

2017 WESTERN STATES SURVEY

Interview Schedule - Nevada

Public Opinion Strategies/FM3

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N = 400 voters in Nevada

Margin of Error: \pm 4.9% per state



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- An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.
- An carrot (^) denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.
- "Skip base" is the percentage of voters that are asked a question because they meet a criteria based on a response to a previous question, meaning not all 400 respondents received that question.
- "Total base" is the percentage of the total sample, in this survey that is 400 voters.

1. How many years have you lived in Nevada?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
22%	25%	0-10
34%	31%	11-20
16%	19%	21-30
12%	9%	31-40
9%	7%	41-50
5%	8%	51+
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW
2%	*	REFUSED
22.8	22.6	MEAN

SPLIT SAMPLED

2. Would you say that things in Nevada are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

57% RIGHT DIRECTION

27% WRONG TRACK

16% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

SPLIT SAMPLED

3. Would you say that things in the United States are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

32% RIGHT DIRECTION

54% WRONG TRACK

13% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

SPLIT SAMPLED

4. Other than the weather, what do you like most about living in the Western United States?
(PROBE & CLARIFY:) Is there anything else you can tell me about that?

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Q5-8 SPLIT SAMPLED

Thinking about things in Nevada, for each of the following please compare Nevada to the rest of the country. Is this aspect of life in Nevada better, worse, or about the same as you would expect to find in the rest of the country. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Better	Worse	Same	DK (DNR)	Ref (DNR)
5. The economy	41%	16%	39%	4%	–
6. Quality of life	46%	11%	41%	2%	–
7. The way government works	23%	22%	46%	8%	1%
8. Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	58%	11%	29%	1%	*

Q9-12 SPLIT SAMPLED

Thinking about things in Nevada, for each of the following please tell me how you would rate that aspect of life in Nevada - would you say it is **(ROTATE)** -- great, good, fair or poor. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Total Great/ Good	Total Fair/ Poor	Great	Good	Fair	Poor	DK (DNR)	Ref (DNR)
9. The economy	46%	53%^	8%	38%	37%	17%	1%	–
10. Quality of life	63%	36%^	14%	49%	30%	5%	1%	–
11. The way government works	33%	63%	6%	27%	39%	24%	4%	1%
12. Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	68%	31%	42%	26%	18%	13%	2%	–

State Attributes - % Better & % Great/Good Comparison Table (Ranked By % Better)

State Attributes	% Better	% Great/Good
Opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature	58%	68%
Quality of life	46%	63%
The economy	41%	46%
The way government works	23%	33%

13. When you think about the types of businesses and jobs you would like to see more of in Nevada, which one or two of those types of businesses would you want Nevada to encourage more of in the future? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE. RECORD UP TO TWO CHOICES)**

<u>1st</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
38%	53%	Solar, wind and renewable energy
20%	37%	Computers and technology
16%	30%	Hospitals and health care
9%	21%	Outdoor recreation and related tourism
7%	11%	Agriculture
3%	6%	Oil and gas drilling
2%	4%	Coal mining
1%	1%	ALL (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	NONE (DO NOT READ)
2%	2%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Switching topics - I'd like to read you some different agencies which deal with issues in your state. For each one, please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing at this time.
(RANDOMIZE)

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE) And do you STRONGLY (approve/disapprove) or just SOMEWHAT (approve/disapprove)?

(IF DON'T KNOW/NEVER HEARD OF, CLARIFY) Have you not heard of **(ORGANIZATION)** or do you just not have an opinion of the job they are doing at this time?

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion	Never Heard Of	Ref (DNR)
Q14-17 SPLIT SAMPLED									
14. U.S. Forest Service	67%	13%	29%	38%	6%	7%	11%	7%	2%
15. National Park Service	78%	11%^	41%	37%	5%	5%	7%	3%	1%
16. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	66%	12%	23%	43%	5%	7%	18%	4%	*
17. Bureau of Land Management	47%	32%	13%	34%	15%	17%	11%	7%	2%

Summary of Agencies - Ranked By % Total Approve

Agencies	% Total Approve	% Total Disapprove
National Park Service	78%	11%
U.S. Forest Service	67%	13%
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	66%	12%
Bureau of Land Management	47%	32%

SPLIT SAMPLED

18. What are the things that you would most like the Trump administration and the Congress to do that relate to natural resources, such as forests, water and minerals in the West? What advice would you offer as they consider how to address these issues over the next four years? **(PROBE & CLARIFY AS NEEDED)**

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SPLIT SAMPLED

19. What are the things that you would most like the Trump administration and the Congress to do that relate to public lands managed by national agencies, such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges? What advice would you offer as they consider how to address public lands over the next four years? **(PROBE & CLARIFY AS NEEDED)**

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Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues some people say are problems in Nevada. For each one, please tell me if you think it is **(ROTATE)** an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem in Nevada. The first/next one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Extremely/ Very Serious	Total Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not A Problem	Don't Know/ Refused
Q20-27 SPLIT SAMPLED							
20.	Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife						
2017	34%	60%	22%	12%	26%	35%	5%
2016	40%	70%	19%	21%	30%	25%	6%
21.	Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams						
2017	44%^	73%	20%	23%	30%	21%	6%
2016	38%	71%	19%	19%	33%	26%	3%
22.	Our dependence on foreign oil						
2017	43%	76%^	21%	22%	32%	18%	7%
2016	38%	74%	20%	18%	36%	21%	5%
23.	Our dependence on fossil fuels						
2017	34%	58%	21%	13%	24%	34%	7%
24.	Unemployment						
2017	47%^	83%^	22%	24%	36%	14%	3%
2016	46%	81%	17%	29%	35%	16%	3%
25.	Poorly-planned growth and development						
2017	33%	68%^	17%	16%	34%	27%	5%
2016	42%	67%	19%	23%	25%	27%	6%
26.	The impact of mining on land and water						
2017	32%^	61%^	13%	18%	29%	28%	11%
2016	21%^	49%^	11%	9%	28%	37%	14%
27.	Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands						
2017	21%^	55%	8%	12%	35%	37%	8%
2016	26%^	65%^	9%	18%	39%	30%	5%
Q28-29 ASKED OF ALL							
28.	Low levels of water in rivers						
2017	66%	84%	40%	26%	18%	12%	4%
2016	73%	91%	41%	32%	18%	7%	2%
29.	Lack of access to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation areas						
2017	9%	33%	6%	3%	24%	62%	5%

Summary of Issues - Ranked By % Extremely/Very Serious

Issues	% Extremely/ Very Serious	% Total Serious
Low levels of water in rivers	66%	84%
Unemployment	47%	83%
Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams	44%	73%
Our dependence on foreign oil	43%	76%
Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife	34%	60%
Our dependence on fossil fuels	34%	58%
Poorly-planned growth and development	33%	68%
The impact of mining on land and water	32%	61%
Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands	21%	55%
Lack of access to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation areas	9%	33%

Thinking about just one of these issues, energy -

SPLIT SAMPLED

30. Which one of the following sources of energy would you want to encourage the use of here in Nevada?

(IF RESPONSE GIVEN THEN ASK:) And which would you NEXT most want to encourage the use of? (READ AND RANDOMIZE)

First Choice

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
53%	61%	Solar power
13%	12%	Wind power
7%	9%	Nuclear
10%	6%	Natural gas
6%	6%	Energy efficiency efforts
2%	2%	Coal
1%	1%	Oil
4%	2%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
2%	*	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Combined Choices - Ranked by Total First Choice

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
74%	80%	Solar power
46%	51%	Wind power
15%	12%	Nuclear
21%	21%	Natural gas
16%	16%	Energy efficiency efforts
5%	4%	Coal
6%	6%	Oil
5%	2%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
2%	4%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
3%	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

SPLIT SAMPLED

31. Which one of the following sources of energy would you want to DISCOURAGE the use of here in Nevada?

**(IF RESPONSE GIVEN, THEN ASK:) And which would you NEXT want to discourage the use of?
(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

1st	Comb	
30%	53%	Coal
30%	48%	Nuclear
8%	31%	Oil
7%	8%	Solar power
5%	14%	Natural gas
4%	9%	Wind power
1%	3%	Energy efficiency efforts
3%	3%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
7%	10%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
4%	7%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking now about our national public lands, such as U.S. forests and national monuments -- There are a number of actions which the Trump administration may consider taking. For each one, please indicate if you would support or oppose that action. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SUPPORT/OPOSE) And, do you STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose) that action?

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DK/Ref (DNR)
32. Allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to drill in new areas of national public lands	32%	65%^	15%	17%	13%	51%	3%
33. Improving and repairing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and historic buildings in our national parks and other outdoor destinations	92%	6%	70%	22%	4%	2%	2%
34. Improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers	80%^	18%^	46%	33%	10%	7%	3%
35. Promoting the outdoor economy, by investing in promoting tourism on national public lands and in U.S. manufacturing of outdoor equipment	74%^	19%	36%	37%	11%	8%	7%
36. Allowing more coal mining on public lands	32%	64%^	14%	18%	18%	45%	5%
37. Allowing more wind and solar energy projects on public lands	82%	15%^	56%	26%	7%	7%	3%
38. Streamlining the ability for hunting, rafting and other guides to receive permits to operate on national public lands	62%	32%	29%	33%	15%	17%	6%

Summary of Trump Administration Actions- Ranked By % Strongly Support

Trump Administration Actions	% Strongly Support	% Total Support
Improving and repairing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and historic buildings in our national parks and other outdoor destinations	70%	92%
Allowing more wind and solar energy projects on public lands	56%	82%
Improving access to public lands for hunters, anglers, and hikers	46%	80%
Promoting the outdoor economy, by investing in promoting tourism on national public lands and in U.S. manufacturing of outdoor equipment	36%	74%
Streamlining the ability for hunting, rafting and other guides to receive permits to operate on national public lands	29%	62%
Allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to drill in new areas of national public lands	15%	32%
Allowing more coal mining on public lands	14%	32%

39. And in general, would you prefer the administration place more emphasis on - **(ROTATE)**

70% Ensuring we protect sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands

OR

21% Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

3% **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**

1% **NEITHER/OTHER (DO NOT READ)**

4% **UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

40. Thinking about one existing policy, would you continue or not continue to require oil and gas producers who operate on national public lands to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas during the extraction process and reduce the need to burn off excess natural gas into the air?

(IF CONTINUE/NOT CONTINUE, ASK) And, would you DEFINITELY (continue/not continue) or just PROBABLY (continue/not continue) the policy?

58% Definitely continue

21% Probably continue

6% Probably not continue

10% Definitely not continue

5% UNSURE/REFUSED

79% TOTAL CONTINUE

16% TOTAL NOT CONTINUE

41. And, do you think that existing national monument designations for some public lands protected over the last decade should be kept in place or should they be removed?

(IF KEEP IN PLACE/REMOVE, ASK) And, would you DEFINITELY (keep in place/remove) or just PROBABLY (keep in place/remove) the protections?

64% Definitely keep in place

17% Probably keep in place

5% Probably remove

5% Definitely remove

9% UNSURE/REFUSED

81% TOTAL KEEP IN PLACE

10% TOTAL REMOVE

NV1. As you may know, a proposal to protect existing public lands of Gold Butte just south of Lake Mead was granted at the end of last year, resulting in a new national monument in Nevada with protections for natural areas and water similar to those in national parks. The public can go there to view wildlife and American Indian artifacts, camp, hike, hunt, or ride ATVs. It would not allow new mining or oil and gas development.

Do you think this is more of a good thing for the state, more of a bad thing for the state, or do you not have an opinion one way or the other?

(IF GOOD THING/BAD THING) And, do you feel that way STRONGLY or just SOMEWHAT?

50% STRONGLY /MORE OF A GOOD THING

14% SOMEWHAT / MORE OF A GOOD THING

3% SOMEWHAT / MORE OF A BAD THING

10% STRONGLY / MORE OF A BAD THING

2% MIX OF GOOD & BAD **(DO NOT READ)**

21% NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

63%^ TOTAL GOOD THING

13% TOTAL BAD THING

Thinking about one other idea affecting national public lands -

42. Some Members of Congress have proposed giving state government control over national public lands, such as national forests, national monuments, and national wildlife refuges in its borders. The state government would decide the future management of the lands, but state taxpayers would pay all costs, including the cost of maintenance and preventing and fighting wildfires.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
18%	15%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
22%	28%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
17%	14%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
35%	36%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
8%	6%	NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
39%^	42%^	TOTAL SUPPORT
52%	51%^	TOTAL OPPOSE

43. Donald Trump has said that he will follow in the footsteps of President Theodore Roosevelt, the President who created the first national parks and national monuments. Trump says he opposes transferring those lands to state governments because **(QUOTE)** "We have to be great stewards of this land."

Having heard that, would you say you approve or disapprove of the President-Elect's stated approach to federal management of national public lands?

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (approve/disapprove) or just SOMEWHAT (approve/disapprove)?

36%	STRONGLY APPROVE
28%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
12%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
14%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
8%	NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
64%	TOTAL APPROVE
26%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

44. The federal government allows oil and gas drilling to take place on public lands, like some national parks and forest land. Which of the following comes closest to your point of view - **(ROTATE)**

39%	Oil and gas drilling on public lands should be strictly limited.
45%	Some public lands should be drilled, while environmentally sensitive places should be permanently protected.
9%	Public lands should generally be open to oil and gas drilling.
4%	NO DRILLING ON PUBLIC LANDS (DO NOT READ)
*	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
2%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking about you for a moment...

D1. In what year were you born?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
26%	29%	18 - 34
24%	21%	35 - 44
13%	14%	45 - 54
15%	16%	55 - 64
22%	20%	65 AND ABOVE
–	*	REFUSED

D2. Do you consider yourself to be a conservationist?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
61%	67%	Yes
32%	28%	No
6%	5%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

And for statistical purposes only...

D3. How would you describe the area where you currently live? (**ROTATE**)

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
39%	42%	A BIG CITY
35%	30%	A SUBURBAN AREA
15%	16%	A SMALL TOWN
11%	10%	A RURAL AREA
*	*	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
74%	73%^	TOTAL BIG CITY/SUBURBAN
25%^	27%^	TOTAL SMALL TOWN/RURAL

D4. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
7%	7%	HUNTER ONLY
11%	12%	ANGLER ONLY
20%	16%	BOTH
61%	63%	NO/NEITHER (DO NOT READ)
2%	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
37%^	36%^	TOTAL YES
61%	63%	NO/NEITHER

D5. IF RESPONDENT FROM FILE & AZ, CO, NM, NV, WY: RECORD PARTY FROM FILE

IF OTHER VOTER IN HOUSEHOLD & NV:

No matter how you feel today, are you registered to vote as ... (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, Independent, or something else?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
35%	33%	REPUBLICAN
39%	40%	DEMOCRAT
25%	26%	INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D6. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be (ROTATE) conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
42%	37%	CONSERVATIVE
31%	35%	MODERATE
24%	23%	LIBERAL
2%	3%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D7. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2016 election for president?

(IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote-- (ROTATE FIRST TWO) Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson, Jill Stein or Evan McMullin?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voted</u>	
36%	44%	Donald Trump
40%	49%	Hillary Clinton
6%	7%^	TOTAL THIRD PARTY
2%	3%	Gary Johnson
1%	1%	Jill Stein
–	–	Evan McMullin
3%	4%	Someone else (DO NOT READ)
10%	–	DID NOT VOTE (DO NOT READ)
8%	–	DO NOT RECALL/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D8. And what was the last level of education you COMPLETED? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)

24%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
4%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
28%	SOME COLLEGE
30%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
13%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL
1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
24%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
32%	SOME COLLEGE
43%	COLLEGE+

D9. What is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ CHOICES)**

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
62%	60%	WHITE
19%	20%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
9%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
2%	3%	NATIVE AMERICAN
7%	5%	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D10. How would you describe your economic circumstances... **(ROTATE)**

8%	POOR
25%	WORKING CLASS
47%	MIDDLE CLASS
16%	UPPER MIDDLE CLASS
2%	WELL-TO-DO
2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
33%	POOR/WORKING CLASS
18%	UPPER MIDDLE CLASS/WELL-TO-DO

D11. Gender **(BY OBSERVATION)**

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
48%	48%	MALE
52%	52%	FEMALE
