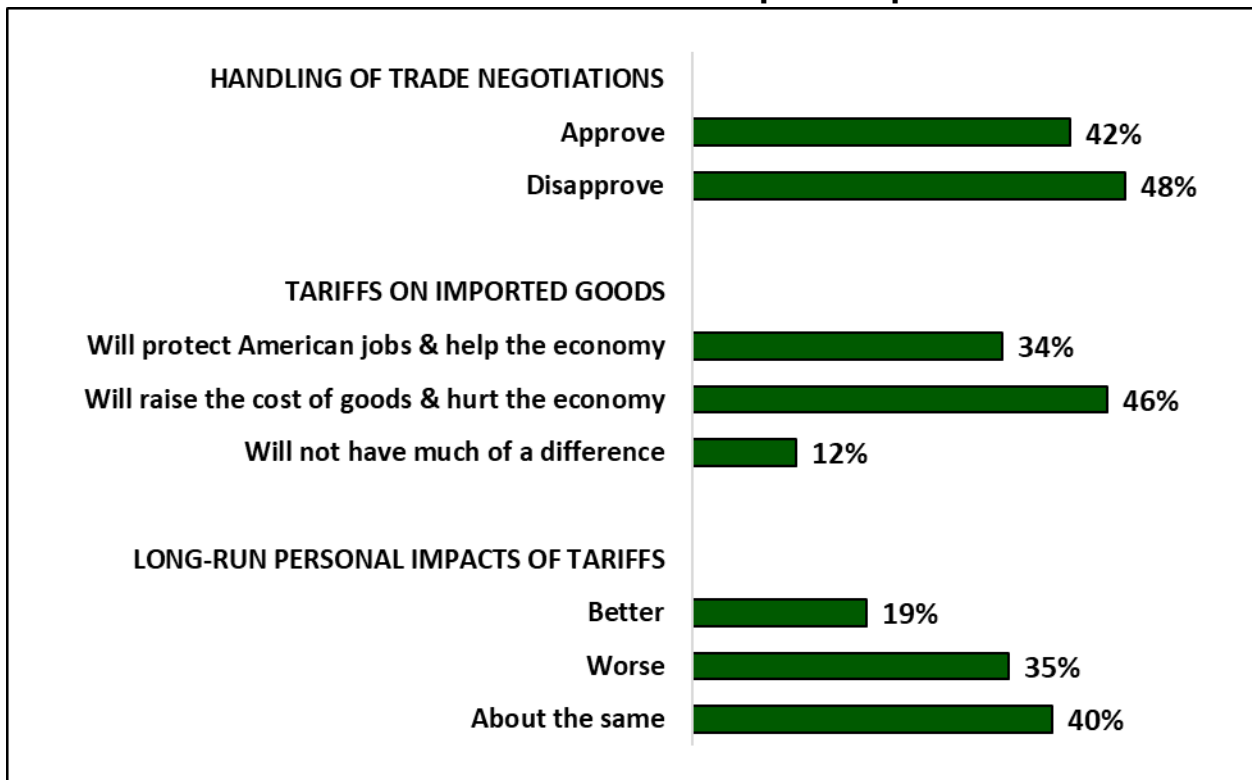


# President Trump’s Trade Policy

Findings from the MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll

October 25, 2018

## Minnesota voters have mixed views on President Trump’s trade policies



*Question: See Appendix 3*

*Source: MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll, October 15-17, 2018. N=800 registered*

*Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November; overall margin of error = +/-3.5 percentage points.*

## Key findings

Results from MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll of 800 likely voters conducted October 15-17, 2018 show:

- **Somewhat more Minnesota voters disapprove (48%) than approve (42%) of President Trump’s handling of trade negotiations.**
  - A majority of women voters, and those under age 50 disapprove of President Trump’s trade negotiations. A majority of male voters age 50 or older approve of the President’s approach to trade.
  - A majority of voters living in Hennepin and Ramsey counties disapprove of President Trump’s trade negotiations, while a majority of those living in Northern Minnesota approve of the President’s approach. Those living in the metro suburbs and Southern Minnesota are evenly split.
  - Views on President Trump’s handling of trade negotiations split along party lines as would be expected, with strong majorities of Republicans and those favoring Republican candidates approving, and strong majorities of Democrats and those favoring DFL candidates disapproving.
    - Independent voters, who make up 29 percent of likely voters in Minnesota according to this poll, are evenly split on approving and disapproving of the President’s approach to trade negotiations.
- **When asked which statement regarding the tariffs President Trump has imposed on imported goods most closely resembles their own view, nearly half of Minnesota voters chose “they will raise the cost of consumer goods and hurt the U.S. economy.”**
  - One-third indicate “they will protect American jobs and help the U.S. economy,” and 1 in 5 voters either indicate that “they will not have much of a difference” or are unsure what the impacts of tariffs will be on the economy.
  - Over half of women voters, voters under age 50, and nearly half of voters with annual incomes under \$50,000 believe that tariffs will raise costs and hurt the economy.
  - A majority of voters living in Hennepin and Ramsey counties believe that the President’s tariffs will have a harmful impact on the economy, while voters in suburban and greater Minnesota are evenly split on how tariffs will impact the economy.
  - Views on the broad economic impacts of the tariffs imposed “by President Trump” split along party lines as would be expected, with strong majorities of Republicans and those favoring Republican candidates indicating the tariffs with help, and strong

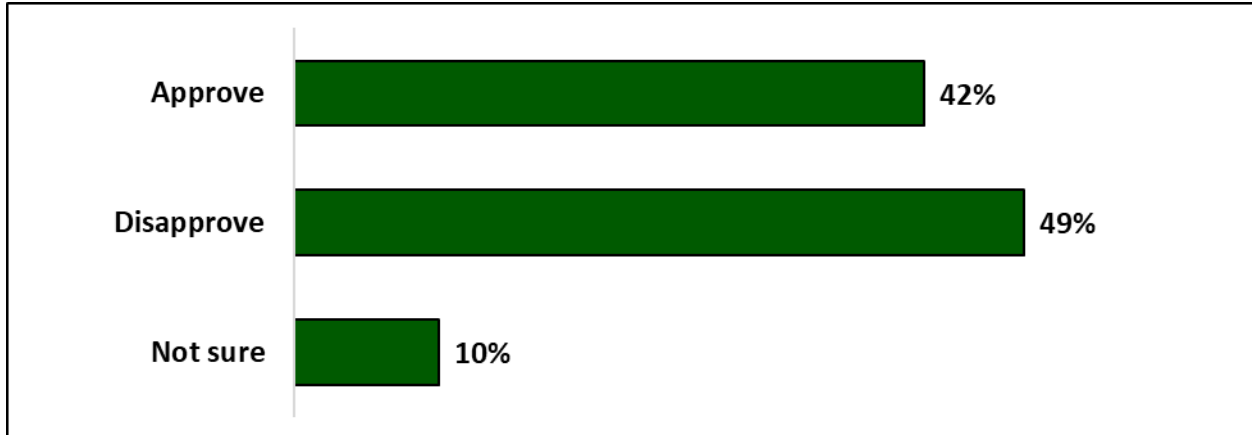
majorities of Democrats and those favoring DFL candidates indicating tariffs will hurt the U.S. economy.

- Nearly half of Independent voters think that the tariffs will harm the U.S. economy, and only a quarter think they will help. One in five Independents say that they do not think the tariffs will have much of a difference.
- **When asked “In the long run, do you think the tariffs imposed by President Trump will leave you personally better off financially, worse off or about the same?” the largest proportion of Minnesota voters, 40 percent, indicate “about the same.”**
  - Only 1 in 5 voters think the tariffs will make them better off, while one-third think the tariffs will harm their personal finances.
  - About as many men think the tariffs will make their personal finances better as think the tariffs will make their finances worse. Women are much more likely to think that the tariffs will be harmful to their own personal finances.
  - In no region of the state do more voters think the tariffs will leave them better off than worse off. Those living in both Hennepin and Ramsey counties, as well as Southern Minnesota are significantly more likely to say that the tariffs will make them worse off.
  - A majority of Democrats and those favoring DFL candidates indicate that the tariffs imposed by President Trump will personally make them worse off.
  - Forty-five percent of Independents indicated that the tariffs will leave them “about the same” financially, and only 17 percent indicate that they think the tariffs will improve their finances.
  - While 40 percent of Republicans think that the tariffs imposed by President Trump will make them better off in the long run, even more (51%) indicate that the tariffs will have little impact on their personal finances.

The remainder of this brief details these findings in tables and graphs. Please see the appendices for survey background and methods, respondent characteristics, regional definitions, and exact question wording.

## Trade negotiations

**Somewhat more Minnesota voters disapprove than approve of President Trump's handling of trade negotiations**



Source: MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll, 2018. N=800 registered Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November; overall margin of error = +/-3.5 percentage points.

Question: "In general, do you approve or disapprove of how President Trump is handling trade negotiations with other countries?"

## Views on President Trump’s handling of trade negotiations, by group

|                                    | Approve    | Disapprove | Not sure |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| <b>ALL</b>                         | <b>42%</b> | <b>48%</b> | 10%      |
| <b>SEX</b>                         |            |            |          |
| Male                               | 49%        | 42%        | 9%       |
| Female                             | <b>35%</b> | <b>54%</b> | 11%      |
| <b>AGE GROUP</b>                   |            |            |          |
| 18-34                              | <b>31%</b> | <b>61%</b> | 8%       |
| 35-49                              | <b>41%</b> | <b>51%</b> | 8%       |
| 50-64                              | 46%        | 43%        | 10%      |
| 65+                                | 45%        | 43%        | 11%      |
| <b>AGE by SEX</b>                  |            |            |          |
| Male, 18-49                        | 44%        | 47%        | 9%       |
| Male, 50 or older                  | <b>53%</b> | <b>38%</b> | 8%       |
| Female, 18-49                      | <b>31%</b> | <b>62%</b> | 7%       |
| Female, 50 or older                | <b>39%</b> | <b>48%</b> | 13%      |
| <b>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>     |            |            |          |
| Under \$50,000                     | <b>38%</b> | <b>52%</b> | 11%      |
| \$50,000 or more                   | 45%        | 47%        | 9%       |
| <b>REGION <sup>a</sup></b>         |            |            |          |
| Hennepin/Ramsey                    | <b>26%</b> | <b>64%</b> | 10%      |
| Metro Suburbs                      | 50%        | 42%        | 8%       |
| Southern Minnesota                 | 45%        | 44%        | 11%      |
| Northern Minnesota                 | <b>53%</b> | <b>37%</b> | 10%      |
| <b>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</b>        |            |            |          |
| DFL/Democrat                       | <b>3%</b>  | <b>88%</b> | 9%       |
| Independent/other                  | 44%        | 44%        | 12%      |
| Republican                         | <b>85%</b> | <b>6%</b>  | 9%       |
| <b>GOVERNOR PREFERENCE</b>         |            |            |          |
| Tim Walz, DFL                      | <b>3%</b>  | <b>89%</b> | 8%       |
| Jeff Johnson, Republican           | <b>84%</b> | <b>8%</b>  | 8%       |
| <b>ATTORNEY GENERAL PREFERENCE</b> |            |            |          |
| Keith Ellison, DFL                 | <b>5%</b>  | <b>91%</b> | 4%       |
| Doug Wardlow, Republican           | <b>77%</b> | <b>10%</b> | 13%      |
| <b>U.S. SENATE PREFERENCE</b>      |            |            |          |
| Amy Klobuchar, DFL                 | <b>11%</b> | <b>81%</b> | 8%       |
| Jim Newberger, Republican          | <b>86%</b> | <b>6%</b>  | 8%       |
| <b>U.S. SENATE PREFERENCE</b>      |            |            |          |
| Tina Smith, DFL                    | <b>6%</b>  | <b>88%</b> | 6%       |
| Karin Housley, Republican          | <b>82%</b> | <b>7%</b>  | 10%      |

Question: “In general, do you approve or disapprove of how President Trump is handling trade negotiations with other countries?”

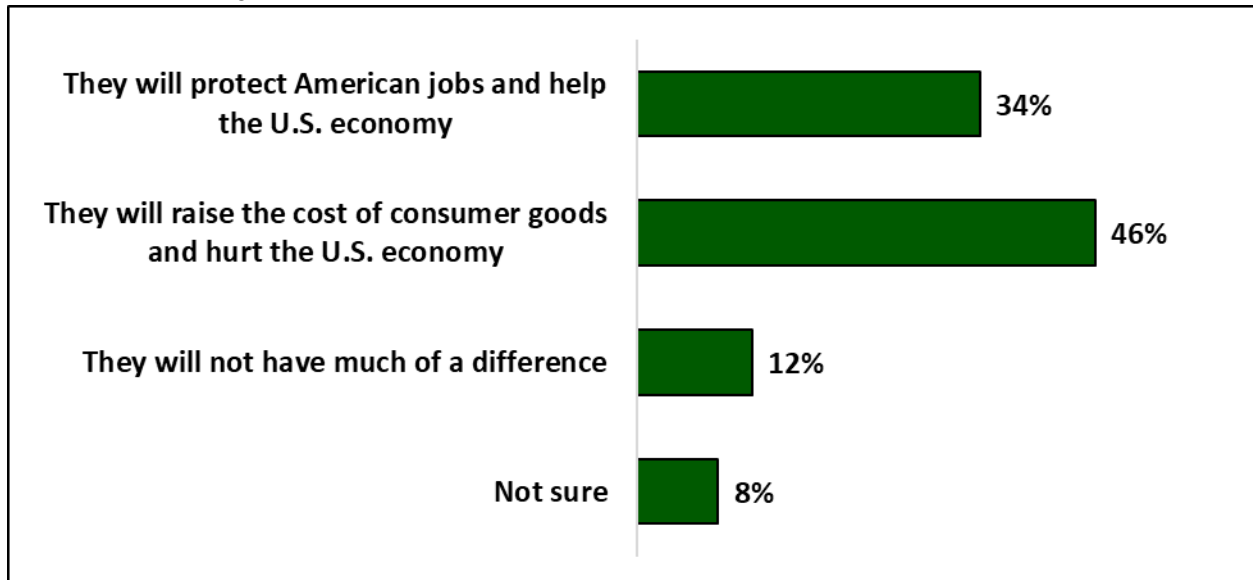
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<sup>a</sup> See Appendix 2 for definition of regions.

Note: **Bolded percentages** indicate a statistically significant difference (95 percent confidence level or higher).

## Tariffs on imported goods

### More Minnesota voters think the tariffs imposed by President Trump will hurt than help the U.S. economy



Source: MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll, October 15-17, 2018. N=800 registered Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November; overall margin of error = +/-3.5 percentage points.

Question: "Thinking about the tariffs President Trump has imposed on goods imported from other countries, which of the following is closest to your view?"

## Views of President Trump's tariffs on the U.S. economy, by group

|                                    | Protect jobs & help economy | Increase costs & hurt economy | Not much difference | Not sure |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>ALL</b>                         | <b>34%</b>                  | <b>46%</b>                    | 12%                 | 8%       |
| <b>SEX</b>                         |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Male                               | 41%                         | 40%                           | 12%                 | 7%       |
| Female                             | <b>28%</b>                  | <b>52%</b>                    | 11%                 | 9%       |
| <b>AGE GROUP</b>                   |                             |                               |                     |          |
| 18-34                              | <b>26%</b>                  | <b>54%</b>                    | 10%                 | 10%      |
| 35-49                              | <b>36%</b>                  | <b>50%</b>                    | 10%                 | 4%       |
| 50-64                              | 36%                         | 44%                           | 9%                  | 11%      |
| 65+                                | 36%                         | 39%                           | 17%                 | 8%       |
| <b>AGE by SEX</b>                  |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Male, 18-49                        | 42%                         | 42%                           | 11%                 | 6%       |
| Male, 50 or older                  | 41%                         | 38%                           | 13%                 | 7%       |
| Female, 18-49                      | <b>23%</b>                  | <b>61%</b>                    | 9%                  | 7%       |
| Female, 50 or older                | <b>31%</b>                  | <b>45%</b>                    | 13%                 | 12%      |
| <b>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>     |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Under \$50,000                     | <b>28%</b>                  | <b>47%</b>                    | 14%                 | 11%      |
| \$50,000 or more                   | 37%                         | 44%                           | 12%                 | 7%       |
| <b>REGION <sup>a</sup></b>         |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Hennepin/Ramsey                    | <b>21%</b>                  | <b>57%</b>                    | 11%                 | 11%      |
| Metro Suburbs                      | 44%                         | 40%                           | 10%                 | 6%       |
| Southern Minnesota                 | 38%                         | 46%                           | 9%                  | 8%       |
| Northern Minnesota                 | 39%                         | 37%                           | 16%                 | 7%       |
| <b>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</b>        |                             |                               |                     |          |
| DFL/Democrat                       | <b>8%</b>                   | <b>76%</b>                    | 8%                  | 8%       |
| Independent/other                  | <b>24%</b>                  | <b>47%</b>                    | 20%                 | 9%       |
| Republican                         | <b>74%</b>                  | <b>10%</b>                    | 9%                  | 8%       |
| <b>GOVERNOR PREFERENCE</b>         |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Tim Walz, DFL                      | <b>5%</b>                   | <b>82%</b>                    | 7%                  | 7%       |
| Jeff Johnson, Republican           | <b>74%</b>                  | <b>11%</b>                    | 11%                 | 5%       |
| <b>ATTORNEY GENERAL PREFERENCE</b> |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Keith Ellison, DFL                 | <b>8%</b>                   | <b>81%</b>                    | 6%                  | 6%       |
| Doug Wardlow, Republican           | <b>64%</b>                  | <b>16%</b>                    | 13%                 | 7%       |
| <b>U.S. SENATE PREFERENCE</b>      |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Amy Klobuchar, DFL                 | <b>11%</b>                  | <b>75%</b>                    | 8%                  | 6%       |
| Jim Newberger, Republican          | <b>73%</b>                  | <b>10%</b>                    | 9%                  | 8%       |
| <b>U.S. SENATE PREFERENCE</b>      |                             |                               |                     |          |
| Tina Smith, DFL                    | <b>8%</b>                   | <b>79%</b>                    | 6%                  | 6%       |
| Karin Housley, Republican          | <b>68%</b>                  | <b>12%</b>                    | 15%                 | 5%       |

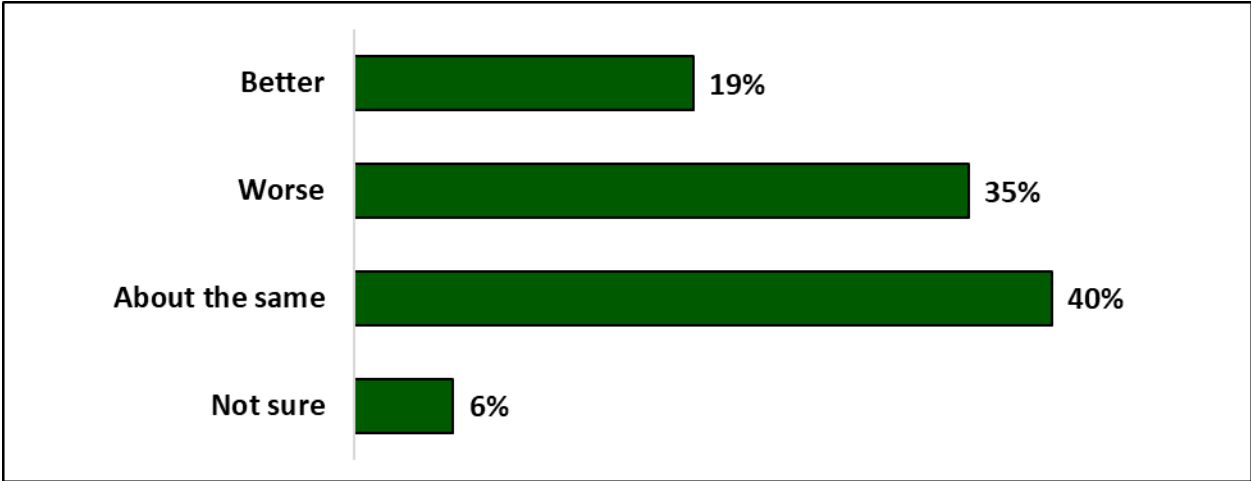
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Questions: See Appendix 3

Notes: **Bolded percentages** indicate a statistically significant difference (95 percent confidence level or higher). See Appendix 2 for definition of regions. See Appendix 3 for complete question wording.

# Long-run personal financial impacts of tariffs

**Only one in five Minnesota voters think the tariffs imposed by President Trump will improve their personal finances over the long run**



Source: MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll, October 15-17, 2018. N=800 registered Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November; overall margin of error = +/-3.5 percentage points.  
Question: "In the long run, do you think the tariffs imposed by President Trump will leave you personally better off financially, worse off or about the same?"



## Perceived personal financial impact of President Trump's tariffs, by group

|                                    | Better     | Worse      | About the same | Not sure |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| <b>ALL</b>                         | <b>19%</b> | <b>35%</b> | 40%            | 6%       |
| <b>SEX</b>                         |            |            |                |          |
| Male                               | 26%        | 29%        | 40%            | 5%       |
| Female                             | <b>13%</b> | <b>40%</b> | 40%            | 6%       |
| <b>AGE GROUP</b>                   |            |            |                |          |
| 18-34                              | <b>15%</b> | <b>40%</b> | 39%            | 7%       |
| 35-49                              | <b>23%</b> | <b>37%</b> | 35%            | 5%       |
| 50-64                              | <b>17%</b> | <b>33%</b> | 43%            | 6%       |
| 65+                                | <b>22%</b> | <b>32%</b> | 40%            | 6%       |
| <b>AGE by SEX</b>                  |            |            |                |          |
| Male, 18-49                        | 26%        | 35%        | 33%            | 7%       |
| Male, 50 or older                  | 26%        | 25%        | 45%            | 4%       |
| Female, 18-49                      | <b>14%</b> | <b>41%</b> | 41%            | 4%       |
| Female, 50 or older                | <b>13%</b> | <b>40%</b> | 39%            | 8%       |
| <b>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>     |            |            |                |          |
| Under \$50,000                     | <b>15%</b> | <b>37%</b> | 40%            | 8%       |
| \$50,000 or more                   | <b>22%</b> | <b>35%</b> | 39%            | 4%       |
| <b>REGION <sup>a</sup></b>         |            |            |                |          |
| Hennepin/Ramsey                    | <b>12%</b> | <b>47%</b> | 34%            | 6%       |
| Metro Suburbs                      | 23%        | 29%        | 44%            | 4%       |
| Southern Minnesota                 | <b>23%</b> | <b>35%</b> | 38%            | 5%       |
| Northern Minnesota                 | 23%        | 25%        | 46%            | 7%       |
| <b>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</b>        |            |            |                |          |
| DFL/Democrat                       | <b>3%</b>  | <b>65%</b> | 27%            | 5%       |
| Independent/other                  | <b>17%</b> | <b>31%</b> | 45%            | 7%       |
| Republican                         | <b>40%</b> | <b>4%</b>  | 51%            | 5%       |
| <b>GOVERNOR PREFERENCE</b>         |            |            |                |          |
| Tim Walz, DFL                      | <b>1%</b>  | <b>65%</b> | 30%            | 3%       |
| Jeff Johnson, Republican           | <b>44%</b> | <b>4%</b>  | 47%            | 5%       |
| <b>ATTORNEY GENERAL PREFERENCE</b> |            |            |                |          |
| Keith Ellison, DFL                 | <b>3%</b>  | <b>68%</b> | 28%            | 1%       |
| Doug Wardlow, Republican           | <b>38%</b> | <b>7%</b>  | 51%            | 3%       |
| <b>U.S. SENATE PREFERENCE</b>      |            |            |                |          |
| Amy Klobuchar, DFL                 | <b>3%</b>  | <b>59%</b> | 35%            | 4%       |
| Jim Newberger, Republican          | <b>45%</b> | <b>2%</b>  | 47%            | 6%       |
| <b>U.S. SENATE PREFERENCE</b>      |            |            |                |          |
| Tina Smith, DFL                    | <b>3%</b>  | <b>67%</b> | 27%            | 3%       |
| Karin Housley, Republican          | <b>41%</b> | <b>3%</b>  | 51%            | 4%       |

Source: APM Research Lab analysis of MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll, 2018. N=800 registered Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November; overall margin of error = +/-3.5 percentage points.

Question: See Appendix 3.

Notes: **Bolded percentages** indicate a statistically significant difference (95 percent confidence level or higher).

<sup>a</sup>See Appendix 2 for definition of regions.

## Appendix 1: Survey background and methods

This survey is the result of a collaboration between Minnesota Public Radio News and the Star Tribune. It is a continuation of the Star Tribune's periodic "Minnesota Poll."<sup>2</sup>

Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida, designed and executed the survey, including sample construction and screening procedures, data collection, and analysis. The poll was conducted from October 15 through 17, 2018. A total of 800 registered Minnesota voters were interviewed statewide by telephone. All indicated they were likely to vote in the November general election.

Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Minnesota voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter turnout by county.

Mason-Dixon provided the following information regarding survey cooperation:

|           | Human contacted<br>(potential respondent) | Agreeing to<br>participate | Of those agreeing, number qualifying<br>(screened in) and completing survey |
|-----------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Land-line | 1,580                                     | 577 (37%)                  | 479 (83%)   |
| Mobile    | 1,895                                     | 417 (22%)                  | 321 (77%)   |
| TOTAL     | 3,475                                     | 994 (29%)                  | 800 (80%)   |

The data were not weighted. The overall margin for error is no more than  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all adults were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a sex or age grouping, as shown in Appendix 2.

The APM Research Lab provided consultation on the questionnaire and additional analysis of survey results, including this brief.

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<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.startribune.com/the-minnesota-poll/468458743/>

## Appendix 2: Characteristics of survey sample

|                                | Survey respondents <sup>a</sup> |                      | Margin of error for within-group analysis <sup>b</sup> | All Minnesotans age 18+ <sup>c</sup> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
|                                | Number                          | Percent <sup>d</sup> | Percentage points ±                                    |                                      |
| <b>ALL</b>                     | 800                             | 100%                 | 3.5  | 4,277,949                            |
| <b>SEX</b>                     |                                 |                      |  |                                      |
| Male                           | 384                             | 48%                  | 5.0  | 49%                                  |
| Female                         | 416                             | 52%                  | 4.8  | 51%                                  |
| <b>AGE GROUP</b>               |                                 |                      |  |                                      |
| 18-34                          | 136                             | 17%                  | 8.4  | 29%                                  |
| 35-49                          | 210                             | 26%                  | 6.8  | 24%                                  |
| 50-64                          | 237                             | 30%                  | 6.4  | 26%                                  |
| 65+                            | 210                             | 26%                  | 6.8  | 20%                                  |
| Refused                        | 7                               | --                   | --   |                                      |
| <b>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b> |                                 |                      |  |                                      |
| Under \$50,000                 | 225                             | 36%                  | 6.5  | 36%                                  |
| <i>Under \$25,000</i>          | 106                             | 17%                  | --   | 16%                                  |
| <i>\$25,000-\$49,999</i>       | 119                             | 19%                  | --   | 20%                                  |
| \$50,000 or more               | 400                             | 64%                  | 4.9  | 64%                                  |
| <i>\$50,000-\$74,999</i>       | 131                             | 21%                  | --   | 19%                                  |
| <i>\$75,000-\$99,999</i>       | 129                             | 21%                  | --   | 14%                                  |
| <i>\$100,000 or more</i>       | 140                             | 22%                  | --   | 32%                                  |
| Refused                        | 175                             | --                   | --   |                                      |
| <b>REGION <sup>e</sup></b>     |                                 |                      |  |                                      |
| Hennepin/Ramsey                | 255                             | 32%                  | 6.1  | 33%                                  |
| Metro Suburbs                  | 230                             | 29%                  | 6.5  | 28%                                  |
| Southern Minnesota             | 160                             | 20%                  | 7.7  | 19%                                  |
| Northern Minnesota             | 155                             | 19%                  | 7.9  | 20%                                  |
| <b>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</b>    |                                 |                      |  |                                      |
| DFL/Democrat                   | 306                             | 38%                  | 5.6  | --                                   |
| Independent                    | 229                             | 29%                  | 6.5  | --                                   |
| Republican                     | 265                             | 33%                  | 6.0  | --                                   |
| <b>INTERVIEW TYPE</b>          |                                 |                      |  |                                      |
| Land-line                      | 479                             | 60%                  | --   | --                                   |
| Cell phone                     | 321                             | 40%                  | --   | --                                   |

<sup>a</sup> MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll. N=800 registered Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November.

<sup>b</sup> Maximum margin of error at 95 percent confidence level for results presented for the group. For example, if 50 percent of males prefer a given candidate, there is a 95 percent probability that the value for the entire population would be between 45 and 55 percent.

<sup>c</sup> Mason Dixon's methods for this survey are designed to mirror the population that will vote in November. The exact characteristics of that population are unknowable; we provide characteristics of all adults as a point of reference (APM Research Lab analysis of U.S. Census Bureau (2017 Population Estimates and American Community Survey).

<sup>d</sup> Percentages in this table are calculated as "valid percentages"; refusals are excluded from the denominator.

<sup>e</sup> Regional definitions are noted below

## Comparison with September Minnesota Poll

In comparing the characteristics of the survey sample noted in the table above from the Minnesota Poll conducted September 10-12, 2018 with those of the Minnesota Poll conducted October 15-17, 2018, there are no statistically significant differences in terms of describing the broader target population of likely voters. However, there are some minor differences that may influence the overall results, in addition to the changes in the actual opinions of the broader population. Note that the two surveys are independent of one another; Mason Dixon did *not* attempt to interview the same respondents.

There is a slight difference in the age profile of respondents, with a 2.0 percentage point decrease from September to October in the proportion represented in the youngest age category, 18-34. The oldest category (65+) also decreased slightly, while the two middle categories both increased by less than 2 percentage points.

There also was a 2.8 percentage point increase in the proportion of respondents indicating that they had annual incomes below \$25,000 and a decrease of nearly 5 percentage points in the portion of respondents who refused to answer the income question; proportions represented in the broader “Under \$50,000” and “\$50,000 or more” categories differed by less than one percentage points between the two surveys.

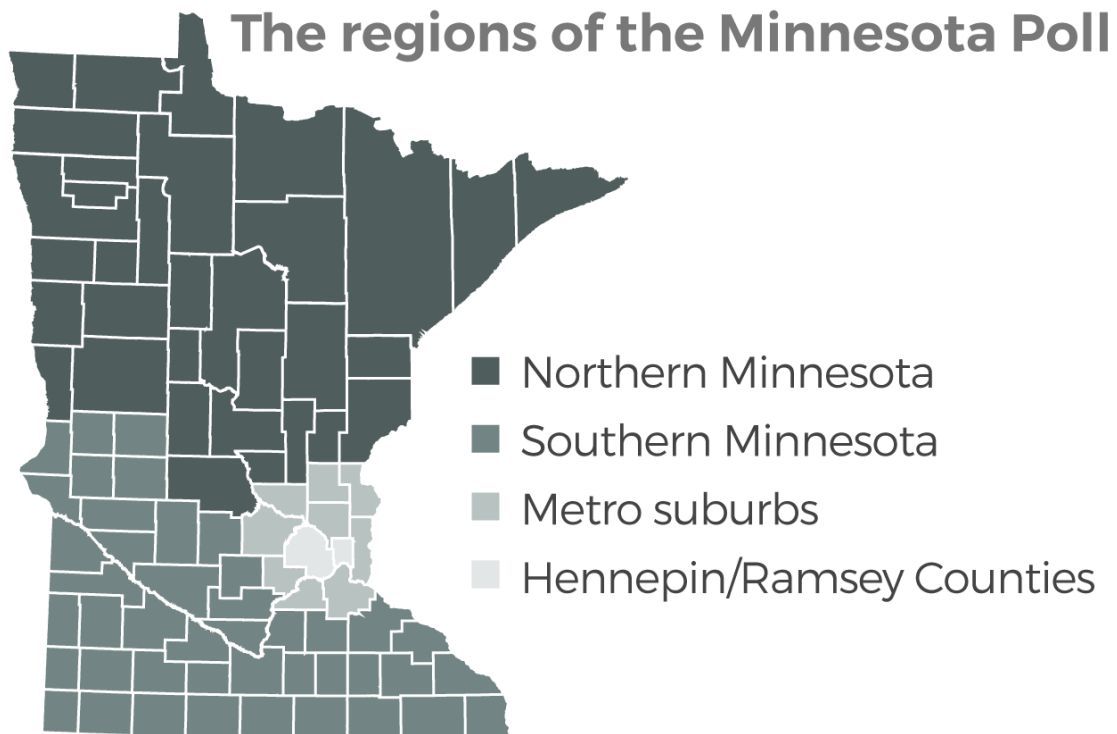
There are no regional differences between the two surveys as regions were used as quotas in the sampling for both iterations of the Minnesota Poll.

In the October poll, the percentage of respondents identifying as Republican and DFL or Democrat increased by 2.4 and 0.9 percentage points, respectively, while the percentage identifying as independent decreased by 3.3 percentage points. Note that party identification can change as respondents associate themselves with candidates.

|                             | October 15-17 |                      | September 10-12 |                      |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                             | <i>Number</i> | Percent <sup>d</sup> | <i>Number</i>   | Percent <sup>d</sup> |
| <b>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</b> |               |                      |                 |                      |
| DFL/Democrat                | 306           | 38%                  | 299             | 37%                  |
| Independent                 | 229           | 29%                  | 255             | 32%                  |
| Republican                  | 265           | 33%                  | 246             | 31%                  |

<sup>a</sup> MPR News | Star Tribune Minnesota Poll. N=800 registered Minnesota voters who are likely to vote in November.

## Regions



Source: William Lager | MPR News

**Hennepin/Ramsey:** Likely voters in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

**Metro Suburbs:** Likely voters in Scott, Wright, Sherburne, Carver, Dakota, Anoka, Isanti, Chisago and Washington Counties.

**Southern Minnesota:** Likely voters in Goodhue, Rice, Le Sueur, Blue Earth, Waseca, Freeborn, Steele, Dodge, Mower, Fillmore, Olmstead, Houston, Winona, Wabasha, Rock, Nobles, Jackson, Martin, Faribault, Watonwan, Cottonwood, Murray, Pipestone, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Brown, Nicollet, McLeod, Renville, Sibley, Meeker, Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Lac Qui Parle, Swift, Big Stone, Traverse, Stevens, Pope, Douglas, and Grant Counties.

**Northern Minnesota:** Likely voters in Benton, Stearns, Morrison, Todd, Wadena, Otter Tail, Wilkin, Clay, Becker, Hubbard, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Mahnommen, Norman, Polk, Red Lake, Pennington, Marshall, Roseau, Kittson, Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Carlton, Pine, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs Counties.

**Metro:** Hennepin/Ramsey and Metro Suburbs combined.

**Greater Minnesota:** Southern and Northern Minnesota combined.

## Appendix 3: Question wording

### OCTOBER 2018 MINNESOTA POLL

Good evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ from Mason-Dixon Polling. We are conducting a statewide public opinion poll. Would you have a few minutes to participate?

SCREENER #1: Are you a registered voter in the state of Minnesota?

YES-SKIP TO SCREENER 3      NO-PROCEED

SCREENER #2: Are you planning to register at the polls on Election Day in order to vote?

YES      1-SKIP TO Q1                      NO-TERMINATE

SCREENER #3: In November, there will be a general election for Governor, two US Senate seats and other state and local offices. Which of the following best describes your plans for participating in that election?

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| I will vote by absentee ballot         | 1-PROCEED   |
| I will definitely vote on Election Day | 2-PROCEED   |
| I will probably vote on Election Day   | 3-PROCEED   |
| I may or may not vote                  | 4-TERMINATE |
| I probably will not vote               | 5-TERMINATE |
| I definitely will not vote             | 6-TERMINATE |
| Not Sure ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )        | 7-TERMINATE |

16 -- In general, do you approve or disapprove of how President Trump is handling trade negotiations with other countries?

- 1- Approve
- 2- Disapprove
- 3- Not sure

17 -- Thinking about the tariffs President Trump has imposed on goods imported from other countries, which of the following is closest to your view?

- 1- They will protect American jobs and help the U.S. economy
- 2- They will raise the cost of consumer goods and hurt the U.S. economy
- 3- They will not have much of a difference
- 4- Not sure



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