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MINNESOTA STATEWIDE VOTER SURVEY

Field Dates: June 4-7, 2018
Sample Size: N=500 Registered Voters (30% cell)
Margin of Error: +/-4.38%

* Denotes result less than 0.5%.

NOTE: Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

Question 1

And, do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

3/18	6/18	
36%	40%	APPROVE
53%	51%	DISAPPROVE
10%	8%	NO OPINION/NOT SURE
1%	2%	REFUSED

Question 2

Thinking about the recent state legislative session that just ended, please tell me which of the following comes closest to your opinion.

6/18	
1%	A LOT WAS ACCOMPLISHED
19%	A FAIR AMOUNT WAS ACCOMPLISHED
33%	NOT MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND I TEND TO BLAME THE LEGISLATURE MORE FOR THAT
27%	NOT MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND I TEND TO BLAME THE GOVERNOR MORE FOR THAT
18%	NO OPINION/NOT SURE
1%	REFUSED
20%	TOTAL ACCOMPLISHED
60%	TOTAL NOT MUCH ACCOMPLISHED



Question 3

Over the last year, do you think Minnesota's economy has Gotten better, Gotten worse, or Stayed about the same?

3/18	6/18	
32%	34%	GOTTEN BETTER
8%	11%	GOTTEN WORSE
55%	52%	STAYED ABOUT THE SAME
5%	2%	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
*	*	REFUSED

Question 4

Minnesota's policymakers have debated whether to allow more mining in Northern Minnesota. Some argue that Minnesota's economy needs the jobs and economic expansion that mining will bring, while environmentalists argue that mining expansion is too risky for the environment. Thinking about what you know about the Iron Range, which ONE of the following viewpoints comes closest to your own.

3/18	6/18	
26%	28%	STRONGLY AGREE THAT THE JOBS ARE NEEDED
25%	23%	SOMEWHAT AGREE ABOUT JOBS, BUT NEED MORE INFORMATION
25%	23%	SOMEWHAT AGREE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS, BUT NEED MORE INFORMATION
20%	20%	STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS
4%	5%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
1%	1%	REFUSED
50%	51%	TOTAL AGREE THAT THE JOBS ARE NEEDED
45%	43%	TOTAL AGREE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS



Question 5

Based on what you know, is it your impression that Minnesota's regulations on protecting the environment and rules on copper, nickel, gold and platinum mining are more stringent than other states, less stringent than other states, or about the same as other states?

6/18

- 30% MORE STRINGENT THAN OTHER STATES
- 4% LESS STRINGENT THAN OTHER STATES
- 32% ABOUT THE SAME AS OTHER STATES
- 33% NOT SURE

- 1% REFUSED

Question 6

Now, turning our attention to the issue of mining here in Minnesota. In general, how important do you think the mining industry is to Minnesota and its economy today?

6/18

- 9% EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
- 30% VERY IMPORTANT
- 53% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 5% NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

- 3% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- REFUSED

- 39% TOTAL IMPORTANT**
- 58% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT**



Question 7

In general, do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE potential copper, nickel, gold and platinum mining in Northern Minnesota?

6/18

- 23% STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 31% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 16% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 16% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 13% NOT SURE

1% REFUSED

54% TOTAL SUPPORT

32% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 8

Would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE a legislative proposal to encourage mining in northern Minnesota and dedicate 10% of the tax revenues from that mining to improving Minnesota's fish and wildlife resources?

6/18

- 59% SUPPORT
- 31% OPPOSE

9% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW

* REFUSED



Question 9

How much economic benefit do you think increased mining in northern Minnesota for example, copper, nickel, gold and platinum, would have for the rest of the state?

6/18

- 7% NONE
- 49% A LITTLE ECONOMIC BENEFIT
- 28% A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ECONOMIC BENEFIT
- 9% A GREAT DEAL OF ECONOMIC BENEFIT

- 8% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

56% TOTAL LITTLE/NO BENEFIT

36% TOTAL YES, ECONOMIC BENEFIT

Question 10

If you were convinced that copper, nickel, gold and platinum mining could be carried out in northern Minnesota without polluting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, would you be Strongly in favor of developing the state's mineral resources, Somewhat in favor, Mostly neutral, or Opposed to developing the state's mineral resources?

6/18

- 32% STRONGLY IN FAVOR
- 32% SOMEWHAT IN FAVOR
- 15% OPPOSED
- 19% MOSTLY NEUTRAL

- 2% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- REFUSED

64% TOTAL IN FAVOR

19% MOSTLY NEUTRAL

15% OPPOSED



Question 11

And, if you knew that developing mineral resources such as copper, nickel, gold and platinum would add \$3.4 billion annually to Minnesota's economy and create more than 10,000 jobs, not only in northern Minnesota but throughout the state, and that mining would not damage the environment, would you be Strongly in favor of developing the state's mineral resources, Somewhat in favor, Mostly neutral, or Opposed to developing the state's mineral resources?

6/18

- 45% STRONGLY IN FAVOR
- 28% SOMEWHAT IN FAVOR
- 11% OPPOSED
- 14% MOSTLY NEUTRAL

- 1% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

- 73% TOTAL IN FAVOR**
- 14% MOSTLY NEUTRAL**
- 11% OPPOSED**

Question 12

First, I am going to read you a few short statements from supporters of potential copper and nickel mining in Northern Minnesota and I would like you to tell me which one comes closest to your own view.

6/18

- 35% I SUPPORT MINING BECAUSE MINING WILL CREATE JOBS THAT PAY MORE THAN 60 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR WITH BENEFITS.
- 22% I SUPPORT MINING BECAUSE MINING WILL MAKE THE US LESS DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN MINERALS.
- 22% I SUPPORT MINING BECAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE MINING COMPANIES TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.
- 4% ALL OF THE ABOVE
- 14% NONE OF THE ABOVE

- 3% REFUSED



Question 13

Next, I am going to read you a few short statements from opponents of potential copper and nickel mining in Northern Minnesota and I would like you to tell me which one comes closest to your own view.

6/18

- 39% I OPPOSE MINING BECAUSE MINING WILL DAMAGE THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 14% I OPPOSE MINING BECAUSE THE JOBS CREATED BY MINING WILL ONLY LAST FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS.
- 11% I OPPOSE MINING BECAUSE MINING WILL NOT MAKE THE US ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT ON FOREIGN MINERALS.
- 3% ALL OF THE ABOVE
- 28% NONE OF THE ABOVE

- 4% REFUSED

Question 14

And thinking about another issue here in Minnesota, I would like to read you a few statements about renewable energy, such as wind energy. Please tell me which one of the following comes closest to how you feel.

6/18

- 70% I SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
- 13% I SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY ONLY IF IT SAVES ME MONEY
- 4% I OPPOSE RENEWABLE ENERGY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT INCREASES MY ELECTRICITY COSTS OVERALL
- 8% I OPPOSE RENEWABLE ENERGY BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE IT DOES MUCH TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT
- 3% NONE OF THE ABOVE

- 2% REFUSED

83% TOTAL SUPPORT

12% TOTAL OPPOSE



Question 15

Have you heard of Education Minnesota, the state teachers' union?

6/18

- 17% VERY FAVORABLE
- 25% SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 10% SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 11% VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 12% HEARD OF/NO OPINION
- 24% NEVER HEARD

1% REFUSED

75% TOTAL HEARD OF

42% TOTAL FAVORABLE

21% TOTAL UNFAVORABLE

Question 16

Based on what you know, does Education Minnesota - the state teachers' union - do a good job or a bad job looking out for the interests of teachers in the state?

6/18

- 60% GOOD JOB
- 12% BAD JOB
- 26% NOT SURE

2% REFUSED

Question 17

Based on what you know, does Education Minnesota - the state teachers' union - do a good job or a bad job looking out for the interests of students and parents in the state?

6/18

- 55% GOOD JOB
- 26% BAD JOB
- 17% NOT SURE

2% REFUSED



Questions 18-25

Next, I am going to read you a few statements people might make about Education Minnesota, the state teachers' union. After I read each one, please tell me if you AGREE or DISAGREE with that statement.

(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK) And do you STRONGLY (agree/disagree) or just SOMEWHAT (agree/disagree)?

The (first/next) one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

TOT	TOT	STRG	SMWT	NEITH	SMWT	STRG	NOT	
AGREE	DISAG	AGREE	AGREE	-ER	DISAG	DISAG	SURE	REF
18	Education Minnesota is too powerful and has too much influence with government leaders							
37%	42%	20%	17%	7%	23%	19%	12%	3%
19	Education Minnesota is too political							
50%	31%	30%	20%	4%	18%	13%	13%	2%
20	Education Minnesota promotes left-wing politics in our local schools							
43%	33%	22%	21%	6%	13%	19%	17%	2%
21	Education Minnesota spends too much money supporting political agendas and candidates							
53%	27%	33%	20%	5%	17%	9%	14%	2%
22	Education Minnesota should not spend member dues on contributions to political candidates							
66%	26%	49%	18%	3%	14%	12%	3%	1%
23	Education Minnesota should not spend member dues on contributions to organizations like Planned Parenthood							
55%	33%	38%	18%	4%	16%	17%	5%	2%
24	Education Minnesota represents the interests of Minnesota teachers							
73%	13%	33%	40%	3%	8%	5%	10%	1%
25	Education Minnesota represents the interests of Minnesota students							
55%	30%	22%	33%	4%	16%	14%	9%	2%



Question 26

In some states, public employees, including teachers, firemen, and policemen, are required to fund a union as a condition of employment. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE laws requiring teachers and other public employees to fund unions in order to keep their job?

6/18

- 25% STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 15% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 18% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 35% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 6% NOT SURE

1% REFUSED

40% TOTAL SUPPORT

54% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 27

Do you think teachers should have the right to go on strike, or not?

6/18

- 80% YES, SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO ON STRIKE
- 16% NO, SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO ON STRIKE
- 3% NOT SURE

1% REFUSED

Question D1

Age.

3/18 6/18

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| 15% | 16% | 18 - 34 |
| 18% | 18% | 35 - 44 |
| 22% | 21% | 45 - 54 |
| 22% | 22% | 55 - 64 |
| 23% | 23% | 65 AND ABOVE |

* * REFUSED



Question D2

Gender.

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	
48%	48%	TOTAL MALE
30%	29%	EMPLOYED FULLTIME
4%	3%	EMPLOYED PART-TIME
*	1%	HOMEMAKER
12%	14%	RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
1%	1%	REFUSED
52%	52%	TOTAL FEMALE
23%	22%	EMPLOYED FULLTIME
7%	7%	EMPLOYED PART-TIME
3%	3%	HOMEMAKER
17%	19%	RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
1%	1%	REFUSED
48%	48%	TOTAL MALE
52%	52%	TOTAL FEMALE

Question D3

And what is the last grade you completed in school?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	
--	1%	SOME GRADE SCHOOL
3%	2%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL
16%	20%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL
9%	5%	TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
24%	25%	SOME COLLEGE
31%	33%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
17%	14%	POST-GRADUATE
*	1%	REFUSED
19%	22%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
33%	30%	SOME COLLEGE
48%	47%	COLLEGE+



Question D4

In politics today, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	
14%	13%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
6%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
10%	11%	LEAN REPUBLICAN
32%	28%	INDEPENDENT / SOMETHING ELSE
7%	9%	LEAN DEMOCRAT
8%	8%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
22%	20%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	2%	NOT SURE/REFUSED
30%	34%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
32%	28%	INDEPENDENT / SOMETHING ELSE
37%	37%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT

Question D5

Generally speaking, on most political issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	
15%	15%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
19%	18%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
36%	35%	MODERATE
14%	15%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
12%	11%	VERY LIBERAL
2%	4%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
2%	1%	REFUSED
34%	33%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
36%	35%	MODERATE
25%	26%	TOTAL LIBERAL



Question D6

And, thinking about the recent 2016 presidential election, regardless of how you may feel today, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President?

AMONG TOTAL SAMPLE

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	
38%	39%	DONALD TRUMP
39%	42%	HILLARY CLINTON
4%	4%	GARY JOHNSON
1%	1%	JILL STEIN
2%	3%	SOMEONE ELSE
5%	3%	DID NOT VOTE
12%	8%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

AMONG TOTAL VOTED

45%	44%	DONALD TRUMP
47%	47%	HILLARY CLINTON
5%	4%	GARY JOHNSON
1%	1%	JILL STEIN
2%	4%	SOMEONE ELSE

Question D7

How would you describe the area where you currently live?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	
28%	26%	A CITY
37%	34%	A SUBURBAN AREA
32%	38%	A SMALL TOWN/RURAL AREA
--	1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
3%	*	REFUSED



Question D8

Thinking about you for a moment, are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union or a teacher's association, employed by the city, county, state, or federal government, including as a fire fighter or law enforcement officer?

6/18

- 12% LABOR UNION
- 8% TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION
- 7% GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
- 2% FIREFIGHTER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- 73% NO
- 1% NOT SURE

- 2% REFUSED

25% TOTAL UNION HH

73% NO

Question D9

Have you purchased a hunting or fishing license in the last three years?

6/18

- 3% HUNTING ONLY
- 26% FISHING ONLY
- 17% BOTH
- 53% NO

- 1% UNSURE/REFUSED

46% TOTAL HUNT/FISH

53% NO