



VPR - VERMONT PBS 2020 POLLS

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VPR-Vermont PBS Poll Finds Solid Support for Scott and Sanders

Paid Family Leave And Raising The Minimum Wage Have Wide Support Among Vermont Voters

Winooski, VT – February 18, 2020 – More than halfway into his second term, Gov. Phil Scott enjoys widespread popularity and a distinct advantage over his potential Democratic rivals. And Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders appears poised to coast to victory in his home state's Presidential Primary. Those are two of the big takeaways from a joint statewide poll released by Vermont PBS and VPR today.

As the 2020 race heats up, the VPR - Vermont PBS Poll asked hundreds of Vermonters how they felt about various political candidates and issues, including minimum wage, paid family leave, climate change, Act 250 and the state's lack of female representation in Congress. The phone poll of registered voters was conducted by Braun Research Inc., of Princeton, N.J. and overseen by [Rich Clark of Castleton University](#). It took place from Feb. 4 to Feb. 10 — the New Hampshire presidential primary was Feb. 11. February 2020 poll information can be found [here](#), and full results can be explored [here](#).

Vermont is one of 14 states holding a presidential primary on Super Tuesday, March 3. According to the poll, the outcome does not appear in doubt: Sanders enjoys a big lead, with 51% of Democrat voters siding with him. The next closest Democrat is former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg at 13%, followed by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren at 9%. The margin of error in the Democratic race is 5.4%. President Donald Trump is well ahead in Vermont's Republican primary, 85% to 6% over former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld.

VPR and Vermont PBS will offer extensive broadcast and digital coverage and analysis of the polling results throughout the week, including:

- VPR News stories and reports throughout the week
- The VPR News Minute released Tuesday - Friday on Vermont PBS and both Vermont PBS and VPR's social media channels
- A takeaway from the poll results at the end of each Vermont Edition program, Tuesday - Friday at noon and 7 p.m.
- Vermont This Week, Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Vermont PBS
- A deep dive into the poll questions around climate change on Vermont Edition Monday, February 24 at noon and 7 p.m.

Two additional polls are scheduled for summer and fall. Each poll will focus on Vermont election season insights as well as voter opinions on issues of key concern to Vermonters, such as climate change, affordability, and the changing demographics of Vermont.



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