

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #26527



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One Month Until MN Votes Are Counted, Republican Jensen Makes Up Some Ground Against DFL Governor Walz, But Still Trails By 10 Points; GOP Candidates Also Gain Ground, Close Within 2 Points in Attorney General, Secretary of State Contests; DFL Has Slimmest of Leads for Auditor:

Incumbent DFL Governor Tim Walz defeats Republican Scott Jensen 50% to 40% in an election today, 5 weeks until votes are counted, according to SurveyUSA's latest exclusive polling for KSTP-TV in Minneapolis, KAAL-TV in Rochester, and WDIO-TV in Duluth. 4% of likely voters say they would vote for another candidate; 7% are undecided. Compared to identical SurveyUSA polling from [one month ago](#), Jensen is up 7 points; Walz is down 1.

Walz leads by 23 points among women, Jensen leads by 2 among men – a 25-point gender gap. Walz leads by 24 points among 18 to 34 year-old voters, by 17 among 35 to 49 year-olds, and by 4 points among voters age 50 to 64. Jensen leads by 4 points among those age 65+. 94% of Democrats vote for Walz, with just 1% flipping to vote for Jensen; 84% of Republicans vote for Jensen, with 10% flipping to vote for Walz. Independents break 4:3 for Walz. Walz leads by 33 points among voters with a 4-year college degree, trails Jensen by 9 among those who have attended some college; voters with high school educations are split.

Looking at the issues important to voters, Jensen leads by 28 points among the 25% of voters most focused on the economy; Walz leads by 69 points among the 21% of voters who say abortion is the most important issue this year. Jensen leads by 24 among the 16% who are most focused on inflation, and by 13 points among the 13% most focused on crime and public safety. 70% of those who agree with the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade vote for Jensen; 75% of those who disagree vote for Walz.

Regionally, Walz leads by 20 points in the Twin Cities area, 7 points in Southern Minnesota. Jensen leads by 12 points in Western Minnesota, 10 in the Northeast.

In the race for Attorney General, incumbent DFL candidate Keith Ellison, who led by 6 points one month ago, leads by 2 points today, 45% to 43%. 13% say they are undecided. Republican Jim Schultz is up 3 points over the past month; Ellison is down 1. Men back Schultz by a 13 point margin; women back Ellison by 17. Schultz today leads by 9 points among voters age 65+; [one month ago, he trailed by 11](#).

Republican Kim Crockett has also gained 2 points month-on-month against incumbent DFL candidate Steve Simon in the Secretary of State race, where Simon today leads 42% to 40%, with 18% undecided. Simon leads by 8 points in the greater Twin Cities, trails elsewhere.

DFL incumbent State Auditor Julie Blaha is the one DFL candidate to gain ground from last month, expanding a nominal 1-point lead last month to a 3-point edge this month against Republican Ryan Wilson, 41% to 38%, with 18% of likely voters undecided. Blaha leads by 12 points in the greater Twin Cities area; Wilson leads by 12 in Southern Minnesota, 12 in Western Minnesota, and 8 in Northeast Minnesota.

Full results follow ...

About the Research / Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed a representative cross-section of 825 Minnesota adults online 09/30/22 through 10/03/22, using sample provided by Lucid Holdings LLC of New Orleans. Of the adults, 707 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 604 were identified by SurveyUSA as being likely to vote in the November 2022 general election and were asked the questions which follow. The pool of adult survey respondents was weighted to US Census targets for gender, age, race, education, and home ownership.

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No	12%	11%	12%	22%	10%	5%	6%	16%	6%	7%	6%	16%	2%	5%	15%	7%	9%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	0%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	34%	38%	20%	19%	62%	4%	16%	6%	25%	6%	21%	13%	31%	69%	40%	40%

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Composition of Adults	100%	22%	44%	27%	24%	16%	33%	23%	66%	30%	30%	27%	9%	31%	50%	62%	22%	9%

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Composition of Adults	100%	57%	12%	17%	13%

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Already Voted	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	2%	6%	1%	7%
Not Sure	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
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Other	4%	5%	3%	8%	4%	2%	1%	6%	2%	3%	2%	9%	0%	2%	5%	4%	2%
Undecided	7%	5%	8%	5%	9%	9%	3%	7%	6%	3%	3%	11%	2%	7%	10%	2%	0%
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		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Almost	Absolut	Already	Inflation	Taxes	The Ec	Health	Abortio	Crime /	Yes	No	Trump	Biden
Jim Schultz (R)	43%	80%	31%	5%	36%	45%	**	62%	67%	59%	16%	12%	56%	44%	42%	82%	6%
Keith Ellison (DFL)	45%	13%	50%	89%	42%	45%	**	25%	26%	27%	68%	77%	37%	43%	45%	8%	83%
Undecided	13%	7%	19%	6%	23%	10%	**	13%	7%	14%	15%	10%	7%	13%	13%	10%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	37%	36%	24%	23%	73%	5%	16%	6%	25%	6%	21%	13%	29%	71%	45%	46%

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Jim Schultz (R)	43%	95%	14%	52%	43%	54%	27%	57%	38%	14%	36%	73%	78%	75%	18%	26%	72%	85%
Keith Ellison (DFL)	45%	2%	74%	40%	41%	35%	57%	35%	49%	71%	50%	18%	19%	16%	69%	59%	20%	11%
Undecided	13%	2%	12%	8%	16%	11%	16%	8%	13%	14%	14%	9%	3%	9%	13%	14%	8%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	27%	51%	30%	26%	14%	29%	23%	68%	30%	33%	26%	9%	33%	53%	65%	22%	9%

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Jim Schultz (R)	43%	25%	43%	67%	75%	45%	50%	35%	42%	44%	42%	46%	29%	31%	43%	53%
Keith Ellison (DFL)	45%	63%	44%	23%	12%	41%	36%	55%	45%	41%	48%	43%	50%	54%	44%	38%
Undecided	13%	11%	13%	9%	13%	14%	14%	11%	13%	15%	10%	11%	21%	16%	14%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	42%	29%	14%	10%	26%	35%	39%	25%	37%	38%	81%	19%	23%	50%	27%

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604 Likely Voters Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points	All	Region			
		Twin Cit	S MN	W MN	NE MN
Jim Schultz (R)	43%	38%	46%	52%	50%
Keith Ellison (DFL)	45%	48%	46%	32%	42%
Undecided	13%	14%	9%	16%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	61%	12%	15%	13%

5 If the election for Minnesota Secretary of State were today, and you were filling out your ballot right now, who would you vote for?

604 Likely Voters Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Party Affiliation			Ideology				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Very Co	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Very Li
Kim Crockett (R)	40%	46%	34%	39%	34%	43%	44%	36%	43%	85%	3%	32%	90%	76%	24%	6%	0%
Steve Simon (DFL)	42%	38%	46%	44%	42%	42%	40%	43%	41%	4%	87%	38%	4%	13%	46%	86%	95%
Undecided	18%	16%	19%	17%	24%	15%	15%	21%	15%	11%	10%	31%	6%	11%	30%	9%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	51%	49%	21%	26%	28%	25%	47%	53%	37%	36%	24%	11%	26%	36%	15%	9%

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Steve Simon (DFL)	42%	11%	46%	89%	42%	41%	**	22%	33%	28%	66%	73%	32%	41%	43%	5%	81%
Undecided	18%	10%	30%	7%	27%	15%	**	22%	13%	15%	18%	11%	21%	20%	17%	18%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	37%	36%	24%	23%	73%	5%	16%	6%	25%	6%	21%	13%	29%	71%	45%	46%

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		Johnso	Walz	Protest	Catholic	Other R	No Org	Yes	No	Legal AI	Some L	Only Ra	Never L	Agree	Disagre	Permitt	Illegal, I	Illegal, I
Kim Crockett (R)	40%	89%	13%	49%	39%	50%	27%	51%	36%	15%	32%	67%	78%	68%	18%	26%	69%	79%
Steve Simon (DFL)	42%	0%	71%	39%	42%	27%	53%	31%	48%	68%	49%	15%	14%	19%	64%	56%	17%	15%
Undecided	18%	11%	16%	13%	19%	23%	20%	19%	17%	17%	18%	18%	7%	13%	17%	18%	15%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Kim Crockett (R)	40%	26%	39%	57%	70%	48%	44%	31%	42%	43%	36%	42%	33%	28%	41%	49%
Steve Simon (DFL)	42%	62%	39%	20%	12%	36%	31%	56%	41%	39%	46%	41%	48%	59%	38%	35%
Undecided	18%	12%	22%	23%	18%	16%	24%	13%	17%	19%	18%	17%	19%	13%	21%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	42%	29%	14%	10%	26%	35%	39%	25%	37%	38%	81%	19%	23%	50%	27%

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6 If the election for Minnesota State Auditor were today, and you were filling out your ballot right now, who would you vote for?

604 Likely Voters Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Party Affiliation			Ideology				
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Ryan Wilson (R)	38%	44%	31%	37%	32%	42%	41%	34%	41%	83%	3%	26%	89%	72%	20%	7%	0%
Julie Blaha (DFL)	41%	35%	47%	43%	42%	40%	39%	43%	39%	3%	85%	36%	4%	12%	45%	81%	94%
Other	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	1%	7%	0%	1%	7%	1%	2%
Undecided	18%	17%	19%	18%	23%	15%	16%	21%	16%	11%	11%	31%	7%	15%	28%	11%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	51%	49%	21%	26%	28%	25%	47%	53%	37%	36%	24%	11%	26%	36%	15%	9%

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Other	3%	1%	7%	2%	5%	3%	**	9%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	5%	1%
Undecided	18%	13%	28%	8%	27%	15%	**	16%	17%	16%	22%	12%	24%	19%	17%	16%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Julie Blaha (DFL)	41%	3%	69%	37%	40%	27%	51%	29%	46%	69%	44%	15%	16%	18%	62%	55%	16%	12%
Other	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	5%	2%	3%	2%	6%
Undecided	18%	8%	17%	12%	20%	18%	23%	15%	18%	17%	19%	17%	9%	11%	18%	19%	15%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Other	3%	1%	6%	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Undecided	18%	13%	20%	25%	13%	17%	22%	15%	16%	21%	16%	18%	19%	15%	20%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	42%	29%	14%	10%	26%	35%	39%	25%	37%	38%	81%	19%	23%	50%	27%

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COVID Response	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Inflation	16%	22%	10%	13%	15%	17%	19%	14%	18%	21%	9%	19%	22%	16%	18%	11%	10%
Taxes	6%	6%	7%	8%	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	12%	4%	1%	7%	9%	5%	7%	2%
The Economy	25%	26%	23%	22%	33%	25%	18%	28%	21%	38%	17%	17%	33%	37%	22%	14%	13%
Health Care	6%	6%	6%	10%	4%	4%	6%	7%	5%	1%	10%	7%	0%	1%	7%	12%	9%
Foreign Affairs	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%
Abortion	21%	14%	30%	25%	20%	21%	21%	22%	21%	7%	36%	23%	12%	9%	23%	38%	44%
Crime / Public Safety	13%	11%	14%	9%	9%	14%	17%	9%	16%	14%	10%	14%	15%	17%	11%	9%	7%
Other	5%	7%	3%	2%	5%	7%	7%	3%	7%	3%	5%	8%	7%	2%	9%	2%	5%
Not Sure	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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COVID Response	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	**	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Inflation	16%	18%	18%	11%	12%	18%	**	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	17%	24%	9%
Taxes	6%	8%	5%	5%	7%	6%	**	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	6%	8%	4%
The Economy	25%	36%	22%	14%	29%	23%	**	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	35%	20%	32%	16%
Health Care	6%	1%	7%	11%	5%	5%	**	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	5%	6%	2%	9%
Foreign Affairs	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	**	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Abortion	21%	10%	23%	40%	29%	20%	**	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	15%	24%	8%	35%
Crime / Public Safety	13%	17%	11%	9%	7%	14%	**	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	12%	13%	16%	10%
Other	5%	3%	9%	3%	3%	6%	**	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%	5%	6%
Not Sure	3%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	**	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Inflation	16%	27%	13%	21%	16%	20%	10%	21%	16%	10%	17%	20%	24%	20%	14%	15%	16%	21%
Taxes	6%	5%	4%	6%	6%	11%	5%	11%	3%	4%	5%	11%	6%	7%	5%	4%	10%	12%
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Crime / Public Safety	13%	17%	10%	11%	15%	17%	11%	11%	12%	8%	14%	17%	12%	17%	9%	11%	22%	2%
Other	5%	3%	7%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	5%	3%	7%	8%	1%	4%	6%	5%	8%	1%
Not Sure	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	3%	5%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	27%	51%	30%	26%	14%	29%	23%	68%	30%	33%	26%	9%	33%	53%	65%	22%	9%

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COVID Response	3%	3%	4%	2%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	7%	2%	3%
Inflation	16%	8%	23%	19%	28%	15%	20%	14%	13%	21%	14%	18%	11%	12%	17%	18%
Taxes	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%	7%	4%	4%	7%	7%
The Economy	25%	16%	30%	34%	21%	24%	22%	27%	19%	22%	31%	25%	22%	26%	21%	29%
Health Care	6%	8%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	8%	8%	5%	5%	6%	7%	9%	5%	4%
Foreign Affairs	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Abortion	21%	43%	10%	2%	1%	23%	18%	23%	26%	19%	20%	20%	29%	22%	24%	16%
Crime / Public Safety	13%	8%	12%	21%	25%	11%	15%	12%	11%	15%	11%	13%	11%	12%	15%	10%
Other	5%	3%	6%	8%	7%	9%	4%	4%	10%	6%	2%	5%	7%	6%	4%	8%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	42%	29%	14%	10%	26%	35%	39%	25%	37%	38%	81%	19%	23%	50%	27%

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		Twin Cit	S MN	W MN	NE MN
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Inflation	16%	15%	11%	13%	30%
Taxes	6%	6%	5%	9%	5%
The Economy	25%	21%	35%	32%	24%
Health Care	6%	7%	4%	2%	5%
Foreign Affairs	2%	1%	3%	3%	0%
Abortion	21%	24%	14%	22%	15%
Crime / Public Safety	13%	14%	6%	12%	11%
Other	5%	5%	9%	2%	8%
Not Sure	3%	3%	5%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	61%	12%	15%	13%

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604 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Party Affiliation			Ideology				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Very Co	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Very Li
Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points																	
Very Important	50%	53%	46%	43%	50%	52%	52%	47%	52%	60%	39%	51%	78%	51%	50%	32%	35%
Somewhat Important	35%	33%	38%	40%	34%	35%	33%	37%	34%	30%	47%	27%	13%	37%	36%	41%	51%
Not Very Important	10%	9%	11%	6%	12%	10%	10%	9%	10%	4%	10%	15%	3%	7%	9%	18%	10%
Not At All Important	3%	4%	2%	6%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	4%
Not Sure	3%	2%	4%	6%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	5%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	51%	49%	21%	26%	28%	25%	47%	53%	37%	36%	24%	11%	26%	36%	15%	9%

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		Conser	Moderate	Liberal	Almost	Absolut	Already	Inflation	Taxes	The Ec	Health	Abortio	Crime /	Yes	No	Trump	Biden
Very Important	50%	59%	50%	33%	43%	52%	**	69%	38%	54%	36%	40%	51%	58%	47%	63%	37%
Somewhat Important	35%	30%	36%	45%	35%	36%	**	28%	43%	31%	40%	43%	31%	31%	37%	29%	43%
Not Very Important	10%	6%	9%	15%	12%	9%	**	1%	9%	8%	15%	13%	15%	7%	11%	4%	14%
Not At All Important	3%	2%	3%	4%	6%	2%	**	2%	8%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Not Sure	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	**	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	37%	36%	24%	23%	73%	5%	16%	6%	25%	6%	21%	13%	29%	71%	45%	46%

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		Johnso	Walz	Protest	Catholic	Other R	No Org	Yes	No	Legal Al	Some L	Only Ra	Never L	Agree	Disagre	Permitt	Illegal,	Illegal, I
Very Important	50%	70%	39%	55%	54%	47%	42%	62%	47%	43%	42%	60%	70%	65%	39%	43%	62%	66%
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Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	27%	51%	30%	26%	14%	29%	23%	68%	30%	33%	26%	9%	33%	53%	65%	22%	9%

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