

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
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RE: **New Battleground Senate Polling**

Global Strategy Group, on behalf of the DSCC, conducted a survey of key battleground states to determine the impact of recent national political events on Senate races in Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. The survey was conducted online among a representative sample of 637 likely voters across these four states. Key findings are as follows:

- **Republican Senate candidates are in a no-win situation and will lose votes regardless of how they choose to respond to the increasingly toxic candidacy of Donald Trump.**
 - In New Hampshire and Nevada, where the Republican candidates for Senate have withdrawn their support of Trump, the vote, on average, moves from a 44%-44% tie to a **6-point Democratic advantage** (46% Dem/40% GOP) when voters are informed of the candidates' positions on Trump.
 - In North Carolina and Pennsylvania, where the Republican candidates are sticking by Trump, the vote, on average, moves from a 44%-44% tie to a **4-point Democratic advantage** (48% Dem/44% GOP) when voters are informed of the candidates' positions on Trump.
- **Regardless of which path Republicans take, voters overwhelmingly believe that Republican candidates' decisions in the wake of the Trump video controversy are about politics and getting re-elected.**
 - In New Hampshire and Nevada, where Republican candidates have withdrawn their support of Trump:
 - 71% say *"these Republicans are only withdrawing their support because they think it will help them get re-elected"*
 - Only 29% say *"these Republicans are doing the courageous thing by finally standing up to Donald Trump"*
 - In Pennsylvania and North Carolina, where Republican candidates for Senate have stood by Trump:
 - 68% say the reason why these Republicans still support Trump is *"for their own political gain."*
 - Only 32% say the reason why these Republicans still support Trump is *"because they think he will be a good president."*
- **Voters believe that Republican Senate candidates should have taken a moral stand against Trump long ago.** Two-thirds of voters (68%) agree *"Republican candidates for Senate should have taken a moral stand against Trump much earlier in the campaign – before it was politically popular"* while just 26% disagree with that statement.
- **Voters say they deserve to know where Republicans stand on Trump.** This is a near-universally held belief as 72% of voters agree that *"voters deserve to know if the Republican Senate candidate in their state plans to vote for Donald Trump or not"* while just 20% of voters disagree with that statement.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE: Global Strategy Group conducted an online survey from October 12-13, 2016 among 637 likely voters key Senate states. Special care was taken to ensure this survey is demographically representative of likely voter electorate and was conducted using an online opt-in panel.