

Bollier has Edge in KS Senate Election

Voters Mixed on U.S. Supreme Court

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TOPEKA--Barbara Bollier leads Roger Marshall by 3.5 percentage points in a recent Poll conducted by VCreek/AMG.

If the election were held today 45.39% indicated they would vote for Bollier, 41.87% said they would vote for Marshall, 1.58% for the Libertarian candidate and 11.16% said they were undecided.

“This is a dynamic environment. With well-funded campaigns and multiple outside groups involved, the top line numbers are likely to change before election day,” said VCreek/AMG’s JD Johannes.

Bollier has consolidated her base and incremental gains may be more difficult.

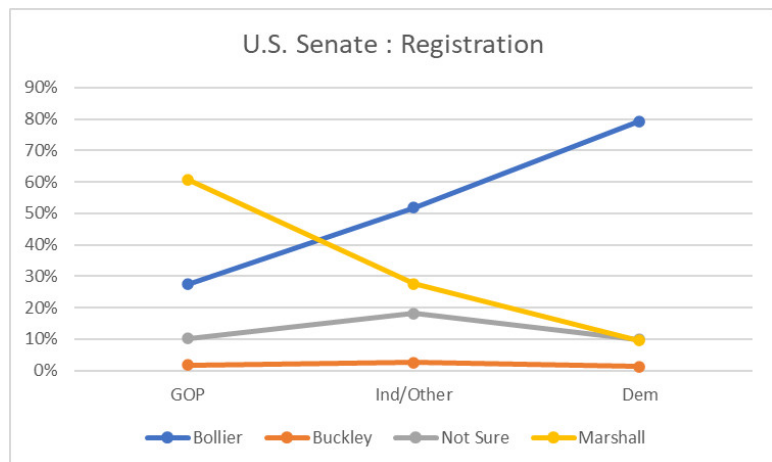
“Bollier is in a strong position heading into advance voting with a clear GOTV universe,” Johannes said. “If she maintains this lead her campaign can bank early votes making it even more of a challenge for Marshall to gain ground.”

Marshall is underperforming among Republicans drawing support from only 60% of Registered GOP respondents.

“The trend lines are similar to the 2018 Governor’s election,” Johannes said. “A key difference is that Marshall has the resources behind him to potentially deliver enough precisely focused repetitions on message to gain ground among Republicans by defining himself favorably in contrast to Bollier.”

The poll also asked a set of issue questions.

Regarding Republican plans to vote on the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court, Kansans are divided and message framing makes a difference.



When asked “*How much to you Support OR Oppose President Trump and Senator Mitch McConnell’s plan to vote on a New Supreme Court Nominee Before the election?*” 46% indicate they strongly support the plan with 5% saying they somewhat support the plan. On the opposite side 38% say they strongly oppose the plan and 7% say they somewhat oppose the plan. Only 4% indicated they were not sure.

When the question was framed up as a talking point the results shifted slightly. Respondents were asked “*In 2016 there was a vacancy in the Supreme Court shortly before the election and Republicans refused to hold hearings or Vote on President Obama’s Nominee. With that history in mind, do you think it is Right or Wrong for Republicans in the Senate to hold hearings and Vote of President Trump’s Supreme Court Nominee this close to the election?*” 46% said Republicans were doing the Wrong Thing, 45% said Republicans were doing the Right Thing and 9% were Not Sure.

In the U.S. Representative Elections:

Dist 1: Mann leads Barnett 56% to 25% (N = 761 CI 3.5)

Dist 2: LaTurner leads De La Isla 47% to 36% (N = 739 CI 3.6)

Dist 3: Davids leads Adkins 56% to 36% (N= 712 CI 3.6)

Dist 4: Estes leads Lombard 51% to 37% (N = 842 CI 3.3)

METHODOLOGY: U.S. Senate N = 3,115 RV (101 RV, 3,104 LV) via IVR, Sept. 29 & 30. Responses joined back to database of voters and stratified and weighted by voter model score based on correlations of consumer behavior. CI 1.75

ABOUT: VCreek/AMG has conducted Polling, Data Analysis and Research for political clients ranging from Federal and Statewide campaigns to municipal and legislative campaigns; to corporations, public policy groups and political action committees since 2012. VCreek/AMG last polled KS statewide in 2018 on behalf of the Kobach campaign. Johannes has twenty-two years experience in campaign management, campaign consulting and advertising in campaigns across the U.S.

DISCLOSURES: This public poll is possible because a confluence of events in which VCreek/AMG has the tools to conduct a poll in a competitive high-profile election and is not involved in any of the competing campaigns. VCreek/AMG and JD Johannes have no political clients in KS at this time. VCreek/AMG has ongoing operations in support of GOP candidates in PA, OH, MI, WI, CO, MT, IA and OK. Johannes was involved in Jake LaTurner’s first campaign for State Senate in 2012 and last talked with him about a year ago. Johannes was on Senator Brownback’s Staff at the same time as Amanda Adkins and worked with the KS Republican Party when Adkins was Chair of the Party. Johannes has known Ron Estes since 2002 and donated to his Congressional Campaign in the 2018 Cycle.