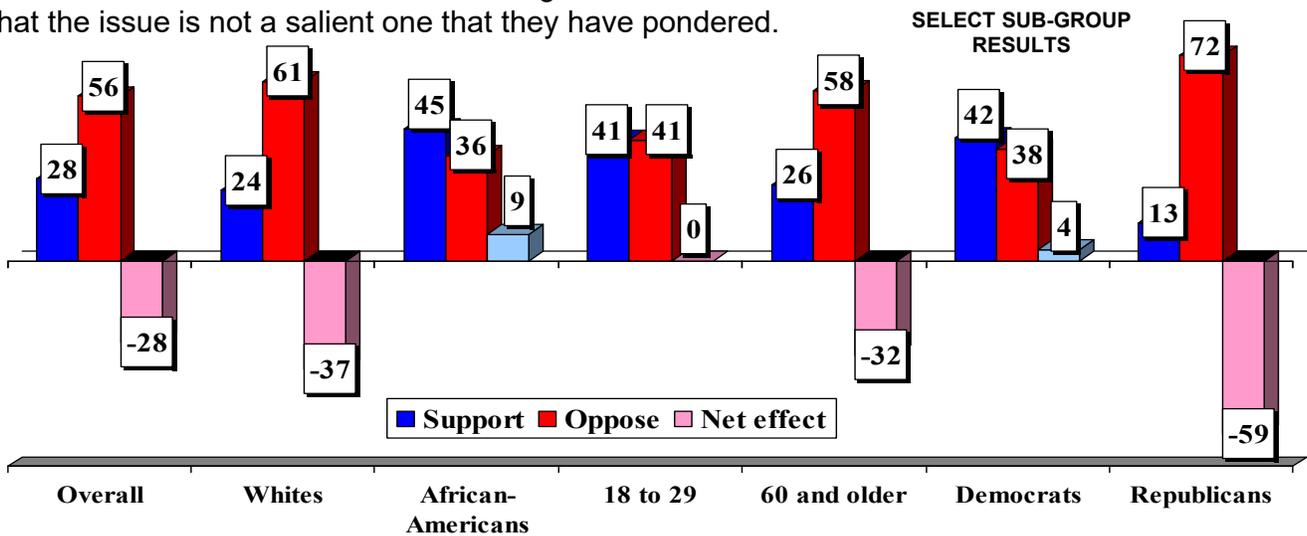
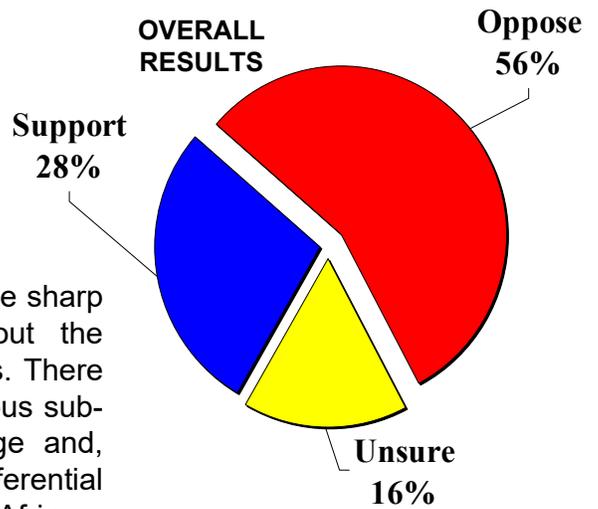


Ohio Voter Survey Results: A Majority of Ohioans Oppose Taking Down Confederate Statues, But Stark Opinion Divisions Exist

QUESTION WORDING:

“Do you support or oppose removing confederate statues that are being displayed in public places in Ohio?”

A highly polarizing topic, the aggregate results belie the sharp underlying differences in attitudes that exist about the controversial topic of taking down confederate statues. There were numerous contrasts in sentiments between various sub-groups, but the most prodigious were by race, age and, somewhat curiously, party registration. The support differential margin (support minus oppose) between whites and African-Americans is 46%, and 32% between 18 to 29 year-olds and senior citizens. The largest, however, was by party, with a 63% support differential margin between Democrats and Republicans. Also notable is the somewhat high percentage of voters who were unsure, which either signals ambivalence or that the issue is not a salient one that they have pondered.



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 September 13, 2017 through September 19, 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.**

