

**University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results**  
**Majority of Iowans Prefers People Stand for Pledge of Allegiance**  
**June 20, 2022**  
**March/April poll of Iowans**

**Sample:** 1,063 voting-age residents in Iowa (by web and by phone), margin of error +/-3.1%. Among these, 947 respondents took the online version of the survey, with a margin of error of 3.2%.

Results for this release use responses to both the online and phone surveys.

**About:** The Hawkeye Poll was fielded March 31 to April 13, 2022.

The poll was conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in the Department of Political Science. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project, which uses the facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center directed by Frederick J. Boehmke, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the poll. The Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the UI Public Policy Center fund the poll; financial support was provided through a Student Technology Fee award (#1290-91).

The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) assisted with data collection. Responses were gathered by phone (116) and online (947). For the phone portion, the ISRC obtained a random sample of Iowans consisting of 40% household landline numbers and 60% mobile phone numbers. All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included. After training, students in the class used the ISRC's computer-assisted interviewing resources to complete the calling and interviews. No quotas were set for the phone component. For the online portion, the ISRC contracted with a respected web panel vendor to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of 947 online respondents. Respondents invited to complete the online survey were Iowa adults, aged 18 to 120 years, recruited for participation via web panel. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and urbanicity.

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**Respondent identification:** All respondents who stated they were older than 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included. Responses were completed online and by phone. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set for the web data collection on the following demographics: sex, age, and urbanicity. No quotas were set for the phone data collection.

**Weighting:** Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and partisan identification.

*The Pledge of Allegiance is ingrained in American society. For example, millions of kids recite it every school day. Some people, however, object to its use of the phrase "Under God" and refuse to stand for the Pledge. Which of the following statements is closest to how you feel about their choice to not stand?*

	%
<i>Strongly offended</i>	25.4
<i>Offended</i>	15.1
<i>Somewhat offended</i>	14.2
<i>Not at all offended</i>	39.4
<i>Don't Know/Declined</i>	5.9
<i>Total</i>	100.0

*The Pledge of Allegiance has been adapted over the years. For example, the phrase "under God" was added in 1954. To reflect and embrace the religious diversity of all Americans, many people suggest that it is time to update the Pledge again to remove or replace the word "God". If this word were to be omitted or replaced from the Pledge, which of the following options do you think is most appropriate?*

	%
"The Constitution"	10.9
"The Founding Fathers"	6.4
Omit "under God" with no replacement	19.5
None of these options, don't omit "God"	51.7
Don't Know/Declined	11.5
Total	100.0

*During election seasons, there has always been discussion about the qualifications of candidates running for office -- their education, age, religion, race and so on. If a generally well-qualified candidate happened to have different religious beliefs from yours, would you vote for that candidate?*

	%
Yes	39.7
No	4.7
It depends	36.2
Does not apply - I have no religious affiliation	13.2
Don't Know/Declined	6.2
Total	100.0

*Feeling of being offended when someone did not stand for the pledge by age.*

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly offended	15.3	21.8	32.5	40.2	25.4
Offended	14.6	12.9	18.6	14.9	15.1
Somewhat offended	15.1	15.3	13.8	10.7	14.2
Not at all offended	47.8	42.7	31.1	30.5	39.4
Don't Know/Declined	7.2	7.3	4.0	3.8	5.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Feeling of being offended when someone did not stand for the pledge by party identification.*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly offended	13.8	42.4	20.6	25.8
Offended	14.9	16.8	15.5	15.8
Somewhat offended	14.6	15.9	9.5	13.4
Not at all offended	51.2	21.6	46.8	39.6
Don't Know/Declined	5.5	3.3	7.6	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Alternatives for "under God" by age.*

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
"The Constitution"	15.2	9.7	11.8	3.4	10.9
"The Founding Fathers"	10.9	8.7	2.0	0.4	6.4
Omit "under God" with no replacement	29.2	16.8	15.1	13.7	19.5
None of these options, don't omit "God"	32.6	48.6	63.5	75.4	51.7
Don't Know/Declined	12.0	16.2	7.6	7.1	11.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Alternatives for "under God" by party identification.*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
"The Constitution"	18.4	6.5	9.6	11.5
"The Founding Fathers"	7.9	6.3	5.2	6.5
Omit "under God" with no replacement	30.9	7.6	20.1	19.4
None of these options, don't omit "God"	32.1	73.7	52.0	52.8
Don't Know/Declined	10.7	5.9	13.1	9.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for a candidate with different religious from yours by party identification, just among those who have religious affiliation.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Yes	61.3	35.3	47.2	47.5
No	5.5	7.8	2.9	5.5
It depends	29.0	49.9	42.2	40.7
Don't Know/Declined	4.3	7.0	7.8	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for a candidate with different religious from yours by age, just among those who have religious affiliation.

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	43.1	42.2	47.8	53.6	45.8
No	10.1	6.4	2.4	1.4	5.4
It depends	37.5	43.0	45.6	39.2	41.7
Don't Know/Declined	9.3	8.4	4.2	5.8	7.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

What is your age?

	%
18-34	28.5
35-54	31.6
55-69	25.2
70 and over	14.7
Total	100.0

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?

	%
Democrat	30.4
Republican	31.3
Independent	29.5
No preference	7.0
Other	1.9
Total	100.0