

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #24369



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In MN-02 Rematch, Incumbent Republican Lewis May Be Ever-So-Slight Underdog Against Democratic Challenger Craig:

DFL candidate Angie Craig has a nominal 3 percentage point advantage over incumbent Republican Jason Lewis in Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, according to SurveyUSA polling conducted for KSTP-TV in the Twin Cities. The contest is a re-match of 2016, when Lewis eked out a narrow win.

Early voting has already begun. The contest could go either way.

If Craig succeeds in flipping the seat from Red to Blue, it will be because suburban women, seniors, voters focused on education, and voters focused on health care turn out in large numbers. Among voters who say that education or health care is the most important issue in how they will vote in 2018, Democrat Craig leads 3:1.

If Lewis succeeds in holding the seat, it will be because suburban men, younger voters, voters focused on taxes, voters focused on jobs, and voters focused on terrorism turn out in large numbers. Among voters who say that terrorism is the most important issue in how they will vote in 2018, Republican Lewis leads 10:1.

Men back Lewis by 6, women back Craig by 12, an 18-point gender-gap. Among men who live in the suburbs, Lewis leads by 12 points. Among women who live in the suburbs, Craig leads by 11 points.

Lewis holds 89% of the Republican base, but trails by 10 points among independents. Craig holds 91% of the Democratic base, and leads among moderates by 18 points. Of voters who voted for Craig in 2016, 95% stay with her in 2018, just 3% cross-over. Of voters who voted for Lewis in 2018, 91% stay with him, 6% cross-over. Though the difference between 3% defection and 6% defection is tiny, it may just be enough to hand the seat to Craig, all things being equal.

42% of likely voters approve of the job Lewis is doing in office. 40% disapprove.

41% of likely voters in MN-02 approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing. 54% disapprove.

About : SurveyUSA interviewed 850 adults from Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District 09/17/18 through 09/23/18. Of the adults, 819 are registered to vote. Of the registered voters, SurveyUSA determined that 569 were likely to return a ballot on or before 11/06/18. This research was conducted using blended sampled, mixed mode. Respondents reachable on a home telephone were interviewed on their home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a home telephone were called on their cellphone by live interviewers or were shown a questionnaire on the display of their smartphone, tablet or other electronic device. Altogether, 55% of likely voters were interviewed on a landline, 45% on a cell phone. MN-02 is Southeast of the Twin Cities, slicing through Dakota, Goodhue, and Wabasha counties along the Wisconsin border. Lewis was first elected in 2016, when he defeated Craig by 1.8 percentage points, with an Independence Party candidate siphoning 8% of the vote.

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569 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Lewis Approval	
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Approv	Disappr
Jason Lewis (R)	45%	49%	40%	51%	42%	46%	41%	45%	44%	89%	5%	39%	85%	36%	6%	93%	1%
Angie Craig (DFL)	48%	43%	52%	40%	48%	48%	52%	46%	50%	6%	91%	49%	9%	54%	91%	6%	95%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	9%	9%	6%	7%	9%	6%	5%	4%	12%	6%	10%	3%	1%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	47%	53%	12%	25%	37%	27%	36%	64%	31%	32%	34%	31%	42%	23%	42%	40%

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Jason Lewis (R)	45%	92%	8%	64%	70%	23%	23%	88%	88%	4%	91%	3%	49%	50%	41%	40%	47%	44%
Angie Craig (DFL)	48%	4%	85%	27%	24%	71%	70%	9%	6%	93%	6%	95%	46%	44%	52%	53%	48%	49%
Undecided	7%	4%	8%	9%	5%	6%	8%	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%	5%	6%	7%	7%	5%	7%
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Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	10%	72%	17%	35%	37%	45%	55%

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Approv	Disappr
Approve	42%	49%	35%	52%	43%	44%	34%	46%	40%	81%	10%	35%	78%	35%	8%	100%	0%
Disapprove	40%	36%	43%	25%	42%	39%	44%	37%	41%	4%	74%	42%	3%	43%	84%	0%	100%
Not Sure	18%	15%	21%	23%	15%	17%	22%	17%	19%	14%	16%	22%	18%	21%	8%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Approve	42%	84%	9%	67%	66%	27%	19%	78%	80%	5%	85%	5%	48%	46%	38%	41%	45%	41%
Disapprove	40%	2%	71%	17%	16%	57%	61%	8%	5%	76%	4%	80%	25%	33%	47%	33%	40%	43%
Not Sure	18%	14%	20%	15%	18%	15%	20%	14%	16%	19%	12%	15%	27%	21%	15%	27%	16%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Approve	42%	42%	45%	31%	54%	36%	43%	41%
Disapprove	40%	40%	38%	50%	33%	42%	35%	44%
Not Sure	18%	19%	18%	19%	13%	21%	22%	15%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Approv	Disappr
Approve	41%	48%	35%	45%	39%	43%	37%	41%	41%	81%	7%	35%	79%	31%	8%	82%	2%
Disapprove	54%	47%	60%	44%	54%	54%	59%	51%	56%	11%	93%	60%	14%	63%	92%	12%	97%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%	11%	7%	3%	4%	8%	3%	8%	0%	5%	6%	6%	0%	6%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Approve	41%	100%	0%	68%	67%	13%	17%	83%	86%	2%	80%	4%	53%	48%	34%	39%	42%	39%
Disapprove	54%	0%	100%	27%	29%	83%	77%	16%	6%	97%	14%	95%	41%	48%	61%	55%	53%	56%
Not Sure	5%	0%	0%	6%	4%	4%	6%	2%	7%	1%	7%	1%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	4%
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Taxes	11%	12%	11%	16%	15%	10%	7%	16%	9%	18%	5%	10%	18%	8%	7%	18%	5%	
Jobs And The Economy	16%	21%	12%	23%	14%	17%	13%	17%	16%	22%	8%	17%	29%	12%	5%	25%	6%	
Education	9%	7%	11%	14%	14%	8%	5%	14%	7%	5%	15%	9%	5%	10%	15%	6%	13%	
Healthcare	36%	29%	41%	22%	27%	36%	48%	25%	41%	19%	52%	35%	13%	46%	47%	16%	55%	
Terrorism And National Security	14%	17%	11%	9%	15%	14%	14%	13%	14%	25%	5%	12%	21%	15%	3%	26%	3%	
Other	12%	14%	11%	14%	15%	12%	9%	15%	10%	7%	12%	16%	10%	9%	21%	7%	17%	
Not Sure	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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Taxes	11%	18%	5%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	16%	5%	18%	7%	9%	11%	12%	6%	9%	12%
Jobs And The Economy	16%	26%	9%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	26%	8%	24%	9%	19%	18%	15%	18%	15%	17%
Education	9%	3%	14%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	4%	14%	5%	14%	5%	5%	13%	5%	9%	11%
Healthcare	36%	15%	50%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	21%	50%	18%	51%	36%	37%	35%	45%	44%	30%
Terrorism And National Security	14%	28%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	25%	3%	26%	3%	20%	17%	11%	12%	10%	16%
Other	12%	8%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	17%	7%	15%	8%	9%	14%	10%	9%	13%
Not Sure	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%
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Education	9%	11%	9%	11%	7%	10%	10%	9%
Healthcare	36%	37%	33%	44%	27%	38%	29%	41%
Terrorism And National Security	14%	5%	16%	10%	22%	11%	15%	13%
Other	12%	12%	12%	10%	13%	11%	13%	11%
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