





# Kansas Statewide Survey: Attitudes Toward Vaccines

Key findings from a statewide survey of 600 registered voters in Kansas, conducted January 27-February 3, 2022.

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# Methodology

Public Opinion Strategies is pleased to present the key findings of a statewide survey conducted in Kansas. The survey was completed January 27-February 3, 2022, among 600 registered voters, with 312 landline respondents and 288 online respondents, and has a margin of error of ±4.0%.

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### **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**



Gender	% of Sample
Men	48%
Women	52%



Age	% of Sample
18-34	18%
35-44	20%
45-54	14%
55-64	21%
65+	28%



DMA	% of Sample
Kansas City	38%
Торека	15%
Wichita	40%
Balance	7%



Party	% of Sample
Republican	43%
Lean/Independent	25%
Democrat	28%



Education	% of Sample
High School or Less	23%
Some College	29%
College Graduate	35%
Graduate/Prof	13%

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- 1. More than 9-in-10 Kansas voters (95%) believe taking vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps and polio is extremely or very important to maintaining good health. In fact, when it comes to maintaining good health, a larger share of Kansas voters believe it is more important to get wellness vaccines than it is to get an annual checkup at the doctor (94%).
- 2. Fully 95% of Kansas voters believe wellness vaccines are a good thing, including 77% who say they are *a very good* thing. And voters across Kansas strongly trust the safety and efficacy of wellness vaccines. Consider:
  - ➤ More than 9-in-10 of Kansas voters believes wellness vaccines are completely/mostly safe, including strong majorities of Republicans (96%), Independents (95%) and Democrats (98%)
  - ➤ More than 9-in-10 of Kansas voters believes wellness vaccines are completely/mostly effective, including strong majorities of Republicans (97%), Independents (95%) and Democrats (100%)
- 3. More than 9-in-10 Kansas voters support wellness vaccine requirements for children to attend K-12 schools or childcare facilities, including 70% who strongly support the requirements. 67% of voters would be more supportive of a political candidate if they supported existing wellness vaccine requirements (25% say it would make no difference), including majorities of Republicans (59%), Independents (61%) and Democrats (89%).

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Kansas voters support religious exemptions to wellness vaccines but they support tightening those exemptions. Consider:
  - ➤ 65% believe both parents of a child should be required to provide a statement for religious exemptions to wellness vaccines;
  - 64% believe religious exemptions to wellness vaccines should require an annual review;
  - 61% believe religious exemptions to wellness vaccines should require documentation from a religious leader.
- A majority of Kansas voters *reject* the idea that we should add more wellness vaccine exemptions. More than 6-in-10 disagree with the idea that we should add another wellness vaccine exemption that is based on philosophical objections.
- Fully 85% of Kansas voters believe the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is the appropriate entity to set wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas. And nearly three quarters (73%) oppose legislation to move KDHE's authority over wellness vaccine policy to the Kansas legislature. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of Kansas voters strongly agree (85% agree overall) that moving wellness vaccine policy from KDHE to the legislature would be politicizing disease prevention.



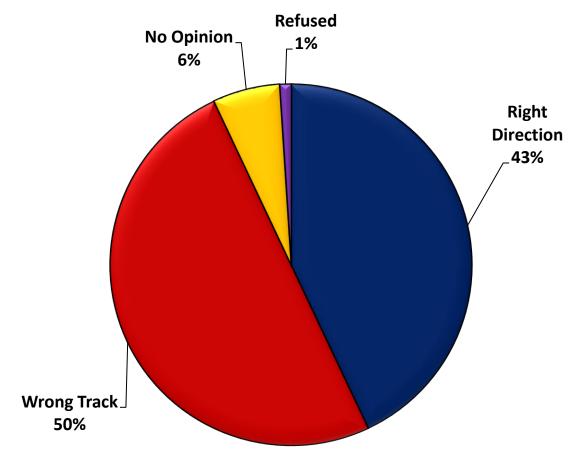




# Political Environment

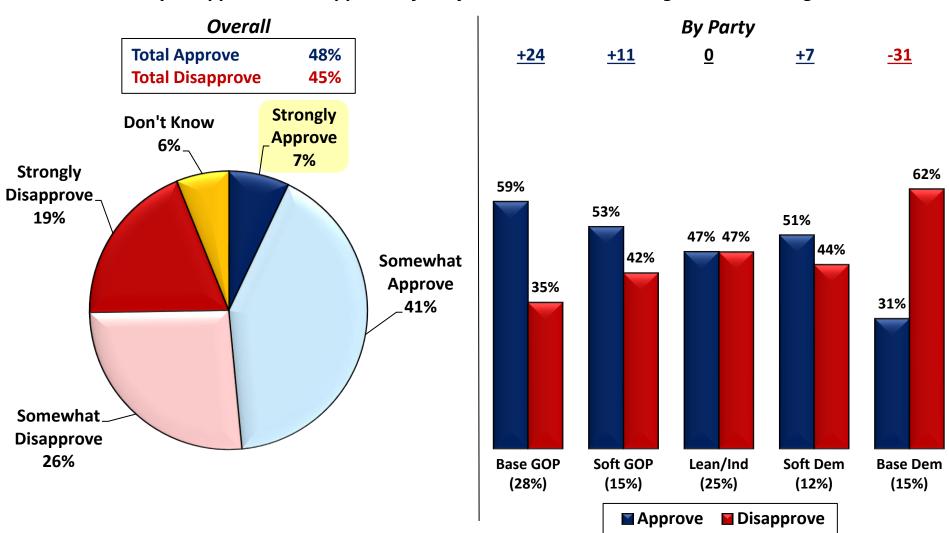
# Most voters say things in Kansas have gotten off on the wrong track.

"Would you say that things in Kansas are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?"



## A plurality of voters approve of the job the State Legislature is doing.

"Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Kansas State Legislature is doing?"







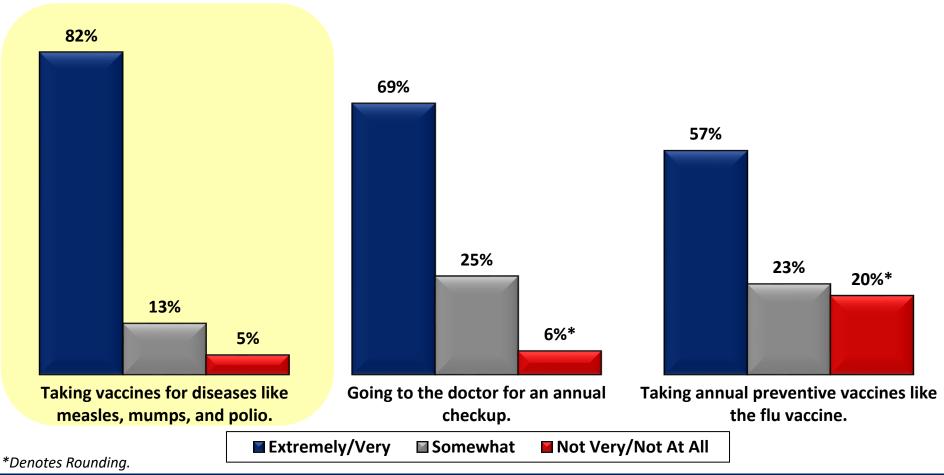




# Wellness Vaccines

## Voters overwhelmingly believe it is very important to their health to take wellness vaccines.

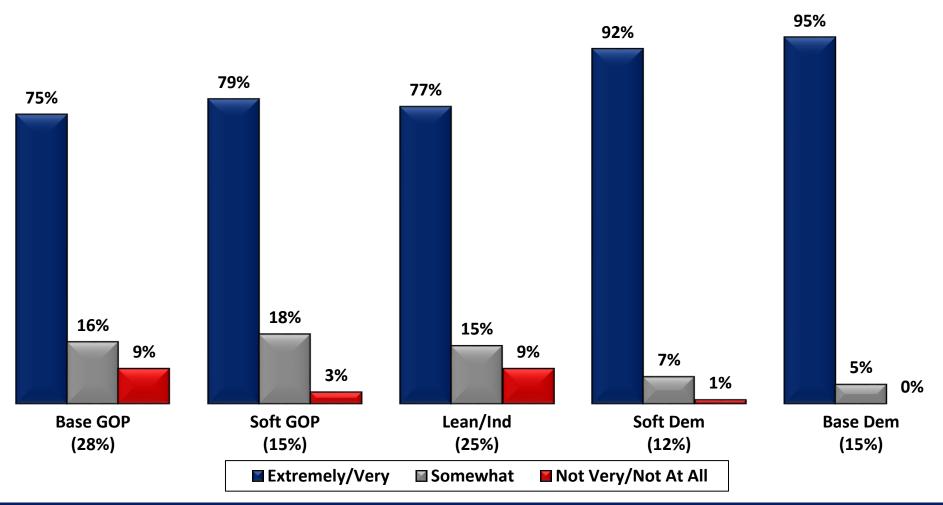
"I am going to read you some statements about health. After listening to each statement, please tell me how important each statement is to you for maintaining good health. Would you say that is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?"





## At least three-quarters of voters across party lines believe wellness vaccines are extremely or very important to maintaining good health.

Importance of Wellness Vaccines by Party



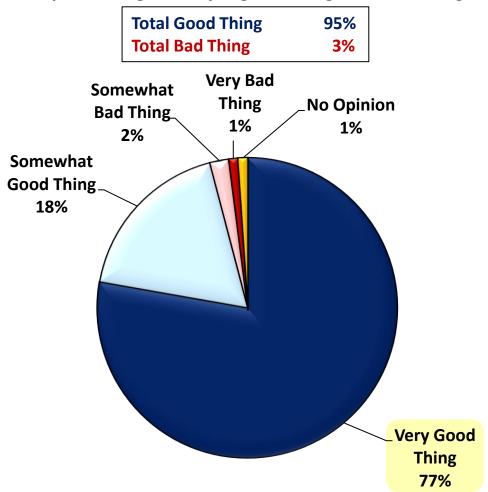


### **Wellness Vaccines Description**

"Now, I would like to ask you a few questions about wellness vaccines. These are vaccines that are most commonly given to children at different points of their childhood and they are used to prevent diseases like measles, mumps, hepatitis, and polio. To be clear, these are different than the COVID-19 vaccine and I am not asking anything about the COVID-19 vaccine."

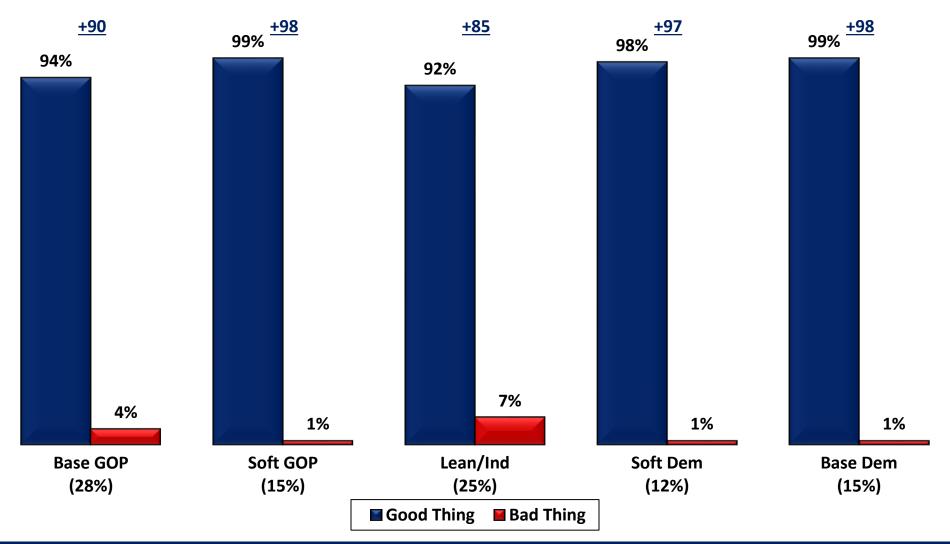
### More than three-quarters of voters say wellness vaccines are a very good thing.

"Do you believe wellness vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, and polio are generally a good thing or a bad thing?"



# There is strong agreement across partisan lines that wellness vaccines are a good thing.

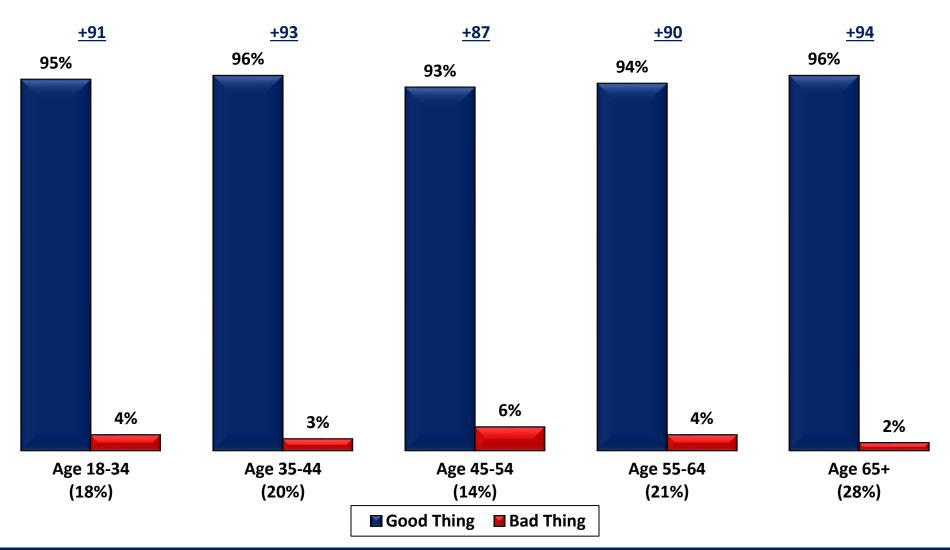
Wellness Vaccines Good Thing/Bad Thing by Party





### Voters of all ages believe wellness vaccines are a good thing.

#### Wellness Vaccines Good Thing/Bad Thing by Age

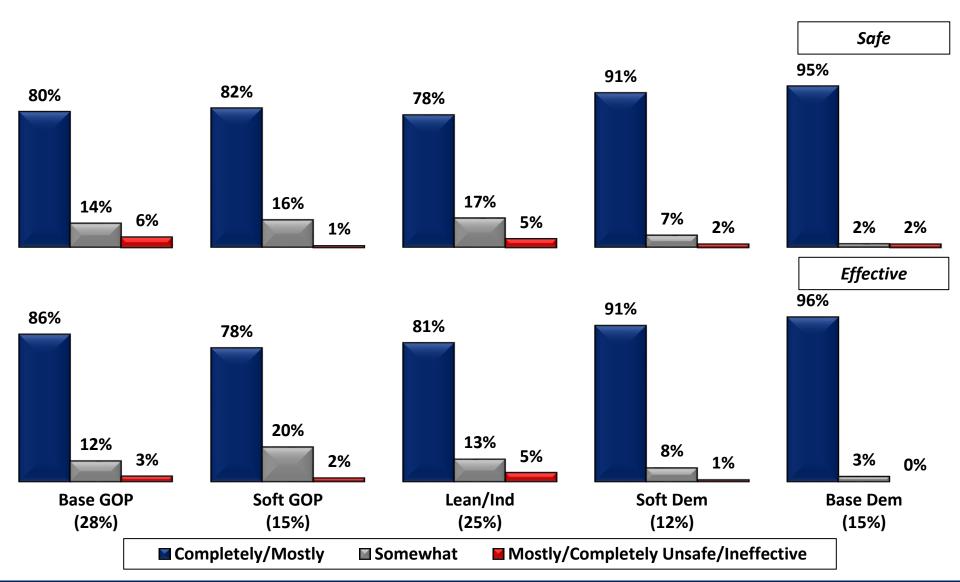


# More than 80% of Kansas voters say wellness vaccines are completely/mostly safe and completely/mostly effective.

"Do you believe wellness vaccines are completely "Do you believe wellness vaccines are completely safe, mostly safe, somewhat safe, mostly unsafe or effective, mostly effective, somewhat effective, completely unsafe?" mostly ineffective or completely ineffective?" 86% 83% 12% 11% 4% 3% **■** Completely/Mostly **■** Mostly/Completely Unsafe/Ineffective ■ Somewhat



### Strong majorities of voters across party lines believe vaccines are completely/mostly safe and effective.







### One-quarter of Kansas voters know someone who hasn't taken wellness vaccines.

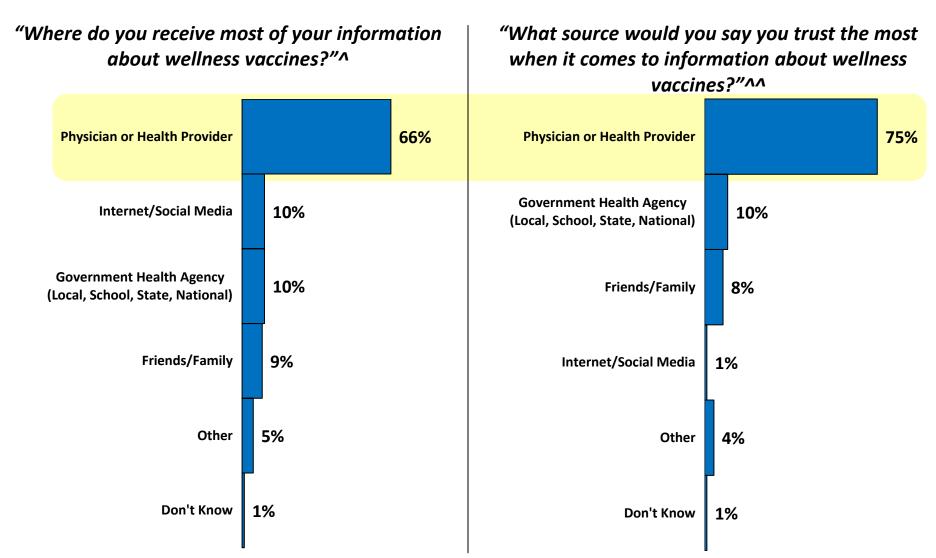
"Do you happen to personally know anyone who has not received wellness vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, hepatitis, and polio?"

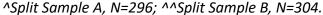


**74%** No Top Groups – Yes (25%)

Wellness Vaccines Safety: Unsafe	72%
Child Wellness Vaccines: No	51%
Trust Info: Friends/Family	48%
Receive Info: Internet/Social Media	40%
Moms	39%
Children in HH: Yes	35%
Age 35-44	33%
Women 18-54	33%
GOP Women	33%
Ind Men	31%
Very Conservative	31%
Balance DMA	31%
Age 18-34	30%
Women	29%
Women w/ Degree	29%
CD 3	29%

### When it comes to wellness vaccine info, physicians are the dominant source of information and by far the most trusted.







## All four messages in support of taking wellness vaccines resonate strongly; the polio example resonates the most.

"Now I'd like to read you some statements people have made in support of taking wellness vaccines, and after I read each statement, please tell me if you think that statement is very convincing, somewhat convincing, not very convincing, or not at all convincing as a reason to take wellness vaccines."

#### Ranked by % Very Convincing

We know that vaccines work. Before the polio vaccine was created in the 1950s, there were over sixteen thousand cases of polio in the U.S. every year. By 2019 there was not a single case of polio in the U.S.



We know that vaccines in the U.S. have saved lives and eliminated or significantly reduced the number of infectious diseases. Each year in the U.S. wellness vaccines given to children will prevent forty-two thousand early deaths and 20 million cases of disease.



The Kansas Medical Society, which represents nearly three thousand medical doctors across Kansas, strongly supports children receiving wellness vaccines.^



The Kansas State Nurses Association, which represents over forty thousand registered nurses across Kansas, strongly supports children receiving wellness vaccines.^^



■ Very Convincing
□ Total Convincing
■ Not At All Convincing
□ Total Not Convincing

^Split Sample A, N=296; ^^Split Sample B, N=304.



# The polio message resonates strongly with more than 60% of voters across the political spectrum.

Ranked by % Very Convincing	Total	Base GOP (28%)	Soft GOP (15%)	Lean/ Ind (25%)	Soft Dem (12%)	Base Dem (15%)
We know that vaccines work. Before the polio vaccine was created in the 1950s, there were over sixteen thousand cases of polio in the U.S. every year. By 2019 there was not a single case of polio in the U.S.	72%	63%	74%	67%	73%	93%
We know that vaccines in the U.S. have saved lives and eliminated or significantly reduced the number of infectious diseases. Each year in the U.S. wellness vaccines given to children will prevent forty-two thousand early deaths and 20 million cases of disease.	58%	47%	60%	49%	72%	82%
The Kansas Medical Society, which represents nearly three thousand medical doctors across Kansas, strongly supports children receiving wellness vaccines.^	52%	47%	47%	40%	62%	77%
The Kansas State Nurses Association, which represents over forty thousand registered nurses across Kansas, strongly supports children receiving wellness vaccines.^^	50%	41%	61%	39%	45%	77%

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## Older voters and voters without children in the household are the most likely to say the messages are very convincing.

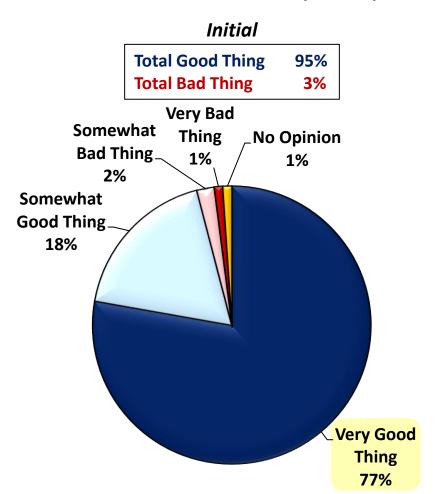
Ranked by % Very Convincing	Total	18-34 (18%)	35-44 (20%)	45-54 (14%)	55-64 (21%)	65+ (28%)	Kids in HH: Yes (30%)	Kids In HH: No (70%)
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The Kansas Medical Society, which represents nearly three thousand medical doctors across Kansas, strongly supports children receiving wellness vaccines.^	52%	29%	40%	57%	60%	66%	44%	56%
The Kansas State Nurses Association, which represents over forty thousand registered nurses across Kansas, strongly supports children receiving wellness vaccines.^^	50%	40%	36%	33%	52%	73%	34%	56%

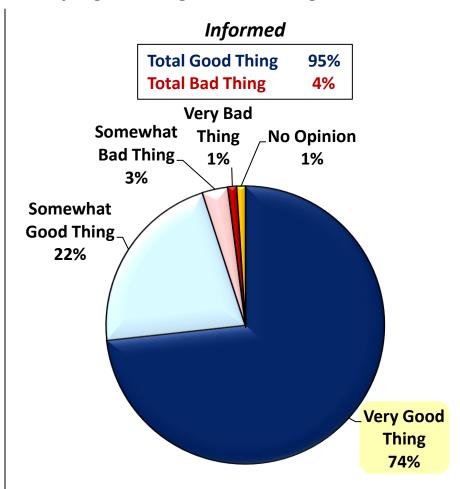
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### With 95% of voters initially saying wellness vaccines are a good thing, there is little room for movement.

"After hearing more information... Do you believe wellness vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, and polio are generally a good thing or a bad thing?"











# Welness Vaccine

Exemptions

## A strong majority of voters know that children in Kansas are required to receive wellness vaccines to attend childcare or a K-12 school.

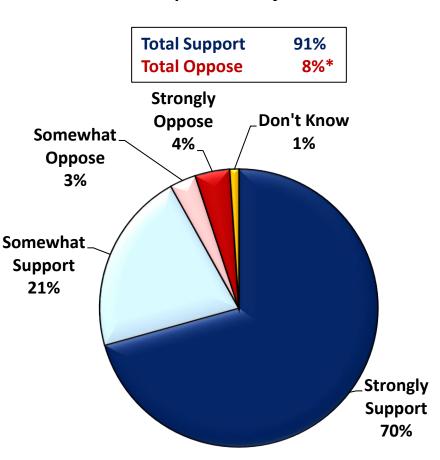
"Now, changing topics a little... To the best of your knowledge, are children in Kansas required to get wellness vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, and polio in order to attend a childcare facility or a K-12 school?"

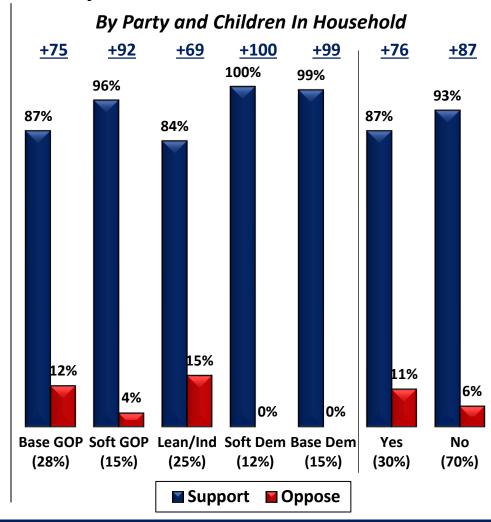
85% Yes 8% No Don't Know

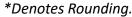


### There is strong support for requiring the wellness vaccines for school/childcare.

"Current Kansas law requires children attending childcare facilities or K-12 schools to receive certain wellness vaccines for certain diseases. Do you support or oppose these existing wellness vaccine requirements for children attending childcare facilities or K-12 schools in Kansas?"



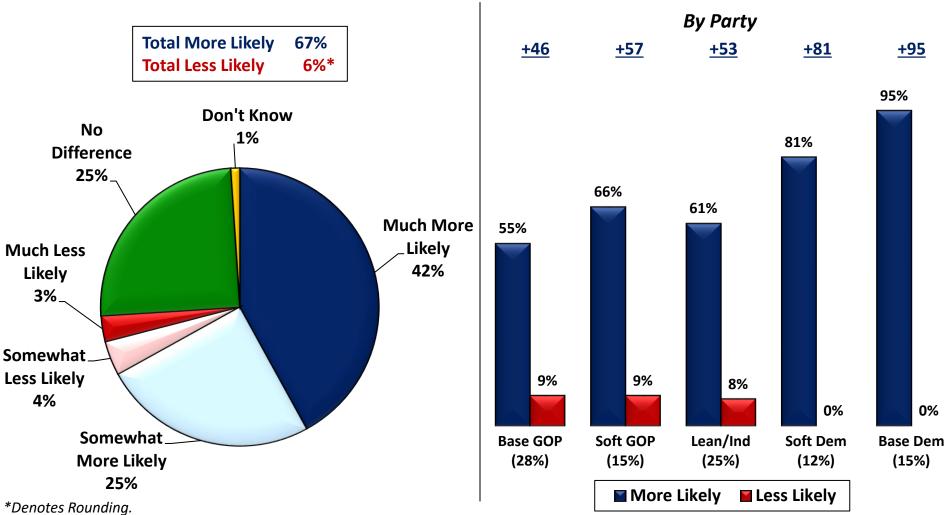






# Three-quarters of voters say they would be <u>more likely</u> to support a candidate who supported the existing vaccine requirements.

"And, would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for public office if they support these existing wellness vaccine requirements for children attending childcare facilities or K-12 schools in Kansas, or would it make no difference to you?"





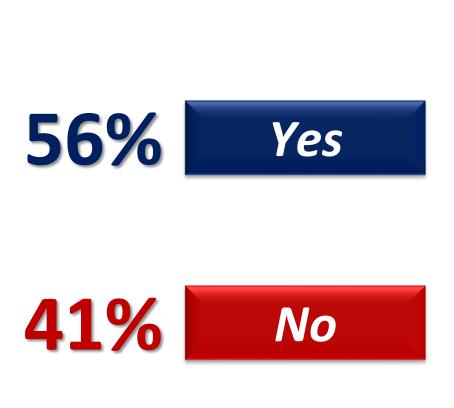
### **Medical and Religious Exemptions**

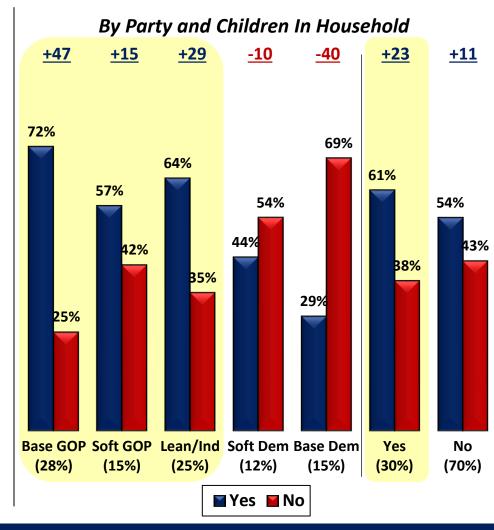
"Kansas law currently allows some exemptions for children in childcare facilities or K-12 schools to wellness vaccines, including for medical reasons and religious objections. A medical exemption requires written approval from a doctor based on evidence that the exemption is necessary for the health of the child.

A religious exemption for a child requires a statement by one parent attesting to the religious objection. It does not require any approval or documentation by a faith leader of the religion, like a pastor, priest, or rabbi. The religious objection is a permanent exemption and does not require annual review."

### A majority of Kansas voters support religious exemptions to wellness vaccines for K-12 school or childcare.

"Do you believe religious exemptions for wellness vaccines should be allowed?"



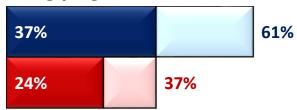


# A majority of voters believe religious exemptions should require documentation, both parents should provide a statement and there should be an annual review.

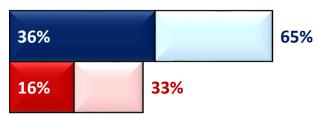
"Now, I'd like to read you some statements people have made about exemptions for wellness vaccines, and after I read each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement."

#### Ranked by % Strongly Agree

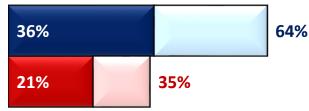
The religious exemption to wellness vaccines should require documentation by a religious leader, similar to the medical exemption that requires documentation by a physician.



If a child is being raised by two parents, both parents should be required to provide a statement detailing a religious exemption to wellness vaccines.



A religious exemption to wellness vaccines should not be permanent and should have to undergo an annual review.



■ Strongly Agree □ Total Agree ■ Strongly Disagree □ Total Disagree



# Democrats are more supportive that the exemption should require parental statements, not be permanent, and require documentation from a religious leader.

Ranked by % Total AGREE	Total	Base GOP (28%)	Soft GOP (15%)	Lean/ Ind (25%)	Soft Dem (12%)	Base Dem (15%)	Men (48%)	Women (52%)
If a child is being raised by two parents, both parents should be required to provide a statement detailing a religious exemption to wellness vaccines.	65%	58%	62%	64%	74%	79%	62%	67%
A religious exemption to wellness vaccines should not be permanent and should have to undergo an annual review.	64%	50%	60%	60%	73%	89%	61%	67%
The religious exemption to wellness vaccines should require documentation by a religious leader, similar to the medical exemption that requires documentation by a physician.	61%	49%	62%	61%	68%	75%	55%	66%

# Middle-aged voters and voters with children in the household are least likely to agree with these requirements.

Ranked by % Total AGREE	Total	18-34 (18%)	35-44 (20%)	45-54 (14%)	55-64 (21%)	65+ (28%)	Kids in HH: Yes (30%)	Kids In HH: No (70%)
If a child is being raised by two parents, both parents should be required to provide a statement detailing a religious exemption to wellness vaccines.	65%	68%	65%	57%	68%	65%	61%	67%
A religious exemption to wellness vaccines should not be permanent and should have to undergo an annual review.	64%	60%	69%	59%	64%	66%	60%	66%
The religious exemption to wellness vaccines should require documentation by a religious leader, similar to the medical exemption that requires documentation by a physician.	61%	63%	62%	56%	67%	58%	56%	63%

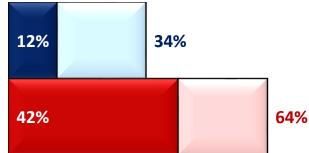


# A majority of Kansas voters oppose adding more wellness vaccine exemptions.

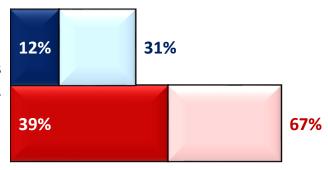
"Now, I'd like to read you some statements people have made about exemptions for wellness vaccines, and after I read each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement."

#### Ranked by % Strongly Agree

We should add another wellness vaccine exemption that is based on philosophical objections.



We should expand the number and type of wellness vaccine exemptions.



■ Strongly Agree □ Total Agree ■ Strongly Disagree □ Total Disagree

Dems strongly disagree with vaccine exemptions for philosophical objections and that exemptions should be expanded. Inds and base GOPers disagree the least (to be clear though, a majority do disagree).

Ranked by % Total DISAGREE	Total	Base GOP (28%)	Soft GOP (15%)	Lean/ Ind (25%)	Soft Dem (12%)	Base Dem (15%)	Men (48%)	Women (52%)
We should expand the number and type of wellness vaccine exemptions.	67%	59%	67%	63%	78%	80%	65%	69%
We should add another wellness vaccine exemption that is based on philosophical objections.	64%	59%	61%	56%	71%	82%	62%	65%

# Voters between the ages of 35-44 and seniors strongly disagree in expanding the vaccine exemptions.

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We should add another wellness vaccine exemption that is based on philosophical objections.	64%	49%	67%	62%	69%	67%	55%	67%



### **Additional Documentation For Religious Exemptions**

"Now, I would like to read you two statements you might hear about requiring more documentation for children requesting religious exemptions to taking wellness vaccines to attend childcare or a K-12 school in Kansas.

Please tell me which statement you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right.

Those who support requiring more documentation for religious exemptions say it is far too easy for a parent to claim a religious exemption even if there is nothing supporting that exemption within the religion. They say there are currently no major religions in the U.S. that support exemption from wellness vaccines on religious grounds.

...or...

Those who oppose requiring more documentation for religious exemptions say freedom of religion should be protected at all costs and that requiring documentation from a faith leader is an invasion of someone's religious beliefs and attitudes."

#### A majority of voters support more documentation for religious exemptions. Base Republicans are divided.

Requiring More Documentation For Religious Exemptions

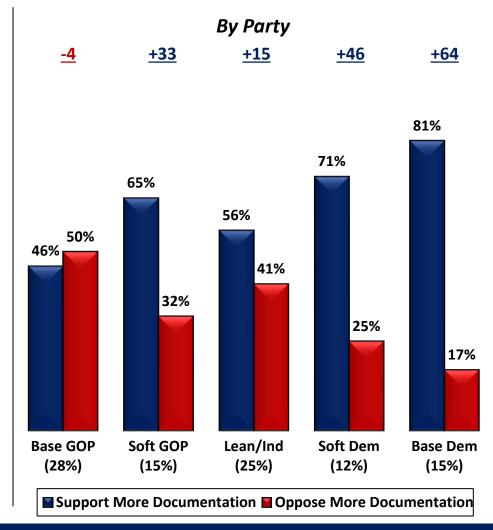
**60%** 

**Support More** Documentation -Far Too Easy For Parent To Claim Exemption

...or...

**36%** 

**Oppose More Documentation** – Freedom Of Religion Should Be Protected At All Costs



#### **Philosophical Exemptions**

"Now, I would like to read you two statements you might hear about allowing for philosophical objections to children taking wellness vaccines to attend childcare or a K-12 school in Kansas. Please tell me which statement you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right.

Those who oppose allowing philosophical objections for children taking wellness vaccines say allowing more children to opt out of these wellness vaccines that we have safely and effectively used for decades is dangerous. They say we do not allow for philosophical objections that permit us to disobey other laws and rules, and this should not be any different.

...or...

Those who support allowing philosophical objections for children taking wellness vaccines say we should give parents as much freedom and flexibility when it comes to their children as we possibly can. They say parents know what is best for their children and that they should be allowed to make these decisions without interference."

#### Voters across party lines say allowing philosophical objections for vaccines that we have safely used for generations is dangerous.

Allowing Philosophical Objections

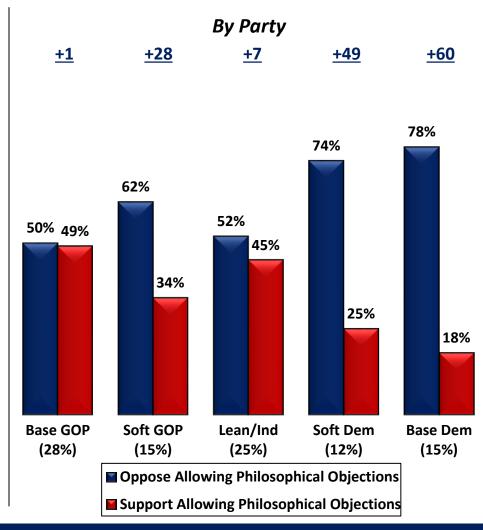
61%

**Oppose Allowing Philosophical** Objections – Allowing Children To Opt Out of Wellness Vaccines Is **Dangerous** 

...or...

**36%** 

Support Allowing **Philosophical** Objections – Give **Parents As Much** Freedom And Flexibility As We Possibly Can











## Wellness

# Vaccine Policy

Jurisdiction

### A large majority of Kansas voters believe the State Health Department is and should be in charge of determining wellness vaccine policy.

"From what you know, who do you think is currently in charge of determining the wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas?"

"Who do you think should be in charge of determining the wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas?"^^

**71%** 

State Health
Department

**78%** 

State Health Department

16%

Elected Officials
In Kansas

9%

Elected Officials
In Kansas

9%

State Board Of Education

**7%** 

State Board Of Education

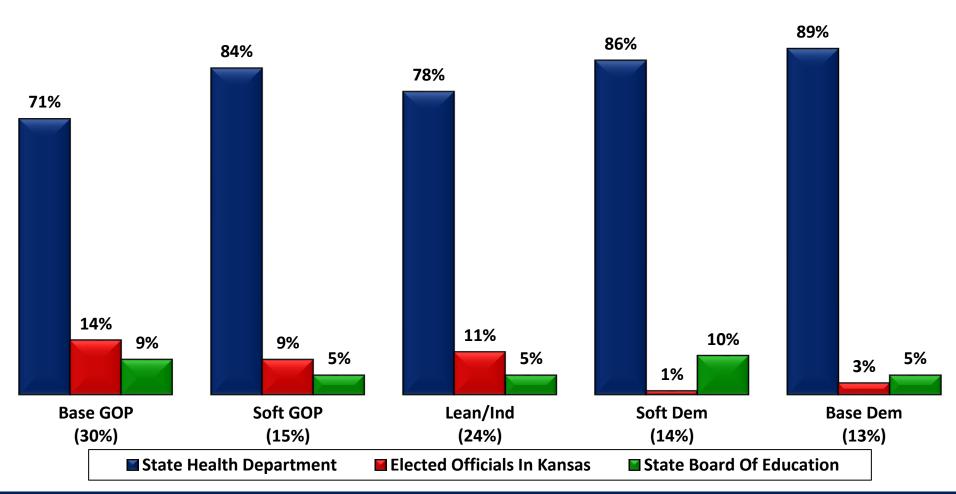
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## A strong majority of voters across the partisan spectrum believe KDHE should be in charge of vaccine wellness policy.

Should Be In Charge Of Wellness Vaccine Policy by Party

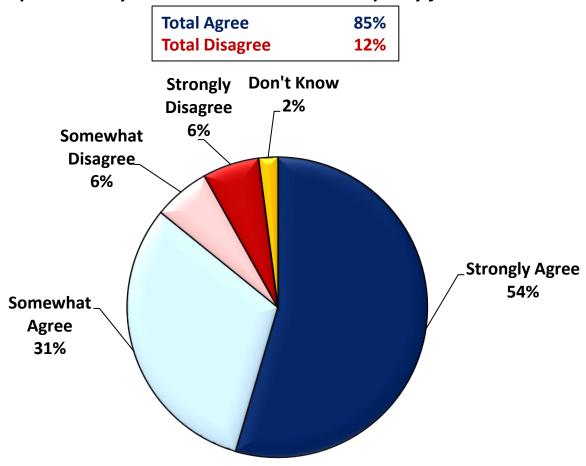






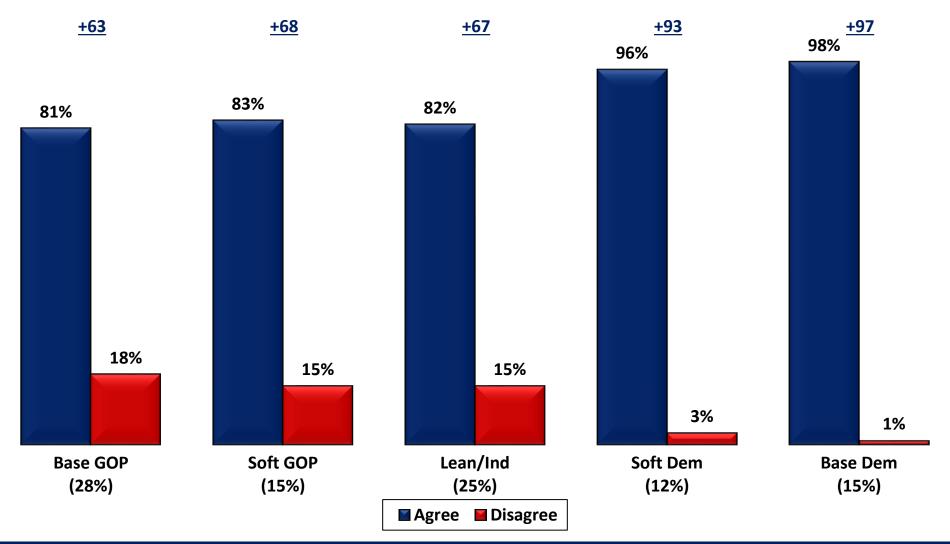
## Kansas voters overwhelmingly agree it is appropriate for KDHE to set the wellness vaccine policies.

"The Kansas Department of Health and Environment sets the wellness vaccine policy for Kansas children, which includes the vaccine standards and schedule. Do you agree or disagree that this is the appropriate entity to set the wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas?"



## There is a strong consensus across party lines that KDHE should set wellness vaccine policy.

Kansas Department Of Health Setting Wellness Vaccine Policy by Party

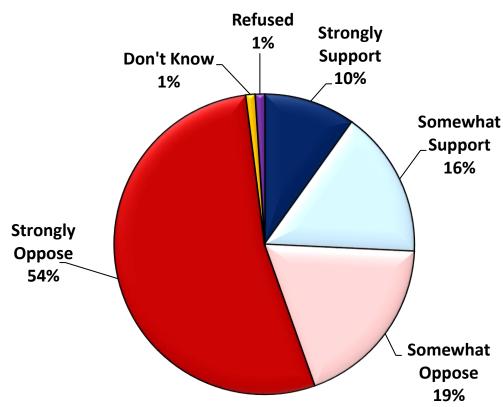




#### More than one-half of voters would strongly oppose legislation to move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy from KDHE to the Kansas Legislature.

"And, would you support or oppose legislation to move the authority of setting the wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Legislature?"





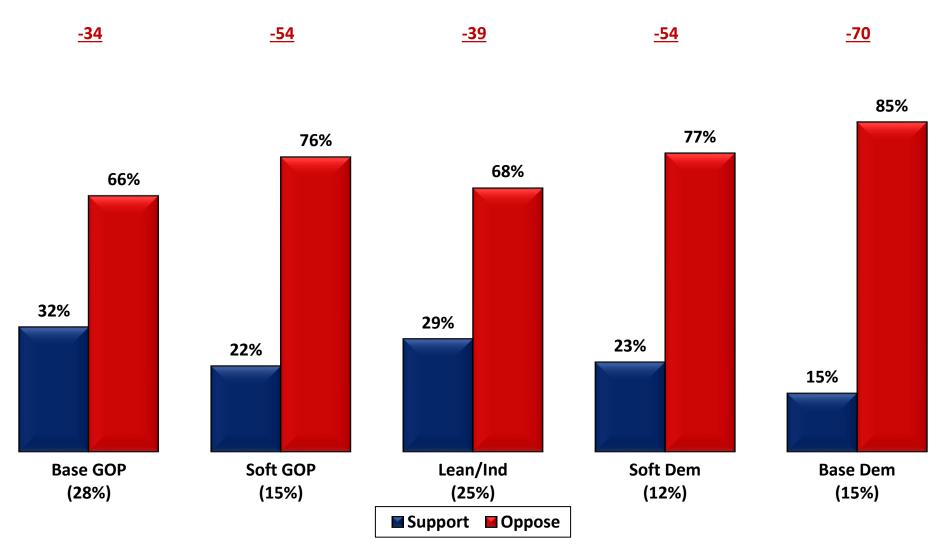
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## More than two-thirds of voters across party lines would oppose giving the state legislature authority on vaccine policy.

Legislation To Give Kansas Legislature Authority by Party





#### The Authority Of KDHE's Wellness Vaccine Policy

"Now, I would like to read you some statements people have made about moving the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas from the Kansas Department of Health. These wellness vaccines are vaccines that are most commonly given to children at different points of their childhood and they are used to prevent diseases like measles, mumps, hepatitis, and polio. To be clear, these are different than the COVID-19 vaccine and I am not asking anything about the COVID-19 vaccine. After I read each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement."

#### Voters strongly agree that moving the authority of vaccine policies to the state legislature would politicize disease prevention.

"After I read each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement." Ranked by % Strongly Agree

We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. Doing so would politicize disease prevention and places wellness vaccine authority with legislators who are not experts on disease prevention, immunization or public health.



We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. The state health department is the best agency to set wellness vaccine policy because they utilize a rigorous process using evidence-based information examined by doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals.



We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. Placing the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy with the legislature would make Kansas the only state in the nation that allows politicians to set wellness vaccine policy.



Strongly Agree ☐ Total Agree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Total Disagree

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# A strong majority of base Republicans believe moving wellness vaccine policy to the legislature would politicize disease prevention.

Ranked by % Total AGREE	Total	Base GOP (28%)	Soft GOP (15%)	Lean/ Ind (25%)	Soft Dem (12%)	Base Dem (15%)	Men (48%)	Women (52%)
We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. The state health department is the best agency to set wellness vaccine policy because they utilize a rigorous process using evidence-based information examined by doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals.	85%	79%	88%	80%	95%	92%	83%	87%
We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. Doing so would politicize disease prevention and places wellness vaccine authority with legislators who are not experts on disease prevention, immunization or public health.	84%	79%	90%	82%	92%	85%	81%	87%
We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. Placing the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy with the legislature would make Kansas the only state in the nation that allows politicians to set wellness vaccine policy.	80%	76%	81%	76%	89%	90%	80%	80%



# Voters 55+ are most likely to agree that moving authority would politicize disease prevention and that the state health department is the best agency because of its rigorous process.

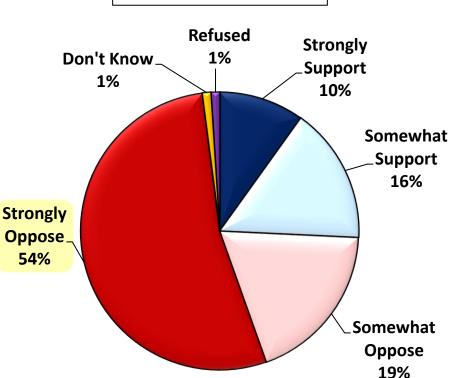
Ranked by % Total AGREE	Total	18-34 (18%)	35-44 (20%)	45-54 (14%)	55-64 (21%)	65+ (28%)	Kids in HH: Yes (30%)	Kids In HH: No (70%)
We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. The state health department is the best agency to set wellness vaccine policy because they utilize a rigorous process using evidence-based information examined by doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals.	85%	73%	86%	84%	88%	92%	80%	88%
We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. Doing so would politicize disease prevention and places wellness vaccine authority with legislators who are not experts on disease prevention, immunization or public health.	84%	80%	85%	82%	88%	84%	85%	84%
We should not move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas to the legislature. Placing the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy with the legislature would make Kansas the only state in the nation that allows politicians to set wellness vaccine policy.	80%	76%	86%	75%	81%	81%	76%	82%

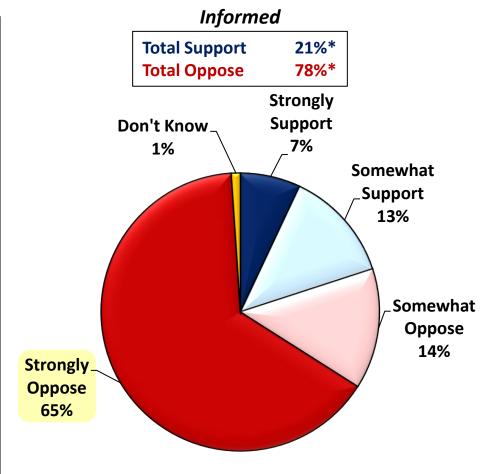


#### After hearing more information, voters become more strongly opposed to moving the authority of wellness vaccine policy.

"Now that you have heard some more information, would you support or oppose legislation to move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy for children in Kansas from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Legislature?"





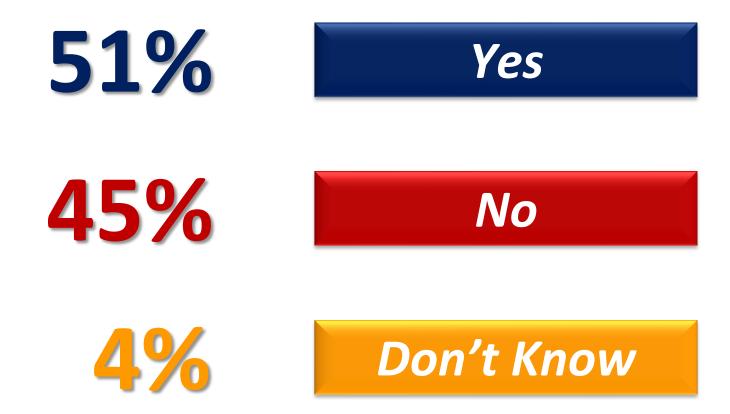


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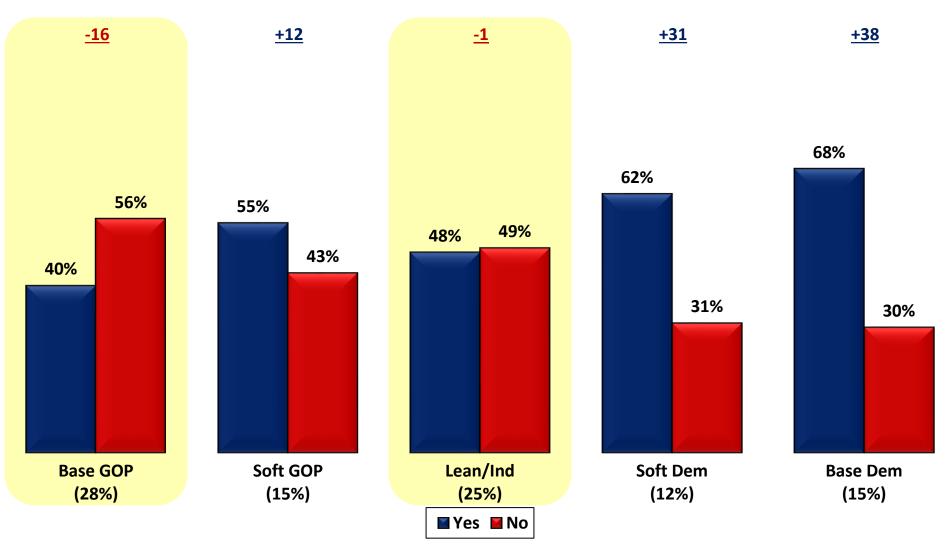
# A small majority of voters believe businesses should be allowed to choose whether or not to require flu, hepatitis, and tetanus vaccines for their employees.

"Changing topics a little.. Should businesses be allowed to choose whether or not to require vaccinations like the flu, hepatitis, and tetanus for their employees?"



## Base GOPers say businesses should *not* be allowed to require vaccines like the flu, hepatitis, and tetanus. Inds are split.

Businesses Allowed To Choose Whether Or Not To Require Vaccinations by Party













# The Bottom Line

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

Make no mistake, Kansas voters are *strongly* in support of wellness vaccines. Overwhelming majorities believe they are important for maintaining good health, they are safe and they are effective. More than 90% support wellness vaccine requirements for children to attend schools/childcare in the Sunflower State and a large majority would be more supportive of a political candidate who supported existing policies. And overwhelmingly, they reject the idea to move the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy from KDHE to the state legislature.

It could be easy in this moment to think divisions over COVID-19 vaccine policies may lead to divisions over wellness vaccine policies. But Kansas voters are clear – they support wellness vaccines, requirements around them to attend schools and leaving the authority of setting wellness vaccine policy to the state's health department.

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