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Re: Ohio Statewide Poll Highlights

The interactive poll of 600 likely Ohio voters was conducted online by John Zogby Strategies on October 21 and 22, 2026 and has margin-of-sampling error of +/- 4 percentage points for overall results. Error margins are higher for subgroups. The party breakdown of the sample is 41% Republican, 31% Democrat, and 28% independent.

1. In the race for governor of Ohio, ***Dr. Amy Acton holds a commanding lead of 8 points*** over Republican businessman Vivek Ramaswamy – 52% to 44% in the two-way race. Significantly, in the first day of polling, Acton led by about 3 points, then her support increased and Ramaswamy's decreased as the controversy over the use of the Democrat's estranged mother dominated the news. Her lead is almost across the board as she presently posts a 93%-4% among Democrats and 60%-32% among independents. She also scores 17% among GOP voters with her opponent winning 82% of his own party's voters. She leads among all age groups, white voters (50%-46%) and non-whites (62%-35%), men (49%-47%) and women (56%-41%), and Catholics (50%-47%). Married voters, a bedrock group of Republican supporters, support Ramaswamy by a 51%-47% margin.

2. ***Former US Senator Sherrod Brown is ahead of current appointed Senator John Husted 54%-42%.*** Brown has the support of Democrats (95%-3%), independents (65%-26%) and obtains 15% of GOP voters. His subgroup support closely reflects that of Acton.

3. Both Acton and Brown are the only names that have a net favorable to unfavorable rating.

Public Figure	***Favorable %***	***Unfavorable %***
Donald Trump	37	61
JD Vance	43	51
Kamala Harris	43	54
John Husted	38	56
Sherrod Brown	49	45
Amy Acton	49	43
Vivek Ramaswamy	39	52