

# **COMMON CAUSE**

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## METHODOLOGY

This research study was commissioned by Common Cause to measure support for various proposals relating to the New Mexico Legislature.

### THE INTERVIEW

A random sample of registered voters who say they are likely to vote in the November 2022 General Election was interviewed by telephone. All interviews were conducted between September 16 and October 13, 2022.

The telephone interviewers are professionals who are brought together for a training session prior to each survey. This ensures their complete and consistent understanding of the survey instrument. A total of 816 registered likely voters completed interviews.

### MARGIN OF ERROR

A sample size of 816 at a 95% confidence level provides a maximum margin of error of approximately 3.4%. In theory, in 95 out of 100 cases, the results based on a sample of 816 will differ by no more than 3.4 percentage points in either direction from what would have been obtained by interviewing all likely voters in New Mexico.

### SAMPLE BIAS

In any survey, there are some respondents who will refuse to speak to the professional interviewer. A lower response rate among certain types of individuals can result in a sample wherein certain types of individuals are over-represented or under-represented. The potential for sampling bias increases as the response rate decreases. Research & Polling, Inc. often sets quotas for various segments of the population who are historically undercounted. This has the effect of minimizing, but not necessarily eliminating, sampling bias.

Furthermore, to reduce the potential for sampling bias, Research & Polling, Inc. weighted the surveys for various demographic segments of the population in order to reflect a representative distribution of the likely voter population.

### THE REPORT

This report summarizes the results from each question in the survey and reports on any variances in attitude or perception, where significant, among demographic subgroups. The subgroups examined in this report include.

- Region
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Age
- Household income
- Education attainment level
- Political party

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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A survey of 816 likely voters in New Mexico shows there is a strong support for proposals to modernize the New Mexico State Legislature.

### LENGTHENING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

Seven-in-ten likely voters either *strongly support* (46%) or *somewhat support* (24%) extending the number of days in each legislative session, compared to 20% who either *strongly oppose* (14%) or *somewhat oppose* (6%) this proposal.

Support for extending the number of days in each legislative session cuts across party lines as the large majority of Democrats (76%), Republicans (64%) and independents (64%) favor this proposal.

### COMPENSATION

Over three-fifths (64%) of likely voters either *strongly support* (37%) or *somewhat support* (27%) paying legislators a base salary equivalent to the average household income in New Mexico, compared to 25% who either *strongly oppose* (15%) or *somewhat oppose* (10%) this proposal.

Democrats (76%) and independents (64%) are more likely than Republicans (50%) to support paying legislators a base salary. Approximately two-fifths of Republicans (39%) are opposed to the idea.

When it comes to setting a salary for legislators, voters are most supportive of having an **independent salary commission** set the salary level (62% support vs 26% oppose). The majority of Democrats (66%), independents (61%) and Republicans (57%) support an independent salary commission setting the salary level.

Just over half (52%) of likely voters say they would support the **New Mexico Ethics Commission** setting the salary level, though 32% are opposed to the idea and 16% have no opinion. Democrats (60%) are more likely than independents (51%) and Republicans (41%) to support having the New Mexico Ethics Commission set the salary level.

Although most likely voters believe New Mexico legislators should be paid a base salary, there is little support for having the legislators themselves decide what their salary should be. Nearly three-in-four likely voters (72%) are opposed to the idea of having the legislators themselves set the salary levels while just 20% are supportive. The majority of Republicans (78%), independents (70%) and Democrats (69%) are opposed to the legislators setting their own salary levels.

It is important to note that awareness of how state legislators are paid for their time is quite low. Only one-in-three voters (32%) correctly believe legislators are paid **a daily expense allowance or per diem, plus mileage fees and no base salary**. The plurality of voters (38%) mistakenly believe that New Mexico legislators are paid **a base salary in addition to a daily expense allowance or per diem and mileage fees**, while 27% admit they do not know how legislators are compensated. Educating the public on how legislators are compensated and informing them of the merits of paying a salary may help to build even greater public support on this issue.

## STAFFING

Two-thirds of likely voters either *strongly support* (34%) or *somewhat support* (33%) giving the legislators a budget to hire their own staff to help them meet with voters in their district to address community concerns, research policy issues, and meet with other local government and business organizations in their districts.

It should be noted that the majority of Democrats (77%), independents (67%) and Republicans (53%) support giving legislators a budget to hire their own staff.

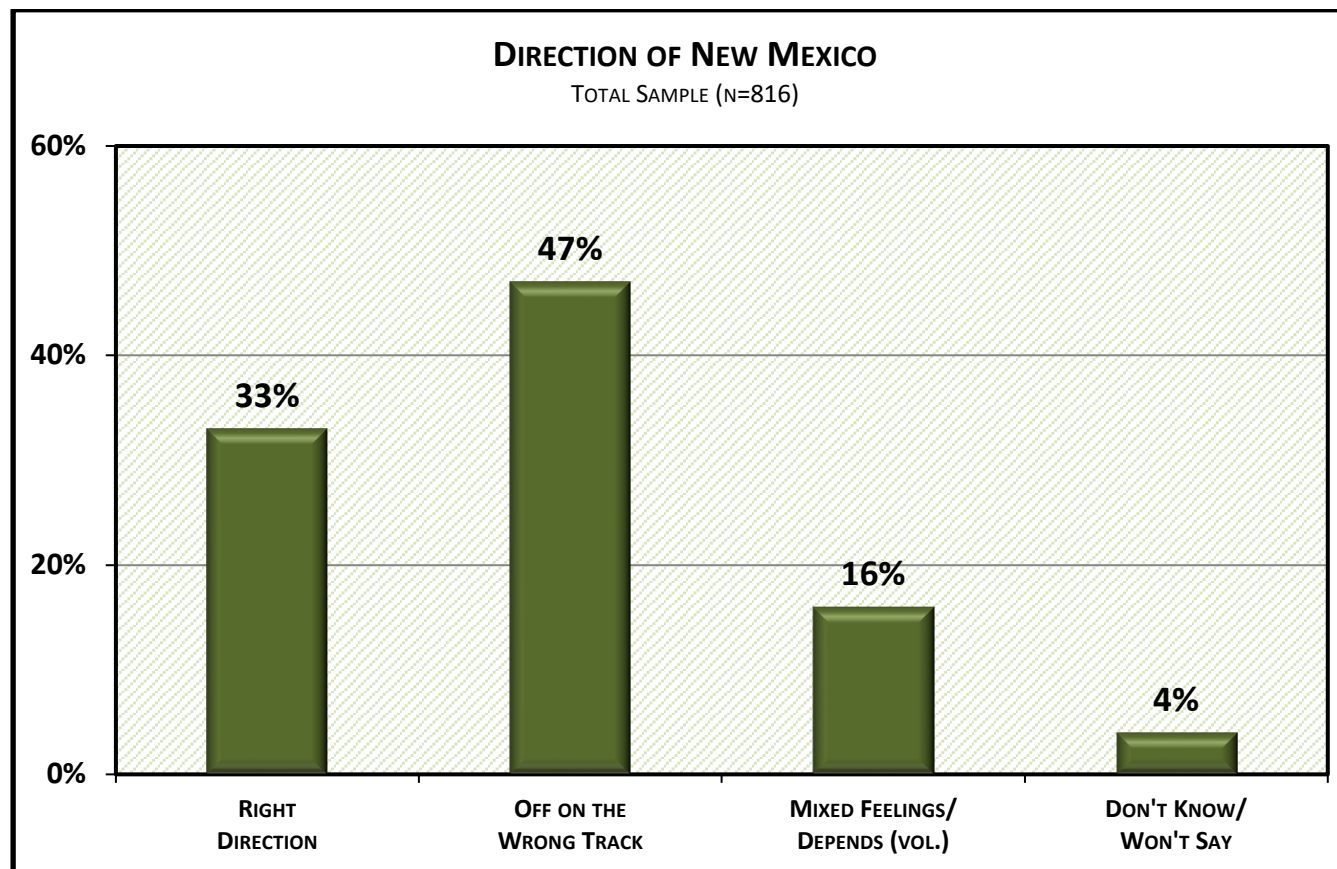
## DISCLOSURE

The vast majority (84%) of likely voters either *strongly support* (70%) or *somewhat support* (14%) **requiring New Mexico legislators to fully disclose all sources of income for themselves and immediate family each year and when voting on a bill with which a legislator might have a financial conflict of interest.** The broad support for this proposal cuts across demographic, regional, and party lines.

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS



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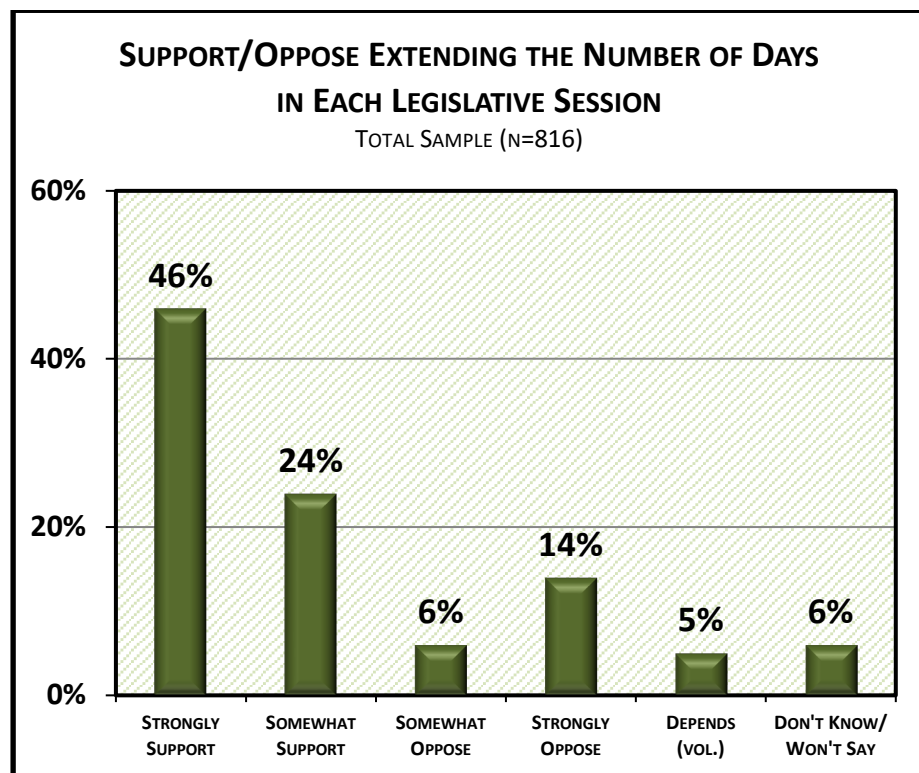
When asked about the general direction of where New Mexico is heading, nearly half of the likely voters in New Mexico (47%) feel that things are **off on the wrong track** in the state, while 33% believe New Mexico is **heading in the right direction** and 16% have **mixed feelings/say it depends**.

**POLITICAL PARTY:** Seventy-four percent of Republicans feel things are **off on the wrong track**, as do 49% of independents compared to 25% of Democrats. Nearly half of Democrats (48%) feel things are **headed in the right direction** compared to 26% of independents and just 15% of Republicans.

**EDUCATION:** Fifty-eight percent of those with high school education or less feel things are **off on the wrong track** compared to 43% of those with at least some college education or higher.

**REGION:** Fifty-nine percent of likely voters in Eastern New Mexico feel things are **off on the wrong track** compared to 33% of those in the North Central region.





Likely voters were informed that the New Mexico legislature currently meets for 30 day sessions in the even number years and 60 day sessions in odd number years and that some people have been asking to extend the number of days in each session to give legislators more time to address the growing number of issues facing New Mexico and create more accountability of how government funds are spent.

As shown above, seven-in-ten voters say they would either *strongly support* (46%) or *somewhat support* (24%) extending the number of days in each legislative session, compared to 20% who either *strongly oppose* (14%) or *somewhat oppose* (6%) this proposal.

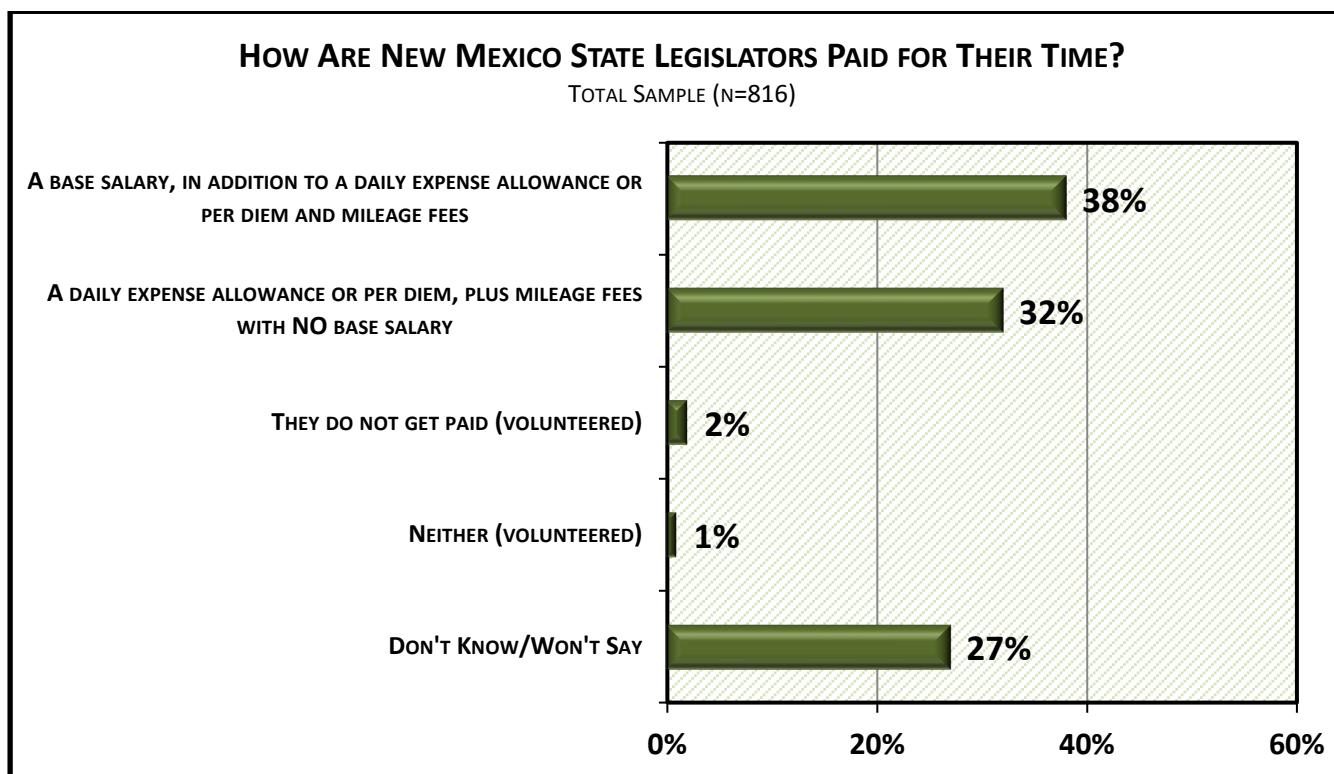
SUPPORT FOR EXTENDING LEGISLATIVE SESSION			
DEMOGRAPHICS			
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	TOTAL SUPPORT
DEMOCRAT	53%	23%	76%
REPUBLICAN	39%	25%	64%
INDEPENDENT	40%	24%	64%
18-34	45%	34%	79%
35-49	47%	19%	66%
50-64	51%	22%	73%
65+	42%	22%	64%
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS	36%	28%	64%
SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATES	51%	20%	71%
4 YR. COLLEGE GRADUATE	48%	23%	71%
GRADUATE DEGREE	49%	26%	75%
ABQ. METRO	46%	21%	67%
NORTHWEST	37%	22%	59%
NORTH CENTRAL	49%	27%	76%
LAS CRUCES/SOUTHWEST	49%	27%	76%
EASTSIDE	46%	28%	74%

**POLITICAL PARTY:** The large majority of Democrats (76%), Republicans (64%), and independents (64%) support extending the days of the legislative sessions.

**EDUCATION:** Voters who have at least some college education or higher (50%) are more likely to *strongly support* extending the days of each legislative session than are those with a high school education or less (36%).

**AGE:** Likely voters between the ages of 18 to 34 (79%) tend to be more supportive of extending the number of days of each session than are older voters.

**REGION:** Though still a majority, likely voters in the Northwest region of the state (59%) are *less* likely than those in other regions to support extending the days in each session.

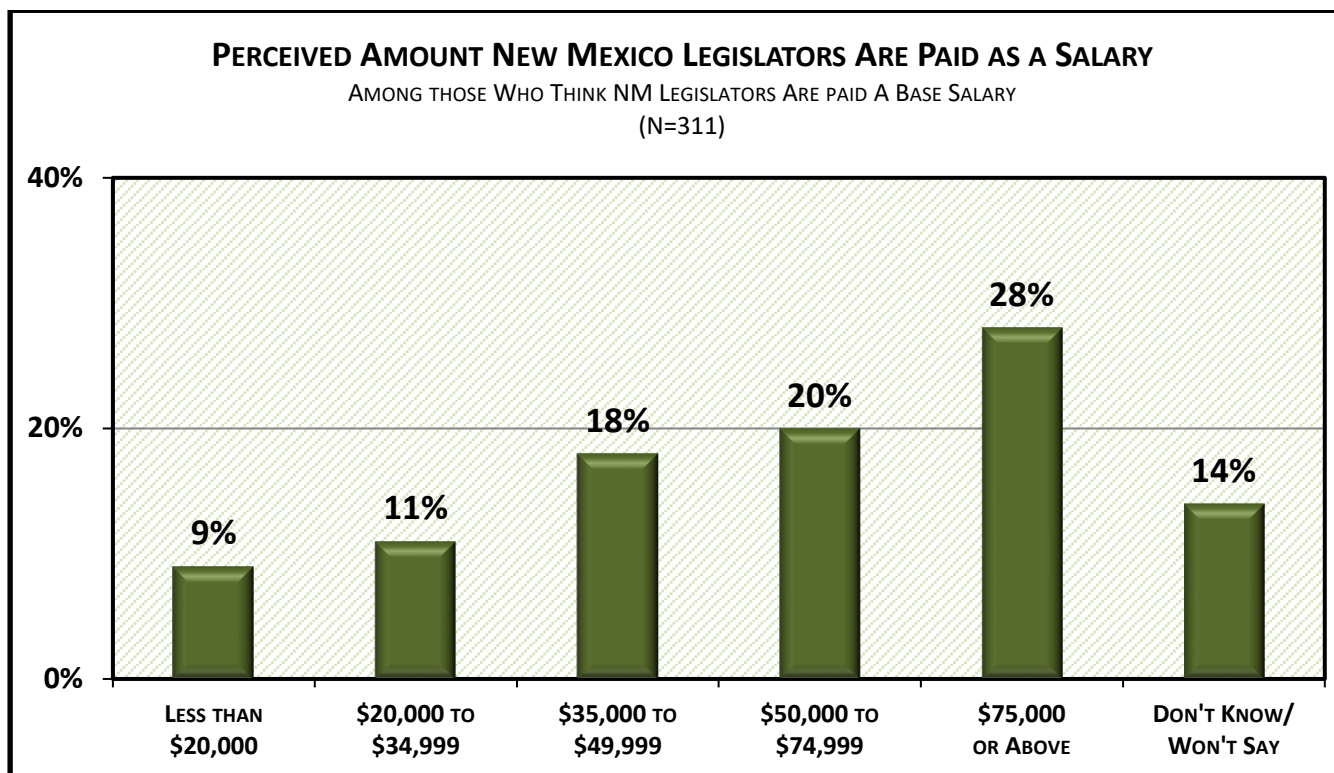


Overall, awareness of how state legislators are paid for their time is quite low. When read two options, 38% of voters mistakenly believe that New Mexico legislators are paid a **base salary in addition to a daily expense allowance or per diem and mileage fees**, while 32% believe they are paid a **daily expense allowance or per diem, plus mileage fees and no base salary**. Twenty-seven percent of voters said they do not know how the legislators are compensated.

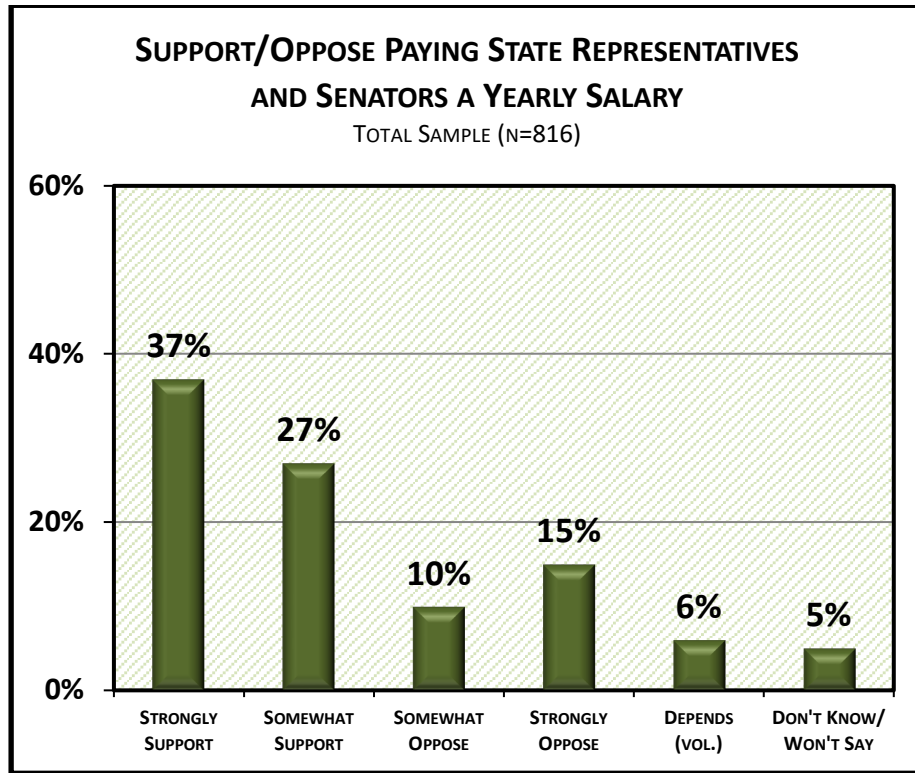
Likely voters who are more likely to be aware that New Mexico state legislators are paid a daily expense allowance or per diem, plus mileage fees and no base salary include:

- Men (36%) compared to women (28%)
- Seniors (36%) compared to those 18 to 34 (25%)
- Those with a graduate degree (44%) compared to those with some college or less (27%)
- Those with a household income of \$80,000 or higher (42%) compared to those earning less than \$80,000 (28%)

It should also be noted that 53% of those with between the ages of 18 and 49 believe the state legislators are paid a base salary. There are no significant differences in awareness among Democrats, Republicans, and independents.



Likely voters who think the state legislators are paid a base salary were asked what they believe is the amount of that salary. Twenty-eight percent of the respondents believe the base salary is \$75,000 or higher, while 20% believe they are paid between \$50,000 to \$74,999 and 18% believe the salary is between \$35,000 and \$49,999. Twenty percent of the respondents believe the legislators are paid a salary of less than \$35,000.



Likely voters were informed that New Mexico is currently the only state in the country that does not pay its legislators a salary; instead they are paid a daily expense allowance or per diem and mileage while they are working. Voters were then asked if they would support or oppose paying state representatives and senators a yearly salary equivalent to the average household income in New Mexico, so that more people could afford to serve as legislators without having to hold another job.

As shown above, over three-fifths (64%) of likely voters either *strongly support* (37%) or *somewhat support* (27%) paying legislators a base salary, compared to 25% who either *strongly oppose* (15%) or *somewhat oppose* (10%) this proposal. Eleven percent of respondents are either undecided or say it “depends”.

SUPPORT FOR PAYING A BASE YEARLY SALARY			
DEMOGRAPHICS			
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	TOTAL SUPPORT
DEMOCRAT	45%	31%	76%
REPUBLICAN	30%	20%	50%
INDEPENDENT	30%	34%	64%
18-34	43%	35%	78%
35-49	37%	27%	64%
50-64	40%	25%	65%
65+	32%	24%	56%
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS	32%	28%	60%
SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATES	40%	29%	69%
4 YR. COLLEGE GRADUATE	40%	26%	66%
GRADUATE DEGREE	37%	25%	62%
ABQ. METRO	35%	30%	65%
NORTHWEST	30%	26%	56%
NORTH CENTRAL	45%	33%	78%
LAS CRUCES/SOUTHWEST	42%	20%	62%
EASTSIDE	36%	23%	59%

**POLITICAL PARTY:** Democrats (76%) and independents (64%) are more likely than Republicans (50%) to support paying legislators a base salary. Approximately two-fifths of Republicans (39%) are opposed to the idea.

**EDUCATION:** No significant differences are observed among voters with different education levels.

**AGE:** Likely voters between the ages of 18 to 34 (78%) are more supportive of paying New Mexico legislators a base salary than are voters between the ages of 35 and 64 (65%) and seniors (56%).

**REGION:** Voters in North Central New Mexico (78%) tend to be the most supportive of paying legislators a base salary, though the majority in each region do support the proposal.

<b>SUPPORT/OPPOSE VARIOUS GROUPS SETTING THE SALARY LEVEL</b> <b>(SUMMARY TABLE)</b> TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816) RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE "SUPPORT"			
	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/ WON'T SAY
<b>AN INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION</b>	62%	26%	12%
<b>THE NEW MEXICO ETHICS COMMISSION</b>	52%	32%	16%
<b>THE LEGISLATORS THEMSELVES</b>	20%	72%	8%

Likely voters were asked if they would support or oppose three different groups or organizations setting the salary levels for New Mexico legislators, assuming that a salary were to be paid.

#### INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION

Voters are most supportive of having an **independent salary commission** set the salary level (62% support vs 26% oppose). The majority of Democrats (66%), independents (61%) and Republicans (57%) support an independent salary commission setting the salary level.

#### NEW MEXICO ETHICS COMMISSION

Just over half (52%) of likely voters say they would support **the New Mexico Ethics Commission** setting the salary level, though 32% are opposed to the idea and 16% have no opinion.

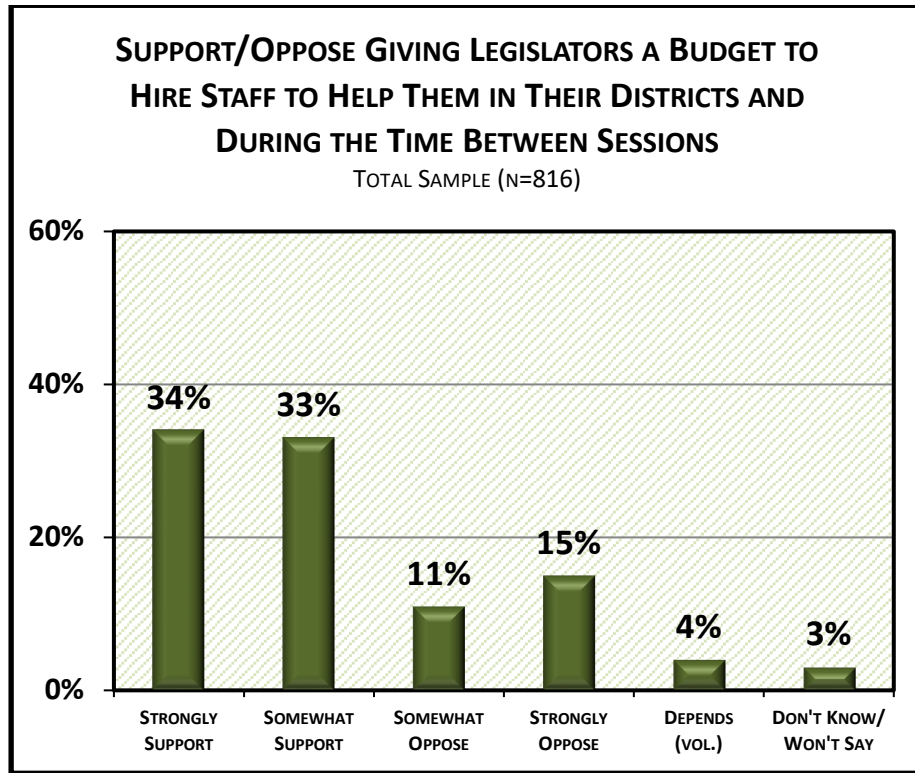
Democrats (60%) are more likely than independents (51%) and Republicans (41%) to support having the New Mexico Ethics Commission set the salary level.

It should also be noted that 63% of likely voters between the ages of 18 and 49 support the New Mexico Ethics Commission setting the salary level compared to 44% of those age 50 and over.

Voters with at least some college education or higher (56%) are much more likely than those with a high school education or less (39%) to support having the New Mexico Ethics Commission set the salary level.

#### NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS

Nearly three-in-four likely voters (72%) are opposed to the idea of having the **legislators themselves** set the salary levels, while just 20% are supportive. The majority of Republicans (78%), independents (70%) and Democrats (69%) are opposed to the legislators setting their own salary levels.



Likely voters were informed that although the New Mexico legislature has a permanent staff of bill drafters and budget analysts, individual New Mexico legislators do not have their own staff to help them meet with voters in their district to address community concerns, research policy issues, and meet with other local government and business organizations. They were then asked if they would support or oppose giving legislators a budget to hire staff to help them in their districts and during the time between legislative sessions.

As shown above, two-thirds of likely voters either *strongly support* (34%) or *somewhat support* (33%) giving legislators a budget to hire their own staff, while 26% say they either *strongly oppose* (15%) or *somewhat oppose* (11%) this proposal.

SUPPORT FOR HIRING PAID STAFF			
DEMOGRAPHICS			
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	TOTAL SUPPORT
DEMOCRAT	43%	34%	77%
REPUBLICAN	23%	30%	53%
INDEPENDENT	30%	37%	67%
18-34	42%	39%	81%
35-49	36%	26%	62%
50-64	31%	34%	65%
65+	30%	34%	64%
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS	33%	33%	66%
SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATES	35%	36%	71%
4 YR. COLLEGE GRADUATE	31%	32%	63%
GRADUATE DEGREE	36%	29%	65%
ABQ. METRO	33%	32%	65%
NORTHWEST	32%	28%	60%
NORTH CENTRAL	37%	37%	74%
LAS CRUCES/SOUTHWEST	37%	34%	71%
EASTSIDE	29%	35%	64%
HISPANIC	40%	31%	71%
ANGLO	29%	35%	64%
OTHER	37%	32%	69%

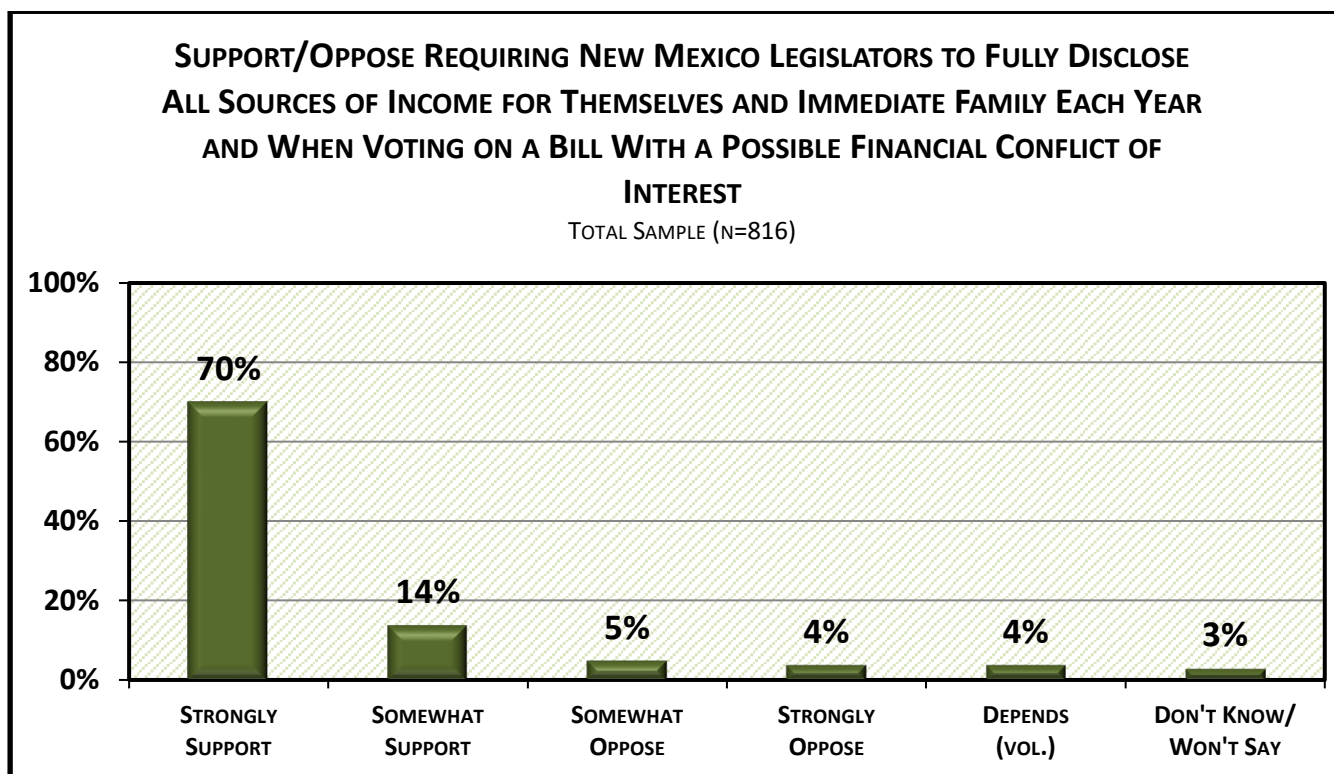
**POLITICAL PARTY:** The majority of Democrats (77%), independents (67%), and Republicans (53%) support giving legislators a budget to hire their own staff. Thirty-nine percent of Republicans are opposed.

**EDUCATION:** No significant differences are observed among voters with different education levels.

**AGE:** Likely voters between the ages of 18 to 34 (81%) are more supportive than older voters (63%).

**REGION:** Voters in North Central New Mexico (74%) and Las Cruces/Southwest New Mexico (71%) are the most supportive, while those in the Northwest (60%) are the least supportive though still a large majority are supportive.

**RACE/ETHNICITY:** Overall, both Hispanic (71%) and Anglo voters (64%) support legislators hiring their own staff. Forty percent of Hispanic voters *strongly support* the idea compared to 29% of Anglos.



The vast majority (84%) of likely voters either *strongly support* (70%) or *somewhat support* (14%) requiring New Mexico legislators to fully disclose all sources of income for themselves and immediate family each year and when voting on a bill with which a legislator might have a financial conflict of interest. Support for this proposal cuts across demographic, regional, and party lines.

# DATA TABLES

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## DIRECTION OF NEW MEXICO

QUESTION 1: IN GENERAL, DO YOU FEEL THAT THINGS IN NEW MEXICO ARE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR DO YOU FEEL THINGS ARE OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
RIGHT DIRECTION	33%	32%	33%	34%	35%	29%	33%	33%	27%	38%	25%	31%	34%	47%	31%	26%	34%	40%	33%
OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK	47%	50%	44%	44%	47%	46%	37%	50%	58%	41%	58%	44%	43%	39%	48%	48%	38%	42%	52%
MIXED FEELINGS/DEPENDS	16%	16%	17%	17%	16%	18%	24%	15%	12%	16%	15%	19%	18%	12%	16%	20%	24%	16%	11%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	4%	2%	6%	5%	2%	7%	5%	3%	3%	5%	2%	6%	4%	2%	6%	6%	3%	2%	4%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
RIGHT DIRECTION	33%	48%	15%	26%	33%	30%	33%	26%	40%	41%	24%
OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK	47%	25%	74%	49%	49%	31%	48%	49%	33%	41%	59%
MIXED FEELINGS/DEPENDS	16%	20%	8%	22%	14%	32%	17%	19%	19%	13%	14%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	4%	6%	2%	2%	4%	8%	2%	7%	8%	5%	3%

## SUPPORT/OPPOSE EXTENDING THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

QUESTION 2: NEW MEXICO'S LEGISLATURE CURRENTLY MEETS FOR 30 DAY SESSIONS IN EVEN NUMBER YEARS AND 60-DAY SESSIONS IN ODD NUMBER YEARS. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING TO EXTEND THE NUMBERS OF DAYS IN EACH SESSION TO GIVE LEGISLATORS MORE TIME TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF ISSUES FACING NEW MEXICO AND CREATE MORE ACCOUNTABILITY OF HOW GOVERNMENT FUNDS ARE SPENT. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE EXTENDING THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION? IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	46%	44%	47%	48%	43%	50%	45%	47%	51%	42%	36%	51%	48%	49%	41%	43%	38%	50%	51%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	24%	25%	23%	24%	26%	16%	34%	19%	22%	22%	28%	20%	23%	26%	27%	26%	29%	24%	20%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%	9%	5%	8%	4%	5%	3%	10%	6%	6%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	14%	16%	11%	12%	11%	21%	7%	16%	14%	15%	17%	12%	11%	15%	12%	16%	14%	11%	16%
DEPENDS	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	4%	6%	4%	9%	5%	7%	7%	3%	12%	7%	3%	4%	3%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	46%	53%	39%	40%	46%	42%	46%	37%	49%	49%	46%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	24%	23%	25%	24%	23%	33%	21%	22%	27%	27%	28%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	6%	8%	6%	7%	5%	7%	8%	3%	4%	9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	14%	9%	19%	17%	14%	8%	14%	19%	12%	16%	10%
DEPENDS	5%	4%	4%	8%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	1%	5%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	8%	7%	10%	5%	3%	2%

## HOW ARE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATORS PAID FOR THEIR TIME?

QUESTION 3: HOW DO YOU THINK NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATORS ARE PAID FOR THEIR TIME? IS IT...

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM, PLUS MILEAGE FEES WITH NO BASE SALARY	32%	36%	28%	32%	32%	27%	25%	30%	33%	36%	27%	28%	35%	44%	20%	29%	31%	27%	42%
A BASE SALARY, IN ADDITION TO A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE FEES	38%	39%	38%	42%	35%	46%	53%	52%	35%	24%	35%	43%	41%	31%	41%	37%	40%	43%	38%
THEY DO NOT GET PAID	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	1%
NEITHER	1%	2%	-	*	2%	-	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	1%	*
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	27%	21%	32%	25%	29%	25%	18%	18%	29%	36%	35%	27%	22%	22%	38%	30%	23%	26%	19%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM, PLUS MILEAGE FEES WITH NO BASE SALARY	32%	31%	34%	29%	33%	19%	36%	28%	32%	30%	24%
A BASE SALARY, IN ADDITION TO A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE FEES	38%	37%	37%	44%	37%	46%	37%	35%	38%	40%	43%
THEY DO NOT GET PAID	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	7%	1%	3%	1%	2%	5%
NEITHER	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	27%	30%	26%	21%	27%	28%	25%	33%	28%	28%	28%

\*LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

**PERCEIVED AMOUNT NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS ARE PAID AS A SALARY**  
AMONG THOSE WHO BELIEVE LEGISLATORS ARE PAID A BASE SALARY IN ADDITION TO PER DIEM AND MILEAGE

QUESTION 4: CURRENTLY, HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS ARE PAID AS A SALARY?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=311)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
LESS THAN \$20,000	9%	11%	7%	3%	12%	13%	9%	5%	5%	17%	11%	5%	9%	15%	8%	-	6%	3%	19%
\$20,000 TO \$34,999	11%	10%	12%	11%	11%	14%	10%	11%	13%	11%	14%	10%	10%	13%	18%	13%	10%	11%	10%
\$35,000 TO \$49,999	18%	18%	19%	21%	16%	14%	18%	20%	13%	22%	11%	23%	18%	19%	17%	17%	29%	23%	10%
\$50,000 TO \$74,999	20%	17%	23%	16%	21%	27%	26%	22%	19%	10%	19%	19%	21%	22%	9%	30%	21%	20%	24%
\$75,000 OR ABOVE	28%	33%	23%	33%	27%	16%	27%	33%	32%	18%	27%	29%	32%	17%	29%	21%	27%	30%	26%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	14%	13%	16%	16%	12%	16%	10%	10%	18%	23%	19%	14%	11%	14%	19%	18%	7%	13%	12%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=311)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
LESS THAN \$20,000	9%	10%	10%	4%	10%	2%	9%	14%	5%	6%	9%
\$20,000 TO \$34,999	11%	14%	9%	8%	11%	11%	10%	26%	13%	9%	6%
\$35,000 TO \$49,999	18%	21%	15%	18%	18%	20%	18%	19%	19%	21%	17%
\$50,000 TO \$74,999	20%	17%	21%	24%	18%	30%	26%	9%	10%	15%	22%
\$75,000 OR ABOVE	28%	25%	32%	27%	27%	31%	24%	20%	31%	36%	33%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	14%	14%	13%	19%	16%	6%	13%	11%	21%	13%	13%

## SUPPORT/OPOSE PAYING STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS A YEARLY SALARY

QUESTION 5: CURRENTLY, NEW MEXICO IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT PAY ITS LEGISLATURE A SALARY. INSTEAD, STATE LEGISLATORS ARE PAID A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE WHEN THEY ARE WORKING. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE PAYING STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS A YEARLY SALARY, EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD IN NEW MEXICO, SO THAT MORE PEOPLE COULD AFFORD TO SERVE AS LEGISLATORS AND ALSO ALLOW THEM TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUES FACING NEW MEXICO WITHOUT HAVING TO HOLD ANOTHER JOB? (PAUSE) IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	37%	35%	39%	38%	36%	44%	43%	37%	40%	32%	32%	40%	40%	37%	40%	34%	45%	35%	39%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	27%	28%	27%	28%	27%	26%	35%	27%	25%	24%	28%	29%	26%	25%	24%	37%	22%	29%	27%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	10%	11%	9%	9%	11%	5%	7%	11%	9%	11%	12%	8%	8%	11%	9%	10%	13%	11%	8%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	15%	19%	12%	16%	13%	13%	8%	16%	16%	18%	15%	13%	15%	18%	10%	12%	10%	14%	17%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	6%	4%	7%	5%	8%	3%	5%	4%	8%	6%	8%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	7%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	5%	3%	6%	4%	5%	8%	2%	5%	3%	9%	5%	4%	7%	3%	12%	2%	6%	4%	2%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	37%	45%	30%	30%	36%	43%	35%	30%	45%	42%	36%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	27%	31%	20%	34%	26%	38%	30%	26%	33%	20%	23%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	10%	6%	14%	12%	10%	7%	9%	9%	3%	14%	13%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	15%	8%	25%	15%	17%	5%	17%	15%	11%	15%	15%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	6%	6%	6%	4%	6%	4%	6%	5%	2%	7%	8%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%	3%	14%	5%	3%	5%

## SUPPORT/OPOSE VARIOUS GROUPS SETTING THE SALARY LEVEL: AN INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION

QUESTION 6: IF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS WERE TO BE PAID A SALARY, THERE ARE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT COULD SET THE SALARY LEVEL. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO SET THE SALARY LEVEL? **AN INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION**

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
<b>SUPPORT</b>	62%	64%	60%	64%	62%	64%	67%	65%	61%	57%	62%	63%	61%	64%	51%	56%	72%	65%	67%
<b>OPPOSE</b>	26%	28%	24%	26%	26%	24%	20%	26%	26%	30%	26%	25%	29%	24%	30%	29%	21%	26%	24%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY/ DEPENDS</b>	12%	8%	16%	10%	12%	12%	12%	9%	12%	13%	13%	12%	10%	12%	19%	15%	7%	9%	9%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
<b>SUPPORT</b>	62%	66%	57%	61%	63%	53%	65%	59%	65%	61%	53%
<b>OPPOSE</b>	26%	20%	34%	28%	25%	32%	24%	26%	22%	27%	35%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY/ DEPENDS</b>	12%	14%	10%	12%	12%	15%	11%	15%	13%	12%	12%

## SUPPORT/OPPOSE VARIOUS GROUPS SETTING THE SALARY LEVEL: THE LEGISLATORS THEMSELVES

QUESTION 7: IF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS WERE TO BE PAID A SALARY, THERE ARE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT COULD SET THE SALARY LEVEL. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO SET THE SALARY LEVEL? **THE LEGISLATORS THEMSELVES**

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
<b>SUPPORT</b>	20%	19%	20%	25%	14%	28%	28%	22%	20%	14%	22%	18%	20%	20%	26%	30%	24%	19%	18%
<b>OPPOSE</b>	72%	74%	71%	69%	77%	65%	61%	72%	75%	78%	70%	75%	73%	72%	63%	66%	70%	76%	75%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY/ DEPENDS</b>	8%	7%	9%	6%	8%	7%	11%	6%	5%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	10%	4%	6%	5%	8%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
<b>SUPPORT</b>	20%	23%	15%	21%	18%	30%	18%	28%	17%	17%	24%
<b>OPPOSE</b>	72%	69%	78%	70%	74%	60%	73%	68%	73%	79%	68%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY/ DEPENDS</b>	8%	8%	7%	9%	8%	10%	9%	3%	10%	5%	9%

## SUPPORT/OPOSE VARIOUS GROUPS SETTING THE SALARY LEVEL: THE NEW MEXICO ETHICS COMMISSION

QUESTION 8: IF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS WERE TO BE PAID A SALARY, THERE ARE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT COULD SET THE SALARY LEVEL. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO SET THE SALARY LEVEL? **THE NEW MEXICO ETHICS COMMISSION**

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
<b>SUPPORT</b>	52%	50%	53%	57%	48%	58%	64%	62%	48%	42%	39%	56%	58%	54%	45%	57%	53%	57%	55%
<b>OPPOSE</b>	32%	34%	31%	29%	33%	34%	20%	24%	40%	39%	43%	28%	28%	33%	29%	30%	29%	30%	33%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY/ DEPENDS</b>	16%	15%	16%	15%	18%	8%	16%	14%	13%	19%	18%	16%	14%	13%	26%	13%	18%	12%	12%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
<b>SUPPORT</b>	52%	60%	41%	51%	51%	58%	50%	59%	61%	50%	44%
<b>OPPOSE</b>	32%	26%	41%	32%	34%	23%	34%	26%	26%	32%	40%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY/ DEPENDS</b>	16%	14%	17%	17%	16%	18%	16%	14%	14%	18%	16%



## SUPPORT/OPPOSE GIVING LEGISLATORS A BUDGET TO HIRE STAFF TO HELP THEM IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND DURING THE TIME BETWEEN SESSIONS

QUESTION 9: ALTHOUGH THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE HAS A PERMANENT STAFF OF BILL DRAFTERS AND BUDGET ANALYSTS, INDIVIDUAL NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN STAFF TO HELP THEM MEET WITH VOTERS IN THEIR DISTRICT TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS, RESEARCH POLICY ISSUES, AND MEET WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE GIVING LEGISLATORS A BUDGET TO HIRE STAFF TO HELP THEM IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND DURING THE TIME BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS? (PAUSE) IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	34%	34%	33%	40%	29%	37%	42%	36%	31%	30%	33%	35%	31%	36%	40%	38%	37%	29%	36%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	33%	32%	34%	31%	35%	32%	39%	26%	34%	34%	33%	36%	32%	29%	31%	32%	31%	40%	28%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	11%	12%	10%	11%	12%	11%	8%	14%	11%	11%	10%	9%	17%	10%	10%	8%	10%	12%	11%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	15%	16%	14%	13%	15%	14%	5%	17%	18%	17%	18%	10%	15%	18%	13%	13%	12%	12%	20%
DEPENDS	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	5%	9%	3%	3%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	1%	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%	2%	5%	2%	4%	1%	3%	1%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	34%	43%	23%	30%	33%	39%	33%	32%	37%	37%	29%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	33%	34%	30%	37%	32%	38%	32%	28%	37%	34%	35%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	11%	9%	15%	10%	11%	8%	9%	16%	9%	10%	16%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	15%	7%	24%	19%	16%	8%	17%	17%	11%	13%	13%
DEPENDS	4%	4%	6%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%

**SUPPORT/OPOSE REQUIRING NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS TO FULLY DISCLOSE ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR  
THEMSELVES AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY EACH YEAR AND WHEN VOTING ON A BILL WITH A POSSIBLE FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

QUESTION 10: WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE REQUIRING NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS TO FULLY DISCLOSE ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THEMSELVES AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY EACH YEAR AND WHEN VOTING ON A BILL WITH WHICH A LEGISLATOR MIGHT HAVE A FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST? (PAUSE) IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE				EDUCATION				TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	OTHER	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	LESS THAN \$25,000	\$25,000 TO \$34,999	\$35,000 TO \$49,999	\$50,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 OR MORE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	70%	74%	66%	67%	74%	61%	68%	65%	77%	69%	62%	74%	72%	74%	51%	65%	72%	72%	82%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	14%	10%	17%	16%	12%	13%	18%	17%	9%	13%	16%	13%	14%	11%	21%	18%	13%	14%	7%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	9%	5%	6%	4%	6%	10%	3%	4%	4%	8%	2%	5%	6%	3%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	4%	5%	4%	5%	2%	10%	5%	6%	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%	11%	3%	2%	3%	4%
DEPENDS	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	5%	7%	3%	3%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	7%	2%	2%	2%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)	POLITICAL PARTY			LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION		REGION				
		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	LAS CRUCES/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	70%	72%	71%	61%	72%	52%	67%	55%	75%	78%	78%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	14%	12%	13%	21%	12%	24%	15%	16%	11%	12%	13%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%	3%	4%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	4%	3%	5%	9%	4%	8%	5%	10%	3%	5%	1%
DEPENDS	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%	2%	3%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	3%	9%	3%	-	1%

# DEMOGRAPHICS

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**  
AMONG LIKELY VOTERS  
TOTAL SAMPLE (N=816)

<b>GENDER</b>		<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>	
MALE	47%	UNDER \$25,000	11%
FEMALE	53%	\$25,000-\$34,999	11%
<b>AGE</b>		\$35,000 - \$49,999	13%
18 TO 34 YEARS	20%	\$50,000 - \$79,999	25%
35 TO 49 YEARS	20%	\$80,000 OR MORE	26%
50 TO 64 YEARS	25%	WON'T SAY	14%
65 YEARS OR OLDER	33%	<b>POLITICAL AFFILIATION</b>	
WON'T SAY	1%	DEMOCRAT	48%
<b>ETHNICITY</b>		REPUBLICAN	36%
ANGLO	48%	INDEPENDENT/UNAFFILIATED/OTHER	16%
HISPANIC	35%	<b>REGION</b>	
NATIVE AMERICAN	6%	ABQ METRO	45%
AFRICAN AMERICAN	1%	NORTH CENTRAL	15%
ASIAN AMERICAN	1%	EASTSIDE	15%
OTHER	5%	LAS CRUCES/SOUTHWEST	14%
WON'T SAY	4%	NORTHWEST	11%
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	24%		
SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE/VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE	33%		
COLLEGE GRADUATE (4 YEARS)	23%		
GRADUATE WORK OR DEGREE	17%		
WON'T SAY	2%		

# QUESTIONNAIRE



COMMON CAUSE 2022  
SEPTEMBER 2022  
FINAL  
N = 800 STATEWIDE REGISTERED VOTERS

HELLO, MY NAME IS (YOUR NAME) FROM RESEARCH & POLLING, INC. WE ARE CONDUCTING A BRIEF SURVEY ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE COMMUNITY. I ASSURE YOU I AM NOT SELLING ANYTHING. YOUR PHONE NUMBER WAS SELECTED AT RANDOM, AND WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME.

A. ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY? (IF NO, ASK IF THEY ARE A REGISTERED VOTER IN ANY NEW MEXICO COUNTY OR IF ANYONE ELSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD IS A REGISTERED VOTER IN NEW MEXICO)

- |                |                |                                    |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 01. BERNALILLO | 13. HIDALGO    | 25. SAN MIGUEL                     |
| 02. CATRON     | 14. LEA        | 26. SANDOVAL                       |
| 03. CHAVES     | 15. LINCOLN    | 27. SANTA FE                       |
| 04. CIBOLA     | 16. LOS ALAMOS | 28. SIERRA                         |
| 05. COLFAX     | 17. LUNA       | 29. SOCORRO                        |
| 06. CURRY      | 18. MCKINLEY   | 30. TAOS                           |
| 07. DE BACA    | 19. MORA       | 31. TORRANCE                       |
| 08. DONA ANA   | 20. OTERO      | 32. UNION                          |
| 09. EDDY       | 21. QUAY       | 33. VALENCIA                       |
| 10. GRANT      | 22. RIO ARRIBA | --. NO/DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY (THANK |
| 11. GUADALUPE  | 23. ROOSEVELT  | AND TERMINATE)                     |
| 12. HARDING    | 24. SAN JUAN   |                                    |

B: HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2022, GENERAL ELECTION?

1. VERY LIKELY
2. SOMEWHAT LIKELY
3. SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY (THANK AND TERMINATE)
4. VERY UNLIKELY (THANK AND TERMINATE)
5. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY (THANK AND TERMINATE)

1. IN GENERAL, DO YOU FEEL THAT THINGS IN NEW MEXICO ARE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR DO YOU FEEL THINGS ARE OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

1. RIGHT DIRECTION
2. OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK
3. MIXED FEELINGS/DEPENDS (DO NOT READ)
4. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY (DO NOT READ)

- 2. NEW MEXICO'S LEGISLATURE CURRENTLY MEETS FOR 30 DAY SESSIONS IN EVEN NUMBER YEARS AND 60-DAY SESSIONS IN ODD NUMBER YEARS. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING TO EXTEND THE NUMBERS OF DAYS IN EACH SESSION TO GIVE LEGISLATORS MORE TIME TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF ISSUES FACING NEW MEXICO AND CREATE MORE ACCOUNTABILITY OF HOW GOVERNMENT FUNDS ARE SPENT. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE EXTENDING THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION? IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?**
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
  2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
  3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
  4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
  5. DEPENDS **(DO NOT READ)**
  6. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY **(DO NOT READ)**
- 3. HOW DO YOU THINK NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATORS ARE PAID FOR THEIR TIME? IS IT... (READ CATEGORIES. ONE RESPONSE ONLY) (ROTATE 1 AND 2 ONLY)**
1. A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM, PLUS MILEAGE FEES WITH NO BASE SALARY **(SKIP TO Q.5)**
  2. A BASE SALARY, IN ADDITION TO A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE FEES
  3. THEY DO NOT GET PAID **(DO NOT READ) (SKIP TO Q.5)**
  4. NEITHER **(DO NOT READ) (SKIP TO Q.5)**
  5. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY **(SKIP TO Q.5)**
- 4. CURRENTLY, HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS ARE PAID AS A SALARY? (READ CATEGORIES. ONE RESPONSE ONLY)**
1. LESS THAN \$20,000
  2. \$20,000 TO \$34,999
  3. \$35,000 TO \$49,999
  4. \$50,000 TO \$74,999
  5. \$75,000 OR ABOVE
  6. NOTHING **(DO NOT READ)**
  7. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY **(DO NOT READ)**
- 5. CURRENTLY, NEW MEXICO IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT PAY ITS LEGISLATURE A SALARY. INSTEAD, STATE LEGISLATORS ARE PAID A DAILY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE WHEN THEY ARE WORKING. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE PAYING STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS A YEARLY SALARY, EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD IN NEW MEXICO, SO THAT MORE PEOPLE COULD AFFORD TO SERVE AS LEGISLATORS AND ALSO ALLOW THEM TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUES FACING NEW MEXICO WITHOUT HAVING TO HOLD ANOTHER JOB? (PAUSE) IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?**
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
  2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
  3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
  4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
  5. DEPENDS **(DO NOT READ)**
  6. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY **(DO NOT READ)**

**IF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS WERE TO BE PAID A SALARY, THERE ARE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT COULD SET THE SALARY LEVEL. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO SET THE SALARY LEVEL? (RANDOMIZE 6-8)**

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| 6. AN INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 .....        | 2 .....                                      | 3                                        |
| 7. THE LEGISLATORS THEMSELVES .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 .....        | 2 .....                                      | 3                                        |
| 8. THE NEW MEXICO ETHICS COMMISSION .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 .....        | 2 .....                                      | 3                                        |
| 9. <b>ALTHOUGH THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE HAS A PERMANENT STAFF OF BILL DRAFTERS AND BUDGET ANALYSTS, INDIVIDUAL NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN STAFF TO HELP THEM MEET WITH VOTERS IN THEIR DISTRICT TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS, RESEARCH POLICY ISSUES, AND MEET WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE GIVING LEGISLATORS A BUDGET TO HIRE STAFF TO HELP THEM IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND DURING THE TIME BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS? (PAUSE) IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?</b> |                |                                              |                                          |
| 1. STRONGLY SUPPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                | 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE                           |                                          |
| 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                | 5. DEPENDS <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>              |                                          |
| 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                | 6. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY <b>(DO NOT READ)</b> |                                          |
| 10. <b>WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE REQUIRING NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS TO FULLY DISCLOSE ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THEMSELVES AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY EACH YEAR AND WHEN VOTING ON A BILL WITH WHICH A LEGISLATOR MIGHT HAVE A FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST? (PAUSE) IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                |                                              |                                          |
| 1. STRONGLY SUPPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                | 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE                           |                                          |
| 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                | 5. DEPENDS <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>              |                                          |
| 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                | 6. DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY <b>(DO NOT READ)</b> |                                          |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE; WE ARE ALMOST DONE. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

**11. INTO WHICH AGE CATEGORY DO YOU FIT? (READ CATEGORIES)**

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. 18 TO 34 YEARS | 4. 65 YEARS OR OLDER              |
| 2. 35 TO 49 YEARS | 5. WON'T SAY <b>(DO NOT READ)</b> |
| 3. 50 TO 64 YEARS |                                   |

**12. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE: (READ CATEGORIES)**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. HISPANIC               | 5. ASIAN AMERICAN                 |
| 2. ANGLO/CAUCASIAN        | 6. OR OF OTHER DESCENT?           |
| 3. BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN | 7. WON'T SAY <b>(DO NOT READ)</b> |
| 4. NATIVE AMERICAN        |                                   |

**13. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION YOU HAVE ATTAINED? (READ CATEGORIES)**

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|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. SOME HIGH SCHOOL                                     | 4. COLLEGE GRADUATE (4 YEARS)               |
| 2. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE                                 | 5. GRADUATE DEGREE (MD, PHD, J.D., MASTERS) |
| 3. SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE/VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE | 6. WON'T SAY <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>           |



**14. PLEASE STOP ME WHEN I READ YOUR TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME CATEGORY (READ CATEGORIES)**

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|----|----------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 1. | LESS THAN \$25,000   | 4. | \$50,000 TO \$79,999             |
| 2. | \$25,000 TO \$34,999 | 5. | \$80,000 OR MORE                 |
| 3. | \$35,000 TO \$49,999 | 6. | WON'T SAY ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) |

**15. ARE YOU A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, INDEPENDENT OR OTHER?**

- 1. DEMOCRAT
- 2. REPUBLICAN
- 3. INDEPENDENT/D-T-S/OTHER
- . WON'T SAY (TAKE FROM LIST)

**THIS CONCLUDES OUR SURVEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A GOOD DAY.**

**NOTE TO INTERVIEWER, WAS RESPONDENT:**

- 1. MALE
- 2. FEMALE

RESPONDENT'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**POLLER: WHICH LIST IS THIS SURVEY FROM?**

- 1. LANDLINE
- 2. CELL PHONE