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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Senate and House Races Neck and Neck in Montana**

*Large Majority of Voters Believe Washington Politicians Support Policies Because They Help Corporate or Special Interest Groups Who Fund Their Campaigns*

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that races for U.S. Senate and House in Montana are both neck and neck. In the Senate race, Governor Steve Bullock and Senator Steve Daines are tied 47-47, with just 6% of voters undecided. In the House race, Kathleen Williams and Matt Rosendale are tied 45-45, with 9% still undecided. Bullock and Williams both lead among independent voters, with an 8 point lead for Bullock (50-42) and a 12 point lead for Williams (51-39).

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is unpopular in Montana, with 47% holding an unfavorable opinion of him and just 31% viewing him favorably. The margin is even wider among key independent voters, where McConnell is underwater in favorability by 26 points (53-27).

Voters are more closely divided in opinion on Senator Daines, with 45% holding a favorable opinion and 42% holding an unfavorable opinion. Governor Bullock's margin of favorability is larger, with 49% viewing him favorably and 40% viewing him unfavorably.

The survey also finds that a majority of Montana voters (54%) think politicians in Washington support policies because they help corporate or special interest groups who support or donate to their campaigns most of the time. A further 36% think politicians in Washington support policies due to donations from special interest groups sometimes, while just 6% think it happens rarely and only 1% think politicians never support policies due to special interest donations.

PPP surveyed 903 Montana voters from March 12-13, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. The survey was conducted by telephone.





## Montana Survey Results

**Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of President Trump?

*Favorable* ..... 50%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 46%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q2** If the election for President were held today, would you vote for Republican Donald Trump or would you vote for the Democratic candidate?

*Donald Trump* ..... 52%  
*Democratic candidate* ..... 44%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell?

*Favorable* ..... 31%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 47%  
*Not sure* ..... 22%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Senator Steve Daines?

*Favorable* ..... 45%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 42%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Steve Bullock?

*Favorable* ..... 49%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q6** If the election for US Senate were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Steve Bullock and Republican Steve Daines, who would you vote for?

*Steve Bullock* ..... 47%  
*Steve Daines* ..... 47%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q7** If the election for US House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Kathleen Williams and Republican Matt Rosendale, who would you vote for?

*Kathleen Williams* ..... 45%  
*Matt Rosendale* ..... 45%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q8** How often do you think politicians in Washington support policies because they help corporate special interest groups who support or donate to their campaigns: most of the time, sometimes, rarely or never?

*Most of the time* ..... 54%  
*Sometimes* ..... 36%  
*Rarely* ..... 6%  
*Never* ..... 1%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q9** In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

*Donald Trump* ..... 51%  
*Hillary Clinton* ..... 35%  
*Someone else / Did not vote* ..... 14%

**Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man* ..... 47%

**Q11** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 32%  
*Republican* ..... 37%  
*Independent* ..... 31%



**Q12** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 91%  
*Other*..... 9%

**Q13** If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

*18 to 45*..... 31%  
*46 to 65*..... 37%  
*Older than 65* ..... 31%



	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	50%	91%	4%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	6%	94%	68%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	2%	9%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump / Democratic Candidate</b>				
<b>Donald Trump</b>	52%	94%	3%	24%
<b>Democratic candidate</b>	44%	6%	96%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	0%	1%	23%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>McConnell Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	31%	55%	2%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	47%	16%	89%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	30%	9%	26%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Daines Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	76%	7%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	10%	85%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	14%	8%	25%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	49%	17%	91%	57%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	69%	5%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	15%	4%	19%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Bullock / Daines</b>				
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	47%	10%	95%	61%
<b>Steve Daines</b>	47%	85%	3%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	5%	3%	15%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Williams / Rosendale</b>				
Kathleen Williams	45%	10%	92%	56%
Matt Rosendale	45%	80%	5%	21%
Not sure	9%	9%	4%	23%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Think Politicians Support Policies Because Of Special Interest Groups Most Of The Time / Sometimes / Rarely / Never</b>				
Most of the time	54%	42%	67%	60%
Sometimes	36%	47%	27%	21%
Rarely	6%	8%	3%	8%
Never	1%	1%	2%	2%
Not sure	3%	2%	1%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump Favorability</b>			
Favorable	50%	46%	55%
Unfavorable	46%	51%	41%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump / Democratic Candidate</b>			
Donald Trump	52%	48%	57%
Democratic candidate	44%	49%	39%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>McConnell Favorability</b>			
Favorable	31%	26%	37%
Unfavorable	47%	46%	49%
Not sure	22%	28%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Daines Favorability</b>			
Favorable	45%	39%	52%
Unfavorable	42%	45%	38%
Not sure	13%	16%	10%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>			
Favorable	49%	50%	47%
Unfavorable	40%	34%	47%
Not sure	12%	16%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bullock / Daines</b>			
Steve Bullock	47%	49%	45%
Steve Daines	47%	45%	50%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Williams / Rosendale</b>			
Kathleen Williams	45%	48%	42%
Matt Rosendale	45%	42%	49%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Think Politicians Support Policies Because Of Special Interest Groups Most Of The Time / Sometimes / Rarely / Never</b>			
Most of the time	54%	53%	55%
Sometimes	36%	37%	34%
Rarely	6%	6%	6%
Never	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Trump Favorability</b>				
Favorable	50%	6%	91%	47%
Unfavorable	46%	92%	6%	47%
Not sure	4%	2%	2%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Trump / Democratic Candidate</b>				
Donald Trump	52%	6%	94%	49%
Democratic candidate	44%	91%	6%	42%
Not sure	4%	2%	0%	9%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>McConnell Favorability</b>				
Favorable	31%	4%	57%	27%
Unfavorable	47%	80%	14%	53%
Not sure	22%	16%	29%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Daines Favorability</b>				
Favorable	45%	10%	73%	47%
Unfavorable	42%	76%	11%	43%
Not sure	13%	14%	16%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>				
Favorable	49%	82%	16%	54%
Unfavorable	40%	10%	68%	37%
Not sure	12%	9%	17%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Bullock / Daines</b>				
Steve Bullock	47%	88%	9%	50%
Steve Daines	47%	8%	85%	42%
Not sure	6%	4%	6%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Williams / Rosendale</b>				
Kathleen Williams	45%	84%	8%	51%
Matt Rosendale	45%	8%	83%	39%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Think Politicians Support Policies Because Of Special Interest Groups Most Of The Time / Sometimes / Rarely / Never</b>				
Most of the time	54%	62%	41%	60%
Sometimes	36%	26%	49%	32%
Rarely	6%	6%	7%	5%
Never	1%	2%	0%	2%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	2%





	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Trump Favorability</b>			
Favorable	50%	53%	28%
Unfavorable	46%	45%	58%
Not sure	4%	3%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Trump / Democratic Candidate</b>			
Donald Trump	52%	54%	36%
Democratic candidate	44%	43%	61%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>McConnell Favorability</b>			
Favorable	31%	32%	17%
Unfavorable	47%	46%	60%
Not sure	22%	22%	22%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Daines Favorability</b>			
Favorable	45%	46%	39%
Unfavorable	42%	41%	46%
Not sure	13%	13%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>			
Favorable	49%	48%	53%
Unfavorable	40%	40%	34%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bullock / Daines</b>			
Steve Bullock	47%	45%	62%
Steve Daines	47%	49%	35%
Not sure	6%	6%	4%







	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Williams / Rosendale</b>			
Kathleen Williams	45%	45%	54%
Matt Rosendale	45%	46%	38%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Think Politicians Support Policies Because Of Special Interest Groups Most Of The Time / Sometimes / Rarely / Never</b>			
Most of the time	54%	54%	54%
Sometimes	36%	36%	33%
Rarely	6%	6%	9%
Never	1%	1%	4%
Not sure	3%	3%	-

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trump Favorability</b>				
Favorable	50%	45%	57%	48%
Unfavorable	46%	48%	41%	50%
Not sure	4%	7%	2%	2%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trump / Democratic Candidate</b>				
Donald Trump	52%	49%	58%	48%
Democratic candidate	44%	46%	39%	49%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>McConnell Favorability</b>				
Favorable	31%	19%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	47%	48%	45%	49%
Not sure	22%	33%	18%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Daines Favorability</b>				
Favorable	45%	36%	51%	47%
Unfavorable	42%	44%	38%	44%
Not sure	13%	20%	12%	9%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	49%	52%	44%	51%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	36%	43%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bullock / Daines</b>				
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	47%	49%	44%	48%
<b>Steve Daines</b>	47%	47%	48%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	3%	7%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Williams / Rosendale</b>				
<b>Kathleen Williams</b>	45%	45%	42%	51%
<b>Matt Rosendale</b>	45%	49%	47%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	6%	11%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Think Politicians Support Policies Because Of Special Interest Groups Most Of The Time / Sometimes / Rarely / Never</b>				
<b>Most of the time</b>	54%	55%	55%	51%
<b>Sometimes</b>	36%	34%	37%	36%
<b>Rarely</b>	6%	7%	6%	6%
<b>Never</b>	1%	1%	1%	3%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	2%	5%

