

OHIO GOP SENATE PRIMARY A TOSS-UP AS AN ESTABLISHMENT REPUBLICAN GAINS GROUND

The Republican Primary for Senate in Ohio is still anyone's race with a week remaining, with no candidate above 20% and a third of voters still undecided. Our survey completed over the weekend shows State Senator Matt Dolan leading the pack with 18%, followed closely by J.D. Vance at 17%, Mike Gibbons at 13%, and Josh Mandel at 12%. Dolan benefits from a large lead among self-described moderates; while they make up just 17% of our sample, Dolan has the support of 31% of this group (a 15 point lead over his next-closest opponent). Dolan leads with 22% among voters with a college degree, while Vance leads with 19% among those without one.

We also asked these likely Republican primary voters to tell us their views on the events of January 6th last year. Specifically, we asked whether they believed the protestors who entered the Capitol were:

- Just peaceful protestors who should not have entered the capitol but were caught up in the moment and did not realize they were doing something wrong.
- Insurrectionists trying to overthrow the democratically elected government because they were mad about the results of the election.
- Patriots trying to defend our country and stop the Democrats from stealing the election.

26% of respondents saw the protestors as patriots defending our country, including about a third of respondents who describe themselves as "very conservative." 26% saw them as violent insurrections, including 62% of moderates and 26% of "somewhat conservative" respondents. That leaves roughly half of respondents (48%) who say they think of the people who entered the capitol as merely peaceful protestors who got caught up in the moment—not insurrectionists, but also not brave defenders of democracy. Voters with a college degree were more likely to describe the protestors as insurrectionists (36%, vs 19% of those without a degree) and less likely to describe them as patriots (19%, vs 30% of those without a degree).

This has serious implications in the Senate race. Dolan has distinguished himself from his competitors with a firm stance that the 2020 election was not stolen, and it is clear many voters have responded to that. Among the quarter of the electorate who see the Jan. 6 protestors as insurrectionists, Dolan leads with 35% (the next closest candidate, Gibbons, is at 7%). Vance leads among voters who see them as either peaceful protestors or as patriots, and Dolan fades to third or fourth place with these groups.

This race is truly anyone's to win. Dolan holds this slim lead, but he may be closer to his ceiling than the other candidates. Vance is in second with 17%, and while Trump's endorsement has boosted his candidacy, it has not been the knockout blow he may have expected.

About Blueprint Polling

Blueprint Polling is a sister company to Chism Strategies that conducts survey research in federal, state, and local elections. This survey of 634 voters April 21-24, 2022, included land line and mobile phone responses and has a margin of error of +/- 3.89%. Blueprint conducted this research with no input or funding from any candidate, committee, or interest group. For more information, call **Brad Chism at 601.918.4563.**



Ohio Statewide Republican Primary Survey
April 21 - 24, 2022
N = 634

Q1 How likely are you to vote in the Ohio Republican primary elections on May 3rd?

- 92.5% Definitely voting
- 7.5% Probably voting

Q2 Which of these statements most closely represents your view of the protestors who entered the capitol on January 6th last year?

- 48.3% They were just peaceful protesters who should not have entered the capitol
- 25.7% They were insurrectionists trying to overthrow the democratically elected government
- 26.0% they were patriots trying to defend our country

Q3 If the US Senate Republican primary election were held today, who would you vote for?

- 18.4% Matt Dolan
- 13.0% Mike Gibbons
- 11.7% Josh Mandel
- 6.9% Jane Timken
- 17.0% JD Vance
- 33.1% Undecided

Q4 For statistical purposes only, what was your age at your last birthday?

- 8.0% 18 to 34
- 10.0% 35 to 44
- 16.0% 45 to 54
- 27.0% 55 to 64
- 39.0% 65 or older

Q5 And please confirm your gender.

- 49.0% Female
- 51.0% Male

Q6 Again, for statistical purposes only, what is your ethnicity?

- 1.0% African American or Black
- 2.0% Asian American
- 94.5% Caucasian or White
- 1.0% Hispanic or Latino
- 1.0% Multiracial
- 0.5% Other

Q7 How would you describe your political ideology?

- 46.1% Very conservative
- 34.5% Somewhat conservative
- 17.2% Moderate
- 2.2% Liberal

Q8 What was your highest level of education?

- 21.0% High school or less
- 40.0% Some college
- 23.4% Four-year degree
- 15.6% Advanced degree

Weighted Crosstabs by January 6, Senate, & Age

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Probably voting	7.5%	6.4%	10.4%	6.7%	2.1%	7.6%	9.2%	4.3%	6.1%	11.3%	7.2%	14.8%	8.1%	6.3%	6.3%

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They were insurrectionists trying to overthrow the democratically elected government	25.7%	-	100.0%	-	48.9%	14.7%	14.5%	19.4%	9.1%	30.9%	21.1%	28.9%	26.4%	27.1%	24.5%
they were patriots trying to defend our country	26.0%	-	-	100.0%	18.3%	23.2%	33.1%	36.1%	24.0%	27.9%	37.6%	20.8%	23.7%	24.2%	27.2%

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Mike Gibbons	13.0%	16.6%	7.4%	11.6%	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	30.0%	5.9%	13.1%	14.0%
Josh Mandel	11.7%	12.6%	6.6%	14.8%	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	9.2%	4.5%	13.0%	10.3%	14.4%
Jane Timken	6.9%	6.3%	5.2%	9.5%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	8.4%	-	6.1%	7.3%	8.3%
JD Vance	17.0%	23.6%	6.0%	15.7%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	15.8%	10.4%	12.6%	21.2%	17.9%
Undecided	33.1%	28.3%	39.7%	35.4%	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	37.2%	43.5%	46.1%	29.8%	26.4%

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45 to 54	16.0%	16.5%	16.4%	14.6%	14.2%	7.3%	17.8%	14.1%	11.8%	22.3%	-	-	100.0%	-	-
55 to 64	27.0%	27.2%	28.5%	25.1%	26.8%	27.3%	24.0%	28.8%	33.6%	24.3%	-	-	-	100.0%	-
65 or older	39.0%	39.0%	37.2%	40.8%	40.0%	42.3%	48.1%	47.4%	41.1%	31.2%	-	-	-	-	100.0%

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Male	51.0%	52.8%	50.5%	48.2%	46.0%	54.9%	47.5%	64.0%	57.4%	47.5%	60.0%	53.7%	59.7%	49.4%	46.0%

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African American or Black	1.0%	1.6%	0.6%	0.2%	2.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%	4.1%	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.4%
Asian American	2.0%	1.3%	3.5%	1.8%	2.6%	5.2%	1.3%	-	2.2%	1.0%	5.5%	8.0%	-	0.6%	1.5%
Caucasian or White	94.5%	94.5%	93.7%	95.3%	94.3%	92.9%	95.1%	99.3%	93.7%	94.4%	90.4%	86.9%	95.4%	95.9%	95.9%
Hispanic or Latino	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%	1.6%	-	-	1.0%	-	2.4%	1.4%	-	-	1.5%	1.5%	0.9%
Multiracial	1.0%	1.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	1.8%	-	0.3%	1.5%	-	2.9%	2.0%	-	1.0%
Other	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	-	0.5%	0.9%	-	1.0%	0.2%	0.9%	0.3%

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Very conservative	46.1%	53.3%	19.2%	59.5%	38.2%	54.8%	47.7%	62.2%	51.7%	40.4%	54.6%	50.4%	42.4%	40.2%	48.9%
Somewhat conservative	34.5%	35.6%	34.5%	32.5%	31.0%	39.6%	36.0%	30.0%	32.3%	36.0%	26.3%	38.5%	26.4%	43.3%	32.4%
Moderate	17.2%	9.5%	41.5%	7.4%	28.6%	5.6%	16.3%	7.8%	15.7%	18.3%	14.7%	9.2%	28.3%	14.9%	16.7%
Liberal	2.2%	1.6%	4.9%	0.6%	2.1%	-	-	-	0.3%	5.3%	4.4%	1.9%	2.8%	1.6%	2.0%

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High school or less	21.0%	22.4%	15.7%	23.7%	22.5%	22.8%	22.5%	21.1%	22.5%	18.2%	12.2%	16.7%	16.6%	21.0%	25.7%
Some college	40.0%	41.6%	29.7%	47.1%	30.9%	46.3%	30.6%	49.3%	43.7%	42.1%	41.4%	35.9%	35.5%	40.9%	42.0%
Four-year degree	23.4%	22.4%	31.6%	17.2%	26.2%	20.2%	32.6%	22.4%	18.5%	22.6%	21.1%	30.8%	33.6%	23.4%	17.8%
Advanced degree	15.6%	13.6%	23.1%	11.9%	20.4%	10.8%	14.4%	7.2%	15.4%	17.1%	25.3%	16.7%	14.2%	14.7%	14.5%

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Probably voting	7.5%	6.5%	8.5%	2.6%	42.6%	6.2%	41.0%	35.7%	2.1%	2.2%	11.3%	12.4%	22.8%	7.0%	8.4%

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Mike Gibbons	13.0%	11.9%	14.0%	8.9%	33.9%	12.7%	-	10.9%	9.1%	15.4%	14.9%	4.2%	-	14.7%	10.3%
Josh Mandel	11.7%	12.5%	10.8%	6.0%	7.3%	11.7%	12.0%	21.4%	6.1%	12.1%	12.2%	11.1%	-	10.1%	14.0%
Jane Timken	6.9%	5.1%	8.6%	4.9%	-	7.2%	-	-	-	9.3%	6.0%	3.1%	-	7.9%	5.2%
JD Vance	17.0%	14.8%	19.2%	15.5%	18.5%	16.9%	41.0%	5.8%	15.6%	19.1%	15.9%	15.6%	2.6%	18.5%	14.8%
Undecided	33.1%	35.4%	30.8%	25.6%	16.0%	33.0%	47.0%	50.6%	57.0%	28.9%	34.5%	35.3%	79.6%	32.7%	33.6%

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45 to 54	16.0%	13.2%	18.7%	12.5%	-	16.2%	24.3%	32.7%	7.9%	14.7%	12.3%	26.4%	20.6%	13.7%	19.6%
55 to 64	27.0%	27.9%	26.2%	28.2%	8.5%	27.4%	41.0%	-	47.8%	23.5%	33.9%	23.4%	19.1%	27.4%	26.4%
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Asian American	2.0%	0.8%	3.1%	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	0.6%	2.7%	4.4%	-	1.8%	2.2%
Caucasian or White	94.5%	96.6%	92.5%	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	96.3%	94.4%	91.5%	81.7%	94.3%	94.8%
Hispanic or Latino	1.0%	0.2%	1.7%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	0.5%	1.5%	-	10.3%	1.0%	0.9%
Multiracial	1.0%	0.3%	1.6%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	0.5%	0.4%	2.5%	7.6%	0.9%	1.2%
Other	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%

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Moderate	17.2%	14.9%	19.3%	13.2%	38.2%	16.6%	-	43.6%	26.9%	-	-	100.0%	-	12.4%	24.6%
Liberal	2.2%	2.9%	1.5%	-	-	1.9%	22.7%	16.7%	2.2%	-	-	-	100.0%	2.0%	2.6%

Break % Respondents	Total	Q05 Gender		Q06 Ethnicity						Q07 Ideology				Q08c Education	
		Female	Male	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Multiracial	Other	Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Liberal	Non-college	College
Base															
Unweighted	634	322	312	24	16	561	4	8	21	283	214	124	13	309	325
Weighted	634	311	323	6	13	599	6	6	3	292	219	109	14	387	247
Q08 Education															
High school or less	21.0%	22.0%	20.1%	63.5%	9.4%	20.7%	22.7%	21.9%	33.8%	25.2%	16.4%	18.1%	28.4%	34.4%	-
Some college	40.0%	42.1%	38.0%	16.9%	47.0%	40.2%	41.0%	32.3%	37.3%	44.1%	42.3%	26.1%	26.0%	65.6%	-
Four-year degree	23.4%	22.2%	24.5%	7.7%	22.5%	23.7%	36.3%	11.3%	8.5%	19.6%	25.2%	30.0%	22.8%	-	60.0%
Advanced degree	15.6%	13.7%	17.4%	11.9%	21.1%	15.5%	-	34.5%	20.5%	11.1%	16.1%	25.9%	22.8%	-	40.0%

Weighted Crosstabs by Vote Likelihood & Region

Break % Respondents	Total	Vote Likelihood			Region				
		High	Medium	Low	Northwest	Northeast	Central	Southwest	Southeast
Base									
Unweighted	634	301	323	10	60	209	116	165	84
Weighted	634	285	338	11	56	202	122	170	83
Q01 Vote									
Definitely voting	92.5%	96.4%	89.3%	88.6%	89.2%	92.0%	90.0%	93.6%	97.1%
Probably voting	7.5%	3.6%	10.7%	11.4%	10.8%	8.0%	10.0%	6.4%	2.9%

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Unweighted	634	301	323	10	60	209	116	165	84
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Q02 January 6									
They were just peaceful protesters who should not have entered the capitol	48.3%	51.3%	44.6%	84.4%	46.7%	53.3%	51.7%	46.5%	35.8%
They were insurrectionists trying to overthrow the democratically elected government	25.7%	19.4%	31.3%	15.6%	33.4%	19.2%	24.6%	29.5%	30.0%
they were patriots trying to defend our country	26.0%	29.3%	24.1%	-	19.9%	27.5%	23.8%	24.0%	34.2%

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Q03 Senate									
Matt Dolan	18.4%	21.1%	16.8%	-	27.0%	20.5%	15.9%	21.5%	4.9%
Mike Gibbons	13.0%	12.7%	12.9%	20.3%	13.5%	12.8%	13.9%	12.2%	13.1%
Josh Mandel	11.7%	10.1%	13.3%	-	12.1%	11.6%	12.2%	9.5%	15.0%
Jane Timken	6.9%	7.8%	6.3%	-	4.3%	5.3%	5.2%	7.9%	12.8%
JD Vance	17.0%	19.2%	14.4%	41.5%	9.8%	16.3%	23.7%	18.5%	10.8%
Undecided	33.1%	29.1%	36.3%	38.2%	33.4%	33.4%	29.1%	30.4%	43.4%

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Q04 Age									
18 to 34	8.0%	8.7%	7.6%	-	4.0%	7.1%	10.3%	8.0%	9.6%
35 to 44	10.0%	7.5%	11.0%	43.1%	8.3%	11.0%	11.9%	11.0%	3.8%
45 to 54	16.0%	10.8%	20.9%	-	17.3%	16.5%	23.0%	9.5%	16.8%
55 to 64	27.0%	25.8%	28.0%	26.9%	32.7%	27.2%	14.8%	35.4%	23.3%
65 or older	39.0%	47.1%	32.5%	30.0%	37.7%	38.1%	40.0%	36.2%	46.4%

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Q05 Gender									
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Q06 Ethnicity									
African American or Black	1.0%	0.5%	1.4%	2.6%	-	1.9%	0.3%	0.9%	0.7%
Asian American	2.0%	2.6%	1.5%	-	5.2%	2.9%	1.8%	0.2%	1.7%
Caucasian or White	94.5%	95.5%	93.6%	97.4%	92.0%	93.8%	96.0%	95.5%	93.8%
Hispanic or Latino	1.0%	0.3%	1.7%	-	-	-	1.3%	1.5%	2.7%
Multiracial	1.0%	0.7%	1.3%	-	2.3%	1.0%	-	1.2%	1.1%
Other	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%	-	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.1%

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