

DOERS NETWORK POLL BRIEFING

UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 18

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Sen. Daniel McCay vs. Rep. Doug Fiefia

Incumbent: Sen. Daniel McCay

AT A GLANCE



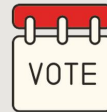
PRIMARY DATE

JUNE 23, 2026



BALLOTS DROP

JUNE 2, 2026



FIELD DATES

MAY 5-7, 2026



MARGIN OF ERROR

± 4.4%

n = 497 likely Republican primary voters • SLC & Utah Counties • Weighted by age, race, gender, education, region

METHODOLOGY

This survey was fielded from May 5–7, 2026, among 497 likely Republican primary voters in Utah’s 18th State Senate District. Respondents were chosen from a voter file provided by i360. Text messages containing a link to an online survey designed by the State Navigate Polling Team and hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform were sent to respondents by AllianceForge. The survey was weighted by age, race, gender, education, and region with benchmarks derived from the voter file and previous election results. The margin of error is 4.4% with a 95% confidence interval. The survey was designed by State Navigate and Doers Network and **conducted by State Navigate**. This survey was not sponsored by any party, candidate, or candidate’s committee.

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DISTRICT INFORMATION

DISTRICT DNA • SD-18 (LV)



SALT LAKE UTAH COUNTIES

Cities: Riverton, Herriman, Bluffdale,
Draper, Saratoga Springs



WHERE A FEW VOTES MATTER

~19%

OF VOTERS WILL DETERMINE WHO
THE NEXT STATE SENATOR WILL BE

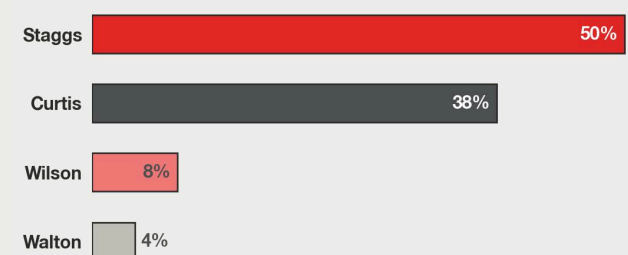
This district is safely Republican: a
few voters will determine the winner
by voting in the primary.

2024 PRIMARY RESULTS IN SD-18

2024 GOP Gov. Primary in SD-18 (Cox +1)



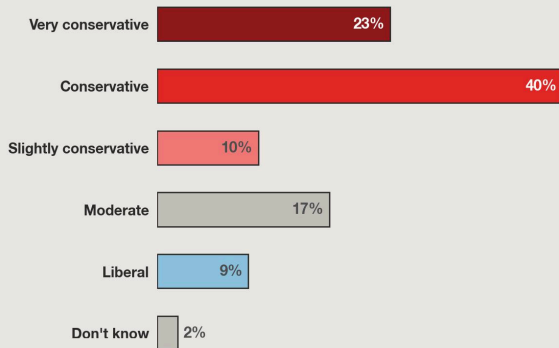
2024 GOP US Senate Primary in SD-18 (Staggs +11)



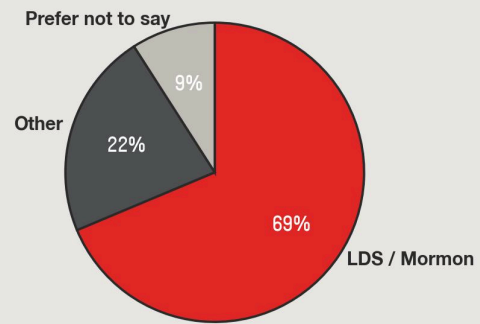
DISTRICT INFORMATION

DISTRICT DNA • DEMOGRAPHICS (LV)

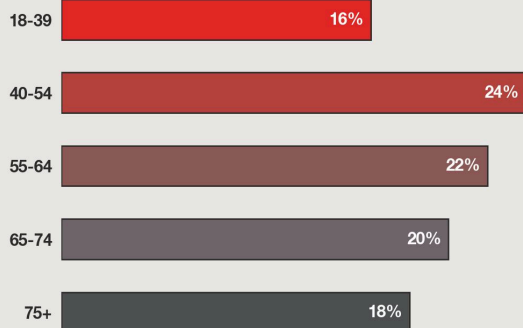
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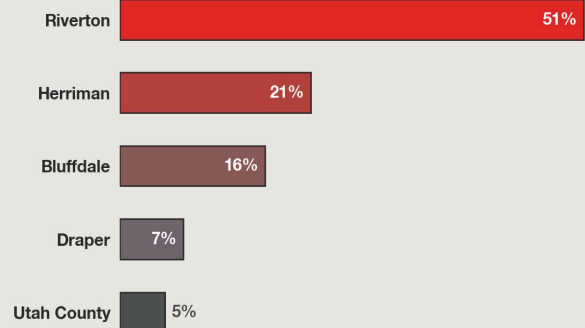
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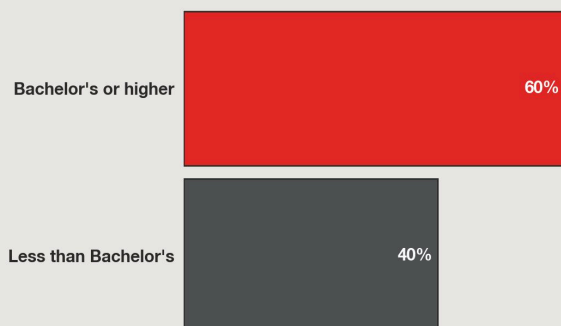
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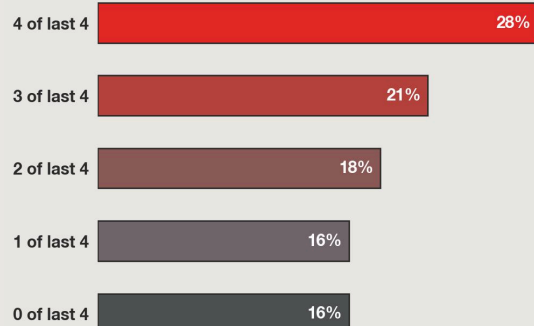
RESPONDENTS BY REGION



EDUCATION



PRIMARY VOTING HISTORY (LAST 4 CYCLES)



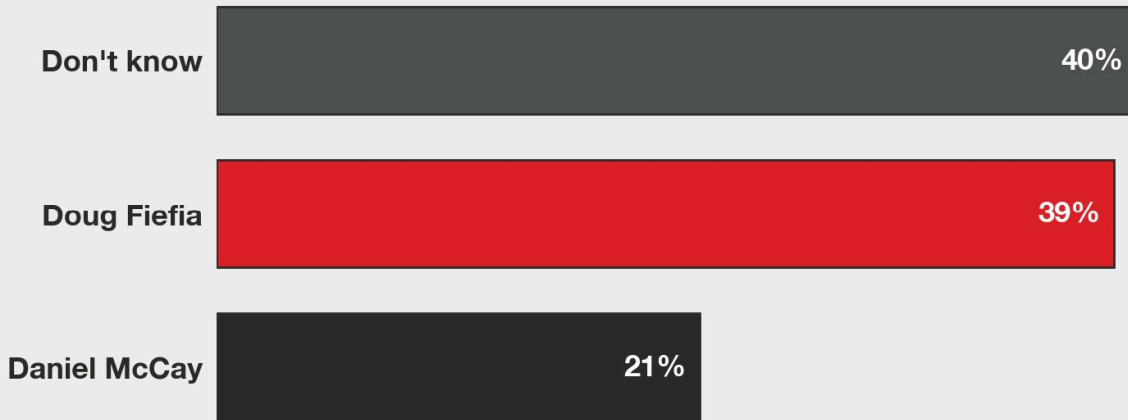
White / Caucasian = 90%. LDS = 68%. n = 497 likely R primary voters, weighted.

THE SNAPSHOT

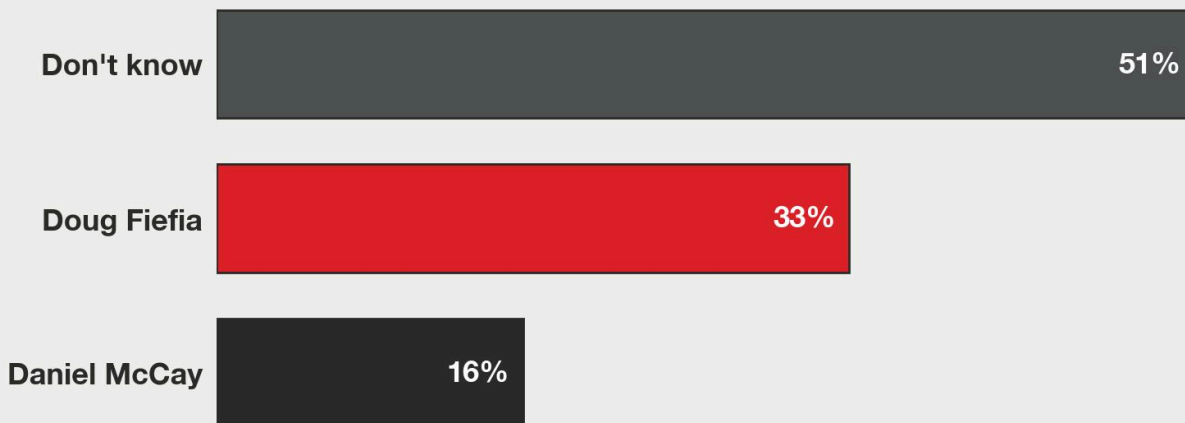


THE HORSERACE • WITH LEANERS*

Respondents who declined to choose a candidate initially but named a preference on a follow-up 'which way do you lean?' question; their stated lean is included in the topline.



NO LEANER PUSH



ON THE ISSUES



A NEW ICE DETENTION CENTER IN UTAH

ICE recently purchased a facility in Salt Lake County to use as an immigration detention center. Which of the following best reflects your view on this?

Support new ICE detention center

56%

Oppose new ICE detention center

33%

Don't know — No opinion

10%

REPUBLICAN TYPOLOGIES AND IDEOLOGY

When deciding who to vote for in the Republican primary for State Senate, do you prefer a candidate who...

Gets results for your community, even if it means compromising on conservative values

55%

Stands on principle and doesn't compromise on conservative values, even if it means delivering fewer results for your community

33%

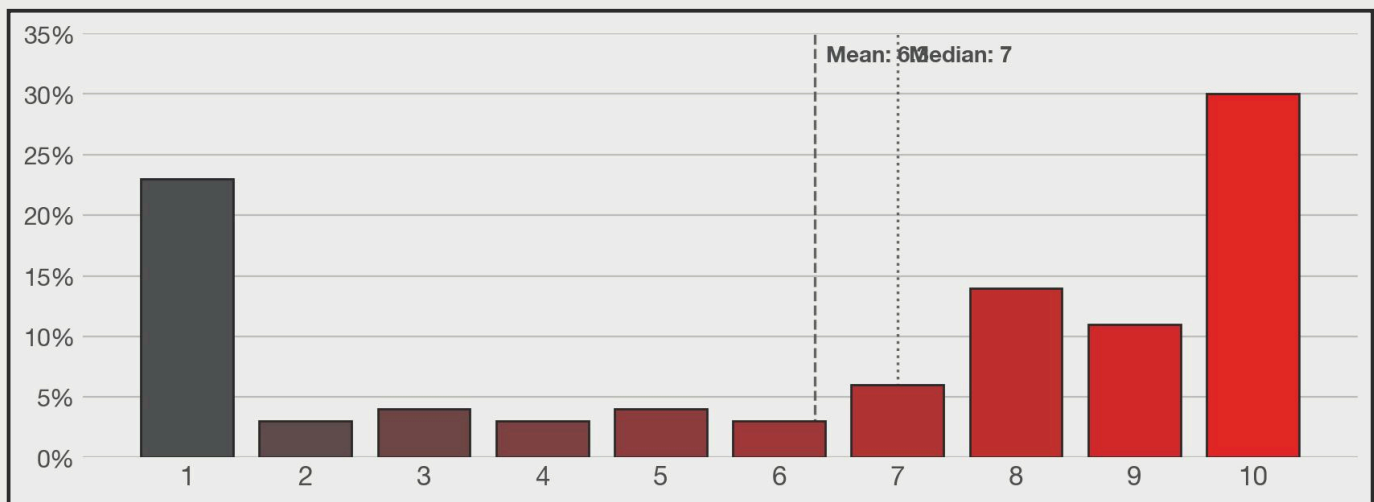
Unsure

12%



TRUMP SUPPORT

Trump Support: 1 (Not at all supportive) to 10 (Absolutely supportive)



Trump support in SD-18 is strongly bimodal: 23% pick 1 (not at all supportive of Trump), and 30% pick 10 (absolutely supportive). The mean is 6.3 and the median is 7.

POLLSTER NOTES AND ANALYSIS



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CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE ON INCUMBENT WOES

McCay is in serious trouble for an incumbent.

Despite McCay being a two-term incumbent, he's polling at 21% and behind his opponent by 18%. He's probably one of, if not the most likely, incumbents to lose their primary this June. His only path forward is if the electorate is unusually very high propensity, and even then, it's a tough hill to climb: he's losing voters who have voted in each of the last four primaries by 8%. He's getting walloped among the middle-propensity and low-propensity voters, so if Fiefia harnesses the anti-incumbent tendencies among that group and has enough of them come out, it's pretty much game over for McCay.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE ON CANDIDATE BASES

McCay only appeals to a narrow part of the electorate.

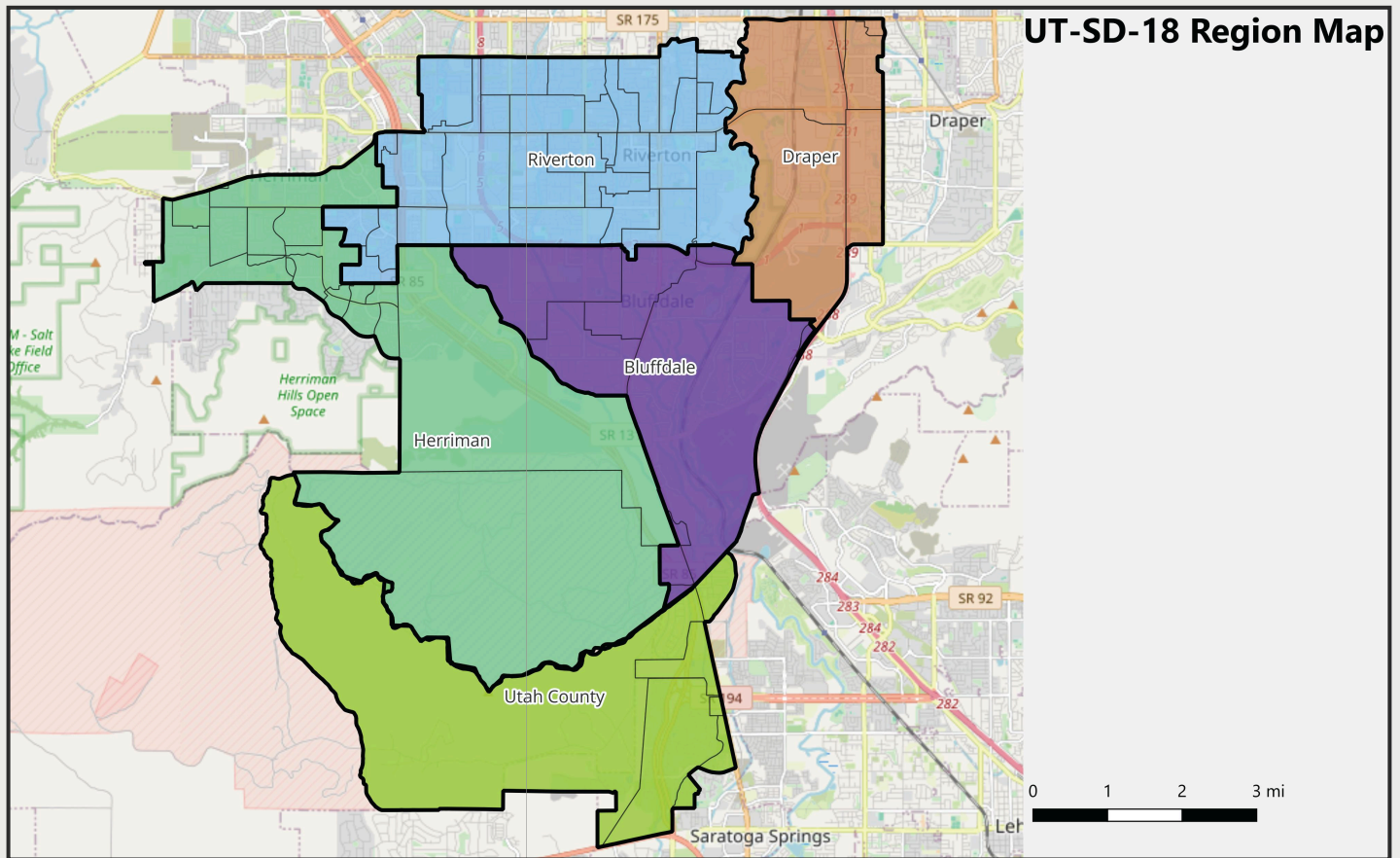
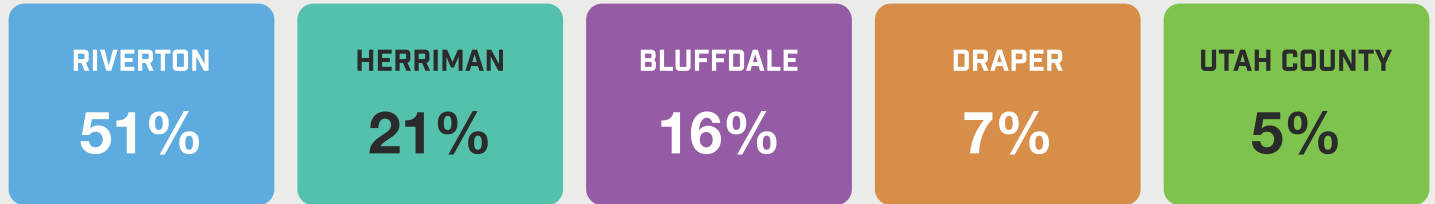
Among McCay voters, support for a new Utah ICE detention center runs 68%–15%. Among Fiefia voters, it's a much narrower 50%–43%. McCay has a 9-point lead among the most conservative voters in the seat, whereas Fiefia handily leads among every other ideological group. By all accounts, McCay has isolated himself to only a small part of the electorate, whereas Fiefia has an appeal to voters of all types, regardless of ideology.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON RESULTS VS. PRINCIPLES

Fiefia leads both camps, but his edge is much wider among results voters.

Like most of our Utah polling, we see a significant difference between results-oriented voters and principles-oriented voters in SD-18. While Fiefia leads among both groups, his advantage is much narrower among the 55% of respondents that prefer a candidate who stands on principle (36–26) than among the 33% who prefer a candidate who is willing to compromise to get results (45–13).

APPENDIX • REGIONAL MAP • WEIGHTS



ABOUT DOERS NETWORK

OUR MISSION

The Utah Doers Network gets results-oriented conservatives elected by delivering the 10%+ vote shift that determines who wins — and who loses — primary elections.

THE PROBLEM

Performative politics spreads quickly through outrage and noise. We exist to out-organize the noise with disciplined, relationship-driven infrastructure.

HOW WE WIN

01 WE BACK PROVEN DOERS

We endorse Utah conservatives with a track record of local results.

02 WE PLUG THEM IN

Kitchen cabinets. Advisory boards. Community leaders. One network of Utah's most influential conservatives.

03 BEST-IN-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

Better tech, teams, and outreach. Doer campaigns are faster, smarter, and more efficient from day one.

04 WE DELIVER THE MARGIN

Our goal is to move 10%+ of the vote in key primaries — the difference between winning and losing.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

DOERS FOCUS ON	TALKERS FOCUS ON
Local results ✓	National outrage ✗
Public trust ✓	Performative conflict ✗
Governing ✓	Headlines-chasing ✗

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