

DOERS NETWORK POLL BRIEFING

UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 48 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Nik Anderson vs. Jake Hunsaker

Open seat: Rep. Doug Fiefia running for State Senate District 18 instead of re-election

AT A GLANCE



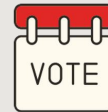
PRIMARY DATE

JUNE 23, 2026



BALLOTS DROP

JUNE 2, 2026



FIELD DATES

APR 30–May 3, 2026



MARGIN OF ERROR

± 6.7%

n = 216 registered Republican primary voters • Salt Lake County • Weighted by age, race, gender, education

METHODOLOGY

This survey was fielded from April 30–May 3, 2026, among 216 registered Republican voters in Utah’s House District 48. 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 6.7% 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 • HD-48 (RV)



SALT LAKE COUNTY

Cities: Riverton, Herriman, South Jordan



WHERE A FEW VOTES MATTER

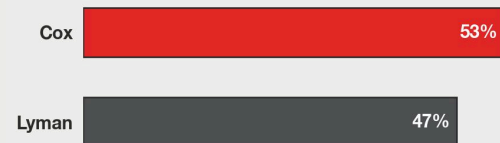
~16%

OF VOTERS WILL DETERMINE WHO
THE NEXT STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE

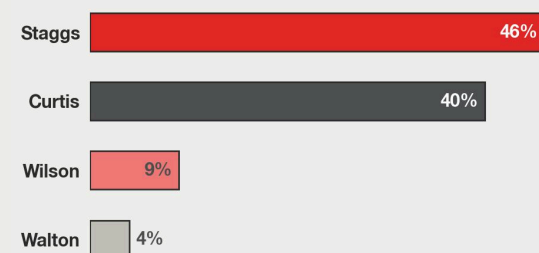
This district is safely Republican: a few voters will determine the winner by voting in the primary.

2024 PRIMARY RESULTS IN HD-48

2024 GOP Gov. Primary in HD-48 (Cox +6)



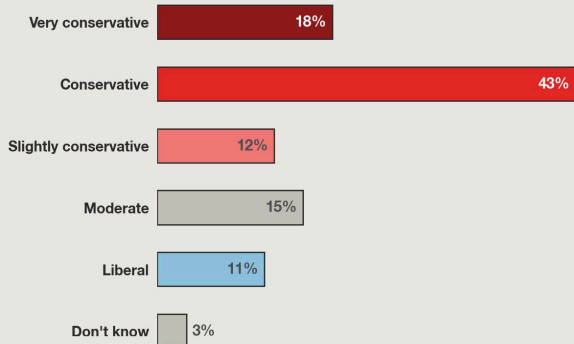
2024 GOP US Senate Primary in HD-48 (Staggs +6)



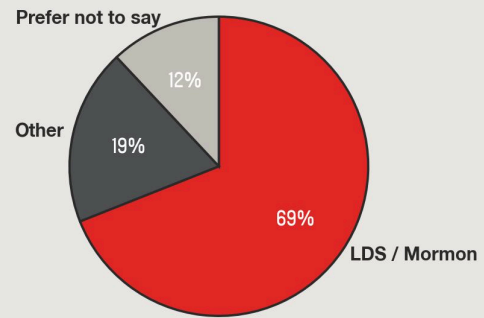
DISTRICT INFORMATION

DISTRICT DNA • DEMOGRAPHICS (RV)

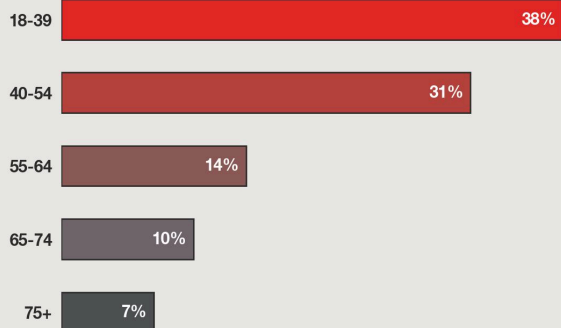
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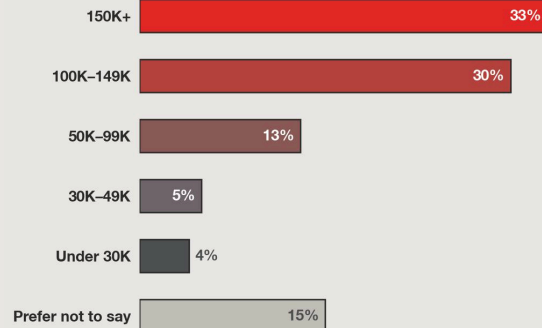
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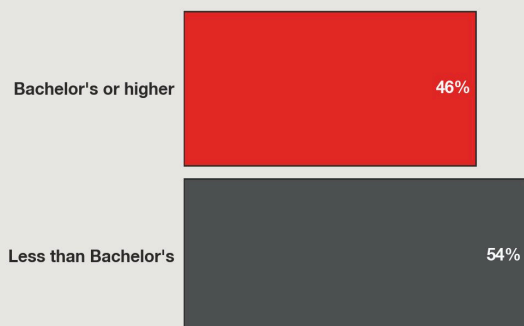
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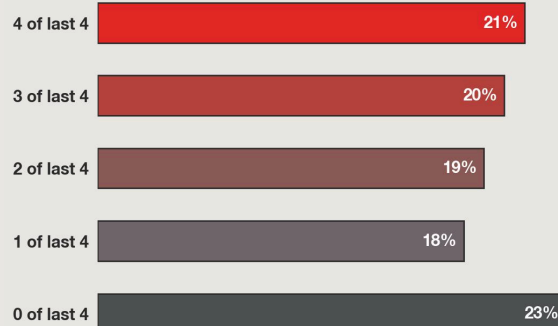
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



EDUCATION



PRIMARY VOTING HISTORY (LAST 4 CYCLES)



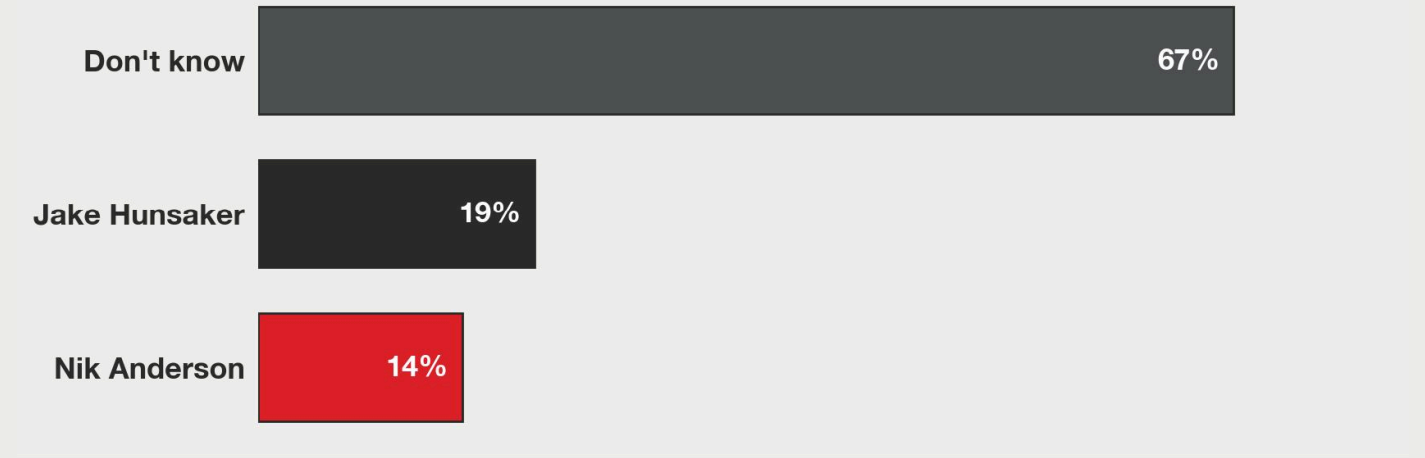
White / Caucasian = 92%. LDS = 69%. n = 216 registered R primary voters, weighted.

THE SNAPSHOT

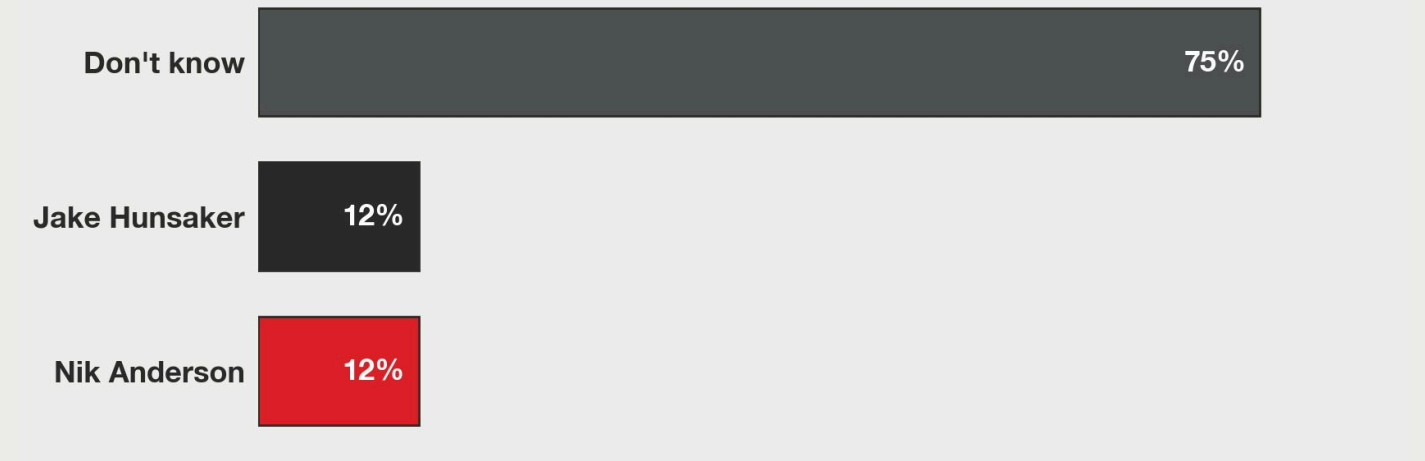


THE HORSERACE • WITH LEANERS*

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

49%

Oppose new ICE detention center

39%

Don't know — No opinion

12%

REPUBLICAN TYPOLOGIES AND IDEOLOGY

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

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

52%

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

37%

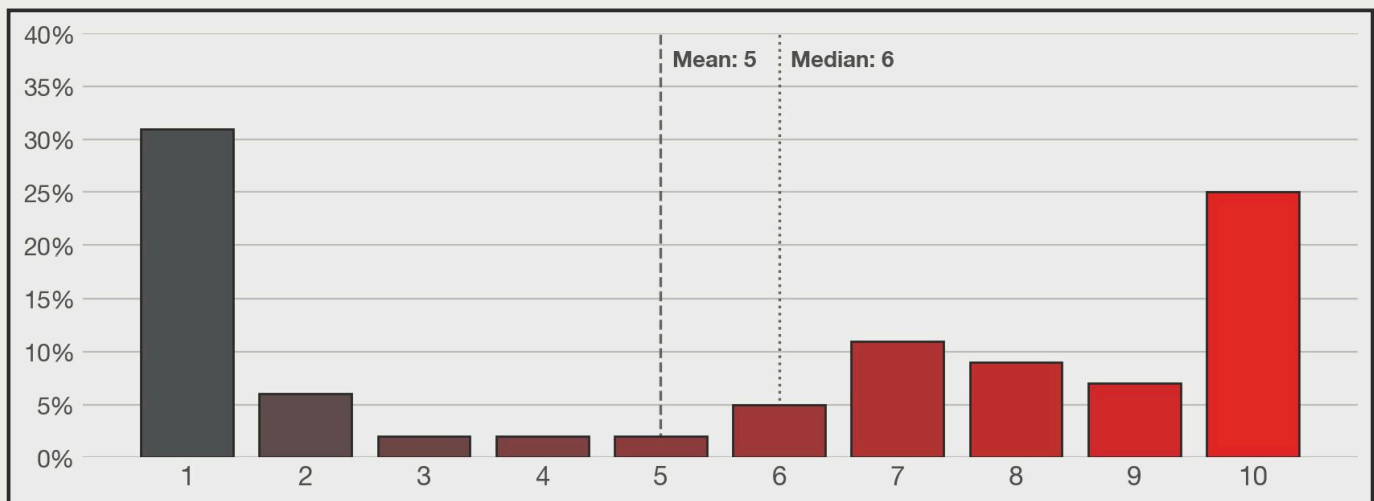
Unsure

12%



TRUMP SUPPORT

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



Trump support in HD-48 is bimodal: 31% pick 1 (not at all supportive of Trump), and 25% pick 10 (absolutely supportive). The mean is 5 and the median is 6.

POLLSTER NOTES AND ANALYSIS



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CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE ON SURVEY METHODOLOGY

This poll is of registered Republican voters: here's why.

Utah House districts are incredibly small by population size: there are 42–45,000 Utahns in each district. Even fewer voters participate: less than 7,000 Utahns will vote in the primary here this year. When creating a likely voter electorate, you 'shave' the number of voters based on the probability of how likely they are to vote based on the answer they give us. If we weighted the survey to a likely voter electorate based on those answers, we'd end up with fewer than 200 respondents, which is not up to our quality standards. Given how few primary voters there are here and the N of our RV sample, this survey is as good as anyone in the field can get.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE ON THE HORSERACE

Hunsaker has a 6-point lead, likely thanks to name ID.

The horserace with voters who are leaning toward a candidate comes out to Hunsaker 19%, Anderson 13%. Hunsaker's lead is likely due to name recognition from his 2022 congressional run, and the fact that it's 'only' 6% is a good sign for Anderson, who is running for office for the first time. Hunsaker's lead is far from concrete: if Anderson opens up in the final three weeks with a spending advantage in mail/digital/TV, he'll likely win.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON RESULTS VS. PRINCIPLES

Hunsaker's slight lead comes entirely from results voters.

Hunsaker's slight lead in HD-48 is due entirely to results-oriented voters. Among those who prefer a candidate who gets results through compromise, 37% of the respondents, Hunsaker leads 23–7. Among the 52% of respondents who say they prefer a candidate who stands on principle, the candidates are effectively tied (Anderson leads by less than 1 percentagepoint). However, the large number of undecided voters in the district means that any lead, especially among subsets in our poll, could easily change between now and Election Day.

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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