

OHIO POLITICS

Kasich Barely Leads Strickland in Ohio's Gubernatorial Race

Rob Portman remains ahead of Lee Fisher in the U.S Senate contest.

[NEW YORK – Oct. 31, 2010] – Incumbent Governor Ted Strickland is trailing Republican rival John Kasich in the final stages of the Buckeye State's gubernatorial campaign, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

The online survey of a representative sample of 532 registered voters in Ohio also shows that the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the retiring George Voinovich is expected to be filled by a Republican.

Governor - Republican John Kasich holds the support of 49 per cent of absolutely certain voters, followed closely by incumbent Governor and Democratic candidate Ted Strickland (46%).

Two other candidates are in single digits: Dennis Spisak of the Green Party (2%) and Ken Matesz of the Libertarian Party (1%).

U.S. Senate - Rob Portman of the Republican Party is the clear favorite in this contest with 57 per cent, followed by Democrat Lee Fisher with 40 per cent. Portman has expanded his lead, from nine points in early October to 17 points now.

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KEY FINDINGS

- **Governor: Kasich (R) 49%, Strickland (D) 46%, Other 5%**
- **U.S. Senate: Portman (R) 57%, Fisher (D) 40%, Other 3%**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

From October 27 to October 29, 2010, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 532 American registered voters in the State of Ohio who are Springboard America panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 4.3%. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a representative sample. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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Oct. 27-29 – 492 Absolutely Certain Voters in Ohio, 4.5 MoE

	Oct. 27-29	Oct. 5-8
John Kasich (R)	49%	48%
Ted Strickland (D)	46%	46%
Dennis Spisak (G)	2%	2%
Ken Matesz (L)	1%	1%
Other candidate	2%	3%

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As you may know, there will be an election for the United States Senate on Nov. 2. Which one of the following candidates would you be most likely to support on Election Day? –

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	Oct. 27-29	Oct. 5-8
Rob Portman (R)	57%	52%
Lee Fisher (D)	40%	43%
Other candidate	3%	6%

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