## AAPPD'Arizonaz 2022 Elections (18+) - Governor

Governor: The open seat governor's race in Arizona is extremely close with Secretary of State Katie Hobbs (D) at 49\% and Kari Lake (R) at 48\% and just 3\% undecided. Among Arizona voters 50+, who are likely to make up about 3-in-5 voters this November, the race is also extraordinarily competitive with Lake ahead $50 \%-48 \%$.
Hobbs has Democrats more united behind her than Lake has Republicans, and she also has a narrow 4-point edge with Independents. There's a considerable gender gap, with Hobbs ahead by 13-points among women voters, but Lake up by 10 among men. On education, Hobbs' 17-point lead among voters with college degrees is almost cancelled out by Lake's 9-point lead among voters with less than 4-year college. Hobbs is up by 30-points among Hispanic voters overall and 16points among Hispanic voters 50+, while Lake has narrower leads among white voters.
Hobbs's image is in positive territory at 46\% favorable - 42\% unfavorable, while Lake's is underwater at 43\%-53\%.
Congress: The congressional generic ballot in Arizona shows an evenly divided state with $48 \%$ of Arizona voters preferring a generic Republican while 47\% prefer a generic Democrat. The generic Republican's edge among voters 50+ grows to 4-points, still very competitive.
Independents, who tilt toward Hobbs and Kelly on the governor and Senate ballots, narrowly favor a generic Republican in the race for Congress. Voting differences on gender, education, and race/ethnicity in the governor's contest are also apparent on the congressional generic ballot.

Governor


2022 Ballots
2022 Ballots


## AAP/P'Arizonat 2022 Elections (18+) - U.S. Senate

Senate: Senator Mark Kelly (D) leads Blake Masters (R) 50\% - 42\% with Marc Victor (Libertarian) getting 4\% of the vote and 4\% of voters undecided. In a head-to-head match-up, Kelly's lead is similar at $52 \%-45 \%$. Among voters $50+$, Kelly holds a narrower $48 \%-44 \%$ lead on the full ballot and $50 \%-47 \%$ in the head-to-head.
In the full ballot, Democrats in Arizona are almost fully united behind Kelly ( $95 \%-3 \%$ ), while Masters only leads among Republicans by an $80 \%-11 \%$ margin. Coupled with Kelly's 8 -point advantage among Independents, this results in his statewide lead.

Women voters overall and those 50+ in Arizona back Kelly by double-digits, while Masters is up by 7\% among both groups of men. Kelly holds Masters to a draw among white voters and those without college degrees, while leading among college graduates and Hispanics by significant margins.
Kelly is almost completely defined on his image and is seen favorably by a $50 \%-46 \%$ margin. Masters, on the underhand, sits at $37 \%-54 \%$ for his image.

| Senate - Full Ballot |  |  |  | 2022 Ballots |  | Senate - H2H Ballot |  |  |
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| Kelly | Und Victor | Masters |  |  |  | Kelly | Und | Masters |
| 50 | 4 | 42 | D+8 | All Likely Voters | D+7 | 52 |  | 45 |
| 52 | 4 | 40 | D+12 | Voters 18-49 | D+12 | 55 |  | 43 |
| 48 | 4 | 44 | D+4 | Voters 50+ | D+3 | 50 |  | 47 |
|  | 95 | 13 | D+92 | Democrats | D+92 |  | 96 | 4 |
| 47 | 6 | 39 | D+8 | Independents | D+10 | 53 |  | 43 |
| 115 | 80 |  | R+69 | Republicans | R+72 | 12 | 84 |  |
| 56 | 4 | 36 | D+20 | Women | D+21 | 59 |  | 38 |
| 43 | 5 | 50 | R+7 | Men | R+7 | 45 |  | 52 |
| 53 | 3 | 39 | D+14 | Women 50+ | D+14 | 55 |  | 41 |
| 43 | 5 | 50 | R+7 | Men 50+ | R+8 | 45 |  | 53 |
| 45 | 5 | 46 | R+1 | Less than 4-Year Col | R+1 | 48 |  | 49 |
| 56 | 3 | 37 | D+19 | College+ | D+20 | 59 |  | 39 |
| 46 | 4 | 46 | -- | White Voters | -- | 49 |  | 49 |
| 63 |  | 428 | D+35 | Hispanic Voters | D+34 | 65 |  | 31 |
| 45 | 4 | 48 | R+3 | White 50+ | R+3 | 47 |  | 50 |
| - 57 | 4 | 34 | D+23 | Hispanic 50+ | D+21 | 58 |  | 37 |

## AADP P Arizona: 2022 Elections (18+)

## Candidate Images

| Katie Hobbs |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Favorable | Unfavorable |
| 46 | 42 |
| 49 | 39 |
| 44 | 45 |
| 83 -10 |  |
| 45 | 42 |
| 13 | 72 |
| 52 | 37 |
| 39 | 48 |
| 47 | 41 |
| 40 | 48 |
| 42 | 46 |
| 52 | 37 |
| 43 | 46 |
| 58 | 29 |
| 41 | 48 |
| 52 | 34 |



## Mark Kelly




## AAPDP Arizona: Political Environment

Political Environment: Arizona voters are quite pessimistic about both the direction of the country and of the state. Just $27 \%$ say right direction on both questions. $62 \%$ of voters are worried about their personal financial situation - with similar shares of voters 18-49 and 50+ concerned.
A very high $88 \%$ of voters rate themselves as a 10 out of 10 on vote motivation this November, led by voters $50+$ at $91 \%$ who are extremely motivated.
President Biden's job approval is negative at 45\% approve - 55\% disapprove. Former President Trump's recalled job approval is split even at $50 \%-50 \%$. Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D)'s image is $37 \%$ favorable - $54 \%$ unfavorable. Her ratings are remarkably similar across party and demographic lines with slight majorities of almost every group viewing her unfavorably.
In the race for Senate, Arizona voters 50+ have a variety of top issues to decide their vote led by immigration (16\%), inflation (14\%), abortion (12\%), Social Security/Medicare (10\%), and taxes/spending (10\%). When paired head-to-head, voters $50+$ say inflation is more important to their Senate vote than the court overturning Roe by a $58 \%-40 \%$ margin.

The governor's race shows immigration (26\%) as the standout top issue, followed more distantly by abortion (13\%) and inflation (12\%). $64 \%$ of voters $50+$ plan to vote by mail, with $24 \%$ planning to vote on Election Day in person and $7 \%$ to vote early in person.




Kyrsten Sinema
Favorable Unfavorable

| 37 | 54 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 36 | 55 |
| 38 | 54 |
| 37 | 57 |
| 41 | 51 |
| 36 | 54 |
| 38 | 55 |
| 37 | 53 |
| 38 | 55 |
| 39 | 53 |
| 35 | 55 |
| 40 | 53 |
| 38 | 56 |
| 32 | 54 |
| 39 | 54 |
| 32 | 59 |

-17 All Likely Voters
-19 Voters 18-49
-16 Voters 50+
-20 Democrats
-10 Independents
-18 Republicans
-17 Women
-16
-17
-14
-20
-13
-18
-22 Hispanic Voters
-15
-27
Women
Men

Women 50+
Men $50+$
Less than 4-Year Col
College+

## White Voters

White 50+
Hispanic 50+

## AAP/P'Arizonaz Protecting Voters 50+ - Federal Issues

Q: Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote for Senate.


Q: Now more specifically, which of the following is personally more important to you in deciding your vote for Senate? Inflation and rising prices or the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade


All data on slide is among Voters $50+$

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Q: Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote for Governor.


Q: Would you say that things in Arizona are going in the right direction or would you say that they are going in the wrong direction?

| Right Direction | Refused | Wrong Direction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 27 | 72 | -45 | Voters 50+ |  |
| 24 | 74 | -50 | Democrats 50+ |  |
| 27 | 73 | -46 | Independents 50+ |  |
| 28 | 71 | -43 | Republicans 50+ |  |



Key Issues: Arizona voters 50+ say several issues impacting seniors will be extremely or very important to their vote this November. Social Security leads the way, followed closely by Medicare and retirement savings. The cost of prescription drugs and long-term care for seniors are also very important to majorities, and the importance of these issues resonates across the partisan spectrum.

Q: Please tell me how important to each of the following issues are when deciding your vote this November: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important.

\% Extremely/Very Important on Vote

Importance of Social Security

| Democrats |  | $94 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Republicans | $\mathbf{7 8 \%}$ |  |
| Independents | $85 \%$ |  |

Importance of Cost of Rx Drugs

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $60 \%$ |  |
| $66 \%$ |  |

Importance of Medicare


Importance of Retirement savings


Importance of Long-term Care for Seniors


Key Issues: Huge majorities of Arizona voters $50+$ would be more likely to back a candidate for Senate who supports protecting Social Security \& Medicare from cuts, allows Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices, and expands access to affordable long-term care.

Not only are these issues seen as very important to majorities of voters $50+$, they are heavily supported by Democrats, Republicans, and Independents.

Q: Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for Senate that advocated this position?

\% More likely to support a candidate for Senate that advocated this position


Protect Medicare


Key Issues: There are several issues focused on protecting voters 50+ that could boost a candidate for governor in Arizona this year. Creating a state board that would review drug prices and improving the quality/oversight of long-term care in Arizona are the most popular, but significant majorities also are positively impacted by addressing the senior housing shortage and creating a retirement savings program.

Democrats are the most enthusiastic, but majorities of Independents and Republicans react positively to each proposal.
Q: Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for Governor that advocated this position?

Support creating a state board that would review drug prices and allow the state health services to negotiate lower prescription drug prices.

Improve the quality and oversight of long-term care in nursing homes and other assisted living settings in Arizona.

| Much More Likely | Total More Likely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | 79 |

Address the senior housing shortage by allowing homeowners to build a separate apartment or mini home on their property where aging parents, live-in caregivers, or others could stay.

Address the senior housing shortage by requiring developments to offer some affordable units.

Support creating a retirement savings program for the more than half of Arizona workers who do not have access to one through their employer, so that they have an option to contribute a portion of their paychecks to their retirement.

\% More likely to support a candidate for Governor that advocated this position

Negotiate Lower Rx Prices

| Democrats |  | $92 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Republicans | $71 \%$ |  |
| Independents | $75 \%$ |  |

Housing shortage: Affordable units


Quality of LTC


Retirement savings program


Housing shortage: Separate unit


Key Worries: Arizona voters 50+ are worried about a series of financial and quality of life issues that impact older voters, with many of their concerns surpassing overall financial worries. The top worry involves the cost of nursing home care for themselves or a loved one when they learn how much the average cost, but large majorities are worried even before hearing the price tag. Likewise, there are significant worries about the quality of care they will receive and their retirement savings.


| \% Worried by Party |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of AZ Nursing Home - Informed | Quality of Nursing Home Care | Cost of AZ Nursing Home |
| Democrats 91\% | 85\% | 86\% |
| Republicans 78\% | 71\% | 68\% |
| Independents 78\% | 78\% | 73\% |
| Retirement Savings | Personal Financial Situation |  |
| 62\% | 46\% |  |
| 65\% | 74\% |  |
| 64\% | 57\% |  |

## AARJP Arizonar Protecting Voters 50+ - Nursing Home Costs

Nursing Home Costs: A large majority of Arizona voters 50+ are worried about the cost of nursing home care, and when they learn how much it costs, their worry grows with most being 'very' worried. Worries about these cost span the partisan spectrum and resonate with women, men, white voters and Hispanic voters.

Q: How worried are you about being able to afford the cost of nursing home care for yourself or a loved one in Arizona?


Q: The average cost of a nursing home in Arizona is between eighty thousand and one-hundred thousand dollars a year. Knowing this, how worried are you about being able to afford the cost of nursing home care for yourself or a loved one?


## AADP Arizonar Protecting Voters 50+

Protecting Voters 50+: Most Arizona voters 50+ are also worried about the quality of care they or a loved one would receive in a nursing home.

Almost two-thirds of Arizona voters 50+ are at least somewhat worried about having enough retirement savings. Two groups who are relatively more worried than voters 50+ overall are Hispanics 50+ and those who are still employed in the workforce.
Q: How worried are you about the quality of care you might receive if you or a loved one needed to go to a nursing home in Arizona?


Q: How worried are you about having enough retirement savings?


Persuadable voters are the $17 \%$ of the 50+ segment of the electorate who are not definitely voting for one of Lake or Hobbs. 8\% are Probably/Leaning toward voting for Lake, $7 \%$ are Probably/Leaning toward voting for Hobbs, while the rest are Undecided. They are more likely to be an Independent and a moderate than voters $50+$ overall, and less likely to be Democrats or liberals. They are negative on the state's direction, though less than 50+ voters overall, are worried about their finances, and are relatively more likely to prioritize an economic issue in their vote for governor.

|  | Voters <br> $50+$ | Persuadables <br> $50+$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| GOP | $44 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Independent | $23 \%$ | $41 \% \uparrow$ |
| Dem | $33 \%$ | $18 \% \downarrow$ |
| Conservative | $48 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Moderate | $25 \%$ | $36 \% \uparrow$ |
| Liberal | $24 \%$ | $7 \% \downarrow$ |

Definitely Lake 42\%


Direction of State

$\left.\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Top Issue for Gov Vote } & \text { 17\% } \\ \text { Immigration \& border security } \\ \text { Abortion }\end{array}\right)$

## Gov Candidate: Improve LTC Quality \& Oversight



Gov Candidate: Create Rx Price Board


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|  | Voters <br> $50+$ | Persuadables <br> $50+$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| GOP | $44 \%$ | $55 \% \uparrow$ |
| Independent | $23 \%$ | $36 \% \uparrow$ |
| Dem | $33 \%$ | $9 \% \downarrow$ |
| Conservative | $48 \%$ | $64 \% \uparrow$ |
| Moderate | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Liberal | $24 \%$ | $5 \% \downarrow$ |



Persuadable Voters


50+
Persuadables

Sen Candidate: Protect Social Security


Sen Candidate: Protect
Medicare from Cuts

Sen Candidate: Allow Medicare to Negotiate

## Sen Candidate: Expand LTC Access



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## LIVING IN...

Independent
24

EDUCATION

## 26\% <br> Urban

Less than 4
Year College
4-Year
College
Graduate+


40

60
Employed

Unemployed

32
Retired

Other

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