

To: Interested Parties  
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Survey Key Findings



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# Net Neutrality House Battleground Survey

CA-25, CO-06, FL-18, NY-19  
July 9-12, 2018 (n=400/district)

## **Introduction:**

IMGE Insights, a national polling firm headquartered in Alexandria, VA, conducted a survey in four key House battleground districts to test support for net neutrality and its impact on the midterm election.

We asked voters about their overall support for net neutrality, their propensity to take net neutrality into account when deciding how to vote in November, and whether they want their member of Congress to support forcing a vote on the Congressional Review Act resolution to overturn the FCC’s repeal and restore net neutrality protections.

Our survey found that voters overwhelmingly say they support net neutrality, that a majority say they will take it into account during the election, that independent and undecided voters are more likely to vote for members who act immediately to force a vote to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality protections, and that such voters are more likely to oppose incumbents when it is pointed out that they have not helped overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality.

## **Voters support net neutrality:**

“One issue the federal government has been addressing lately is ‘net neutrality.’ Net neutrality protections would ensure that internet service providers like Comcast and AT&T must allow everyone access to all internet content equally, and cannot block or slow down access to certain websites and streaming services or discriminate against or charge money for people to be able to easily access certain sites or services. In general, do you favor these net neutrality protections or oppose them?”

## **Key House Battleground Districts:**

	<u>CA-25</u>	<u>CO-06</u>	<u>FL-18</u>	<u>NY-19</u>
Favor	64%	72%	69%	74%
Oppose	20	15	16	12
NS/R	16	13	15	14

House Battleground Aggregate (n=1,600):

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Trump voters</u>
Favor	63%	72%	75%	59%
Oppose	18	16	13	21
NS/R	19	12	12	20

**Voters support forcing a vote to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality:**

“As you may know, the FCC recently got rid of these net neutrality protections. The Senate passed a resolution to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality in a bipartisan vote, but the House has taken no action. If your Congressman took immediate action to force a vote to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality protections, and said he did so because it was important to put people ahead of big cable companies like Comcast and AT&T, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for him?”

House Battleground Aggregate (n=1,600):

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Undecided Voters</u>
More likely	60%	64%	58%
Less likely	20	17	8
NS/R	20	19	34

“If your Congressman refused to help force a vote to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality protections and his Democratic challenger pointed out that such inaction demonstrates that he gave in to special interests and big cable companies like Comcast and AT&T - and in so doing put individuals and small businesses at a disadvantage - would that make you more or less likely to vote for him?”

House Battleground Aggregate (n=1,600):

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Undecided Voters</u>
More likely	34%	31%	18%
Less likely	46	48	45
NS/R	20	21	36

**Voters says net neutrality is an important issue in the midterms:**

“How important will an issue like net neutrality be when making your final decision on who to vote for in the November election for Congress?”

House Battleground Aggregate (n=1,600):

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Undecided Voters</u>
Very important	23%	23%	27%
Somewhat important	34	33	29
Not very important	23	24	14
Not at all important	12	12	7
NS/R	8	8	23
Total important	57%	56%	56%
Total not important	35	36	21

**President Trump job approval:**

“Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?”

House Battleground Aggregate (n=1,600):

	<u>Total</u>
Approve	46%
Disapprove	53
NS/R	1

**Generic Congressional ballot:**

“If the November election for Congress were held today would you vote for: the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?”

House Battleground Aggregate (n=1,600):

	<u>Total</u>
Republican	41%
Democrat	49
NS/R	10

**Republican incumbents outperforming generic ballot in key districts:**

CA-25 (n=400):

In the November election for Congress would you vote for: Stephen Knight, the Republican; or Katie Hill, the Democrat?

	<u>Total</u>
Stephen Knight	47%
Katie Hill	47
Not sure/Refused	6

CO-06 (n=400):

In the November election for Congress would you vote for: Mike Coffman, the Republican; or Jason Crow, the Democrat?

	<u>Total</u>
Mike Coffman	45%
Jason Crow	45
Not sure/Refused	10

FL-18 (n=400):

In the November election for Congress would you vote for: Brian Mast, the Republican; or his Democratic challenger\*?

	<u>Total</u>
Brian Mast	50%
Democratic challenger	40
Not sure/Refused	10

\*Democratic challenger hasn't been nominated yet

NY-19 (n=400):

In the November election for Congress would you vote for: John Faso, the Republican; or Antonio Delgado, the Democrat?

	<u>Total</u>
John Faso	49%
Antonio Delgado	44
Not sure/Refused	7

**Summary:**

Voters across four key battleground Congressional districts (CA-25, CO-06, FL-18, NY-19) overwhelmingly support net neutrality and want their member of Congress to force a vote to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality protections. Support for net neutrality is broad and bipartisan, and moves independents and undecided voters toward a member of Congress willing to take immediate action. Furthermore, a majority of independents and undecideds in the battleground districts tested say net neutrality will be an important factor in determining their vote in the midterm election.