

Topline Report for Spring 2016 Northeast Ohio Poll on Republican National Convention

The Spring 2016 Northeast Ohio poll was conducted among 527 adults in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit Counties between April 21, 2016 and May 2, 2016 using online panel data with quotas in place for gender and age (margin of error +/- 4 percent).

22. The next set of questions are about the Republican National Convention, which will take place in downtown Cleveland from July 18-21, 2016. Are you excited -- or not excited -- about the RNC coming to Cleveland this summer?

Answer	Response	%
Very excited	77	14.6%
Somewhat excited	136	25.8%
Not too excited	108	20.5%
Not at all excited	124	23.5%
Indifferent	82	15.6%
Total	527	100.0%

25. What will be the greatest benefit of hosting the Convention in downtown Cleveland? Please select all that apply.

Answer	Response	%
Economic impact	107	84.3%
Improving people's perceptions of Cleveland	75	59.1%
Attracting more visitors to Cleveland	74	58.3%
Attracting more business to Cleveland	65	51.2%
Job creation	54	42.5%
Infrastructure improvements	37	29.1%
Other (please explain)	1	0.8%

	March 2016 Poll	May 2016 Poll
Economic impact	68.5%	84.3%
Improving people's perceptions of Cleveland	46.8%	59.1%
Attracting more visitors to Cleveland	44.3%	58.3%
Attracting more business to Cleveland	34.3%	51.2%
Job creation	22.3%	42.5%
Infrastructure improvements	28.5%	29.1%
Other	3.8%	0.8%

27. Do you think that the Convention will help -- or not help -- the region's economy?

Answer	Response	%
It will help a lot	210	39.8%
It will help a little	207	39.3%
It won't help much	52	9.9%
It won't help at all	30	5.7%
Unsure (please explain)	28	5.3%
Total	527	100.0%

	March 2016 Poll	May 2016 Poll
It will help a lot	43.4%	39.8%
It will help a little	39.2%	39.3%
It won't help much	10.8%	9.9%
It won't help at all	2.1%	5.7%
Unsure	4.5%	5.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

28. Do you think that the attention Cleveland receives from the Convention will have a positive -- or a negative -- effect on people's perception of Cleveland?

Answer	Response	%
It will have a mostly positive effect	320	60.7%
It will have a mostly negative effect	39	7.4%
It will not have an effect either way	105	19.9%
Unsure (please explain)	63	12.0%
Total	527	100.0%

	March 2016 Poll	May 2016 Poll
Positive effect	64.5%	60.7%
Negative effect	5.3%	7.4%
No effect either way	15.8%	19.9%
Unsure	14.3%	12.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

29. In order to be prepared for the Convention, what should the City of Cleveland focus on the most? Please select up to three.

Answer	Response	%
Security	394	74.8%
General ability to handle influx of visitors	313	59.4%
Road improvements	188	35.7%
Public transportation improvements	180	34.2%
Making sure there is adequate lodging	177	33.6%
Public Square improvements	84	15.9%
Airport improvements	76	14.4%
Other (please explain)	20	3.8%

	March 2016 Poll	May 2016 Poll
Security	73.2%	74.8%
General ability to handle influx of visitors	62.6%	59.4%
Road improvements	40.9%	35.7%
Public transportation improvements	35.8%	34.2%
Making sure there is adequate lodging	34.3%	33.6%
Public Square improvements	19.2%	15.9%
Airport improvements	14.9%	14.4%
Other (please explain)	3.2%	3.8%

31. When the Convention is in town, will you be more likely -- or less likely -- to spend time in downtown Cleveland?

Answer	Response	%
More likely to spend time downtown	63	12.0%
Less likely to spend time downtown	281	53.3%
Neither more nor less likely to spend time downtown	160	30.4%
Unsure (please explain)	23	4.4%
Total	527	100.0%

	March 2016 Poll	May 2016 Poll
More likely to spend time downtown	13.8%	12.0%
Less likely to spend time downtown	52.8%	53.3%
Neither more nor less likely to spend time downtown	31.5%	30.4%
Unsure	1.9%	4.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

32. If time and money were not an issue, would you leave town during the RNC?

Answer	Response	%
Yes	173	32.8%
No	334	63.4%
Unsure (please explain)	20	3.8%
Total	527	100.0%

33. To what extent are you concerned -- or not concerned -- that protests, or even violence, will become the focus of attention at the convention?

Answer	Response	%
Extremely concerned	100	19.0%
Moderately concerned	166	31.5%
Slightly concerned	166	31.5%
Not at all concerned	95	18.0%
Total	527	100.0%

34. To what extent are you confident in the Cleveland Division of Police's ability to ensure the safety and security of those participating in or otherwise attending the Convention, as well as the local community?

Answer	Response	%
Very confident	140	26.6%
Somewhat confident	299	56.7%
Not at all confident	88	16.7%
Total	527	100.0%

35. For the Convention, the Secret Service has partnered with the Cleveland Division of Police. In addition, the City of Cleveland has received a \$50 million federal grant to offset the city's cost for providing security. Finally, many other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, are part of the planning process.

Does this increase -- or decrease -- your confidence in the City of Cleveland's ability to help ensure the safety and security of Convention goers, as well as the local community?

Answer	Response	%
Increases confidence	321	61.0%
Decreases confidence	21	4.0%
Does not affect level of confidence either way	184	35.0%
Total	526	100.0%

43. In general, who do you think is more to blame for the incidents of violence that have occurred at some political rallies for Donald Trump:

Answer	Response	%
The people who are protesting against Donald Trump at the rallies	157	29.8%
The people who are supporting Donald Trump at the rallies	116	22.0%
Both about equally to blame	254	48.2%
Total	527	100.0%

44. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling the violence at some of his rallies?

Answer	Response	%
Strongly approve	29	5.5%
Approve	87	16.5%
Disapprove	143	27.1%
Strongly disapprove	128	24.3%
Unsure	140	26.6%
Total	527	100.0%

46. The second-to-last set of questions is about U.S. Politics.

Do you think the Senate should consider the nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court, or do you think the Senate should not consider any Supreme Court nomination until there is a new president?

Answer	Response	%
The Senate should consider the nomination of Merrick Garland	232	44.0%
The Senate should wait for a new president	156	29.6%
Unsure	139	26.4%
Total	527	100.0%

47. Do you think the Senate Republicans who say they will refuse to hold hearings on the nomination are doing this more to give the American people a voice in the process or more because they are playing politics?

Answer	Response	%
To give people a voice	45	8.5%
Playing politics	279	52.9%
A little bit of both	142	26.9%
Unsure	61	11.6%
Total	527	100.0%

48. Is your opinion of Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Merrick Garland yet to have an opinion?

Answer	Response	%
Very favorable	34	6.5%
Favorable	96	18.2%
Very unfavorable	16	3.0%
Unfavorable	24	4.6%
Haven't heard enough	265	50.3%
Undecided	92	17.5%
Total	527	100.0%