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Re: Arizonans Disapprove of D.C. Statehood
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The results of our just completed statewide survey in Arizona indicate that the majority of voters in Arizona are aware of impending legislation in Congress that would grant Washington, D.C. statehood. However, these voters are unaware of the profound impact this law would have on the entire country, and when informed of the radical consequences of the passage of this legislation, opposition intensifies.

Key Findings:

- Three-in-four voters, 77% of Arizona voters say they are aware that “Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in the House of Representatives recently passed a bill that if signed into law will make Washington, D.C. a state that would give it two voting U.S. Senators and a Congressman,” 22% are unaware.
- Half of all voters disapprove of “granting Washington, D.C. statehood, which would give residents of D.C. federal representation in Congress,” approve 42% - 50% disapprove.
- After being informed of the national implications of D.C. Statehood, 55% of all voters disapprove of D.C. Statehood and 50% strongly disapprove, 42% approve.
- Knowing these facts, two-in-three voters, 60% say they would want their U.S. Senator to vote against D.C. Statehood, 37% would want them to vote in favor of it.
- The majority of voters, 52% say it would make them less favorable towards U.S. Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema if they voted in favor of D.C. Statehood, only one-third, 33%, say it would make them more favorable towards them.
- U.S. Senator Mark Kelly is under 50% on his opinion rating; favorable 48% - 36% unfavorable.
- U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema is upside-down on her opinion rating; favorable 38% - 41% unfavorable.

Implications of the Washington, D.C. Statehood legislation that would affect voters’ favorability towards Sen. Mark Kelly and receive strong opposition include:

- “The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to eliminate voter ID in national elections which will enable fraud and allow non-citizens to vote in federal elections,” 59% less favorable - 17% more favorable.
- “The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to take away the rights of law-abiding citizens to own a gun” 58% less favorable - 19% more favorable.
- “The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to pass trillions of new wasteful deficit spending that will increase the national debt, raise taxes for everyone, and cost Americans millions of jobs.” 58% less favorable - 15% more favorable.

- *“The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to open our borders allowing Mexican Cartels and gangs like MS-13 to smuggle millions of refugees into the United States.” 57% less favorable - 18% more favorable.*
- *“The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to continue to defund and regulate your local police allowing criminals to go free and crime in our cities to continue to skyrocket.” 57% less favorable - 19% more favorable.*
- *“The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to strengthen cancel culture and censorship of Americans by ‘Big Tech’ and the media.” 55% less favorable - 15% more favorable.*
- *“According to the Constitution Washington, D.C. is a city, not a state, but Democrats will vote to give the city of Washington, D.C. with only 700,000 residents, their own US Senators compared to bigger cities like Los Angeles, New York or even Phoenix.” 52% less favorable - 21% more favorable.*
- *“The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to allow transgender biological men to participate in women’s and girls college and high school sports.” 52% less favorable - 25% more favorable.*
- *“The Democrats are merely trying to make Washington, D.C. a state to get 2 more senators to pass unpopular, radical legislation.” 51% less favorable - 23% more favorable.*
- *“The Democrats will vote to make Washington, D.C. a state to pack the U.S. Supreme Court from nine justices, to thirteen.” 51% less favorable - 24% more favorable.*

Arizona voters agree that the push for D.C. Statehood is a partisan power grab:

- 56% of voters agree that *“Since Washington, D.C. is a city founded to be the seat of the federal government with hundreds of thousands of government employees, big government employee unions, tens of thousands of lobbyists and a massive federal bureaucracy, making Washington, D.C. a state with it’s own US Senators and Congressman will only lead to more corruption and cost the rest of America billions more in spending and taxes.”* Only 39% disagree.
- 54% of voters agree that *“The District of Columbia is overwhelmingly Democratic. Republicans make up only 6% of the District’s registered voters, D.C. has never elected a Republican mayor and there has not been a single Republican on the City Council in over a decade. The push for D.C. Statehood is a politically partisan move to get more Democrats in Congress and the U.S. Senate.”* Only 38% disagree.

Conclusions:

While the majority of voters in Arizona are aware of the looming D.C. Statehood legislation in Congress, when further informed of the national policy implications this legislation would create, voter opposition intensifies and favorability for any U.S. Senator who would vote for this, including Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema erodes.



Methodology:

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Arizona, was conducted on April 28th, 2021 and April 29th, 2021. All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 50% of interviews were completed on cell-phones. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election. This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Arizona, has an accuracy of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval.

Key Demographics:

Party:

| | Total |
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| Republican | 39% |
| Democrat | 34% |
| Independent/Other/Refused | 28% |

Gender:

| | Total |
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| Men | 47% |
| Women | 53% |

Ideology:

| | Total |
|--------------|--------------|
| Liberal | 24% |
| Moderate | 32% |
| Conservative | 39% |

Race:

| | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|
| White | 73% |
| Hispanic | 18% |
| African American/Black | 4% |
| Asian American | 2% |
| Native American | 1% |
| Refused | 2% |

Age:

| | Total |
|---------|--------------|
| 18-29 | 13% |
| 30-40 | 15% |
| 41-55 | 22% |
| 56-65 | 19% |
| Over 65 | 29% |
| MEAN | 52 |

Interview:

| | Total |
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| Cell | 70% |
| Landline | 30% |