



**Ohio Marsy's Law Survey
August 20 - 26, 2017
N=601 Likely Voters**

Q. 1 Are you or any member of your immediate family a member of the news media or employed by a political party or a candidate for office?

Yes	0.0%
No	100.0%

Q. 2 Do you agree or disagree that victims of crime should have equal rights to those who are accused or convicted of a crime? (IF AGREE/DISAGREE) Would you say that you strongly agree/disagree or just somewhat agree/disagree?

Strongly Agree	61.6%
Somewhat Agree	18.6%
Somewhat Disagree	4.0%
Strongly Disagree	5.7%
Don't Know/Ref	10.2%

Total Agree -	80.2%
Total Disagree -	9.7%

Now, I'd like to ask you about one of the ballot measures that will appear on the ballot this November...

Q. 3 This ballot measure is State Issue One, an amendment to the Ohio Constitution. The proposed amendment would expand the rights of crime victims and require that the rights of victims be protected as vigorously as the rights of the accused. More specifically, the amendment would ensure due process, respect, fairness, and justice for crime victims and their families in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

If the election were held today, would you vote yes in favor of State Issue One, or would you vote no against State Issue One? (IF Yes/No) Would you say that you will definitely vote yes/no or just probably vote yes/no?

Definitely Yes	41.1%
Probably Yes	29.6%
Probably No	7.0%
Definitely No	6.8%
Don' Know/Ref	15.5%

Total Yes - 70.7%
Total No - 13.8%

Q. 4 Now, I'd like to give you a little more information about State Issue One...

This issue, often called Marsy's Law, is named after a 21-year-old college senior who was murdered in 1983, and was written as a result of the experiences her brother and parents faced after her murder when they were often treated as though they had no rights.

Under current Ohio law, those accused and convicted of a crime are granted specific rights and protections, while victims of a crime ARE NOT given equal enforceable rights. This proposed amendment to the state constitution would guarantee that victims of a crime are notified, heard, and granted standing to ask that those rights be protected.

In addition, this issue would ensure that victims of crime are notified of bail hearings, as well as any parole, release or escape of a criminal. And, it would create equal rights and standing for crime victims and finally grant victims and their families the voice they deserve.

Now that you have a little more information, if the election were being held today, would you vote YES in favor of State Issue One or NO against State Issue One? (IF Yes/No) Would you say that you will definitely vote yes/no or just probably vote yes/no?

Definitely Yes	61.7%
Probably Yes	22.1%
Probably No	4.3%
Definitely No	4.8%
Don't Know/Ref	7.0%

Total Yes - 83.8%
Total No - 9.1%

Next I'm going to read you a few statements that some people use to say State Issue One, or Marsy's Law, is needed. After each statement, please tell me whether hearing it makes you more likely or less likely to support the issue. If it makes no difference to your vote, just say so. (IF MORE/LESS LIKELY) Would you say that is much more/less likely or just somewhat more/less likely?

Q. 5 Ohio's State Constitution provides rights to individuals accused of or convicted of a crime, but the victims of crime do not have enforceable rights under the Constitution. This issue would amend Ohio's Constitution to give victims of crime equal rights to those given to individuals accused of or convicted of crimes.

Much More Likely	36.1%
Somewhat More Likely	29.1%
Somewhat Less Likely	4.0%
Much Less Likely	2.5%
No Difference	24.3%
Don't Know/Ref	4.0%

Total More Likely - 65.2%
Total Less Likely - 6.5%

Q. 6 While Ohio currently has some statutory rights for crime victims, they are weak and limited in scope. By passing this Constitutional Amendment, victims of all crimes will be given enforceable rights.

Much More Likely	41.6%
Somewhat More Likely	32.0%
Somewhat Less Likely	3.0%
Much Less Likely	2.5%
No Difference	18.1%
Don't Know/Ref	2.8%

Total More Likely - 73.6%
Total Less Likely - 5.5%

Q. 7 Ohio's legal system generally does a good job, but mistakes happen, like when a victim isn't notified of a hearing or not given the opportunity to address the court in a hearing involving the offender. Marsy's Law would provide the victims of crime legal standing in court proceedings if these types of mistakes do occur.

Much More Likely	45.4%
Somewhat More Likely	30.8%
Somewhat Less Likely	3.3%
Much Less Likely	2.2%
No Difference	15.5%
Don't Know/Ref	2.8%

Total More Likely - 76.2%
Total Less Likely - 5.5%

Q. 8 Marsy's Law for Ohio requires the courts to consider the safety of victims and families when setting bail and release conditions, and gives family members a legal standing in bail hearings, pleas, sentencing and parole hearings.

Much More Likely	48.6%
Somewhat More Likely	29.1%
Somewhat Less Likely	2.2%
Much Less Likely	3.0%
No Difference	14.5%
Don't Know/Ref	2.7%

Total More Likely - 77.7%
Total Less Likely - 5.2%

And now just few final questions for statistical purposes...

Q. 9 When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative in your beliefs?

(IF LIBERAL / CONSERVATIVE) Would you say that you are Very (Liberal/Conservative) or just Somewhat (Liberal/Conservative)?

Very Conservative	17.5%
Somewhat Conservative	16.3%
Moderate	35.8%
Somewhat Liberal	13.8%
Very Liberal	9.7%
Don't Know/Ref	7.0%

Q. 10 What is your race? Are you African-American, White, Hispanic, Asian, or some other race?

African-American/Black	10.8%
White	80.9%
Other	4.3%
Unsure/Refused	4.0%

Q. 11 Gender

Male	48.3%
Female	51.7%

Age

18-35	13.6%
36-50	26.0%
51-65	34.8%
66+	25.6%

Party

Democrat	32.0%
Republican	32.1%
Unaffiliated	35.9%

DMA

Cleveland	30.5%
Cincinnati	13.6%
Columbus	22.5%
Dayton	12.2%
Toledo	9.0%
Other	12.3%

Phone Type

Landline	60.1%
Mobile	39.9%