



New Mexico Survey

A Survey of NEW MEXICO Voters

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1. Whether or not you are planning to vote, when it comes to politics, do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or something else?

	Total
Democrat	42%
Republican	31%
Something else	27%

2. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of New Mexico's U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich?

	Total
Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	29%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	13%
Not familiar	29%

3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of New Mexico's U.S. Senator Ben Ray Lujan?

	Total
Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	17%
Not familiar	26%

501 interviews among voters in New Mexico were conducted January 20-21, 2026 via an online survey. The results were weighted to ensure proportional response. Margin of error for these results is +/-4.4 percent. For questions, please email: info@rabaresearch.com.



4. How important are America’s public lands such as national parks, forests, monuments, and wildlife refuges, to New Mexico and your community?

	Total
Very important	76%
Somewhat important	19%
Somewhat unimportant	3%
Very unimportant	2%

5. When you think about national public lands in New Mexico, do you think that having public lands:

	Total
Helps our economy	76%
Hurts our economy	6%
Has little impact on our economy	18%

6. Last summer, politicians in Washington D.C. proposed a law to sell off nearly 3 million acres of national public land in Western states, including New Mexico. Which statement best reflects your view on America’s public lands:

	Total
Our public lands should be protected and kept in public hands	79%
Our public land should be sold or transferred to states or private interests	9%
Don’t know/unsure	12%



7. Former New Mexico Congressman Steve Pearce has recently been selected to run the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Washington, DC. The BLM oversees 245 million acres of America’s public lands, including 13.5 million acres in New Mexico. Your U.S. Senators will soon vote for or against confirming his nomination.

Here is some background on BLM Director nominee Steve Pearce:

- In Congress, he supported selling off national public lands, saying “Over 90% of this land is located in the western states, and most of it we do not even need.”
- Pearce sponsored legislation to allow public lands to be sold off to private interests and opposed efforts to stop the sale of public lands.
- Pearce said that we must “reverse this trend of public ownership of lands” and has criticized former President Teddy Roosevelt for his “big ideas of big forests and big national parks.”

Do you agree or disagree with Steve Pearce’s views on public lands?

	Total
Strongly agree with	8%
Somewhat agree with	16%
Somewhat disagree with	13%
Strongly disagree with	50%
Not sure	13%

8. Former Congressman Steve Pearce supported efforts to eliminate protections for national monuments, including Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico and Bears Ears in Utah. Do you support or oppose removing protections from national monuments?

	Total
Strongly support	9%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	60%



9. Former Congressman Steve Pearce owns and operates a business that provides services to oil and gas companies. If confirmed as Director of the BLM, he would oversee oil and gas activities on public lands, while his wife would assume day-to-day control of the company. In your opinion, does this seem appropriate?

	Total
Yes, this is appropriate	28%
No, this is inappropriate	72%

10. If confirmed, Pearce could dramatically change how New Mexican use and enjoy BLM land. Cattle grazing leases could be terminated, access to places New Mexicans hunt and fish could be closed off, and lands transferred to the state may be sold off. Does this concern you?

	Total
Yes	84%
No	16%

11. Do you support or oppose former Congressman Steve Pearce being appointed Director of the Bureau of Land Management?

	Total
Strongly support	6%
Somewhat support	10%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	55%
Not sure	14%

12. If you knew that New Mexico’s U.S. Senators voted against Steve Pearce as director of the Bureau of Land Management, would you have a more favorable or less favorable opinion of them?

	Total
Much more favorable	31%
More Favorable	29%
Less Favorable	11%
Much less favorable	8%
Not sure	21%



13. For statistical purposes only, what is your race?

	Total
African American	5%
White	53%
Hispanic	39%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Other / Prefer not to say	0%

14. Are you a woman, a man, or prefer not to say.

	Total
Woman	52%
Man	48%
Prefer not to say	0%

15. Are you a hunter or angler?.

	Total
Yes	28%
No	72%

16. What is your highest level of schooling?

	Total
High school or less	30%
Some college	36%
College graduate	23%
Attended graduate school	11%



17. Finally, please enter the YEAR in which you were born.

	Total
18-40	35%
41-60	29%
61 or older	36%