Portage County, Ohio Midterm Bellwether 2026

Hello, my name is_____. I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University, and I would like to get your opinions on some political questions. Would you be willing to spend less than five minutes answering some questions?

A. Thank You. Are you currently registered to vote in Portage County, Ohio?

(N=300)	n	%
Yes	300	100.00

1. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming November general election for governor and U.S. Senate - would you say you are almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or that it is not likely you will vote?

(N=300)	n	%
Almost certain	281	93.67
Probably vote	19	6.33

2. Which do you most closely identify as – male, female, or non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming)?

(N=300)	n	%
Male	147	49.00
Female	151	50.33
Non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming)	1	0.33
Refused	1	0.33

3. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

(N=300)	n	%
Democrat	95	31.67
Republican	118	39.33
Independent	75	25.00
Other	6	2.00
Undecided	6	2.00

4. What is your age category?

(N=300)	n	%
18-24 Years	12	4.00
25-34 Years	37	12.33
35-44 Years	40	13.33
45-54 Years	50	16.67
55-64 Years	55	18.33
65-74 Years	68	22.67
75+ Years	37	12.33
Refused	1	0.33

5. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me your ethnic background/ancestry? (READ)

(N=300)	n	%
White/Caucasian	265	88.33
Black/African American	12	4.00
Native American/Alaska Native	6	2.00
Asian	3	1.00
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00
Hispanic/Latino	7	2.33
2 or more races	5	1.67
Other	1	0.33
Don't know	1	0.33

6. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (READ)

(N=300)	n	%
Some high school	16	5.33
High school graduate	64	21.33
Some college	71	23.67
Trade/technical/vocational training	39	13.00
College graduate	70	23.33
Master's or PhD	39	13.00
Undecided	0	0.00
Refused	1	0.33

7. There are 4 candidates for United States Senate who will appear on the Ohio ballot. I'm going to read you the list, and please let me know who you plan to vote for or lean toward at this time. {ROTATE}

(N=300)	n	%
Sherrod Brown – Democratic Party	131	43.67
Jon Husted – Republican Party	145	48.33
Greg Levy – Other-Party/No Party	1	0.33
William B. Redpath – Libertarian Party	3	1.00
Vote/Lean Write-in	4	1.33
Undecided	11	3.67
Refused	5	1.67

8. There are 3 candidates for governor who will appear on the Ohio ballot. I'm going to read you the list, and please let me know who you plan to vote for or lean toward at this time. {ROTATE}

(N=300)	n	%
Amy Acton – Democratic Party	137	45.67
Don Kissick – Libertarian Party	12	4.00
Vivek Ramaswamy – Republican Party	147	49.00
Vote/Lean Write-in	2	0.67
Undecided	1	0.33
Refused	1	0.33

9. How much does a candidate's religion impact your vote? Would you say…?

(N=300)	n	%
Impacts greatly	22	7.33
Impacts somewhat	69	23.00
Impacts very little	58	19.33
Doesn't impact at all	147	49.00
Undecided	4	1.33

10. In the 2024 election for president did you vote for…? (READ)

(N=300)	n	%
Donald Trump - Republican	151	50.33
Kamala Harris – Democrat	134	44.67
Chase Oliver - Other	0	0.00
Someone else	10	3.33
Did not vote for president in 2024	3	1.00
Undecided	2	0.67

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and national politics. For each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or generally unfavorable. If you are undecided or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that. {RANDOMIZE 11-16}

(N=300)	Never Heard	Favorable	Unfavorable	HOF/Und
11. Vivek Ramaswamy	7	141	125	27
	2.33	47.00	41.67	9.00
12. Mike DeWine	5	111	140	44
	1.67	37.00	46.67	14.67
13. Amy Acton	5	120	151	24
	1.67	40.00	50.33	8.00
14. Donald Trump	0	118	153	29
	0.00	39.33	51.00	9.67
15. Sherrod Brown	5	124	151	20
	1.67	41.33	50.33	6.67
16. Jon Husted	10	127	123	40
	3.33	42.33	41.00	13.33

THE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

17. Are there any members of your household who are union members – yes or no?

(N=300)	n	%
Yes	100	33.33
No	198	66.00
Undecided	0	0.00
Refused	2	0.67

18. Are you or are any members of your household gun owners – yes or no?

(N=300)	n	%
Yes	162	54.00
No	118	39.33
Undecided	8	2.67
Refused	12	4.00