

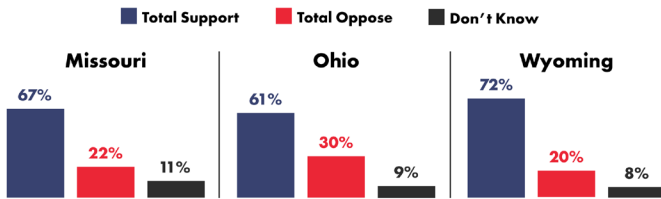
Memorandum

On behalf of the Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education, and Regulation (CPEAR), FTP Insights conducted three online surveys in Missouri, Ohio, and Wyoming.

Our surveys found that voters strongly support allowing states to make their own decision about cannabis policy, with specific support for the Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States (STATES) Act. Each state survey was among 600 likely voters age 21+ (N=500 likely voters plus an oversample of N=100 Republican voters) from February 13-27, 2024. The margin of error for N=600 is +/- 4.00% at the 95% confidence interval. Below are key findings from the surveys.

There is robust support for the STATES Act in Missouri, Ohio, and Wyoming. This support extends across party lines.

Voters across key states provide robust support for the STATES Act, which allows states to make their own decisions about cannabis policy. In our recently completed poll, 67% of Missouri voters support the STATES Act (22% oppose), 61% of Ohio voters support the STATES Act (30% oppose), and 72% of Wyoming voters support the legislation (20% oppose).



- In Missouri, support includes 62% of Republicans, 76% of Democrats, and 63% of independents.

- In Ohio, support includes 60% of Republicans, 68% of Democrats, and 43% of independents.

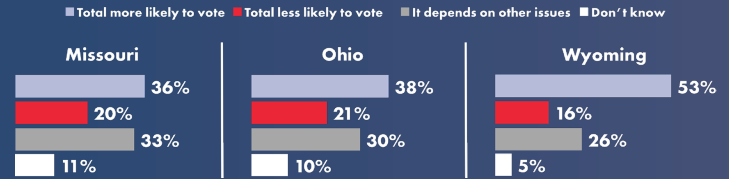
- In Wyoming, support includes 65% of Republicans, 82% of Democrats, and 84% of independents.

Description tested in the survey: As you may know, 38 states plus the District of Columbia have legalized some form of cannabis (also known as marijuana) use – medical, adult-use, or both – but it is currently prohibited at the federal level. The STATES Act would allow states that have chosen to allow adult-use cannabis in some form to implement their own policies. Cannabis would remain prohibited at the federal level for states who do not choose to legalize it.

A candidate's support for the legislation makes them more appealing to voters across states.

Politicians who support the STATES Act could see a bump in support. A plurality of voters in two of the three states say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports it – 36% of Missouri voters and 38% of Ohio voters. In Wyoming, a majority (53%) of voters would be more likely to vote for a Congressional candidate who supports the STATES Act.

Importantly, Republicans also say they would support a candidate who supports the STATES Act. 31% of Missouri Republicans, 31% of Ohio Republicans, and 51% of Wyoming Republicans would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the legislation.



- Only 20% of Missouri voters, 21% of Ohio voters, and 16% of Wyoming voters would be less likely to vote for a candidate.
- 33% of Missouri voters, 30% of Ohio voters, and 26% of Wyoming voters said it would depend on their position on other issues.

Protecting states' rights is the primary driver of support for the STATES Act.

In an open-ended question, 35% of Missouri voters, 35% of Ohio voters, and 39% of Wyoming voters who support the STATES Act say they do so because it protects states' rights to decide locally – more than any other reason. Other reasons mentioned for support include general support for cannabis legalization, being good for the economy, and allowing individual freedom of choice.

- Support for the STATES Act because it protects states' rights is a sentiment shared by 41% Missouri Republicans, 47% of Ohio Republicans, and 44% of Wyoming Republicans.
- Example open-end responses:
 - "Respects a state's right to decide what is best for their local economy and wellbeing of their citizens." – Missouri voter
 - "The people have spoken in states where it's legal and the federal government should leave them alone." – Ohio voter
 - "Federal laws should be a guideline for each state to shape their own laws." – Wyoming voter

Taken together, these results indicate that the STATES Act is good politics in these states – and good policy.

Our surveys show that in these states, voters believe that when it comes to cannabis, giving states more control is key. Voters across party and other key demographic groups support allowing states – not the federal government – to decide cannabis policy in their own state. In fact, a candidate's support for the STATES Act, which allows states to make their own decisions about cannabis policy, attracts voter support in Missouri, Ohio, and Wyoming.

These polling results also demonstrate that the STATES Act can be an ideal landing place for Republican lawmakers, as it reaffirms the fundamental conservative principle of states' rights while supporting important federal guardrails like preventing underage use and addressing concerns from law enforcement.