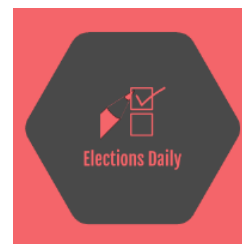


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RRH Elections/Elections Daily NM-1 Congressional Poll: Melanie Stansbury (D) Leads Mark Moores (R) 49-33

A week ahead of the special congressional election to replace Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (D) in New Mexico's First Congressional District, a new poll from RRH Elections, supported by Elections Daily, has State Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D) leading State Sen. Mark Moores (R) by a 16 point margin, 49%-33%. Former State Lands Commissioner Aubrey Dunn (I) and Libertarian Chris Manning (L) trail with 5% and 3% respectively, and 9% remain undecided. The poll also shows President Biden with a 58-39 approval rating in the district, slightly below the 60-37 margin he won the district by last year. The poll of 555 likely voters was conducted from May 18-21, 2021, using both IVR to landline phones in both English and Spanish and internet surveys. All survey design and data analysis was performed by RRH Elections. The funding for the poll was provided by crowdfunded donations from generous readers of both RRH Elections and Elections Daily.

Results:

In the topline ballot test, Stansbury holds a 49-33 lead over Moores.

Candidate	Topline
Melanie Stansbury (D)	49%
Mark Moores (R)	33%
Aubrey Dunn (I)	5%
Chris Manning (L)	3%
Undecided	9%

Biden holds a 58-39 approval in the district, similar to his 60-37 victory here last year.

Biden Approval	Percentage
Strong Approve	49%
Somewhat Approve	8%
Somewhat Disapprove	4%
Strong Disapprove	35%
Undecided	4%

In a hypothetical gubernatorial rematch in 2022, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) leads ex-Rep. Steve Pearce (R) 52-37, with 11% undecided.

Demographics:

Demographic	Share
Already Voted	70%
Likely to Vote	30%
Male	44%
Female	55%
18-34	18%
35-54	30%
55-64	22%
65+	30%
White or Caucasian	56%
Hispanic or Latino	33%
Black or African American	4%
Other Race or Ethnicity	7%

Education	Share
No HS Diploma	8%
HS Graduate or GED	25%
Associate's Degree or Some College	32%
Bachelor's Degree	25%
Master's Degree, Doctorate, or Post-Graduate	11%

Crosstabs:

Voting	Stansbury (D)	Moore's (R)	Dunn (I)	Manning (L)	Undecided
Already Voted	51%	35%	6%	3%	5%*
Likely to Vote	46%	29%	4%	3%	18%

**this paradoxical response is likely due to random error.*

Gender	Stansbury (D)	Moore's (R)	Dunn (I)	Manning (L)	Undecided
Male	53%	33%	5%	2%	6%
Female	47%	34%	5%	4%	12%

Race	Stansbury (D)	Moore's (R)	Dunn (I)	Manning (L)	Undecided
White	47%	35%	5%	4%	9%
Hispanic	58%	28%	5%	1%	7%
Other Races	35%	39%	4%	5%	16%

Age	Stansbury (D)	Moore's (R)	Dunn (I)	Manning (L)	Undecided
18-34	53%	24%	3%	7%	13%
35-54	41%	41%	3%	2%	13%
55-64	53%	32%	4%	3%	8%
65+	54%	32%	9%	1%	4%

Education	Stansbury (D)	Moore (R)	Dunn (I)	Manning (L)	Undecided
<HS	69%	13%	2%	4%	11%
HS or GED	44%	39%	2%	4%	11%
Some College	47%	36%	7%	2%	7%
Bachelor's	47%	33%	6%	2%	12%
Post-graduate	59%	28%	7%	2%	4%

Biden Approval	Stansbury (D)	Moore (R)	Dunn (I)	Manning (L)	Undecided
Approve	81%	7%	2%	2%	9%
Disapprove	5%	75%	9%	5%	7%

Methodology:

The survey of 555 Likely Voters was conducted between May 18th and May 21st, using both IVR phone calls to landlines provided by Wick inc. and online panel responses from Prolific and SurveyMonkey. IVR calls in English and Spanish were placed to voters who had voted in two of the last four general elections, while all residents were eligible to see the online surveys. Respondents who indicated a disinclination to vote were not included in the survey. Survey responses were weighted to age, gender, race, and education level only. Random deletion was not used as a method of weighting. All survey design and data analysis, including weighting, was performed solely by RRH Elections.

Method	Poll Share
English IVR (Wick)	79%
Spanish IVR (Wick)	4%
Online Survey (Prolific)	9%
Online Survey (SurveyMonkey)	9%

Discussion/Analysis:

A week ahead of the special election in New Mexico's 1st congressional district, a new RRH Elections/ Elections Daily poll shows Democrats in good position to hold the seat vacated by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (D). Democratic nominee State Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D) leads Republican nominee State Sen. Mark Moore (R) by 16 points overall with only 9% remaining undecided. The seat is Democratic leaning and Biden retains strong approval ratings of 58-39 here, similar to his 23-point victory in the district in November 2020. Stansbury's lead is built on strong support across almost all demographic characteristics, with those who disapprove of President Biden's performance being the only demographic where Moore has a strong lead.

Appendix: Poll Questions/Script

1. There is an upcoming special election in New Mexico's 1st Congressional District (most of metropolitan Albuquerque) on June 1st. Are you likely to vote in it?

-Yes, I have already voted

- Yes, I am likely to vote
- No, I am not likely to vote
- No, I do not live in this district

2. Of the following candidates for Congress, who are you most likely to vote for?

- I am most likely to vote for: Melanie Stansbury (Democratic)
- I am most likely to vote for: Mark Moores (Republican)
- I am most likely to vote for: Aubrey Dunn Jr. (Independent)
- I am most likely to vote for: Chris Manning (Libertarian)
- I am completely undecided
- I am not likely to vote or ineligible to vote in this district.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's performance as President?

- I approve of Joe Biden's performance
- I disapprove of Joe Biden's performance
- I do not have an opinion of Joe Biden's performance

4. If the candidates for Governor of New Mexico in 2022 were Democrat Michelle Lujan Grisham and Republican Steve Pearce, who would you be most likely to vote for?

- I would be most likely to vote for: Michelle Lujan Grisham (Democratic)
- I would be most likely to vote for: Steve Pearce (Republican)
- I would be completely undecided
- I would not vote in this election

5. For statistical purposes, what is your age?

- 18-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+

6. For statistical purposes, what is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

7. For statistical purposes, what race or ethnicity do you most identify as?

- White or Caucasian
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African-American
- Asian-American or Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Other not listed

8. For statistical purposes, what is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Did not finish high school
- High school graduate or GED
- Associate's degree or some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree, doctorate or post-graduate certificate

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