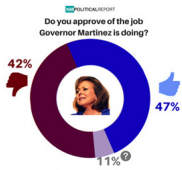


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The poll, conducted this weekend by Public Policy Polling, found that Martinez' approval rating among likely voters now sits at 47 percent, while her disapproval rating sits at 42 percent. This leaves 11 percent who are not sure how they would rate Martinez' time in office.

Unsurprisingly, Martinez' highest rating comes among Republicans; 67 percent approve of the way she's doing her job, while 26 percent disapprove. Among Democrats, 54 percent disapprove to 32 percent who approve. Independents are more split, with 44 percent disapproving and 38 percent approving.

The second-strongest supporters were white voters; 54 percent approved of Martinez' job performance while 37 percent disapproved. Hispanics narrowly disapproved of Martinez' job performance (45 percent to 43 percent) and "Other," disapproved of Martinez' job performance 47 percent to 32 percent.

NM Political Report will release the full crosstabs later this week, including voter preferences on a presidential race including Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump and Gary Johnson on Tuesday.

Public polling of Martinez' approval rating following her 2014 reelection is rare.

A Morning Consult Poll conducted between January and May of 2016 showed Martinez' approval rating at 48 percent and disapproval at 45 percent. That poll has a margin of error of plus/minus 4.9 percent and the sample size was not disclosed.

A Morning Consult poll in 2015 pegged her approval rating at 54 percent and her disapproval

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rating at 39 percent. That poll of 469 registered voters had a margin of error of plus/minus 4.5 percent.

From there, the previous poll was a Research and Polling, Inc., poll for Common Cause New Mexico conducted in late December 2013 and early January 2014. That poll found 55 percent of registered voters approved of Martinez' job performance, while just 29 percent disapproved.

A SurveyUSA poll from May of 2013 showed Martinez' approval rating at 66 percent, and her disapproval rating at 29 percent.

The Washington Post reported on a January 2014 poll that showed Martinez' approval rating at 62 percent in a poll conducted by Public Opinion Strategies for Martinez' campaign.

Public Policy Polling conducted the poll based on questions submitted by NM Political Report. The pollster does conduct polls for Democratic campaigns, though no campaign or other group outside NM Political Report had input on this poll's contents.

The poll surveyed 802 likely New Mexico voters. The poll was conducted from May 13 to 15 and has a margin of error of plus/minus 3.5 percent for topline results. Crosstabs with smaller populations will have larger margins of error.

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