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## **Nebraskans Support Awarding Electoral College Votes by Congressional District**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Yesterday PPP released numbers showing Barack Obama in position to again take an electoral vote in Nebraska despite losing the state badly by winning one of Nebraska's three congressional districts. PPP asked voters if they would prefer to keep the current system of awarding their electoral votes by congressional district or switching to a winner-take-all system. By a 51-38 margin, voters said they'd like to keep the current system. Democrats (66-18) and Independents (60-23) support the current system while only Republicans (38-42) want to switch to a winner-take-all model.

With former Senator Bob Kerrey moving back to Nebraska from New York City to run for U.S. Senate, PPP asked Nebraskans if they had a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Big Apple. A plurality of voters (42%) had a favorable view of NYC, compared to 27% who viewed it unfavorably and 32% not sure. Democrats viewed it favorably by a 54-16 margin, independents were almost as favorable at 45-17, but Republicans dislike New York by a slight margin at 32-37.

Governor Dave Heineman sees a strong approval rating at 60% favorable and 27% unfavorable. Senator Mike Johanns also gets goodwill from the voters – he's at 55-30. Outgoing Senator Ben Nelson does less well, he's at 36-53.

Warren Buffett is also liked by a strong majority of his fellow Nebraskans, garnering a 63-22 favorability rating. Even more Republicans like him (46%) than dislike him (35%) despite Buffett's frequent calls to raise taxes on the rich.

Nebraskans strongly support the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, supporting it 60-27.

Nebraskans say they are glad that the University of Nebraska moved to the Big 10 from the Big 12, supporting that change by a 55-16 margin. They have favorable views of Nebraska Athletic Director Tom Osborne (79-10) and football coach Bo Pelini (58-17), and support Osborne's firing of basketball coach Doc Sadler by a 53-11 margin.

PPP surveyed 1,028 Nebraska voters from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



## Nebraska Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Dave Heineman's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 60%  
*Disapprove*..... 27%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mike Johanns' job performance?

*Approve* ..... 55%  
*Disapprove*..... 30%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Ben Nelson's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 36%  
*Disapprove*..... 53%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q4** Do you support or oppose construction of the Keystone XL pipeline?

*Support*..... 60%  
*Oppose*..... 27%  
*Not sure* ..... 14%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of New York City?

*Favorable*..... 42%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 27%  
*Not sure* ..... 32%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Warren Buffett?

*Favorable*..... 63%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 22%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Osborne?

*Favorable*..... 79%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 10%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q8** Do you support or oppose Tom Osborne's decision to fire Doc Sadler as basketball coach?

*Support* ..... 53%  
*Oppose* ..... 11%  
*Not sure* ..... 36%

**Q9** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bo Pelini?

*Favorable*..... 58%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 17%  
*Not sure* ..... 25%

**Q10** Are you glad that Nebraska moved to the Big 10, or do you wish it had remained in the Big 12?

*Glad it moved to the Big 10*..... 55%  
*Wish it had remained in the Big 12* ..... 16%  
*Not sure* ..... 29%

**Q11** Which system would you prefer for dispensing Nebraska's electoral votes: giving all of them to the statewide winner or giving one to the winner of each individual Congressional district?

*The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner* ..... 30%  
*One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional district*..... 51%  
*Not sure* ..... 18%





**Q12** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i> .....	6%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i> .....	13%
<i>Moderate</i> .....	31%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i> .....	29%
<i>Very conservative</i> .....	22%

**Q13** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i> .....	53%
<i>Man</i> .....	47%

**Q14** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	34%
<i>Republican</i> .....	52%
<i>Independent/Other</i> .....	15%

**Q15** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i> .....	94%
<i>Other</i> .....	6%

**Q16** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	9%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	28%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	39%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Heineman Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	60%	37%	30%	50%	74%	79%
<b>Disapprove</b>	27%	45%	52%	36%	13%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	18%	18%	13%	13%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Johanns Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	55%	35%	22%	41%	68%	82%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	51%	51%	45%	17%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	14%	27%	14%	15%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Nelson Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	36%	43%	62%	53%	25%	11%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	42%	25%	36%	63%	82%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	14%	13%	12%	12%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Support/Oppose Keystone XL?</b>						
<b>Support</b>	60%	27%	36%	54%	71%	79%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	58%	46%	31%	16%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	15%	18%	16%	14%	9%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>NYC Favorability</b>						
Favorable	42%	44%	67%	49%	35%	22%
Unfavorable	27%	28%	14%	15%	31%	46%
Not sure	32%	28%	19%	36%	34%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Buffett Favorability</b>						
Favorable	63%	71%	89%	79%	58%	29%
Unfavorable	22%	6%	5%	10%	26%	50%
Not sure	15%	23%	6%	12%	16%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Osborne Favorability</b>						
Favorable	79%	61%	63%	81%	88%	81%
Unfavorable	10%	26%	19%	10%	3%	9%
Not sure	11%	13%	18%	9%	9%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Support/Oppose Sadler Firing</b>						
Support	53%	35%	46%	54%	62%	51%
Oppose	11%	8%	19%	10%	9%	9%
Not sure	36%	57%	35%	35%	29%	39%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Pelini Favorability</b>						
Favorable	58%	53%	44%	59%	64%	58%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	28%	18%	14%	14%
Not sure	25%	29%	29%	23%	22%	28%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Glad Nebraska Moved to Big 10 or Wish It Stayed in Big 12?</b>						
Glad it moved to the Big 10	55%	51%	56%	55%	58%	52%
Wish it had remained in the Big 12	16%	16%	17%	14%	18%	16%
Not sure	29%	33%	27%	30%	24%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Should All EVs Go to Statewide Winner or 1 Per CD?</b>						
The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner	30%	16%	16%	17%	40%	51%
One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional district	51%	57%	75%	63%	40%	31%
Not sure	18%	27%	9%	20%	20%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Heineman Approval</b>			
Approve	60%	59%	61%
Disapprove	27%	26%	28%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Johanns Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	55%	53%	57%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	26%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	21%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Nelson Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	36%	38%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	48%	59%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose Keystone XL?</b>			
<b>Support</b>	60%	54%	66%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	29%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>NYC Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	43%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	27%	23%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	32%	34%	29%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Buffett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>63%</b>	66%	60%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>22%</b>	18%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	16%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Osborne Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>79%</b>	79%	80%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>10%</b>	10%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose Sadler Firing</b>			
<b>Support</b>	<b>53%</b>	43%	65%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>11%</b>	11%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>36%</b>	45%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Pelini Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>58%</b>	51%	65%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>17%</b>	18%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>25%</b>	31%	18%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Glad Nebraska Moved to Big 10 or Wish It Stayed in Big 12?</b>			
<b>Glad it moved to the Big 10</b>	55%	47%	64%
<b>Wish it had remained in the Big 12</b>	16%	17%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	29%	37%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Should All EVs Go to Statewide Winner or 1 Per CD?</b>			
<b>The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner</b>	30%	24%	38%
<b>One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional district</b>	51%	49%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	27%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Heineman Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	60%	42%	75%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	27%	44%	13%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	14%	12%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Johanns Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	55%	32%	73%	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	51%	14%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	17%	13%	18%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Nelson Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	36%	60%	19%	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	29%	71%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	12%	11%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose Keystone XL?</b>				
<b>Support</b>	60%	46%	74%	48%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	37%	16%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	17%	11%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>NYC Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	54%	32%	45%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	27%	16%	37%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	32%	30%	31%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Buffett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	63%	85%	46%	65%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	7%	35%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	8%	19%	20%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Osborne Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	79%	75%	87%	65%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	10%	14%	6%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	8%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose Sadler Firing</b>				
<b>Support</b>	53%	49%	59%	45%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	11%	11%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	36%	40%	30%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Pelini Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	58%	53%	63%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	17%	21%	14%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	25%	22%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Glad Nebraska Moved to Big 10 or Wish It Stayed in Big 12?</b>				
<b>Glad it moved to the Big 10</b>	55%	55%	57%	48%
<b>Wish it had remained in the Big 12</b>	16%	15%	18%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	29%	30%	24%	40%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should All EVs Go to Statewide Winner or 1 Per CD?				
The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner	30%	18%	42%	23%
One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional district	51%	66%	38%	60%
Not sure	18%	17%	20%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Heineman Approval			
Approve	60%	61%	47%
Disapprove	27%	26%	39%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Johanns Approval			
Approve	55%	55%	44%
Disapprove	30%	30%	40%
Not sure	15%	15%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Nelson Approval			
Approve	36%	36%	36%
Disapprove	53%	53%	50%
Not sure	11%	11%	15%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Support/Oppose Keystone XL?</b>			
<b>Support</b>	<b>60%</b>	60%	47%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>27%</b>	26%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	14%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>NYC Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>42%</b>	42%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>27%</b>	26%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>32%</b>	32%	25%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Buffett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>63%</b>	62%	71%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>22%</b>	23%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	15%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Osborne Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>79%</b>	80%	64%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	11%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Support/Oppose Sadler Firing</b>			
<b>Support</b>	53%	54%	50%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	10%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	36%	36%	34%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Pelini Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	58%	58%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	17%	17%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	25%	25%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Glad Nebraska Moved to Big 10 or Wish It Stayed in Big 12?</b>			
<b>Glad it moved to the     Big 10</b>	55%	56%	44%
<b>Wish it had     remained in the Big     12</b>	16%	16%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	29%	28%	32%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Should All EVs Go to Statewide Winner or 1 Per CD?</b>			
<b>The electoral votes     should all go to the     statewide winner</b>	30%	31%	23%
<b>One should be given     to the winner of     each individual     Congressional     district</b>	51%	51%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	24%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Heineman Approval</b>					
Approve	60%	52%	62%	56%	67%
Disapprove	27%	19%	29%	30%	21%
Not sure	13%	29%	9%	14%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Johanns Approval</b>					
Approve	55%	35%	57%	54%	61%
Disapprove	30%	39%	30%	31%	26%
Not sure	15%	26%	13%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Nelson Approval</b>					
Approve	36%	42%	37%	37%	32%
Disapprove	53%	39%	53%	54%	57%
Not sure	11%	19%	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Support/Oppose Keystone XL?</b>					
Support	60%	50%	55%	61%	65%
Oppose	27%	30%	32%	26%	19%
Not sure	14%	20%	12%	13%	16%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>NYC Favorability</b>					
Favorable	42%	32%	57%	40%	31%
Unfavorable	27%	25%	24%	27%	31%
Not sure	32%	43%	19%	34%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Buffett Favorability</b>					
Favorable	63%	64%	68%	64%	56%
Unfavorable	22%	11%	18%	23%	29%
Not sure	15%	25%	14%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Osborne Favorability</b>					
Favorable	79%	64%	80%	81%	82%
Unfavorable	10%	7%	11%	10%	10%
Not sure	11%	29%	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Support/Oppose Sadler Firing</b>					
Support	53%	50%	52%	55%	54%
Oppose	11%	4%	10%	12%	12%
Not sure	36%	46%	38%	32%	35%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Pelini Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	58%	50%	60%	56%	61%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	17%	18%	18%	19%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	25%	32%	22%	25%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Glad Nebraska Moved to Big 10 or Wish It Stayed in Big 12?</b>					
<b>Glad it moved to the Big 10</b>	55%	57%	60%	55%	48%
<b>Wish it had remained in the Big 12</b>	16%	14%	11%	16%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	29%	29%	28%	28%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Should All EVs Go to Statewide Winner or 1 Per CD?</b>					
<b>The electoral votes should all go to the statewide winner</b>	30%	22%	34%	29%	32%
<b>One should be given to the winner of each individual Congressional district</b>	51%	52%	57%	53%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	26%	9%	18%	26%

