	64	9
Age	18 to 24	55	39	6
	25 to 44	37	56	7
	45 to 64	31	58	11
	65 or older	34	58	8
Education	Not college graduate	25	66	9
	College graduate	44	38	19
Race	White	34	59	8
	Non-white	38	53	8

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Do you oppose or favor the recent Iowa law that bans transgender student-athletes from competing in sports according to their gender identity? For example, banning a transgender woman to play in women's sports.

		Oppose Row %	Favor Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		43	50	7
Party Identification	Democrat	69	26	6
	Republican	26	71	3
	No Party	42	49	9
	Something else	36	57	8
Gender	Women	50	43	7
	Men	39	55	7
Age	18 to 24	42	52	6
	25 to 44	42	54	4
	45 to 64	38	55	8
	65 or older	49	43	8
Education	Not college graduate	38	53	9
	College graduate	50	46	5
Race	White	44	49	6
	Non-white	40	50	10

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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		38	57	6
Party Identification	Democrat	23	70	7
	Republican	61	33	6
	No Party	24	70	6
	Something else	37	61	2
Gender	Women	38	55	7
	Men	39	56	5
Age	18 to 24	24	73	3
	25 to 44	17	77	6
	45 to 64	39	56	5
	65 or older	49	45	6
Education	Not college graduate	37	58	6
	College graduate	40	54	6
Race	White	39	55	5
	Non-white	22	70	8

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How would rate access to affordable housing in the state of Iowa?

		Poor Row %	Fair Row %	Good Row %	Very Good Row %	Excellent Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		24	36	24	8	4	4
Party Identification	Democrat	33	44	15	4	2	4
	Republican	10	34	35	11	6	5
	No Party	33	27	26	7	3	4
	Something else	24	36	22	8	5	5
Gender	Women	28	37	23	4	3	5
	Men	21	35	26	10	4	4
Age	18 to 24	24	36	24	12	3	0
	25 to 44	30	34	25	6	3	3
	45 to 64	24	32	28	7	6	3
	65 or older	23	39	21	8	2	6
Education	Not college graduate	25	35	26	7	3	4
	College graduate	23	37	23	8	5	4
Race	White	24	36	24	8	4	4
	Non-white	35	30	23	3	5	3

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Do you think that Iowa's minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour should be _____?

		Kept the same Row %	At least \$8/hour Row %	Between \$8.01 & \$10/hour Row %	Between \$10.01 & \$12/hour Row %	Between \$12.01 & \$14/hour Row %	Between \$14.01 & \$16/hour Row %	More than \$16/hour Row %	DK/ Ref Row %
All Respondents		15	4	16	23	12	15	11	4
Party Identification	Democrat	1	3	7	25	17	24	21	3
	Republican	24	8	24	22	9	4	3	6
	No Party	14	2	19	26	12	15	9	4
	Something else	23	4	11	21	11	19	9	2
Gender	Women	9	6	14	21	17	17	13	3
	Men	19	3	17	24	9	13	9	5
Age	18 to 24	12	6	21	45	3	12	0	0
	25 to 44	17	4	17	23	8	12	17	2
	45 to 64	20	5	16	25	13	9	11	3
	65 or older	11	4	15	20	15	21	8	7
Education	Not college graduate	16	5	16	23	13	15	8	4
	College graduate	14	4	16	23	12	13	14	5
Race	White	12	6	21	45	3	12	0	0
	Non-white	17	4	17	23	8	12	17	2

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How much, if at all, do you think climate change is currently affecting agriculture in Iowa?

		Not at All Row %	Only A Little Row %	Some Row %	A Great Deal Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		18	15	31	33	3
Party Identification	Democrat	1	6	26	65	2
	Republican	37	22	29	9	2
	No Party	12	12	44	30	3
	Something else	21	21	27	28	4
Gender	Women	12	12	29	44	3
	Men	22	16	33	26	3
Age	18 to 24	12	9	42	36	0
	25 to 44	14	17	35	31	3
	45 to 64	24	15	28	31	2
	65 or older	16	14	30	35	3
Education	Not college graduate	21	16	30	30	2
	College graduate	15	14	32	36	3
Race	White	18	15	32	32	3
	Non-white	17	13	18	50	2

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How effective, if at all, do you believe the COVID-19 vaccine is?

		Not at all Effective Row %	Slightly Effective Row %	Moderately Effective Row %	Very Effective Row %	Extremely Effective Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		18	11	25	24	20	3
Party Identification	Democrat	6	2	14	37	49	2
	Republican	30	18	31	13	6	3
	No Party	16	10	32	22	18	3
	Something else	19	15	23	25	15	3
Gender	Women	18	7	24	28	20	3
	Men	17	14	26	22	19	3
Age	18 to 24	15	18	27	27	12	0
	25 to 44	24	10	24	17	21	5
	45 to 64	25	13	25	18	17	2
	65 or older	9	8	24	32	22	4
Education	Not college graduate	23	13	29	19	14	3
	College graduate	9	9	21	31	27	3
Race	White	16	11	25	24	20	3
	Non-white	25	12	20	23	18	2

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In terms of government responses to COVID-19, how trustworthy, if at all, are the recommendations of Federal Health Authorities, such as the CDC, in regards to COVID-19?

		Not At All Trustworthy Row %	Not Too Trustworthy Row %	Somewhat Trustworthy Row %	Very Trustworthy Row %	Extremely Trustworthy Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		26	11	25	25	11	2
Party Identification	Democrat	5	4	12	54	24	2
	Republican	44	18	28	7	2	1
	No Party	21	13	42	18	5	2
	Something else	34	9	22	22	11	3
Gender	Women	22	12	24	30	11	2
	Men	27	11	26	22	10	3
Age	18 to 24	18	12	33	27	9	0
	25 to 44	32	11	24	22	8	2
	45 to 64	31	13	27	19	10	1
	65 or older	19	10	23	31	13	4
Education	Not college graduate	31	11	29	18	8	2
	College graduate	18	11	21	34	14	1
Race	White	25	11	25	26	11	2
	Non-white	27	10	28	20	12	3

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How urgent, if at all, is the current situation at the U.S./Mexico Border?

		Not at all Urgent Row %	Not too Urgent Row %	Somewhat Urgent Row %	Very Urgent Row %	Extremely Urgent Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		9	10	26	18	33	3
Party Identification	Democrat	16	17	37	17	11	3
	Republican	1	2	14	21	61	1
	No Party	13	14	33	15	19	5
	Something else	7	7	23	18	41	4
Gender	Women	8	10	30	22	27	4
	Men	11	10	23	15	38	3
Age	18 to 24	3	21	42	21	12	0
	25 to 44	11	16	31	21	18	3
	45 to 64	13	9	21	16	37	4
	65 or older	7	6	26	18	41	3
Education	Not college graduate	9	8	25	22	33	3
	College graduate	10	12	28	13	34	3
Race	White	9	10	27	19	33	3
	Non-white	17	12	15	17	33	7

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To what extent do you disagree or agree with refugees from different countries such as Ukraine and Afghanistan relocating to Iowa?

		Strongly Disagree Row %	Disagree Row %	Neither Disagree nor Agree Row %	Agree Row %	Strongly Agree Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		9	9	18	34	27	3
Party Identification	Democrat	3	5	8	34	48	2
	Republican	16	14	22	32	11	4
	No Party	6	9	21	36	23	2
	Something else	8	7	22	38	22	2
Gender	Women	7	7	18	35	29	3
	Men	10	10	17	35	25	4
Age	18 to 24	6	3	24	30	36	0
	25 to 44	9	9	17	31	30	3
	45 to 64	11	10	19	32	25	3
	65 or older	8	10	16	38	25	4
Education	Not college graduate	12	12	21	31	20	4
	College graduate	4	5	14	39	35	2
Race	White	9	9	18	35	26	3
	Non-white	10	10	13	23	40	3

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In regards to Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine, how would you rate the United States' response to the situation?

		Poor Row %	Fair Row %	Good Row %	Very Good Row %	Excellent Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		30	25	24	13	5	3
Party Identification	Democrat	8	19	37	23	12	1
	Republican	46	29	17	6	0	1
	No Party	30	28	24	12	1	4
	Something else	36	23	20	11	5	5
Gender	Women	23	27	27	15	5	3
	Men	34	25	22	11	5	2
Age	18 to 24	24	45	15	15	0	0
	25 to 44	34	30	18	10	5	4
	45 to 64	33	24	23	14	3	4
	65 or older	26	22	30	13	7	1
Education	Not college graduate	34	25	24	10	4	2
	College graduate	24	27	26	16	5	2
Race	White	29	26	25	14	5	2
	Non-white	32	23	22	8	7	8

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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		41	55	4
Party Identification	Democrat	83	16	2
	Republican	6	92	2
	No Party	42	51	6
	Something else	36	59	6
Gender	Women	49	46	5
	Men	35	62	3
Age	18 to 24	45	55	0
	25 to 44	43	53	4
	45 to 64	35	61	4
	65 or older	45	51	4
Education	Not college graduate	33	63	5
	College graduate	51	46	3
Race	White	41	56	3
	Non-white	48	40	12

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Do you disapprove or approve of the way Senator Joni Ernst is handling her job as a U.S. Senator from Iowa?

		Disapprove Row %	Approve Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		42	53	6
Party Identification	Democrat	79	19	3
	Republican	13	84	3
	No Party	39	51	10
	Something else	41	55	4
Gender	Women	46	46	9
	Men	39	57	4
Age	44	36	55	9
	25 to 44	44	52	3
	45 to 64	38	55	7
	65 or older	44	50	6
Education	Not college graduate	36	58	6
	College graduate	48	46	5
Race	White	42	53	5
	Non-white	42	50	8

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Do you disapprove or approve of the way Senator Charles Grassley is handling his job as a U.S. Senator from Iowa?

		Disapprove Row %	Approve Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		46	51	3
Party Identification	Democrat	83	15	2
	Republican	14	84	3
	No Party	46	49	5
	Something else	46	51	3
Gender	Women	50	45	5
	Men	42	56	3
Age	18 to 24	36	48	15
	25 to 44	52	46	2
	45 to 64	41	55	4
	65 or older	48	50	2
Education	Not college graduate	41	55	4
	College graduate	52	45	3
Race	White	46	51	3
	Non-white	50	43	7

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Do you disapprove or approve of the way President Joe Biden is handling his job as President of the United States?

		Disapprove Row %	Approve Row %	DK/Ref Row %
All Respondents		57	40	2
Party Identification	Democrat	13	86	1
	Republican	93	6	1
	No Party	63	34	3
	Something else	59	36	5
Gender	Women	51	46	3
	Men	61	37	2
Age	18 to 24	64	36	0
	25 to 44	60	37	3
	45 to 64	64	33	2
	65 or older	49	49	2
Education	Not college graduate	62	35	3
	College graduate	52	46	2
Race	White	59	39	2
	Non-white	42	53	5

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Respondent Characteristics

GENDER	Frequency	Percent
Woman	286	42
Man	385	56
Something else	9	1
Refused	9	1
Total	689	100

PARTY IDENTIFICATION	Frequency	Percent
Democrat	195	28
Republican	214	31
No Party	156	23
Something else	107	16
Don't Know/Refused	17	2
Total	689	100

REGISTERED IOWA VOTER	Frequency	Percent
No	60	9
Yes	625	90
Don't Know/Refused	4	1
Total	689	100

AGE	Frequency	Percent
18 to 24	33	5
25 to 44	145	21
45 to 64	228	33
65 or older	283	41
Total	689	100

RACE	Frequency	Percent
American Indian/ Alaska Native	13	2
Asian	6	1
Black or African American	19	3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	5	1
White	604	88
Something else	17	2
Refused	25	3
Total	689	100

HISPANIC ETHNICITY⁵	Frequency	Percent
No	651	94
Yes	25	4
Refused	13	2
Total	689	100

EDUCATION COMPLETED⁶	Frequency	Percent
Less than a high school diploma	31	5
High school degree or equivalent	114	16
Some college, no degree	154	22
Associate degree	79	11
Bachelor's degree	165	24
Master's degree	80	12
Professional degree	19	3
Doctorate	31	5
Refused	16	2
Total	689	100

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

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.