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I. INTRODUCTION

METHODOLOGY

This research study was commissioned by Common Cause New Mexico in order to measure New Mexico voters' attitudes and opinions on issues relating to campaign financing.

THE INTERVIEW

A random sample of 451 registered voters in New Mexico was interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were generated from the Research & Polling, Inc. database. All interviews were conducted between January 9th and January 13th, 2015.

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. To avoid potential bias, 33% of the phone interviews were completed through random dialing of cell phone numbers of registered voters.

MARGIN OF ERROR

A sample size of 451 at a 95% confidence level provides a maximum margin of error of approximately 4.5%. In theory, in 95 out of 100 cases, the results based on a random sample of 451 will differ by no more than 4.5 percentage points in either direction from what would have been obtained by interviewing all New Mexico registered voters statewide.

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.

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is strong voter support for a number of different campaign financing reforms in New Mexico. On a general level, approximately nine-in-ten voters (92%) support requiring all large political contributions from individuals, corporations, political action committees (PACs), non-profits and unions be made public. More specifically, 88% of voters statewide say they support a bill that would require more public disclosure by requiring that all independent groups who spend money on campaigns report who their donors are and how their money is being spent.

Approximately two-thirds (63%) of New Mexico voters say they either *strongly support* (42%) or *somewhat support* (21%) placing limits on the amount of money that individuals can contribute to candidates. The majority of Democrat (62%), independent (72%), and Republican voters (59%) support placing limits on individual campaign contributions.

Support for limiting campaign contributions may be explained at least in part by the fact that most voters (68%) believe that placing limits on contributions is helpful in preventing corruption in politics.

PRC/JUDICIAL MATCHING FUNDS

Just over three-fifths (61%) of the voters surveyed say they either *strongly support* (23%) or *somewhat support* (38%) a bill that would change the state campaign financing law by providing matching funds from the state to Public Regulation Commission and judicial candidates who agree to accept campaign contributions of less than $100. One-in-four voters (26%) say they are opposed to the proposed legislation.

Furthermore, approximately three-quarters of the voters say they either s*trongly support* (49%) or *somewhat support* (27%) another component of the matching funds bill which would change the system by no longer allowing candidates who are running unopposed to receive public finance funding from the state This proposal has strong support among Democrats (73%), Republicans (79%), and independents (77%).

Half of the voters surveyed also say they support expanding public campaign financing from PRC and Supreme/Appeals Court candidates to all judicial candidates. However, 39% are opposed to expanding public campaign financing to include all judicial candidates.

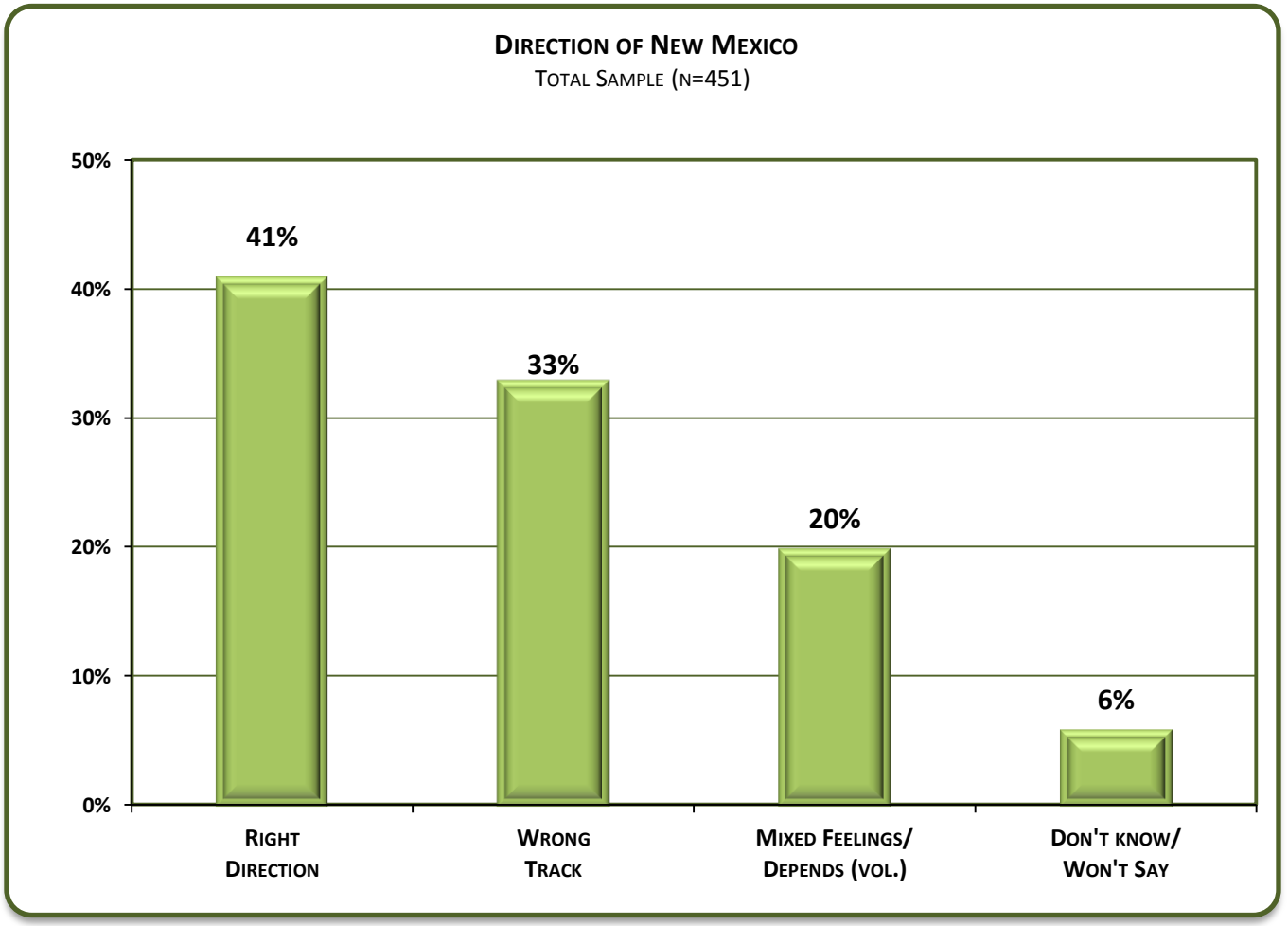
LOBBYISTS

The vast majority of voters (89%) say it is would be a good idea to require registered lobbyists to make public the bills or issues they have been hired to advocate so that voters know who is lobbying on issues in New Mexico. Furthermore, just over four-fifths (82%) of the voters support requiring former legislators to wait at least two years after their term ends before they are able to become paid lobbyist to the New Mexico Legislature.

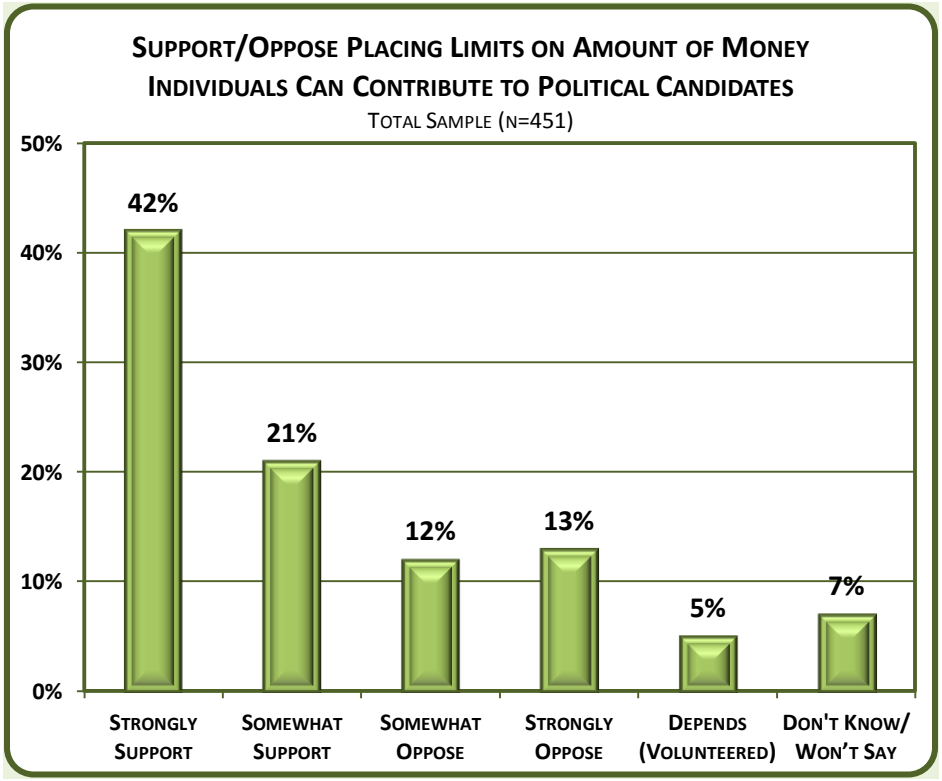
Voter support for reforms pertaining to lobbyists is not surprising given that 64% of those surveyed believe New Mexico's elected officials are more responsive to lobbyists than they are to voters. Only 19% believe the state's elected officials are more responsive to voters than they are to lobbyists.

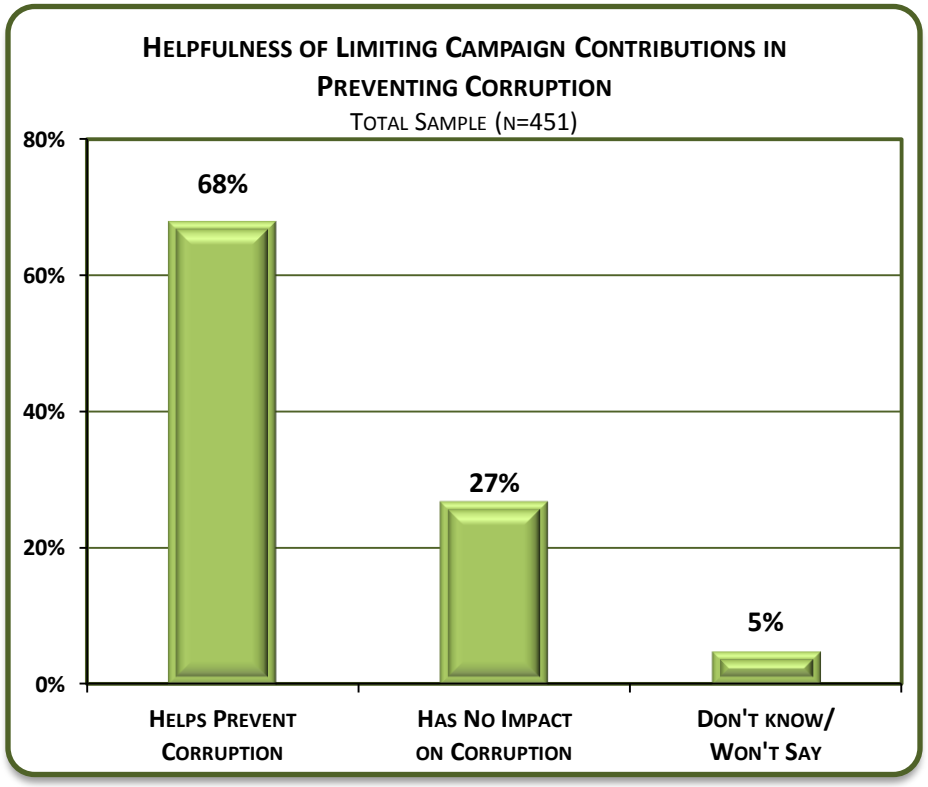
INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS

The vast majority of voters (86%) in New Mexico say they either *strongly support* (61%) or *somewhat support* (25%) the creation of an independent ethics commission that would establish and enforce rules relating to the ethical behavior and action of state officials. Furthermore, two-thirds of the voters say they support creation of an independent commission that would be responsible for redrawing the state's legislative districts, rather than having the legislature be responsible for redistricting.



Overall, the plurality of voters (41%) statewide believe that things in New Mexico are heading in the right direction, though 33% believe things are off on the wrong track, and 20% have mixed feelings about the direction of the State. Republicans (56%) are more inclined than Democrats (30%) and independents (40%) to say things are going in the right direction in New Mexico.





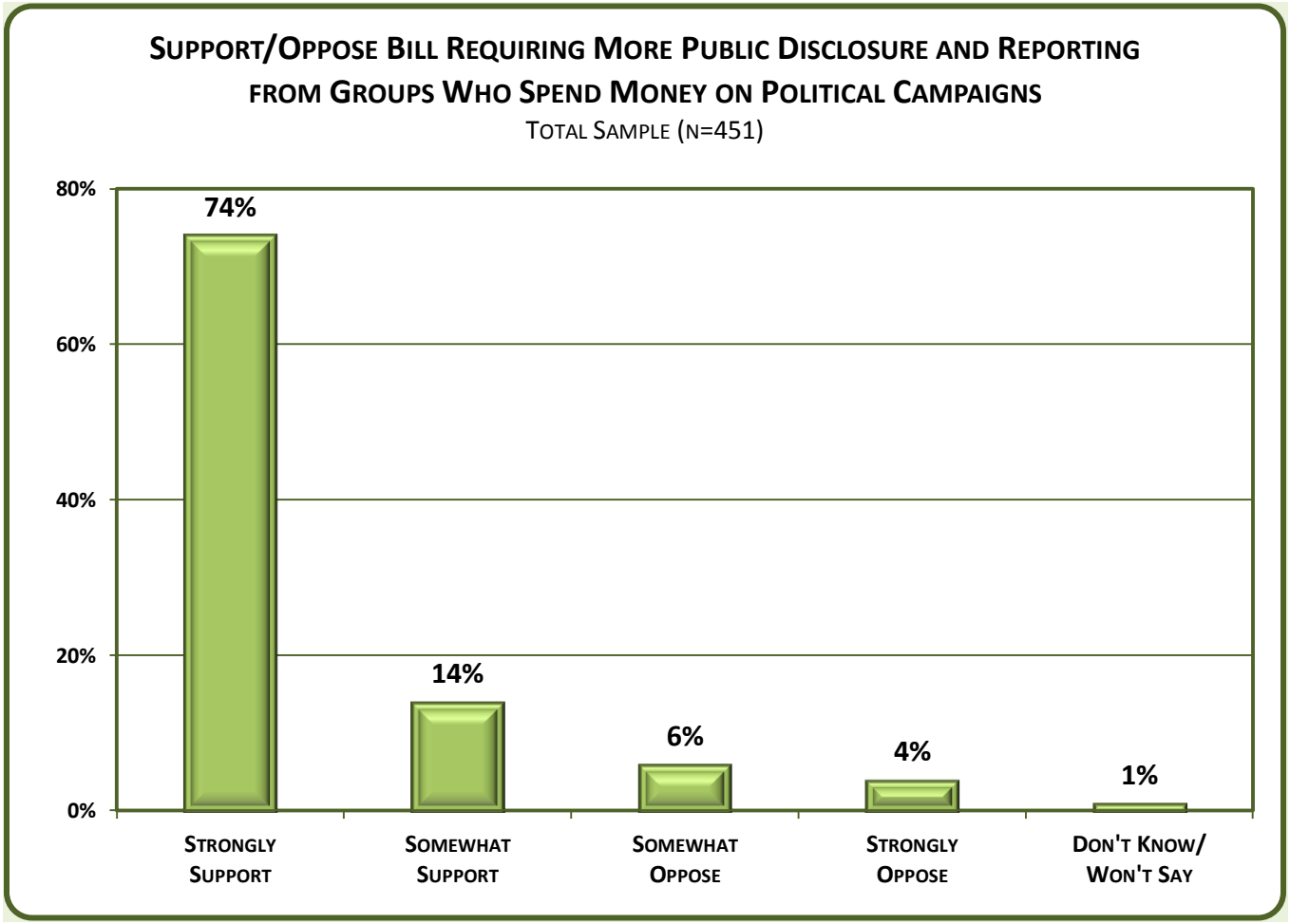
As shown above, the majority (63%) of voters statewide say they either *strongly support* (42%) or *somewhat support* (21%) placing limits on the amount of money that individuals can contribute to political candidates. In comparison, just one-in-four voters are opposed to placing limits on how much an individual can contribute to candidates.

Overall, the majority of Democrats (62%), Republicans (59%), and independents (72%) say they at least *somewhat support* placing limits on individual campaign contributions. However, Democrats (49%) and independents (44%) are more likely than Republicans (31%) to *strongly support* limits.

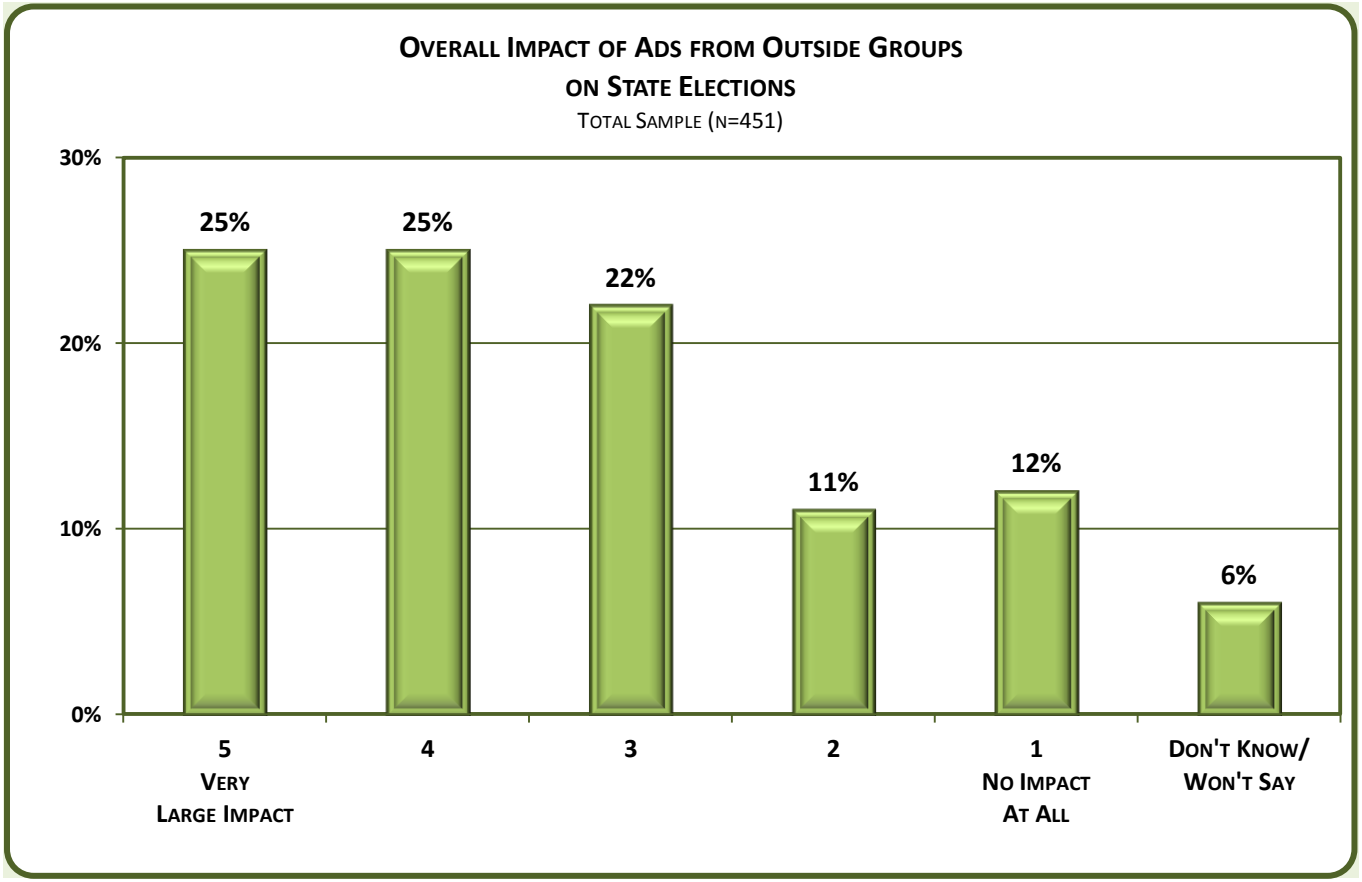
The graph on the right shows that approximately two-thirds (68%) of voters believe that limiting the amount of campaign contributions to candidates helps to prevent corruption compared to 27% who believe that campaign limits have no impact on corruption in politics.

A majority of independents (80%), Democrats (72%), and Republicans (53%) believe that limiting campaign contributions helps to prevent corruption.

Anglo voters (73%) are more likely than Hispanics (63%) to feel campaign contribution limits help prevent corruption. Voters with a four-year college degree or higher are more likely than those with lower levels of education to feel this way (75% and 62%, respectively).



Nearly nine-in-ten voters say they either *strongly support* (74%) or *somewhat support* (14%) a bill that would require more public disclosure and require all independent political groups who spend money on campaigns to report who their donors are and how their money is being spent. Just 10% of the voters are opposed to this bill. The majority of Democrats (86%), independents (71%) and Republican voters (57%) *strongly support* a bill to require greater public disclosure and reporting of their donors and campaign spending.



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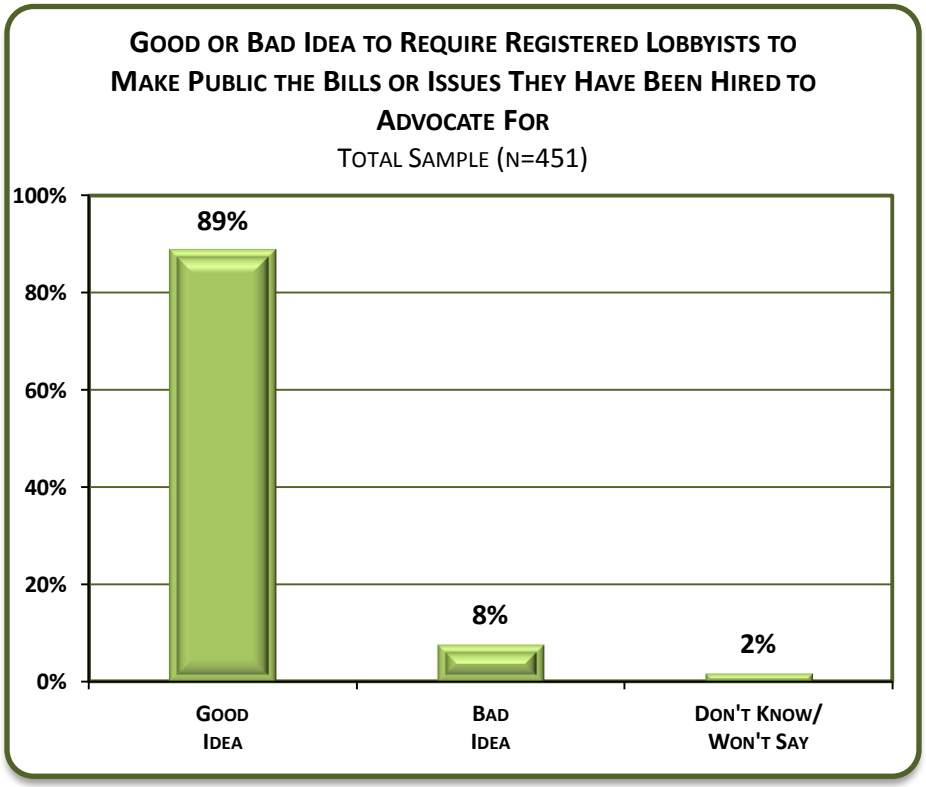
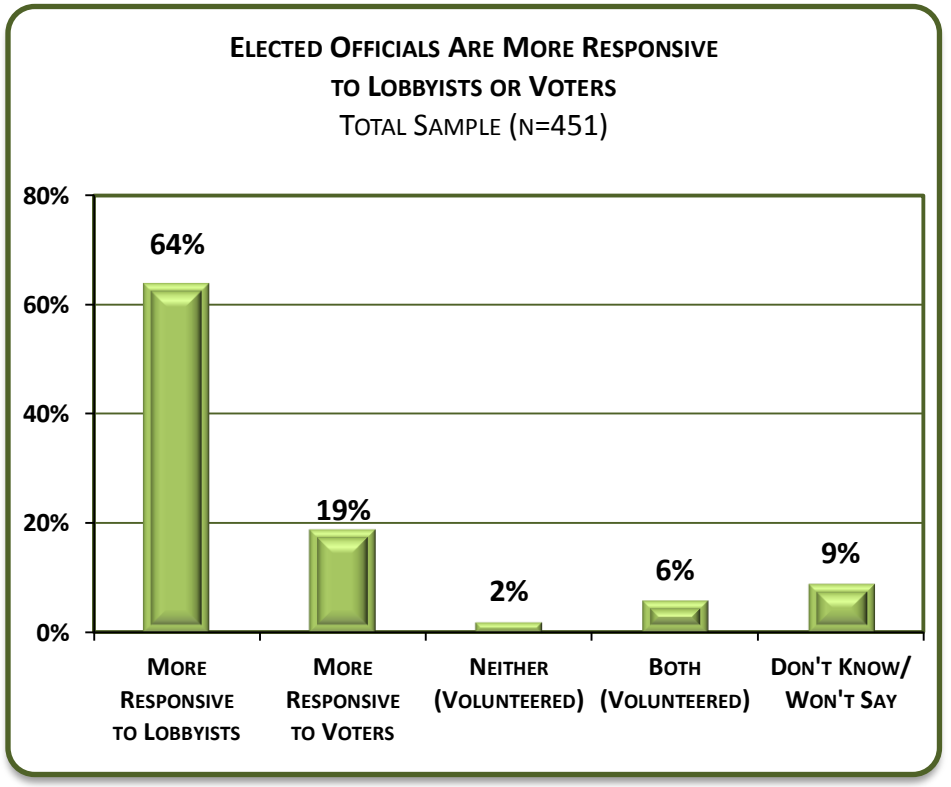
Voters were informed that during the last election cycle, political action committees spent more money running political ads than the candidates themselves and were asked how much of an impact these ads had on the outcome of the election using a 5-point scale where 5 is a *very large* impact and 1 is *no impact at* all. Overall, half of the voters statewide believe that political ads from outside groups had a big impact in New Mexico's last election, as indicated by a score of 4 or 5. Another 22% indicated that the ads had some impact (a score of 3), while 23% feel the ads had little or no impact (a score of 1 or 2).

Democrats (57%) and independents (53%) are more likely than Republicans (38%) to feel the ads from outside groups had a big impact on the outcome of the last state election (as indicated by a score of 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale). Furthermore, voters with a four-year college degree or higher are more likely than those with lower levels of education to feel the ads had a big impact on the election (59% and 43%, respectively).





The vast majority of voters (89%) believe it is a good idea to require registered lobbyists to make public the bills or issues they have been hired to advocate for, so that voters know who is lobbying on certain issues in New Mexico.

Voter support for more transparency in lobbying is not surprising given the fact that they are over three times as likely to believe that New Mexico's elected officials are more responsive to lobbyists (64%) than they are to believe elected officials are more responsive to voters (19%).

A majority of Democrats (68%), independents (69%), and Republicans (54%) believe New Mexico's elected officials are more responsive to lobbyists.

SUPPORT/OPPOSE VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT ADOPT

RANKED BY HIGHEST STRONGLY SUPPORT
TOTAL SAMPLE (N=541)

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/ WON'T SAY
REQUIRING THAT ALL LARGE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (PACS), NONPROFITS, OR UNIONS BE MADE PUBLIC	75%	17%	4%	2%	1%
REQUIRING FORMER LEGISLATORS TO WAIT AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR TERM ENDS BEFORE THEY ARE ABLE TO BECOME PAID LOBBYISTS TO THE LEGISLATURE	63%	19%	8%	4%	6%
CREATING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE RULES REGARDING THE ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS OF STATE OFFICIALS.	61%	25%	6%	5%	3%

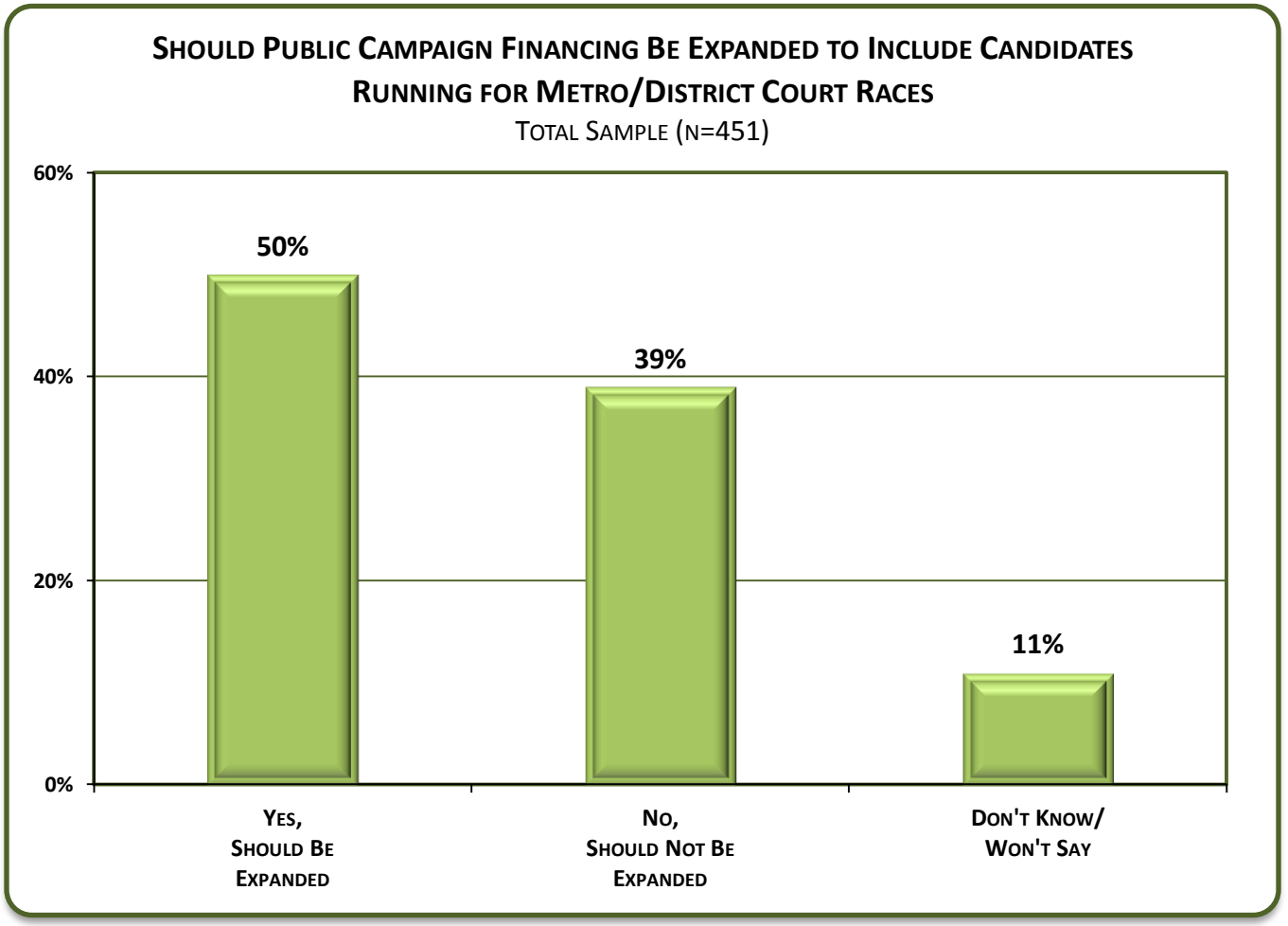
Voters were read a list of different proposals the New Mexico State Legislature might consider adopting and asked to rate if they *strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose,* or *strongly oppose* each one.

As shown above, the vast majority of voters (92%) are supportive of **requiring that all large political contributions from individuals, corporations, political action committees (PACS), non-profits, or unions be made public**. In fact, three-in-four voters say they *strongly support* requiring public disclosure of these types of large political contributions.

Over four-fifths (82%) of the voters surveyed support **requiring former legislators to wait at least two years after their term ends before they are able to become paid lobbyists to the legislature** (63% say they *strongly support* the legislature adopting such a proposal).

Over four-fifths (85%) of the voters also say they either *strongly support* (61%) or *somewhat support* (25%) **creating an independent ethics commission to establish and enforce rules regarding the ethical behavior and actions of state** compared to just 11% who are opposed to creating an ethics commission.

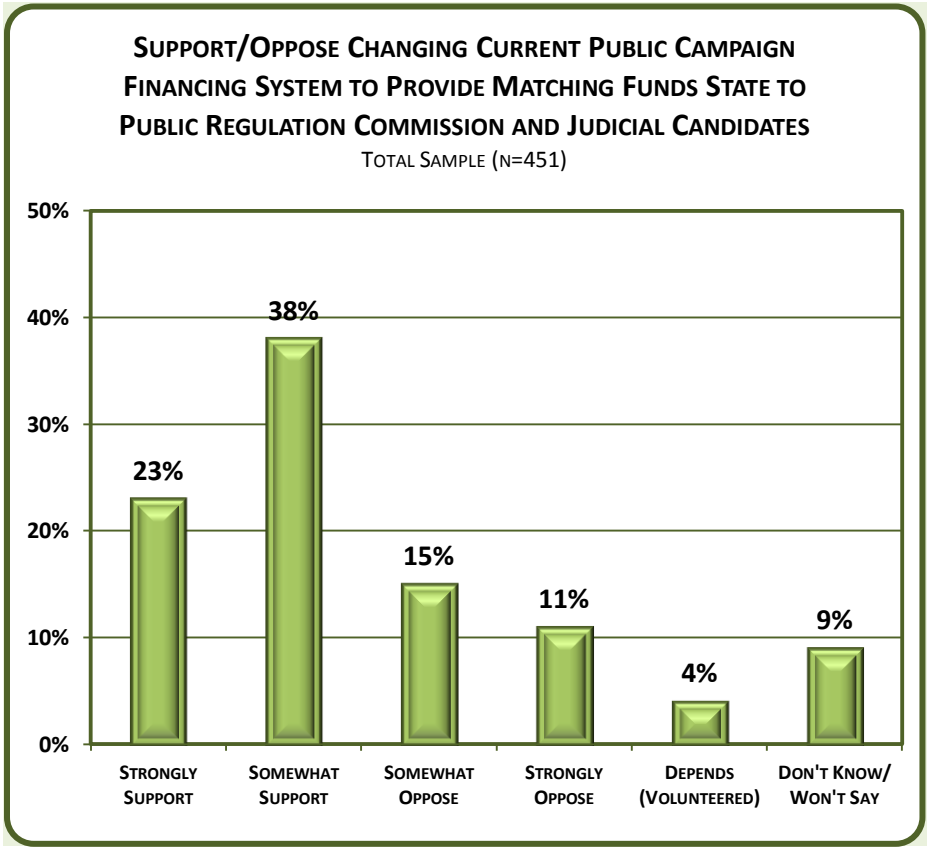
Political Party: No significant differences in opinion are observed between Democrats, Republicans, and independents in terms of the level of support for the above measures. The vast majority of voters in each party are supportive of each of the proposals.

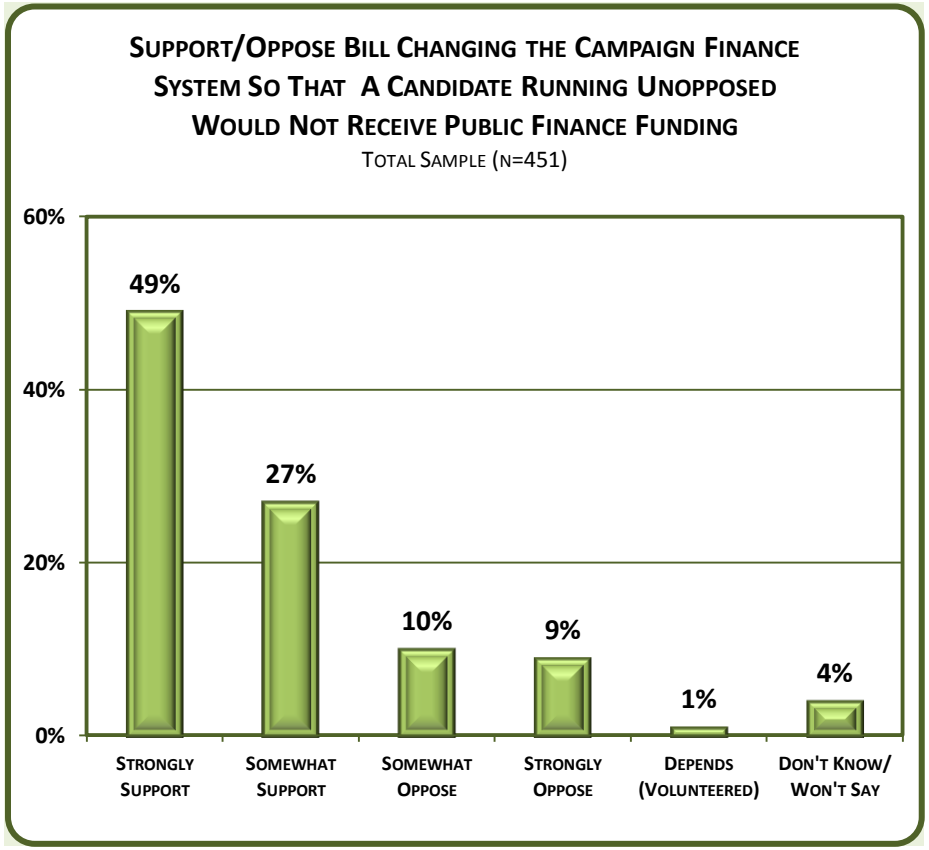


Voters were informed that in New Mexico, only candidates running for the Public Regulation Commission, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals receive public campaign financing; a system that provides public funds for use in election campaigns once the candidate meets the program qualifications. They were then asked if they think public campaign financing should be expanded to include candidates running for other judicial races.

As shown above, half of the voters believe that public campaign financing should be expanded to candidates running in other judicial races, though 39% do not believe it should be expanded, and 11% are unsure or have no opinion.

Democrats (55%) and independents (52%) are more apt than Republicans (41%) to believe public campaign financing should be expanded from PRC and Supreme/Appellate Court candidates to all judicial candidates.





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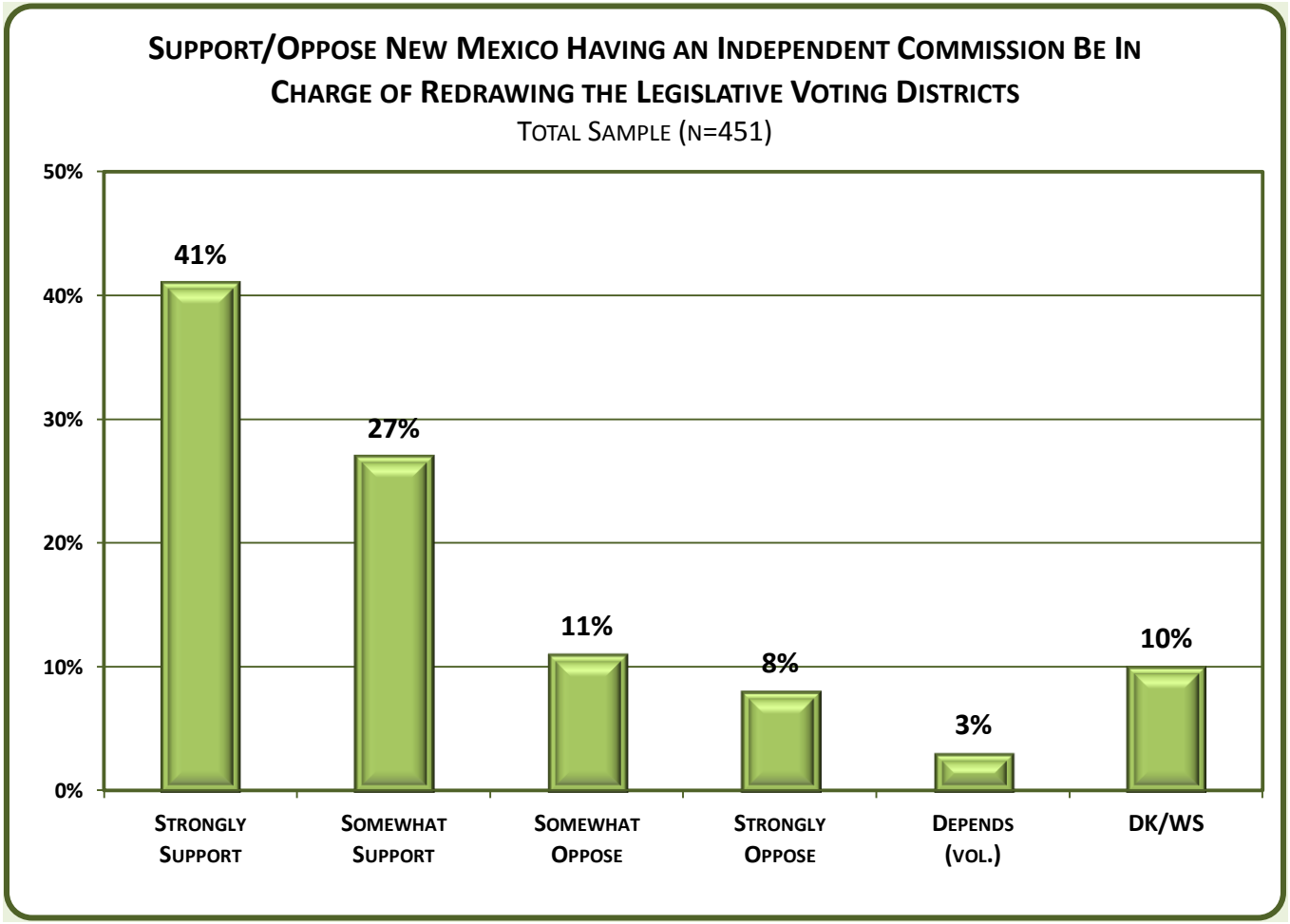
Democrats (68%) and independents (59%) are more apt than Republicans (49%) to support a bill changing the matching fund system for PRC and judicial candidates.

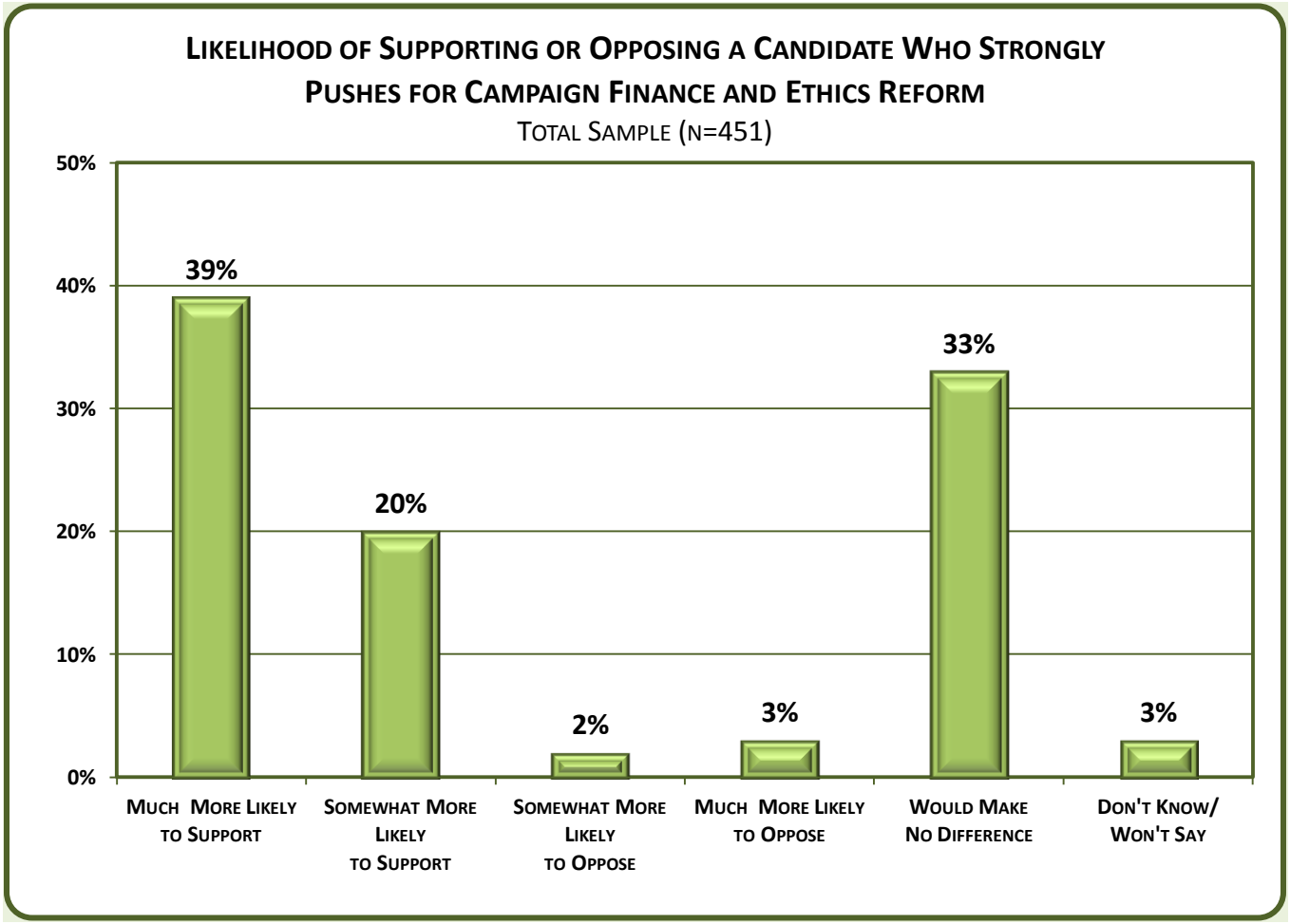
Approximately three-quarters (76%) of voters statewide support another component of the matching funds bill which would change the system by no longer allowing candidates who are running unopposed to receive public finance funding from the state (49% *strongly support* and 27% *somewhat support*). This proposal has strong support among Democrats (73%), Republicans (79%), and independents (77%).

Interestingly, Anglo voters (57%) and men (56%) are more likely to *strongly support* this proposal. It is also interesting to note that 82% of those who have more than a high school education say they support *not* allowing unopposed candidates to receive public campaign financing.



Two-thirds of voters in New Mexico say they either *strongly support* (41%) or *somewhat support* (27%) the state using an independent commission to redraw the state's legislatives districts rather than have the legislature be in charge of redistricting. Approximately one-in-five voters express opposition to having the legislative districts drawn by an independent commission, while 13% have not formed an opinion on the matter.

Support for an independent redistricting commission cuts across party lines and the majority of Democrats (82%), Republicans (70%), and independents (63%) all support the idea.



Nearly three-in-five voters say they are either *much more likely* (39%) or *somewhat more likely* (20%) to support a candidate for office in New Mexico who strongly pushes for campaign finance and ethics reform. One-in-three voters say it would not make a difference in who they would vote for.

Voters with higher levels of education, along with men and Anglos are more likely than others to say they would be *much more likely to support* a candidate who strongly pushes for campaign finance and ethics reforms.

II. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

OVERALL FEELING OF NEW MEXICO'S DIRECTION

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=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
RIGHT DIRECTION	41%	45%	36%	44%	40%	41%	47%	41%	33%	47%	40%	50%	23%	30%	56%	40%
OFF ON WRONG TRACK	33%	32%	33%	30%	35%	33%	29%	35%	33%	24%	30%	31%	49%	42%	20%	30%
MIXED FEELINGS/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	20%	20%	20%	18%	20%	24%	16%	18%	22%	17%	26%	14%	23%	20%	17%	25%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	6%	2%	11%	8%	5%	1%	7%	6%	11%	11%	4%	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
RIGHT DIRECTION	41%	38%	47%	33%	52%	41%
OFF ON WRONG TRACK	33%	36%	33%	34%	23%	31%
MIXED FEELINGS/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	20%	22%	13%	15%	21%	26%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	6%	4%	7%	18%	4%	2%

SUPPORT/OPPOSE PLACING LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF MONEY INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES

QUESTION 2: DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE PLACING LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES? IS THAT STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	42%	42%	42%	36%	47%	41%	41%	40%	46%	30%	39%	44%	60%	49%	31%	44%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	21%	21%	20%	24%	20%	16%	23%	24%	19%	23%	26%	21%	11%	13%	28%	27%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	12%	9%	14%	12%	11%	16%	10%	10%	10%	9%	13%	10%	13%	11%	13%	12%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	13%	16%	11%	16%	10%	12%	11%	14%	16%	20%	11%	14%	9%	14%	15%	11%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	5%	6%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	3%	7%	6%	3%	3%	5%	7%	2%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	7%	6%	9%	7%	6%	10%	9%	5%	5%	12%	6%	7%	4%	9%	7%	5%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	42%	49%	18%	43%	43%	33%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	21%	19%	31%	9%	28%	26%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	12%	9%	26%	19%	12%	3%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	13%	12%	9%	15%	8%	22%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	5%	4%	3%	6%	4%	9%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	7%	7%	13%	8%	5%	6%

OVERALL IMPACT OF ADS FROM OUTSIDE GROUPS ON STATE ELECTIONS

QUESTION 3: DURING THE PAST ELECTION CYCLE IN NEW MEXICO, IN SOME STATE RACES, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES SPENT MORE MONEY RUNNING POLITICAL ADS THAN THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES. USING A 5-POINT SCALE WHERE 5 IS A VERY LARGE IMPACT AND 1 IS NO IMPACT AT ALL, HOW MUCH OF AN IMPACT DO YOU THINK THE ADS FROM THESE OUTSIDE GROUPS HAD IN THE LAST STATE ELECTION?

	Total Sample (n=451)	Gender		Ethnicity		Age				Education				Political Party		
		Male	Female	Hispanic	Anglo	18 to 34 Years	35 to 49 Years	50 to 64 Years	65 Years and Over	H.S. Graduate or Less	Some College/ Associate	College Graduate	Graduate Degree	Democrat	Republican	Independent/ D-T-S/ Other
5 - Very large impact	25%	25%	25%	29%	22%	24%	23%	27%	25%	19%	23%	21%	40%	32%	15%	25%
4	25%	26%	24%	26%	26%	30%	24%	21%	26%	21%	22%	35%	24%	25%	23%	28%
3	22%	24%	20%	21%	22%	26%	23%	21%	18%	22%	26%	21%	16%	17%	25%	27%
2	11%	11%	10%	9%	12%	13%	9%	11%	10%	9%	11%	13%	9%	8%	14%	11%
1 - No impact at all	12%	10%	14%	13%	9%	6%	16%	13%	13%	22%	13%	5%	5%	12%	15%	8%
Don't know/won't say	6%	5%	7%	2%	8%	2%	6%	7%	9%	8%	4%	6%	6%	6%	8%	1%
Mean †	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.1	3.5

	Total Sample (n=451)	Region				
		ABQ Metro	Northwest	North Central	South/ Southwest	Eastside
5 - Very large impact	25%	31%	12%	21%	18%	28%
4	25%	23%	23%	31%	23%	26%
3	22%	21%	32%	23%	24%	15%
2	11%	6%	15%	13%	17%	11%
1 - No impact at all	12%	14%	10%	3%	13%	15%
Don't know/won't say	6%	4%	8%	9%	5%	6%
Mean †	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.4

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HELPFULNESS OF LIMITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN PREVENTING CORRUPTION

QUESTION 4: DO YOU THINK THAT LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CANDIDATE HELPS TO PREVENT CORRUPTION OR DO YOU THINK LIMITING CONTRIBUTIONS HAS NO IMPACT ON CORRUPTION IN POLITICS?

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HELPS PREVENT CORRUPTION	68%	71%	64%	63%	73%	73%	64%	65%	69%	57%	66%	72%	78%	72%	53%	80%
HAS NO IMPACT ON CORRUPTION	27%	26%	29%	29%	24%	22%	33%	27%	28%	35%	31%	23%	20%	22%	42%	17%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	5%	3%	7%	8%	3%	5%	3%	9%	3%	8%	4%	5%	2%	6%	4%	4%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
HELPS PREVENT CORRUPTION	68%	74%	50%	68%	69%	58%
HAS NO IMPACT ON CORRUPTION	27%	23%	43%	26%	25%	35%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	5%	3%	6%	6%	6%	7%

SHOULD PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OTHER JUDICIAL RACES

QUESTION 5: CURRENTLY IN NEW MEXICO, ONLY CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, THE SUPREME COURT AND THE COURT OF APPEALS RECEIVE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING. THIS SYSTEM PROVIDES PUBLIC FUNDS FOR USE IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS ONCE THE CANDIDATE MEETS THE PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS. DO YOU THINK PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OTHER JUDICIAL RACES?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
YES., SHOULD BE EXPANDED	50%	51%	49%	50%	49%	57%	57%	41%	47%	44%	50%	48%	60%	55%	41%	52%
NO, SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED	39%	43%	36%	41%	39%	37%	38%	41%	41%	48%	38%	41%	29%	35%	43%	43%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	11%	6%	14%	9%	12%	6%	5%	17%	13%	8%	12%	11%	11%	10%	15%	5%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
YES., SHOULD BE EXPANDED	50%	51%	48%	48%	49%	52%
NO, SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED	39%	39%	43%	37%	43%	38%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	11%	10%	8%	14%	8%	11%

GOOD OR BAD IDEA TO REQUIRE REGISTERED LOBBYISTS TO MAKE PUBLIC THE BILLS OR ISSUES THEY HAVE BEEN HIRED TO ADVOCATE FOR

QUESTION 6: DO YOU THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA OR A BAD IDEA TO REQUIRE REGISTERED LOBBYISTS TO MAKE PUBLIC, THE BILLS OR ISSUES THEY HAVE BEEN HIRED TO ADVOCATE FOR, SO THAT VOTERS KNOW WHO IS LOBBYING ON CERTAIN ISSUES IN NEW MEXICO?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
GOOD IDEA	89%	90%	88%	88%	92%	94%	91%	87%	86%	81%	91%	93%	93%	89%	86%	94%
BAD IDEA	8%	8%	9%	8%	7%	4%	8%	10%	12%	18%	6%	5%	5%	9%	9%	5%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
GOOD IDEA	89%	89%	87%	92%	86%	90%
BAD IDEA	8%	8%	13%	5%	11%	9%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	3%	-	3%	4%	1%

ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE MORE RESPONSIVE TO LOBBYISTS OR VOTERS

QUESTION 7: GENERALLY, DO YOU THINK NEW MEXICO'S ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE MORE RESPONSIVE TO LOBBYIST OR MORE RESPONSIVE TO VOTERS?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
MORE RESPONSIVE TO LOBBYISTS	64%	66%	62%	65%	67%	71%	61%	63%	60%	59%	60%	70%	69%	68%	54%	69%
MORE RESPONSIVE TO VOTERS	19%	17%	20%	22%	14%	14%	25%	17%	20%	26%	21%	13%	13%	19%	23%	11%
NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%
BOTH (VOLUNTEERED)	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%	5%	8%	5%	7%	2%	9%	7%	4%	5%	6%	8%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	9%	8%	9%	7%	10%	7%	5%	11%	11%	9%	8%	8%	10%	6%	12%	9%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
MORE RESPONSIVE TO LOBBYISTS	64%	67%	58%	69%	58%	58%
MORE RESPONSIVE TO VOTERS	19%	17%	20%	15%	23%	22%
NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)	2%	1%	-	5%	3%	4%
BOTH (VOLUNTEERED)	6%	6%	10%	8%	2%	7%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	9%	9%	12%	2%	14%	9%

SUPPORT/OPPOSE VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT ADOPT:
CREATING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE RULES REGARDING THE ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS OF STATE OFFICIALS

QUESTION 8: NOW, I'M GOING TO READ YOU A LIST OF PROPOSALS THAT OUR STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT CONSIDER ADOPTING. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT, SOMEWHAT SUPPORT, SOMEWHAT OPPOSE, OR STRONGLY OPPOSE EACH PROPOSAL. **CREATING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE RULES REGARDING THE ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS OF STATE OFFICIALS.**

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	61%	68%	55%	61%	64%	72%	52%	58%	63%	46%	61%	66%	73%	65%	53%	65%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	25%	18%	31%	23%	25%	22%	32%	28%	17%	29%	28%	21%	17%	20%	29%	29%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	2%	8%	7%	8%	9%	6%	5%	6%	7%	7%	4%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	5%	6%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	8%	10%	4%	3%	3%	6%	5%	2%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	-	3%	2%	5%	5%	1%	4%	1%	2%	6%	-

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	61%	66%	48%	62%	58%	59%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	25%	23%	35%	20%	27%	28%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	6%	14%	8%	5%	2%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	5%	3%	3%	8%	6%	7%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	2%	-	3%	5%	5%

SUPPORT/OPPOSE VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT ADOPT: REQUIRING THAT ALL LARGE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (PACS), NON-PROFITS OR UNIONS BE MADE PUBLIC

QUESTION 9: NOW, I'M GOING TO READ YOU A LIST OF PROPOSALS THAT OUR STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT CONSIDER ADOPTING. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT, SOMEWHAT SUPPORT, SOMEWHAT OPPOSE, OR STRONGLY OPPOSE EACH PROPOSAL. **REQUIRING THAT ALL LARGE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (PACS), NON-PROFITS, OR UNIONS BE MADE PUBLIC.**

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	75%	79%	72%	69%	80%	78%	67%	75%	80%	70%	72%	79%	80%	75%	71%	81%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	17%	14%	19%	17%	17%	15%	25%	18%	10%	14%	19%	17%	17%	18%	19%	12%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	4%	5%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	7%	7%	6%	2%	2%	3%	5%	5%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	2%	1%	3%	5%	*	2%	2%	1%	3%	5%	2%	1%	-	2%	3%	1%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	-	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	75%	80%	54%	70%	71%	84%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	17%	15%	27%	20%	19%	12%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	4%	3%	19%	2%	4%	2%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	2%	2%	-	4%	3%	2%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	1%	1%	-	4%	3%	-

* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

SUPPORT/OPPOSE VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT ADOPT:
REQUIRING FORMER LEGISLATORS TO WAIT AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR TERM ENDS BEFORE THEY ARE ABLE TO BECOME PAID LOBBYISTS TO THE LEGISLATURE

QUESTION 10: NOW, I'M GOING TO READ YOU A LIST OF PROPOSALS THAT OUR STATE LEGISLATURE MIGHT CONSIDER ADOPTING. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT, SOMEWHAT SUPPORT, SOMEWHAT OPPOSE, OR STRONGLY OPPOSE EACH PROPOSAL. **REQUIRING FORMER LEGISLATORS TO WAIT AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR TERM ENDS BEFORE THEY ARE ABLE TO BECOME PAID LOBBYISTS TO THE LEGISLATURE.**

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	63%	65%	61%	59%	68%	55%	71%	59%	68%	53%	67%	61%	70%	63%	65%	59%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	19%	17%	22%	17%	21%	24%	19%	26%	7%	18%	20%	21%	17%	16%	15%	33%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	8%	10%	7%	10%	6%	9%	7%	7%	10%	13%	6%	7%	8%	11%	8%	3%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	4%	4%	5%	7%	1%	3%	2%	4%	8%	8%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	6%	5%	6%	7%	4%	10%	1%	4%	7%	8%	4%	8%	2%	7%	6%	1%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	63%	70%	45%	63%	56%	60%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	19%	17%	34%	11%	25%	20%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	8%	5%	14%	11%	14%	5%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	4%	4%	-	7%	4%	4%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	6%	5%	7%	7%	1%	11%

SUPPORT/OPPOSE CHANGING CURRENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION AND JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

QUESTION 11: A BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO CHANGE THE CURRENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM. THIS BILL WOULD PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION AND JUDICIAL CANDIDATES WHO AGREE TO RAISE ONLY CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER $100. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THIS CHANGE TO THE LAW? IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	23%	23%	23%	24%	22%	15%	24%	20%	33%	21%	21%	19%	34%	28%	15%	23%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	38%	38%	38%	38%	39%	49%	40%	40%	21%	37%	41%	41%	29%	40%	34%	36%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	15%	17%	14%	12%	16%	12%	15%	17%	18%	20%	13%	14%	15%	11%	22%	14%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	11%	12%	9%	12%	9%	11%	9%	11%	12%	10%	14%	9%	9%	9%	14%	12%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	7%	2%	5%	5%	1%	6%	7%	3%	7%	2%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	9%	6%	12%	10%	9%	9%	6%	10%	12%	7%	10%	12%	6%	8%	8%	13%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	23%	29%	9%	25%	16%	18%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	38%	32%	46%	38%	42%	42%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	15%	13%	18%	17%	16%	17%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	11%	10%	9%	9%	13%	15%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	4%	6%	2%	-	8%	3%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	9%	10%	17%	11%	4%	6%

SUPPORT/OPPOSE BILL CHANGING THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM SO THAT A CANDIDATE RUNNING UNOPPOSED WOULD NOT RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCE FUNDING

QUESTION 12: THIS BILL WOULD CHANGE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM SO THAT A CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED WOULD NOT RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCE FUNDING. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THIS ADDITIONAL CHANGE TO THE LAW? IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	49%	56%	43%	42%	57%	42%	52%	49%	55%	27%	52%	61%	59%	46%	48%	58%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	27%	21%	32%	26%	26%	33%	33%	26%	15%	30%	29%	20%	26%	27%	31%	19%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	13%	5%	11%	11%	17%	9%	10%	3%	8%	13%	9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	9%	7%	10%	15%	3%	6%	6%	10%	13%	15%	7%	7%	5%	12%	3%	10%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	3%	1%	2%	4%	-	-	3%	2%	1%	-
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	1%	4%	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	49%	59%	32%	52%	43%	35%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	10%	6%	17%	11%	15%	11%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	27%	22%	25%	21%	26%	49%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	9%	9%	9%	12%	9%	4%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	1%	2%	-	-	2%	1%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	4%	2%	17%	4%	5%	-

SUPPORT/OPPOSE BILL REQUIRING MORE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING FROM GROUPS WHO SPEND MONEY ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

QUESTION 13: ANOTHER BILL IS BEING PROPOSED THAT WILL REQUIRE MORE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING FROM GROUPS WHO SPEND MONEY ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. THE BILL WILL REQUIRE THAT ALL INDEPENDENT POLITICAL GROUPS WHO ARE SPENDING MONEY ON CAMPAIGNS, REPORT WHO WILL THEIR DONORS ARE AND HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT.

DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL GROUPS TO REPORT WHO THEIR DONORS ARE AND HOW THEIR MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON CAMPAIGNS? IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	GENDER		ETHNICITY		AGE				EDUCATION				POLITICAL PARTY		
		MALE	FEMALE	HISPANIC	ANGLO	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	H.S. GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE/ ASSOCIATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT/ D-T-S/ OTHER
STRONGLY SUPPORT	74%	75%	72%	78%	71%	79%	62%	76%	77%	75%	74%	77%	69%	86%	57%	71%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	14%	13%	16%	10%	16%	11%	23%	14%	10%	19%	11%	12%	17%	9%	22%	17%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%	13%	5%	1%	-	11%	7%	6%	2%	11%	8%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	2%	1%	3%	11%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%	8%	3%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	*	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	2%	*	1%	2%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)	REGION				
		ABQ METRO	NORTHWEST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH/ SOUTHWEST	EASTSIDE
STRONGLY SUPPORT	74%	78%	55%	80%	71%	68%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	14%	11%	34%	2%	21%	19%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	6%	7%	9%	5%	3%	8%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	4%	3%	-	11%	4%	3%
DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)	*	-	2%	-	2%	-
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%

* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

LIKELIHOOD OF SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING A CANDIDATE WHO STRONGLY PUSHES FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORM

QUESTION 14: WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT SUPPORTING CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN NEW MEXICO, WOULD YOU BE MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A CANDIDATE WHO STRONGLY PUSHES FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORMS, OR WOULD YOU SAY IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE? WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) OR SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY?

	Total Sample (n=451)	Gender		Ethnicity		Age				Education				Political Party		
		Male	Female	Hispanic	Anglo	18 to 34 Years	35 to 49 Years	50 to 64 Years	65 Years and Over	H.S. Graduate or Less	Some College/ Associate	College Graduate	Graduate Degree	Democrat	Republican	Independent/ D-T-S/ Other
MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	39%	45%	33%	33%	44%	35%	37%	41%	42%	24%	38%	45%	53%	40%	33%	45%
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	20%	19%	21%	19%	23%	18%	26%	21%	16%	15%	17%	24%	26%	20%	22%	18%
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE	2%	*	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%	3%	3%	1%	-	3%	1%	1%
MUCH MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%
WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE	33%	29%	37%	40%	26%	38%	33%	29%	33%	53%	34%	25%	17%	34%	35%	29%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	-	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%

	Total Sample (n=451)	Region				
		ABQ Metro	Northwest	North Central	South/ Southwest	Eastside
MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	39%	49%	39%	37%	24%	27%
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	20%	16%	22%	20%	21%	31%
SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE	2%	1%	8%	3%	1%	2%
MUCH MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE	3%	3%	3%	3%	-	4%
WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE	33%	29%	28%	34%	46%	34%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	3%	2%	-	2%	8%	2%

* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

SUPPORT/OPPOSE NEW MEXICO HAVING AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION BE IN CHARGE OF REDRAWING THE LEGISLATIVE VOTING DISTRICTS

QUESTION 15: EVERY TEN YEARS EACH STATE IS REQUIRED TO REDRAW ITS LEGISLATIVE VOTING DISTRICTS TO REFLECT SHIFTS IN THE POPULATION. IN NEW MEXICO, THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS ARE DRAWN UP BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE. IN SOME OTHER STATES, THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS ARE DRAWN UP BY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE NEW MEXICO HAVING AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION BE IN CHARGE OF REDRAWING THE LEGISLATIVE VOTING DISTRICTS? IS THAT SOMEWHAT OR STRONGLY (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

	Total Sample (n=451)	Gender		Ethnicity		Age				Education				Political Party		
		Male	Female	Hispanic	Anglo	18 to 34 Years	35 to 49 Years	50 to 64 Years	65 Years and Over	H.S. Graduate or Less	Some College/ Associate	College Graduate	Graduate Degree	Democrat	Republican	Independent/ D-T-S/ Other
Strongly support	41%	44%	37%	36%	44%	37%	38%	44%	43%	27%	40%	46%	53%	43%	41%	35%
Somewhat support	27%	27%	28%	23%	32%	28%	31%	25%	26%	32%	25%	24%	29%	26%	29%	28%
Somewhat oppose	11%	10%	11%	14%	8%	11%	9%	14%	8%	14%	12%	10%	4%	9%	13%	12%
Strongly oppose	8%	8%	8%	12%	6%	8%	10%	7%	9%	11%	10%	7%	3%	11%	6%	6%
Depends (volunteered)	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%
Don't know/won't say	10%	7%	12%	13%	6%	15%	8%	7%	9%	12%	11%	9%	6%	9%	7%	15%

	Total Sample (n=451)	Region				
		ABQ Metro	Northwest	North Central	South/ Southwest	Eastside
Strongly support	41%	48%	21%	39%	34%	42%
Somewhat support	27%	19%	36%	29%	28%	44%
Somewhat oppose	11%	9%	17%	10%	16%	7%
Strongly oppose	8%	11%	5%	13%	2%	4%
Depends (volunteered)	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Don't know/won't say	10%	9%	19%	7%	17%	3%

III. DEMOGRAPHICS

DEMOGRAPHICS

REGISTERED VOTERS
TOTAL SAMPLE (N=451)

GENDER	
MALE	48%
FEMALE	52%
ETHNICITY	
CAUCASIAN	52%
HISPANIC	37%
NATIVE AMERICAN/INDIAN	4%
OTHER	3%
AFRICAN AMERICAN	1%
WON'T SAY	3%
AGE	
18 TO 34 YEARS	25%
35 TO 49 YEARS	23%
50 TO 64 YEARS	28%
65 YEARS OR OLDER	24%
EDUCATION	
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	23%
SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE/VOCATIONAL CERT.	33%
4-YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATE	23%
GRADUATE DEGREE (MASTERS, PHD, MD, JD)	19%
WON'T SAY	1%
POLITICAL PARTY	
DEMOCRAT	47%
REPUBLICAN	32%
INDEPENDENT/D-T-S/OTHER	21%
REGION	
ABQ METRO	43%
NORTH CENTRAL	17%
LAS CRUCES/SOUTHWEST	16%
EASTSIDE	15%
NORTHWEST	9%

IV. QUESTIONNAIRE

Common Cause
January 2015
FINAL
n = 450 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?

01.	Bernalillo	10.	Grant	19.	Mora	28.	Sierra
02.	Catron	11.	Guadalupe	20.	Otero	29.	Socorro
03.	Chaves	12.	Harding	21.	Quay	30.	Taos
04.	Cibola	13.	Hidalgo	22.	Rio Arriba	31.	Torrance
05.	Colfax	14.	Lea	23.	Roosevelt	32.	Union
06.	Curry	15.	Lincoln	24.	San Juan	33.	Valencia
07.	De Baca	16.	Los Alamos	25.	San Miguel		
08.	Dona Ana	17.	Luna	26.	Sandoval		
09.	Eddy	18.	McKinley	27.	Santa Fe		

99. No/don't know/won't say

(*ASK TO SPEAK TO REGISTERED VOTER IN HOUSEHOLD, IF NONE, **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 (*volunteered*)
4. Don't know/won't say

2. Do you *support* or *oppose* placing limits on the amount of money that individuals can contribute to political candidates? (*Pause*) Is that *strongly* or *somewhat* (*support/oppose*)?

4.	Strongly support	1.	Strongly oppose
3.	Somewhat support	5.	Depends (*volunteered*)
2.	Somewhat oppose	6.	Don't know/won't say

3. During this past election cycle in New Mexico, in some state races, Political Action Committees spent more money running political ads than the candidates themselves. Using a 5-point scale where 5 is a *very large impac*t and 1 is *no impact at all*, how much of an impact do you think the ads from these outside groups had in the last state election?

Very Large Impact				*No Impact At All*	*Don't Know/ Won't Say*
5	4	3	2	1	6

4. Do you think that limiting the amount of campaign contributions to a candidate helps to prevent corruption or do you think limiting contributions has no impact on corruption in politics?

1. Helps prevent corruption
2. Has no impact on corruption
3. Don't know/won't say

5. Currently in New Mexico, only candidates running for the Public Regulation Commission, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals receive public campaign financing. This system provides public funds for use in election campaigns once the candidate meets the program qualifications. Do you think public campaign financing should be expanded to include candidates running for other judicial races?

1. Yes, should be expanded
2. No, should not be expanded
3. Don't know/won't say

6. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to require registered lobbyists to make public, the bills or issues they have been hired to advocate for, (*Pause*) so that voters know who is lobbying on certain issues in New Mexico?

1. Good idea
2. Bad idea
3. Don't know/won't say

7. Generally, do you think New Mexico's elected officials are more responsive to lobbyists or more responsive to voters?

1. More responsive to **lobbyists**
2. More responsive to **voters**
3. Neither *(Volunteered)*
4. Both *(Volunteered)*
5. Don't know/won't say

Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that our state legislature might consider adopting. Please indicate if you would *strongly support*, *somewhat support*, *somewhat oppose*, or *strongly oppose* each proposal. The first one is….

(*RANDOMIZE*)	*Strongly Support*	*Somewhat Support*	*Somewhat Oppose*	*Strongly Oppose*	*Don't Know/ Won't Say*
8. Creating an Independent Ethics Commission to establish and enforce rules regarding the ethical behavior and actions of state officials	4	3	2	1	5
9. Requiring that all large political contributions from individuals, corporations, political action committees (PACs), nonprofits, or unions be made public	4	3	2	1	5
10. Requiring former legislators to wait at least two years after their term ends before they are able to become paid lobbyists to the legislature	4	3	2	1	5

11. A bill has been introduced for the upcoming legislative session to change the current public campaign financing system. This bill would provide matching funds from the state to Public Regulation Commission and judicial candidates who agree to raise only contributions under $100. Do you support or oppose this change to the law? (*Pause*) Is that *somewhat* or *strongly* (*support/oppose*)?

4. Strongly support
3. Somewhat support
2. Somewhat oppose
1. Strongly oppose
5. Depends (*volunteered*)
6. Don't know/won't say

12. This bill would also change the campaign finance system so that a candidate who is running unopposed would not receive public finance funding. Do you support or oppose this additional change to the law? (*Pause*) Is that *somewhat* or *strongly* (*support/oppose*)?

4. Strongly support
3. Somewhat support
2. Somewhat oppose
1. Strongly oppose
5. Depends (*volunteered*)
6. Don't know/won't say

13. Another bill is being proposed that will require more public disclosure and reporting from groups who spend money on political campaigns. The bill will require that all independent political groups who are spending money on campaigns, report who their donors are and how the money is being spent.

Do you support or oppose a bill that would require independent political groups to report who their donors are and how their money is being spent on campaigns? (*Pause*) Is that *somewhat* or *strongly* (*support/oppose*)?

4. Strongly support
3. Somewhat support
2. Somewhat oppose
1. Strongly oppose
5. Depends (*volunteered*)
6. Don't know/won't say

14. When making decisions about supporting candidates for office in New Mexico, would you be more likely to support or oppose a candidate who strongly pushes for campaign finance and ethics reforms, or would you say it makes no difference? (*Pause*) Would you say you are *much more likely* to (*support/oppose)* or *somewhat more likely*?

1. Much more likely to support
2. Somewhat more likely to support
3. Somewhat more likely to oppose
4. Much more likely to oppose
5. Would make no difference
6. Don't know/won't say

15. Every ten years each state is required to redraw its legislative voting districts to reflect shifts in the population. In New Mexico, the legislative districts are drawn up by the state legislature. In some other states, the legislative districts are drawn up by independent redistricting commissions. Do you *support* or *oppose* New Mexico having an independent commission be in charge of redrawing the legislative voting districts? (*Pause*) Is that *somewhat* or *strongly* (*support/oppose*)?

4. Strongly support
3. Somewhat support
2. Somewhat oppose
1. Strongly oppose
5. Depends (*volunteered*)
6. Don't know/won't say

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

16. Into which age category do you fit? *(READ CATEGORIES)*

1. 18 to 34 years
2. 35 to 49 years
3. 50 to 64 years
4. 65 years or older
5. Won't say *(DO NOT READ)*

17. Do you consider yourself to be: *(READ CATEGORIES)*

1. Hispanic
2. Anglo/Caucasian
3. Black/African-American
4. Native American Indian
5. Or of other descent?
6. Won't say *(DO NOT READ)*

18. What is the highest level of education you have attained? *(READ CATEGORIES)*

1. Some high school
2. High school graduate
3. Some college/associate degree/vocational certificate
4. College graduate (4 years)
5. Graduate degree (MD, PhD, J.D., Masters)
6. Won't say *(DO NOT READ)*

19. Are you a registered Democrat, Republican, Independent or other?

1. Democrat
2. Republican
3. Independent/D-T-S/other
4. Won't say ***(SEE 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