DEMOCRACY — DEFENSE PROJECT —

Ohio Statewide Survey



METHODOLOGY



Robert Blizzard of UpONE Insights completed a survey of N=600 likely Ohio voters via landline and cell phone.



The survey was conducted September 18-21, 2024.



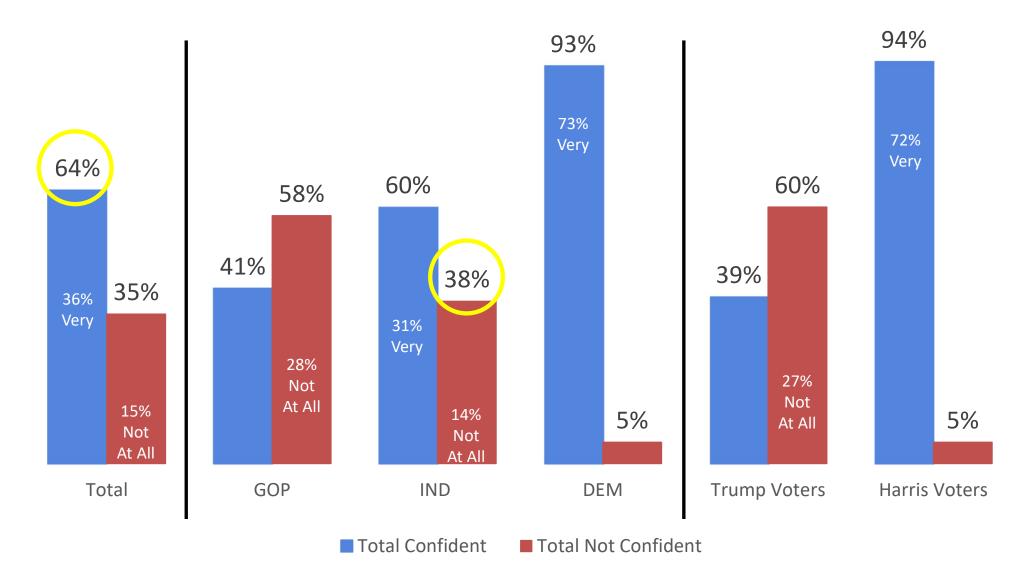
The overall survey has a margin of error of \pm 4.0%. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.



National Elections

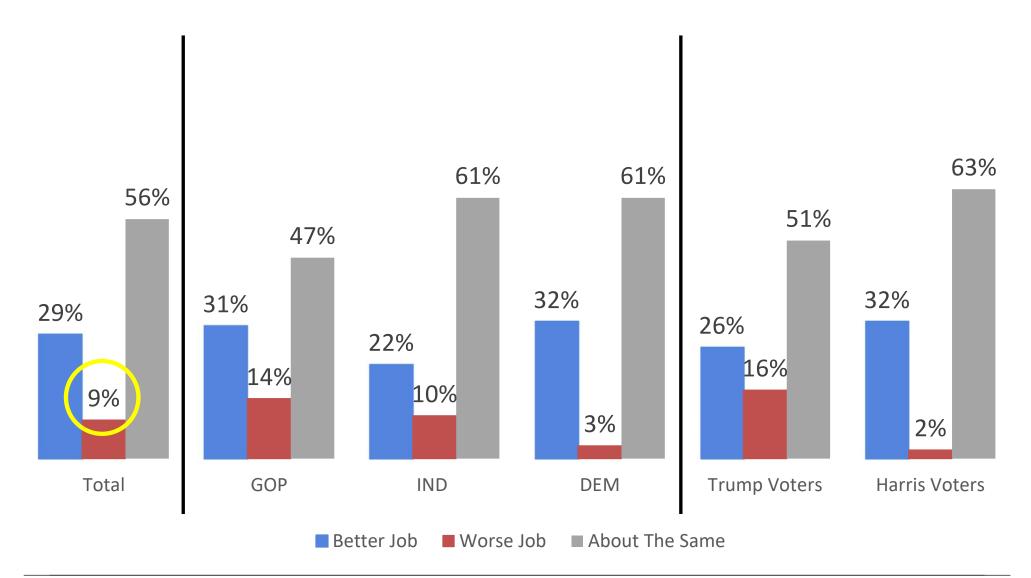


Nearly two-thirds of Ohio voters express confidence that votes will be accurately cast and counted nationally. GOP voters are unconvinced, and more than one-third of independent voters are not confident.





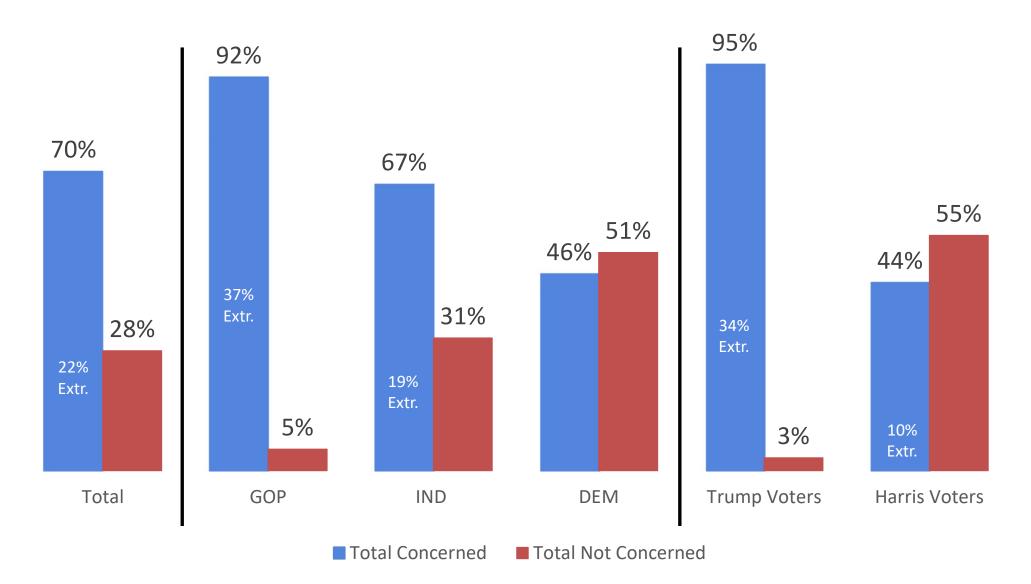
Next, thinking about the issue of elections and election integrity and the 2024 elections across the country not just here in Ohio, first, how confident are you that, across the country, the votes will be accurately cast and counted in the 2024 elections? Few Ohio voters believe the country will do a "worse" job compared to the 2020 elections.





And, compared to the 2020 elections, do you believe that the 2024 elections across the country will do a better job, a worse job, or will they be about the same at ensuring votes are accurately cast and counted?

Ohioans, especially Republicans, are concerned that voting irregularities could endanger the legitimate election and certification of the next President.



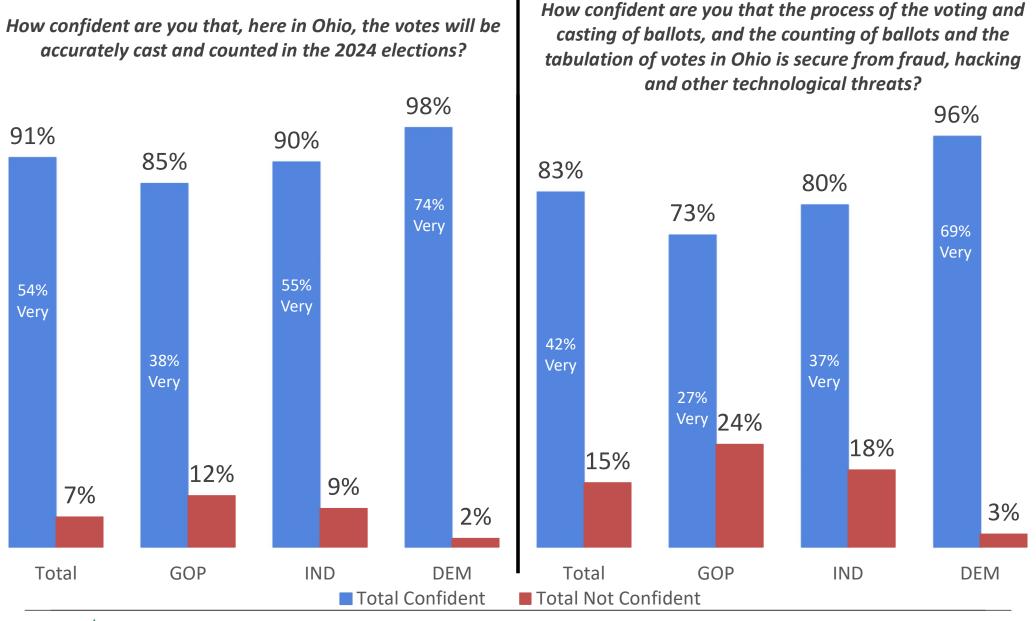


Now thinking specifically about the presidential election across the country, how concerned are you about voting irregularities that could endanger the legitimate election and certification of the next President?

Ohio Elections



There is significantly more confidence in Ohio elections.





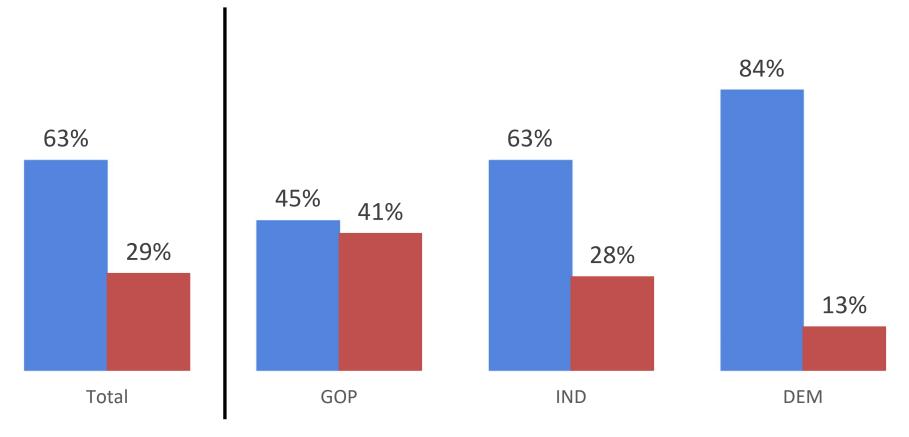
And, thinking about the election system that is in place here in Ohio...

By a two-to-one margin, voters view election workers and officials as important rather than as "more partisan than you would believe."

Ohio election workers and officials are important volunteers in our local communities who count votes fairly and need to be able to do their jobs without interference.

Ohio election workers and officials are more partisan than they would have you believe, and they need to be monitored so they don't try and influence elections for the candidates and parties of their choice.

....or...



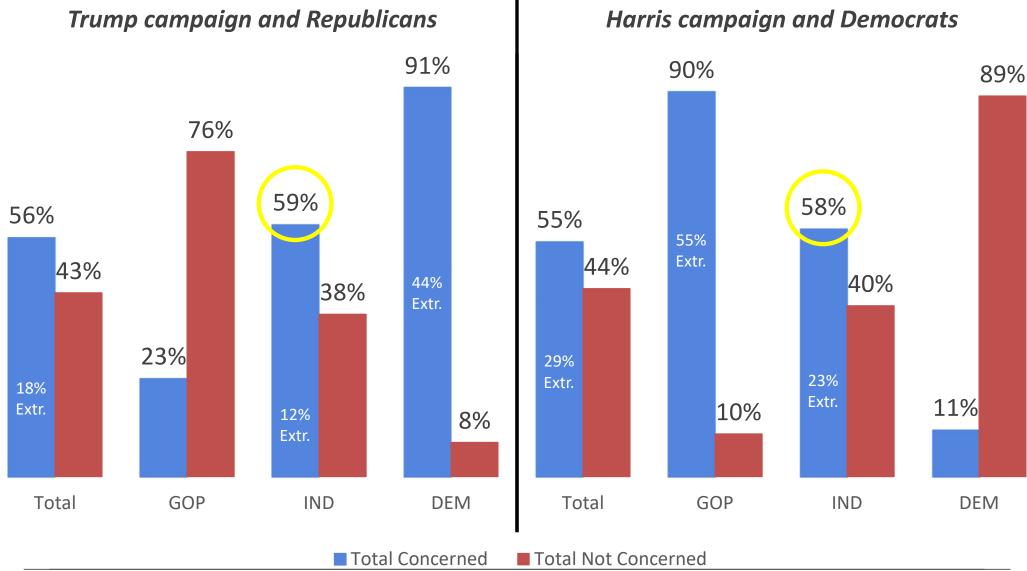


Now, thinking about your views about election officials and election workers in Ohio, which ONE of the following statements comes closer to your own point of view:

Voter Concerns & Policies



Ohioans are concerned about both parties engaging in improper activities. Independents are concerned about both Trump and Harris.





How concerned are you that the Trump campaign and Republicans/Harris campaign and Democrats will engage in improper ballot activities that could impact the election?

Voters' top concerns ranked overall and by party:

Total	GOP	IND	DEM
Media organizations that suppress some stories while exaggerating or distorting other stories about elections	People who are illegal immigrants being allowed to cast votes	Media organizations that suppress some stories while exaggerating or distorting other stories about elections	Artificial intelligence creating misinformation with realistic but fake videos, graphics, and audio of U.S. leaders and political candidates
People who are illegal immigrants being allowed to cast votes	Media organizations that suppress some stories while exaggerating or distorting other stories about elections	Artificial intelligence creating misinformation with realistic but fake videos, graphics, and audio of U.S. leaders and political candidates	Foreign adversaries who spread propaganda and try and influence our elections
Artificial intelligence creating misinformation with realistic but fake videos, graphics, and audio of U.S. leaders and political candidates	People who are ineligible or not registered to vote being allowed to cast votes	People who are ineligible or not registered to vote being allowed to cast votes	Media organizations that suppress some stories while exaggerating or distorting other stories about elections
Foreign adversaries who spread propaganda and try and influence our elections	After the polls are closed and voting is supposed to be done, election officials keep submitting more ballots that nobody has any idea where they came from	People who are illegal immigrants being allowed to cast votes	Political parties that rig elections in favor of their preferred candidates.
People who are ineligible or not registered to vote being allowed to cast votes	Artificial intelligence creating misinformation with realistic but fake videos, graphics, and audio of U.S. leaders and political candidates	Foreign adversaries who spread propaganda and try and influence our elections	People who are ineligible or not registered to vote being allowed to cast votes



Ohio voters strongly support the following:

	% Support - % Oppose
Require ballots and machines to be locked with tamper proof seals and stored behind locked doors that can only be access when unlocked together by both Republican and Democrat election officials	92% - 4%
Require voting machines and tabulators go through a full logic and accuracy testing by a bi-partisan team before voting begins	91% - 5%
Allow absentee voters to track the status of their ballot online just like they would with a package	90% - <mark>6%</mark>
Allow election staff to begin processing absentee ballots early on Election Day, so the public learns the winner on Election night without dragging counting on for days	89% - <mark>8%</mark>
Require voter identification to make sure only American citizens can vote and they only vote one time	87% - 10%
Have paper ballot backups to check against machines as a way of double- checking results	86% - 9%
Taking electronic voting machines offline so that they cannot be hacked online	<mark>85% - 8%</mark>
Allow bi-partisan oversight of election results	85% - 8%
After an election, require every county to conduct a post-election audit and make the audit open to the public	85% - 11%



Next, I would like to read you several policy proposals that some in Ohio have said would increase confidence in elections and make the election process fairer and more transparent. For each one, please indicate whether you would support or oppose that proposal.

Robert Blizzard

Phone: 703.403.5629 Email: <u>Robert@UpONEInsights.com</u> Twitter: @robertblizzard Website: <u>www.UpONEInsights.com</u>