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### HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from April 12 through April 14, 2018. A total of 625 registered Mississippi voters were interviewed statewide by telephone. All said they vote regularly in state elections.**

**Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Mississippi voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.**

**QUESTION: Mississippi has not enacted a long term, comprehensive plan to address the need for maintaining, repairing and improving the state’s roads and bridges in over 30 years. Do you feel the legislature should or should not move immediately to enact a long term, comprehensive for Mississippi’s roads and bridges?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Mississippi	79%	14%	7%
The Delta	83%	6%	11%
Eastern Mississippi	87%	9%	4%
Jackson Metro	87%	6%	7%
Southern Mississippi	83%	5%	12%
Gulf Coast	83%	9%	8%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	81%	10%	9%
Women	86%	6%	8%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
>50	89%	7%	4%
50+	80%	9%	11%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	83%	9%	8%
Black	87%	6%	7%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	89%	6%	5%
Republican	82%	9%	9%
Independent	80%	11%	9%

**QUESTION: If the 12 cent per gallon fuel tax was phased in over a four year period – three cents per year -- would you support or oppose the increase?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Northern Mississippi	76%	12%	12%
The Delta	71%	16%	13%
Eastern Mississippi	73%	15%	12%
Jackson Metro	61%	21%	18%
Southern Mississippi	55%	27%	18%
Gulf Coast	65%	18%	17%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	63%	26%	11%
Women	70%	11%	19%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	71%	18%	11%
50+	64%	18%	18%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	64%	20%	16%
Black	72%	15%	13%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	78%	11%	11%
Republican	61%	21%	18%
Independent	62%	24%	14%

**QUESTION: Cities and counties in Mississippi are faced with deteriorating state roads and bridges. To pay for these repairs and improvements, which one of the following actions do you prefer: (ORDER ROTATED)**

- Increase taxes of the property owner in the counties and/or cities
- Increase the state fuel tax

	<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	<u>FUEL TAX</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>34%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	<u>FUEL TAX</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Mississippi	6%	59%	35%
The Delta	10%	56%	34%
Eastern Mississippi	8%	58%	34%
Jackson Metro	9%	61%	30%
Southern Mississippi	9%	53%	38%
Gulf Coast	13%	54%	33%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	<u>FUEL TAX</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	11%	48%	41%
Women	7%	65%	28%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	<u>FUEL TAX</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
>50	13%	48%	39%
50+	6%	64%	30%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	<u>FUEL TAX</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	10%	56%	34%
Black	7%	60%	33%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	<u>FUEL TAX</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	9%	63%	28%
Republican	10%	55%	35%
Independent	7%	52%	41%

**QUESTION: If your representative in the Mississippi Legislature voted in favor of a 12-cent per gallon increase in the state fuel tax to increase funding to improve roads and bridges, how would that affect your vote? Would you be more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her or would it have no effect on your vote?**

	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>59%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Northern Mississippi	27%	19%	54%
The Delta	26%	16%	58%
Eastern Mississippi	22%	18%	60%
Jackson Metro	19%	24%	57%
Southern Mississippi	17%	18%	65%
Gulf Coast	21%	17%	62%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Men	20%	25%	55%
Women	24%	14%	62%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<50	23%	14%	63%
50+	22%	22%	56%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
White	21%	20%	59%
Black	24%	16%	60%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Democrat	24%	14%	62%
Republican	20%	22%	58%
Independent	21%	23%	56%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY IDENTIFICATION:**

Democrat	220 (35%)
Republican	251 (40%)
Independent or Other	154 (25%)

<b>AGE:</b>	18-34	104 (17%)
	35-49	178 (28%)
	50-64	182 (29%)
	65+	155 (25%)
	Refused	6 (1%)

<b>RACE:</b>	White/Caucasian	405 (65%)
	Black/African American	208 (33%)
	Other/Refused	12 (2%)

<b>SEX:</b>	Male	298 (48%)
	Female	327 (52%)

<b>REGION:</b>	Northern Mississippi	130 (21%)
	The Delta	80 (13%)
	Eastern Mississippi	100 (16%)
	Jackson Metro	120 (19%)
	Southern Mississippi	100 (16%)
	Gulf Coast	95 (15%)

## MISSISSIPPI POLL REGIONS

**NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI: Voters in DeSoto, Marshall, Yalobusha, Lafayette, Calhoun, Pontotoc, Chickasaw, Monroe, Itawamba, Lee, Prentiss, Union, Benton, Tippah, Alcorn and Tishomingo counties.**

**THE DELTA: Voters in Tate, Panola, Coahoma, Tunica, Quitman, Bolivar, Tallahatchie, Sunflower, Leflore, Grenada, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Washington, Sharkey, Yazoo, Issaquena and Warren counties.**

**EASTERN MISSISSIPPI: Voters in Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Choctaw, Webster, Montgomery, Attala, Leake, Scott, Smith, Jasper, Clark, Newton, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Kemper, Winston and Noxubee counties.**

**JACKSON METRO: Voters in Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Copiah and Simpson counties.**

**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI: Voters in Claiborne, Jefferson, Adams, Wilkinson, Franklin, Amite, Lincoln, Pike, Lawrence, Walthall, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Covington, Jones, Wayne, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, George, Pearl River and Stone counties.**

**GULF COAST: Voters in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.**