***The Des Moines Register*/Mediacom Iowa Poll**

Selzer & company Study #2158

800 Iowa adults July 9-13, 2017

Margin of error: ± 3.5 percentage points **Weighted by age and sex**

**Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.**

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| Are you a resident of the state of Iowa? |
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|  | 100 | Yes | **Continue** |
|  | - | No | **Terminate and do not count toward any quota** |
|  | - | Not sure |

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| In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track? |
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|  |  | **Right direction** | **Wrong track** | **Not****sure** |
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|  | **Jul-17** | **32** | **56** | **11** |

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| What about here in Iowa? Do you think things in the state are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track? |
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|  |  | **Right direction** | **Wrong track** | **Not****sure** |
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|  | **Jul-17** | **44** | **43** | **13** |

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| I’m going to mention some elected officials. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling his or her job. **(Rotate list.)** |
|  |  | **Approve** | **Disapprove** | **Not****Sure** |
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|  | Kim Reynolds as governor | **Jul-17** | **46** | **24** | **30** |

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|  | Joni Ernst as U.S. senator | **Jul-17** | **50** | **37** | **13** |

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|  | Chuck Grassley as U.S. senator | **Jul-17** | **53** | **35** | **12** |

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|  | Donald Trump as president of the United States | **Jul-17** | **43** | **52** | **5** |

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|  | Mike Pence as vice president of the United States | **Jul-17** | **52** | **38** | **10** |

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|  | Adam Gregg as acting lieutenant governor | **Jul-17** | **32** | **12** | **56** |

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| In the next 10 years, will Iowa become a better or worse place to live? |
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|  |  | **Better** | **Worse** | **Not sure** |
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|  | **Jul-17** | **65** | **22** | **13** |

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| If you could, would you prefer to live in Iowa or in some other state? |
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|  |  | **Iowa** | **Some other state** | **Not sure** |
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|  | **Jul-17** | **72** | **24** | **4** |

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| On a different topic now, I’d like you to rate your confidence in each of the following institutions. For each, please give me a number from one to six, with 1 representing the lowest confidence, and six representing the highest confidence. If you don’t know enough to rate a particular institution, just say so. **(Code 1 to 6, as appropriate. Code 7 if respondent does not know or is not sure. Rotate list.)**  |
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|  | **Mean^** | **The Armed Forces** | **God** | **The Iowa State Patrol** | **The Iowa Department of Natural Resources** | **Local schools** | **The Iowa Farm Bureau** | **The FBI** | **Local government—cities and counties** | **Judges and the courts** | **Organized religion** | **Organized labor** | **The governor of Iowa** | **The Iowa legislature** | **The Iowa Department of Human Services** | **The president of the United States** | **The news media** | **The U.S. Congress** |
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|  | n= | 776 | 693 | 767 | 708 | 767 | 559 | 709 | 767 | 725 | 707 | 653 | 687 | 728 | 709 | 788 | 786 | 773 |
|  | **Jul-17** | **5.1** | **5.1** | **4.6** | **4.2** | **4.1** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **3.6** | **3.6** | **3.3** | **3.3** | **3.1** | **2.9** | **2.7** |

^Means based on those who gave a number response; not sure responses have been removed from the calculation.

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| For each of the following, please tell me if you expect things will get better or worse in the next year **[Feb-13: in 2013]**. **(Rotate list.)** |
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|  |  |  | **Better** | **Worse** | **Not****Sure** |
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|  | Your personal sense of economic security | **Jul-17** | **61** | **33** | **7** |

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|  | The Iowa economy | **Jul-17** | **62** | **32** | **6** |

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|  | The national economy | **Jul-17** | **49** | **46** | **4** |

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|  | The combative atmosphere in the U.S. Congress | **Jul-17** | **26** | **67** | **7** |

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|  | The situation in the Middle East | **Jul-17** | **26** | **68** | **6** |

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|  | Your ability to afford health care or health insurance | **Jul-17** | **37** | **55** | **8** |

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|  | Your satisfaction with finding or keeping a life partner | **Jul-17** | **71** | **13** | **17** |

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| Overall, do you think Iowa’s economic reliance on agriculture is mostly good or mostly bad for Iowa? |
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|  | 85 | Mostly good |
|  | 11 | Mostly bad |
|  | 3 | Not sure |

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| When it comes to influence in the Iowa legislature, which of the following do you think is the best description: |
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|  | 33 | People who live in cities have too much influence |
|  | 14 | People who live in rural areas have too much influence |
|  | 48 | There is a balance in influence between people who live in cities and people who live in rural areas |
|  | 5 | Not sure |

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| Which of the following best describes the size of your community: **(READ LIST.)** |
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|  | 26 | Large city over 50,000 population |
|  | 16 | Small city between 25,000 and 50,000 population |
|  | 16 | Smaller city between 5,000 and 25,000 |
|  | 12 | A large town between 2,500 and 5,000 population |
|  | 16 | A small town under 2,500 |
|  | 12 | A rural area |
|  | 1 | Refused/not sure |

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|  | In general, do you have more envy or more resentment of people who live in larger Iowa cities? **(Asked only of those who do not live in a large city; n=577.)** |
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|  |  | 10 | More envy |
|  |  | 14 | More resentment |
|  |  | 69 | Neither (VOL) |
|  |  | 8 | Not sure |

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|  | In general, do you have more envy or more resentment of people who live in Iowa’s rural counties? **(Asked only of those who live in a large city; n=212.)** |
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|  |  | 24 | More envy |
|  |  | 8 | More resentment |
|  |  | 59 | Neither (VOL) |
|  |  | 8 | Not sure |

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| Do you think legalizing fireworks in Iowa was a good idea or a bad idea? |
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|  | 46 | Good idea |
|  | 46 | Bad idea |
|  | 8 | Not sure |

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| Now, I have some questions about home-schooling. First, have you ever homeschooled any children, or were you homeschooled yourself? |
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|  | 4 | Ever homeschooled children |
|  | 2 | Was homeschooled |
|  | - | Both |
|  | 93 | No, no experience with homeschooling |
|  | - | Not sure |

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| For the following potential regulations for homeschools, please say if you favor or oppose. **(Rotate.)** |
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|  |  | **Favor** | **Oppose** | **Not****Sure** |
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|  | Homeschool children should be tested every year in reading and math to be sure they are at grade level | 91 | 8 | 1 |
|  | Families that are homeschooling children should be required to review their lesson plans with home-schooling coordinators from local school districts | 79 | 18 | 3 |
|  | Parents should be required to take homeschooled children to their local districts for a quarterly welfare check | 67 | 29 | 4 |
|  | Families with foster children should be required to send those children to school and not homeschool  | 46 | 46 | 8 |

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| Turning to some national issues, do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has been mostly a success or mostly a failure?  |
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|  |  | **Mostly a success** | **Mostly a failure** | **Not sure** |
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|  | **Jul-17** | **44** | **50** | **7** |

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| I’m going to mention some elements of Obamacare. For each, please tell me if this is something you think should be repealed, or something that should be left as is. **(Rotate list.)**  |
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|  |  |  | **Repealed** | **Left as is** | **Not****Sure** |
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|  | Subsidies to moderate-income earners to help pay the cost of premiums | **Jul-17** | **33** | **59** | **8** |

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|  | A requirement that insurance companies cannot deny coverage to anyone based on a pre-existing condition | **Jul-17** | **14** | **83** | **2** |

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|  | A requirement that all Americans have health insurance coverage or pay a penalty that increases over time | **Jul-17** | **60** | **36** | **4** |

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|  | A requirement that insurance companies allow parents to keep their children on their policies until age 26 | **Jul-17** | **22** | **75** | **2** |

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|  | Medicaid expansion to cover more poor adults | **Jul-17** | **27** | **68** | **5** |

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| Do you mostly support or mostly oppose the direction Congressional Republicans are heading in addressing health care legislation? |
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|  | 29 | Mostly support |  |
|  | 58 | Mostly oppose |  |
|  | 13 | Not sure |  |

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|  | b.  | Do you oppose more because proposed changes go too far, or more because they do not go far enough? **(Asked only of those who say they mostly oppose; n=466.)** |
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|  |  | 61 | Too far |
|  |  | 31 | Not far enough |
|  |  | 8 | Not sure |

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| Currently, Iowa’s Medicaid plan is being administered by private companies. Do you think this should continue, or should it revert to a state-administered program? |
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|  | 37 | Continue |
|  | 47 | Revert |
|  | 16 | Not sure |

**About the Poll**

The Iowa Poll, conducted July 9-13 for *The Des Moines Register* and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 800 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were administered in English. Responses were adjusted by age and sex to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

Questions based on the sample of 800 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 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 percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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