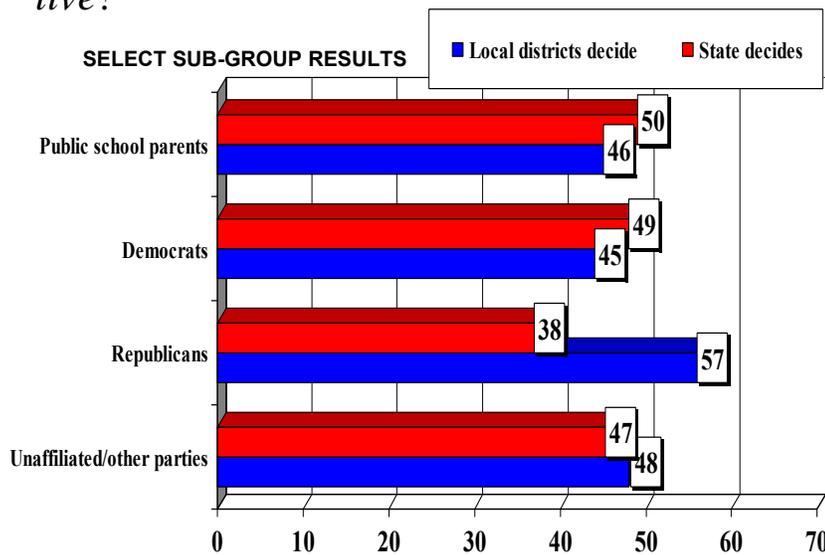
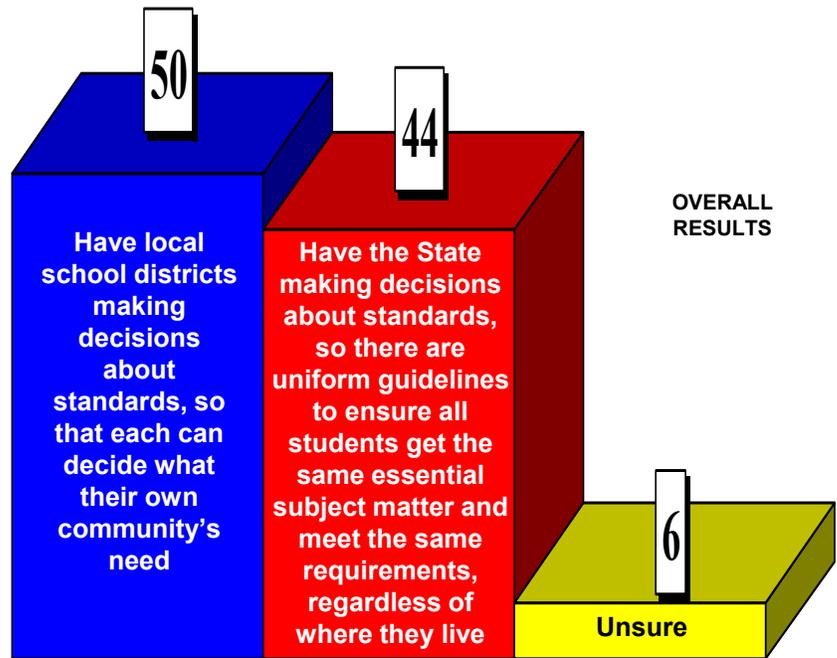


Ohio Voter Survey Results: Slim majority of voters prefer local control of standards for schools, but parents dissent amid partisan differences

QUESTION WORDING:

“Do you generally think it is better to have local school districts making decisions about standards, so that each can decide what their own community’s need or have the State making decisions about standards, so there are uniform guidelines to ensure all students get the same essential subject matter and meet the same requirements, regardless of where they live?”



Another indication that current opinions about Common Core and governance-related matters are not clear cut – as observed in previous results (<https://goo.gl/DsHNwv>) – views about who should set standards are somewhat muddled with little clear consensus. Even school parents appear to be somewhat ambivalent about the matter. This may signal that the notion of parity for standards has strong allure. The only sub-group in the survey that expressed an unambiguous preference was Republican voters, who opted for local control by a wide margin.

METHODS: This survey research data was gathered through telephone interviews that specially-trained interviewers conducted with 800 randomly-selected registered voters in the State of Ohio with histories of voting in recent November general elections, who had valid residential, VOIP or cellular telephone numbers. The interviews were performed during the period of May 9, 2017 through May 13, 2017. The overall estimated margin of sampling error is +/- 3.46%, based on a confidence level of 95%, although it varies for each individual question. This means that if this survey were repeated, 95 times out of 100 the results would be within plus or minus 3.46% of those provided herein. Adjustments were made to weight the results toward demographic and geographic characteristics of the state's electorate, in order to account for under- and over-sampling that normally occurs as a result of the random selection process, and to ensure that all major sub-groups are represented in proportion to their actual percentages. Like all polls, this survey research is subject to other possible sources of error, such as unintentional bias in the wording of questions, data-entry error and nonresponse bias. **Please note that this survey question was not funded or commissioned by any organization or committee. Permission is granted for distribution to share this information with any interested parties.**

