

Measuring support for the repeal of the Federal Estate Tax – Montana



Sample 300 Likely Voters (18+)
Conducted August 11 – 24, 2015
Margin of Error: 6.1%

1. Thinking ahead to the next U.S. Senate election, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote?

Republican Candidate	47%
Democratic Candidate	33%
Undecided	20%

2. Do you think Senator Tester has performed his job as US Senator to deserve re-election, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

Re-elect Senator Tester	42%
Elect new Senator	42%
Undecided	16%

3. Do you support or oppose repealing the estate, or death tax (the tax that some families must pay the federal government on the value of inherited assets)?

Strongly Support	51%
Somewhat Support	15%
Somewhat Oppose	11%
Strongly Oppose	18%
Don't Know	4%

Total Support	66%
Total Oppose	29%

4. Do you believe the estate tax hurts family business owners and farmers by forcing them to sell all or part of their business or farm in order to pay the tax?

Yes	68%
No	18%
Don't know	14%

5. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. – Repealing the estate or death tax will save thousands of small family businesses – family members who work in the family business are often forced to sell all or part of the business just to pay the taxes when their parents pass away.

Strongly agree	46%
Somewhat agree	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	10%

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6. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. – Repealing the estate or death tax will save thousands of family farms and ranches – family members who work on the farm are often forced to sell all or part of the business just to pay the taxes on the property when their parents pass away.

Strongly agree	47%
Somewhat agree	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	10%

7. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. – African American, Hispanic, and women-owned small businesses are among the fastest growing parts of the U.S. economy; repealing the estate or death tax will allow those families to pass their success on to their children.

Strongly agree	36%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	9%

8. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. – The estate or death tax hurts middle class Americans because the wealthiest Americans can afford lawyers and accountants to find loopholes, shelters, and other accounting tricks that hide their wealth and avoid paying the tax.

Strongly agree	30%
Somewhat agree	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	10%

9. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. – Permanently repealing the estate or death tax will allow billions of dollars to be invested in the American economy and encourage job creation and economic growth.

Strongly agree	37%
Somewhat agree	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	17%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	16%

10. Do you believe Senator Tester supports or opposes repeal of the estate tax?

Supports repeal.....	12%
Opposes repeal	29%
Don't know	60%

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11. Would you be more likely, less likely, or no difference to vote for your U.S. Senator, if you knew he supported permanently repealing the estate or death tax?	
Much more likely	7%
Somewhat more likely	18%
Somewhat less likely.....	11%
Much less likely	7%
No difference	57%
 Total more likely.....	 25%
Total less likely	18%

12. Would you be more likely, less likely, or no difference to vote for your U.S. Senator, if you knew he opposed permanently repealing the estate or death tax?	
Much more likely	10%
Somewhat more likely	9%
Somewhat less likely.....	11%
Much less likely	16%
No difference	54%
 Total more likely.....	 19%
Total less likely	27%

YouGov interviewed 316 respondents in Montana and who were then matched down to a sample of 300 each to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, and race. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from YouGov's own sampling frame for likely voters based on the full validated state voter lists. The likely voter model for both states was based on voter registration status and past voting history. The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.