University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
Iowans Split on Education Transparency Bills
May 19, 2022
March/April poll of Iowans

Sample: 1,063 voting-age residents in Iowa (online 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 only responses to the web survey since the questions about education reforms were not asked on the phone version to reduce interview length.

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.

Which of the following statements reflect your primary concerns about current K-12 education? Please select all that apply: Having politicians who are not educators making decisions about what students learn in the classroom.

	%
No	*40.2*
Yes	53.5
Don't Know/Declined	6.3
Total	100.0

Which of the following statements reflect your primary concerns about current K-12 education? Please select all that apply: Having parents who are not educators making decisions about what students learn in the classroom.

	%
No	55.4
Yes	38.3
Don't Know/Declined	6.3
Total	100.0

Governor Reynolds and members of the Iowa legislature have been working on various proposals to increase transparency for parents about materials used in Iowa's K-12 public schools. For each of the following proposals still under consideration, let us know if you support or oppose it being passed into law this year: Post curriculum, textbook, and other items used in classes online.

	%
Strongly support	23.2
Support	32.5
Neutral	24.5
Oppose	8.3
Strongly oppose	5.4
Don't Know/Declined	6.0
Total	100.0

Governor Reynolds and members of the Iowa legislature have been working on various proposals to increase transparency for parents about materials used in Iowa's K-12 public schools. For each of the following proposals still under consideration, let us know if you support or oppose it being passed into law this year: Require students to pass a U.S. citizenship test as a requirement for high school.

	%
Strongly support	15.2
Support	24.4
Neutral	23.6
Oppose	19.5
Strongly oppose	17.3
Total	100.0

Governor Reynolds and members of the Iowa legislature have been working on various proposals to increase transparency for parents about materials used in Iowa's K-12 public schools. For each of the following proposals still under consideration, let us know if you support or oppose it being passed into law this year: Post a list of all library books online.

	%
Strongly support	15.3
Support	23.8
Neutral	27.2
Oppose	17.0
Strongly oppose	10.8
Don't Know/Declined	5.9
Total	100.0

Governor Reynolds and members of the Iowa legislature have been working on various proposals to increase transparency for parents about materials used in Iowa's K-12 public schools. For each of the following proposals still under consideration, let us know if you support or oppose it being passed into law this year: Require timelines for districts to respond to parental request to review and remove library books.

	%
Strongly support	12.5
Support	20.5
Neutral	28.3
Oppose	16.8
Strongly oppose	13.8
Don't Know/Declined	8.0
Total	100.0

Governor Reynolds and members of the Iowa legislature have been working on various proposals to increase transparency for parents about materials used in Iowa's K-12 public schools. For each of the following proposals still under consideration, let us know if you support or oppose it being passed into law this year: Ban schools from requiring any lessons involving a list of specified sexually explicit material without parental consent.

	%
Strongly support	20.1
Support	20.9
Neutral	23.8
Oppose	16.4
Strongly oppose	12.2
Don't Know/Declined	6.7
Total	100.0

Support for requiring schools to post curriculum, textbook, and other items used in classes online by party identification.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	16.7	35.0	16.3	22.8
Support	28.7	36.1	34.1	33.0
Neutral	29.8	17.9	27.2	24.9
Oppose	11.2	4.0	9.7	8.2
Strongly oppose	10.0	1.9	4.6	5.5
Don't Know/Declined	3.5	5.1	8.0	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for requiring students to pass a U.S. citizenship test as a requirement for high school graduation by party identification.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	7.3	26.1	11.2	15.0
Support	22.4	29.1	24.0	25.2
Neutral	18.0	21.9	28.6	22.7
Oppose	26.8	14.6	18.0	19.8
Strongly oppose	25.5	8.4	18.2	17.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for requiring schools to post a list of all library books online by party identification.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	11.4	24.2	9.3	15.1
Support	17.0	28.4	26.3	23.9
Neutral	31.3	22.3	27.8	27.1
Oppose	22.0	14.1	16.3	17.4
Strongly oppose	15.6	5.7	12.6	11.2
Don't Know/Declined	2.7	5.3	7.8	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for requiring specific timelines for districts to respond to parental requests to review and remove library books by party identification.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	7.3	21.6	9.0	12.7
Support	17.6	27.3	18.5	21.2
Neutral	28.3	24.6	28.5	27.1
Oppose	18.6	10.9	19.7	16.3
Strongly oppose	21.0	8.8	13.9	14.5
Don't Know/Declined	7.3	6.8	10.4	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for banning schools from requiring any lessons involving a list of specified sexually explicit material without parental consent by party identification.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	10.2	34.7	14.5	19.9
Support	18.3	23.4	22.3	21.4
Neutral	23.7	20.8	25.7	23.4
Oppose	24.2	11.1	15.3	16.8
Strongly oppose	17.3	5.9	13.7	12.2
Don't Know/Declined	6.2	4.1	8.5	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for requiring schools to post curriculum, textbook, and other items used in classes online, by whether a household has at least one child under the age of 18.

	No Children	Children	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly support	23.4	23.1	23.3
Support	30.3	37.3	32.4
Neutral	24.7	23.7	24.4
Oppose	8.8	7.4	8.4
Strongly oppose	5.8	4.5	5.4
Don't Know/Declined	6.9	4.0	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for requiring students to pass a U.S. citizenship test as a requirement for high school graduation, by whether a household has at least one child under the age of 18.

	No Children	Children	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly support	15.3	15.1	15.3
Support	22.9	27.6	24.3
Neutral	24.6	21.5	23.7
Oppose	19.8	18.8	19.5
Strongly oppose	17.3	16.9	17.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Strongly support	15.3	15.1	15.3

Support for requiring schools to post a list of all library books online, by whether a household has at least one child under the age of 18.

	No Children	Children	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly support	14.6	17.0	15.3
Support	23.0	25.8	23.8
Neutral	26.6	28.4	27.2
Oppose	17.2	16.4	16.9
Strongly oppose	11.9	8.6	10.9
Don't Know/Declined	6.8	3.8	5.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for requiring specific timelines for districts to respond to parental requests to review and remove library books, by whether a household has at least one child under the age of 18.

	No Children	Children	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly support	11.1	15.8	12.5
Support	18.1	25.7	20.4
Neutral	28.6	28.1	28.4
Oppose	18.4	12.7	16.7
Strongly oppose	14.9	11.5	13.9
Don't Know/Declined	8.9	6.2	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Support for banning schools from requiring any lessons involving a list of specified sexually explicit material without parental consent, by whether a household has at least one child under the age of 18.

	No Children	Children	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly support	20.0	20.4	20.1
Support	20.3	22.5	21.0
Neutral	24.6	22.4	23.9
Oppose	15.9	17.7	16.4
Strongly oppose	12.2	12.1	12.2
Don't Know/Declined	7.0	4.9	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	%
Democrat	30.2
Republican	31.0
Independent	29.7
No preference	7.2
Other	1.8
Total	100.0

Do you have a child (or children) under the age of 18 currently living in your household? recoded from:
How many children under the age of 18 are currently living in your household?

	%
No Child Under the age of 18	69.1
Have at least one child under the age of 18	30.6
Don't Know/Declined	0.3
Total	100.0