

THE DES MOINES REGISTER/MEDIACOM IOWA POLL

Study #2224
 803 Iowa adults,
 including 658 likely voters in the 2020 general election
 Margin of error: ± 3.5 percentage points for all Iowa adults
 Margin of error: ± 3.8 percentage points for likely voters

SELZER & COMPANY
 September 14-17, 2020
**Weighted by age, sex,
 and congressional district**

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.) What about the race for U.S. senator? If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [Theresa Greenfield for the Democrats] and [Joni Ernst for the Republicans], for whom would you vote—[Theresa Greenfield], [Joni Ernst], someone else, or would you not vote? **(Rotate which name is asked first in question.)**

	Sample size	Margin of error	Theresa Greenfield	Joni Ernst	Someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Sep-20	n=658	±3.8% pts.	45	42	3	2	7
Jun-20	n=674	±3.8% pts.	46	43	4	-	7

(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.) Would you say your mind is made up to support that candidate, or could you still be persuaded to support a different candidate?

	U.S. Senate race	Sample size	Margin of error	Mind is made up	Could be persuaded	Not sure	No first-choice candidate
Sep-20	All	n=658	±3.8% pts.	75	14	1	9
Sep-20	Greenfield supporters	n=290	±5.8% pts.	83	16	2	n/a
Sep-20	Ernst supporters	n=287	±5.8% pts.	87	13	-	n/a
Jun-20	All	n=674	±3.8% pts.	68	23	1	7
Jun-20	Greenfield supporters	n=306	±5.6% pts.	78	22	-	n/a
Jun-20	Ernst supporters	n=293	±5.7% pts.	74	24	1	n/a

Keep next two Ernst questions together, but alternate whether the first Ernst question or the Greenfield question goes first.

(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.) When it comes to getting things done in Congress that benefit Iowans, do you think Senator Joni Ernst has done enough or not enough?

	Sample size	Margin of error	Enough	Not enough	Not sure
Sep-20	n=658	±3.8% pts.	33	56	11

(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.) What do you think of Senator Joni Ernst’s relationship with President Trump—is she too close with the president, not close enough, or does she get it about right?

	Sample size	Margin of error	Too close	Not close enough	Gets it about right	Not sure
Sep-20	n=658	±3.8% pts.	37	4	43	17

(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.) Thinking about Theresa Greenfield’s political views, do you see her as [not liberal enough], about right, or [too liberal] for Iowa? **(Rotate which phrase is asked first in question.)**

	Sample size	Margin of error	Not liberal enough	About right	Too liberal	Not sure
Sep-20	n=658	±3.8% pts.	6	42	34	18

(Ask all.)

I’m going to mention the names of some candidates and officeholders [previously: people in the news]. For each name I read, please tell me if your feelings toward the person are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don’t know the person, just say so. **(Record “don’t know” as “not sure.” Rotate list.)**

		Combined Favorable	Combined Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Joni Ernst, U.S. senator	Sep-20	44	44	16	28	21	23	12
	Jun-20	45	40	21	24	16	24	15
Joni Ernst	Mar-20	46	36	20	26	15	21	18
	Feb-19	56	29	23	33	16	13	14
Joni Ernst, a state senator	Feb-14	13	14	3	10	7	7	73
	Jun-13	7	5	1	6	3	2	88
Theresa Greenfield, businesswoman	Sep-20	40	36	10	30	21	15	24
	Jun-20	41	20	16	26	11	9	39
Theresa Greenfield, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate and urban planner	Mar-20	14	13	5	9	7	6	73
Theresa Greenfield, former candidate for Congress in Iowa’s 3 rd Congressional District	Feb-19	8	4	3	6	3	1	88

Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job each person named is doing in addressing COVID-19, the current pandemic. **(Rotate list.)**

[Jun-20 wording: This time, I’d like you to think specifically about the job the person is doing in addressing COVID-19, the current pandemic. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling the job.]

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Joni Ernst as U.S. senator	Sep-20	38	41	21
	Jun-20	42	34	24

ABOUT THE POLL

The Iowa Poll, conducted September 14-17 for *The Des Moines Register* and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 803 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cellphone numbers supplied by Dynata. Interviews were administered in English. Responses were adjusted by age, sex, and congressional district to reflect the general population based on recent American Community Survey estimates.

Questions based on the sample of 803 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, and questions based on the sample of 658 likely voters in the 2020 general election have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 3.5 or 3.8 percentage points, respectively. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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