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Subject: Osborn Trails Senator Fischer by Just 4 Points in Nebraska’s Senate Race; Fischer Underwater in Favorability

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that independent candidate Dan Osborn trails Republican Senator Deb Fischer by just 4 points, 37% to 33% in the Nebraska US Senate race, with 30% undecided. Without a Democrat against Fischer in the race, Osborn holds a strong lead among both independent voters (38-23) and Democrats (58-5). Osborn also has support from 16% of voters who say they voted for Donald Trump in 2020.

While Osborn is largely unknown to voters, with 82% unsure whether or not they hold a favorable opinion of him, Fischer is underwater in favorability among Nebraska voters by an 8-point margin (30-38). Fischer’s favorability is even further underwater with key independent voters, with the margin stretching to 23-points (18-41).

Other key findings from the survey include:

- Fischer’s support for a national abortion ban with no exceptions for rape or incest is unpopular with Nebraska voters. A majority (60%) say they would be less likely to vote for her, while just 20% say they would be more likely.

- In the Presidential race, while Donald Trump leads Joe Biden statewide by 23 points (57-34), Trump only leads by a 3-point margin in Nebraska’s 2nd Congressional District (46-43) in a head-to-head matchup. In a 5-candidate field, Trump gets 37%, Biden 34%, Robert Kennedy Jr 9%, and Jill Stein and Cornel West each get 4% in the 2nd Congressional District.
Public Policy Polling surveyed 737 Nebraska voters from April 24-25, 2024. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. Interviews for the survey were conducted by text message.