



To: Interested Parties
From: Innovation Ohio
Re: Ohio Senate Poll
Date: June 1, 2022

This memo outlines the results of Innovation Ohio's poll of 2,014 registered Ohio voters, conducted Apr. 25-29, 2022 about the current state of the November race for US Senate.

In late April, with the primary rapidly approaching and a barrage of advertising on the airwaves, overwhelmingly from the Republican candidates, we set out to see how the race for Senate was shaping up.

Days Before The Primary, Democrat Tim Ryan Led Republican JD Vance

When voters were asked about the potential match-up between Tim Ryan, the apparent favorite for the Democratic nomination, and Trump-endorsed Republican JD Vance, we found Ryan with a slight edge over the eventual GOP nominee.

In our poll of Ohio registered voters, Democrat Tim Ryan leads Republican JD Vance 43-41 with 15% undecided. Results were within the margin of error¹, suggesting that the race is wide open and that Democrat Tim Ryan was evenly matched with Vance heading into the primary.

Vance Trails Ryan For Support From Within His Party

With the primary now behind us, both candidates can be expected to reach out and attempt to secure the votes of those outside their party. But our poll shows that Vance may still have work to do to secure the support of his party's base before he can make the pitch to more moderate voters. **In our poll, Vance only picks up the support of 78% of Republican voters, compared to the 91% of Democrats who say they support Ryan.** And over twice as many Republicans as Democrats are undecided about whom to support. It's still early, but JD Vance still seems to have work to do to excite Republicans about his candidacy.

The poll also revealed a significant gender gap in which Ryan holds a 15-point lead among women, outpacing Vance's 12-point edge with men.

¹ The poll's margin of error is ± 2.5 percent.

Full Results

If the election for US Senate were held today, would you vote for Democrat Tim Ryan or Republican JD Vance?

	Overall	Party Affiliation			Gender		Race		Age			Education	
		DEM	REP	IND	Women	Men	White	Black	18-34	35-54	55+	Some college or less	B.A. or higher
Ryan	43%	91%	5%	30%	49%	37%	38%	80%	50%	44%	40%	39%	52%
Vance	41%	3%	78%	45%	34%	49%	46%	8%	31%	40%	46%	44%	36%
Other/Don't Know	15%	7%	16%	25%	18%	13%	16%	12%	19%	16%	14%	17%	13%

Methodology: Innovation Ohio, in collaboration with GrowProgress, has conducted a series of monthly online polls to understand and track the mood of the electorate on issues of political salience. Participants in this month's poll on the race for US Senate are a re-contact sample of approximately 2000 participants from our original October, 2021 poll of 4,000 registered voters, and were balanced by age, race and gender to resemble the Ohio electorate. The margin of error is +/- 2.5%.