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# Wyoming Primary Election Survey, 2022

**A survey of Wyoming residents and likely GOP primary voters**

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## Methodology

This brief presents the results of 2022 Wyoming Primary Election Survey. The live interviewer telephone survey was fielded to a random sample of cell phone and landline telephone numbers in Wyoming, resulting in 70% of completed surveys on cell phones. The sampling frame was designed so that nearly every telephone number in Wyoming had an equal probability of selection for this project.

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The survey instrument contains questions developed internally by the School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies (SPPAIS) and the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC) at the University of Wyoming.

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The statewide survey results are weighted by gender, age, and respondent’ county. The overall margin of error for questions asked of all respondents is ±3.4 percentage points. The GOP primary survey results are weighted by gender and Republican Party voter registration statistics at the county level. The margin of error for the GOP primary questions is ±4.1 percentage points

Total column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding error. This project is funded by the School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies (SPPAIS), the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC), and Wyoming Public Media (WPM).

## Topline Survey Results

*The study was conducted by the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center via live interviewer telephone. Interviews were conducted from July 25 – Aug. 6, 2022, among a random sample of cell phone and landline telephone numbers believed to be in Wyoming. Respondents determined to be likely voters in the GOP primary were asked a subset of questions about that election.*

### Margins of Error

Full Sample (total): ±3.4 percentage points

GOP Primary: ±4.1 percentage points

### Demographics

Age	Unweighted Count	Unweighted %	Weighted %	Statewide Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
18-24	53	6.3	11.5	12.0
25-34	77	9.2	16.8	17.6
35-44	103	12.3	16.6	16.4
45-54	102	12.2	15.1	14.9
55-64	133	15.9	18.0	17.7
65-74	210	25.1	13.4	13.1
75+	132	15.8	8.5	8.3
Total	810	96.9	100.0	100.0
(No answer/Refused)	26	3.1		
Total	836	100.0		

<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Gender	Unweighted Count	Unweighted %	Weighted %	Statewide Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
(Male)	422	50.5	51.3	50.8
(Female)	407	48.7	48.7	49.2
Total	829	99.2	100.0	100.0
(Other)	3	0.4		
(No Answer/Refused)	4	0.5		
Total	836	100.0		

County	Unweighted Count	Unweighted %	Weighted %	Statewide Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Albany	30	3.6	5.8	6.5
Big Horn	18	2.2	2.0	2.0
Campbell	55	6.6	7.9	8.0
Carbon	26	3.1	2.6	2.5
Converse	19	2.3	2.4	2.4
Crook	14	1.7	1.3	1.3
Fremont	55	6.6	6.8	6.8
Goshen	17	2.0	2.2	2.2
Hot Springs	10	1.2	0.8	0.8
Johnson	19	2.3	1.6	1.5
Laramie	163	19.5	17.7	17.4
Lincoln	38	4.5	3.6	3.5
Natrona	99	11.8	13.8	13.7
Niobrara	4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Park	50	6.0	5.3	5.2
Platte	11	1.3	1.4	1.5
Sheridan	54	6.5	5.6	5.5
Sublette	12	1.4	1.5	1.5
Sweetwater	56	6.7	7.2	7.2
Teton	29	3.5	4.1	4.1
Uinta	29	3.5	3.5	3.6
Washakie	13	1.6	1.3	1.3
Weston	15	1.8	1.2	1.2
Total	836	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

<sup>3</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties in Wyoming: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021(CO-EST2021-POP-56)

**Phone Status**

Have I reached you on a cell phone?

	Frequency	Unweighted %
Yes	587	70.2
No	249	29.8
Total	836	100.0

**Survey Results**

**q9.** As you may know, the Wyoming Primary for Governor, U.S. Representative and the state legislature will be held on Tuesday, August 16th.

How interested would you say you are in the 2022 Wyoming Primary?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Extremely interested	20.4	31.0
2. Very interested	42.1	54.4
3. Somewhat interested	21.9	12.7
4. Not very interested	15.0	1.6
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	0.5	0.2
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.1	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0

**q10.** How often have you voted in Wyoming state primaries in the past?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Always	44.0	63.9
2. Usually	17.6	16.2
3. Sometimes	9.4	7.4
4. Rarely	6.8	3.1
5. Never	21.7	9.2
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	0.5	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0

**q11.** Which of the following statements best describes you?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. I will probably NOT vote in the August 16th Wyoming Primary	9.1	
2. I MAY vote in the 2022 Wyoming Primary	6.1	
3. Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the 2022 Wyoming Primary	19.7	20.6
4. I will DEFINITELY vote in the 2022 Wyoming Primary	48.3	64.3
5. I just don't know at this time	7.0	
6. I already voted in the Wyoming Primary with an absentee ballot	9.2	15.1
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	0.3	
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.3	
Total	100.0	

*If answer 3 or 4 on q11.*

**q12.** Will you vote at a polling place on primary election day or will you vote early?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. At a polling place on primary election	72.5	73.7
2. Vote early	21.6	21.4
3. (Already voted early) (volunteered)	0.1	5.0
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	5.8	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

*If answer 6 q11 or answer 2 or 3 on q12.*

**q13.** Will (did) you vote in person at a designated polling place or by mail?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Vote in person at a designated polling place	62.5	63.2
2. Vote by mail	34.9	34.5
9. (No answer/Refused)	2.7	2.3
Total	100.0	100.0

**q14.** Will you vote in the Republican Party primary or Democratic Party primary or do you not know at this time?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Republican	81.2	100.0
2. Democratic	7.6	
3. Don't know at this time	9.8	
4. (Neither) (volunteered)	1.3	
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.2	
Total	100.0	100.0

Questions Q15 – Q19 were only asked of likely voters in the GOP primary. Additional results are presented based on what party the respondent considers themselves to be, regardless of registration status.

**q15.** This year the candidates for the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative are...

[Candidate names presented in random order]

For which candidate do you plan to vote?

	Likely Voters GOP Primary	(Republican)	(Democrat)	(independent)
1. Robyn Belinsky	0.2	0.3		
2. Anthony Bouchard	1.7	2.0		1.7
3. Liz Cheney	27.8	15.4	97.8	43.2
4. Harriet Hageman	57.4	68.1	2.2	40.7
5. Denton Knapp	0.8	0.3		0.8
6. (Don't know) (Volunteered)	9.8	11.1		11.0
7. (No Answer/Refused)	2.3	2.8		2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*If candidate other than 3. Liz Cheney selected*

**q16.** Do you mainly support [named candidate] or oppose Liz Cheney?

	Likely Voters GOP Primary	(Republican)	(Democrat)	(independent)
1. Support named candidate	29.5	31.5		21.6
2. Oppose Cheney	39.5	39.5	100.0	47.1
3. (Both) (volunteered)	31.0	29.0		31.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*If candidate 3. Liz Cheney is selected*

**q16.** Do you mainly support Liz Cheney or oppose other candidates?

	Likely Voters GOP Primary	(Republican)	(Democrat)	(independent)
1. Support Cheney	66.1	77.8	60.0	58.8
2. Oppose other candidates	20.1	11.1	28.9	23.5
3. (Both) (volunteered)	12.6	11.1	8.9	15.7
4. (Uncertain) (volunteered)	1.2		2.2	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**q18.** How do you feel about the choices available for the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative?

	Likely Voters GOP Primary	(Republican)	(Democrat)	(independent)
1. Very satisfied	35.6	37.9	23.9	28.0
2. Somewhat satisfied	44.3	44.2	45.7	44.1
3. Somewhat dissatisfied	9.7	8.0	13.0	14.4
4. Very dissatisfied	4.2	2.8	17.4	6.8
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	5.7	6.6		6.8
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.5	0.6		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**q19.** This year the candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor are...

[Candidate names presented in random order]

For which candidate do you plan to vote?

	Likely Voters GOP Primary	(Republican)	(Democrat)	(independent)
1. Brent Bien	13.8	16.2		6.8
2. Mark Gordon	53.7	53.3	63.0	62.7
3. James Scott Quick	0.9	0.9		1.7
4. Rex Rammell	3.5	3.7		3.4
5. (Don't Know/Not Sure)	24.7	23.9	23.9	18.6
6. (No Answer/Refused)	3.4	2.0	13.0	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**q24.** Regardless of whom you supported in the 2020 election, do you think Joe Biden's election as president was legitimate, or was he not legitimately elected?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Legitimate	45.4	38.5
2. Not legitimate	39.4	45.5
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	11.4	11.8
9. (No answer/Refused)	3.8	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0

**q25.** Do you think there is solid evidence that there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election, or no solid evidence?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Solid evidence	43.4	48.6
2. No solid evidence	43.0	37.9
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	11.1	11.3
9. (No answer/Refused)	2.5	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0

**q26.** How confident are you that the votes in Wyoming's primary election will be accurately counted this year?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Very confident	59.3	63.4
2. Somewhat confident	32.1	30.9
3. Not too confident	4.1	3.1
4. Not confident at all	3.2	1.5
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	0.9	0.6
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.4	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0

**q27.** How closely have you been following the hearings of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Very closely	14.7	18.7
2. Somewhat closely	36.5	34.8
3. Not so closely	19.6	14.5
4. Not closely at all	29.0	31.8
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.1	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0



**q28.** Do you think the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th attack IS or IS NOT conducting a fair and impartial investigation?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. IS conducting a fair and impartial investigation	36.3	26.7
2. IS NOT conducting a fair and impartial investigation	47.2	59.7
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	14.3	12.1
9. (No answer/Refused)	2.1	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0

**q29.** Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Republican	47.4	63.3
2. Democrat	12.1	8.2
3. independent	29.8	20.5
4. Other (specify)	8.9	7.7
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	0.9	0.4
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.9	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

**q30.** How would you describe your own political viewpoint? Is it liberal, moderate or conservative?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Liberal	10.3	7.1
2. Moderate	37.0	29.1
3. Conservative	49.3	62.0
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	2.5	1.6
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.9	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0

**q31.** What is the most common way you get political and election news?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Social Media (twitter, facebook, truth social, etc.)	17.4	9.8
2. News website or app	31.1	27.2
3. Cable television (CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, etc.)	15.1	21.4
4. Local television (local tv news station)	4.8	5.3
5. Network television (tv broadcast over the air, NBC, CBS,	8.5	10.8
6. Radio	8.3	7.9
7. Print media (local newspapers or magazines such as Time o	10.0	13.4
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	2.8	3.4
9. (No answer/Refused)	1.9	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0

**q32.** What was the last year or grade you completed in school?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Grade school	0.2	0.0
2. Some high school	1.8	1.0
3. High school graduate	21.1	18.5
4. Some college	34.5	33.4
5. Bachelor's degree	24.5	24.8
6. Graduate or professional degree	17.2	21.6
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.7	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0

**q33.** Now considering your voter registration status as of today, which party are you registered as?

	Statewide	Likely Voters GOP Primary
1. Constitution	1.0	1.2
2. Democratic	11.7	3.6
3. Libertarian	0.4	0.0
4. Republican	65.5	88.9
5. unaffiliated	7.4	2.4
6. Other (specify)	0.7	0.4
7. Not currently registered to vote	10.1	2.4
8. (Don't know/Not sure)	2.9	1.0
9. (No answer/Refused)	0.4	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0