

## Poll: Double-digit lead for Clinton in N.M.

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A poll for KOB-TV by SurveyUSA shows a double-digit lead for Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in New Mexico.

The poll also showed a new low for Gov. Susana Martinez when it comes to approval ratings and a wide lead by the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State.

The poll shows the Democratic presidential nominee leads the Republican nominee 46 percent to 33 percent. Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, a former governor of New Mexico, has the support of 14 percent while Green Party nominee Jill Stein has the support of 2 percent.

In a Research and Polling, Inc. poll commissioned by the *Albuquerque Journal* that was released earlier this week, Clinton lead 35 percent to 31 percent.

Clinton's lead comes in large part because of her support among Hispanic voters. The poll found that 52 percent of Hispanic voters support Clinton, compared to 21 percent who support Trump and 19 percent who support Johnson. Hispanic voters made up 39 percent of the SurveyUSA sample.

Among white voters, Trump narrowly leads Clinton 42 percent to 40 percent, with Johnson trailing at 11 percent.

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From SurveyUSA's write-up of the poll:

Clinton holds 83% of the Democratic base, compared to just 76% of Republican who stand with Trump. Johnson siphons 24% of the Independent vote, where Clinton manages 35% to Trump's 29%. Clinton leads among college-educated whites by 22 points. She leads among suburban women by 21 points. She leads among the most affluent voters by 15 points.

### **Secretary of State's race**

The poll also shows a big lead for Democratic candidate Maggie Toulouse Oliver over Republican candidate Nora Espinoza for Secretary of State.

The poll shows a 54 percent to 34 percent lead for Toulouse Oliver among likely Secretary of State voters.

Like in the presidential race, the Democratic candidate has a wide lead among Hispanic voters—57 percent to 26 percent. But unlike that race, the Democratic candidate has a wide lead among white voters as well—52 percent to 39 percent.

### **Approval ratings**

The poll also looked at the approval ratings of the governor and both U.S. Senators.

The poll found that just 36 percent of registered voters approve of Martinez's job performance, while 49 percent disapproved.

The poll shows Martinez's approval rating among Republicans is just 57 percent while 22 percent of Democrats approve of her job performance. Meanwhile, 68 percent of Democrats

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disapprove of her job performance compared to 27 percent of Republicans who disapprove.

Both U.S. Senators have higher job approval ratings than Martinez, though both also have higher rates of those who say they aren't sure.

Among the same registered voters, 52 percent approved of Tom Udall's job performance, compared to 29 percent who disapproved.

For Martin Heinrich, 46 percent approve of his job performance while 28 percent disapprove.

The poll of 594 likely voters was conducted between September 28 and October 2. SurveyUSA polled 69 percent via landline and 31 percent who are not reachable by landline through questionnaires on cell phones, tablets or other mobile devices.

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