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Survey of Likely 2024 General Election Voters

Manitou Springs, Colorado

Conducted June 4 - 6, 2024

n=300 | $\pm 5.37\%$

Q1. Likelihood to Vote: How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 general elections and ballot initiatives?

	Freq.	%
<u>Vote in-person on Election Day</u>	43	14.5%
Definitely vote in-person on Election Day	28	9.3%
Probably vote in-person on Election Day	16	5.2%
<u>Vote by mail returning ballot as soon as possible</u>	143	47.5%
Definitely vote by mail returning ballot as soon as possible	113	37.7%
Probably vote by mail returning ballot as soon as possible	30	9.8%
<u>Vote by mail returning ballot closer to the election</u>	114	38.0%
Definitely vote by mail returning ballot closer to the election	92	30.8%
Probably vote by mail returning ballot closer to the election	22	7.2%
Total	300	100.0%

Q2. Manitou Springs Direction: Generally speaking, would you say things in Manitou Springs are headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

	Freq.	%
<u>Right direction</u>	189	63.1%
Definitely the right direction	29	9.7%
Mostly the right direction	160	53.4%
<u>Wrong track</u>	52	17.4%
Mostly the wrong track	38	12.7%
Definitely the wrong track	14	4.6%
Unsure	59	19.5%
Total	300	100.0%

Q3. Generic Ballot: If the election was held today, and you had to make a choice, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress?

	Freq.	%
<u>The Republican candidate</u>	87	29.1%
Definitely the Republican candidate	60	20.0%
Probably the Republican candidate	27	9.1%
<u>The Democratic candidate</u>	176	58.5%
Probably the Democratic candidate	37	12.4%
Definitely the Democratic candidate	138	46.1%
Unsure	37	12.4%
Total	300	100.0%



Q4. Initial Ruxton Avenue Access Ballot Measure: Would you vote yes or no on the following ballot initiative on the November 2024 ballot?

“Shall the City of Manitou Springs accept a donation of 15 acres of privately owned land from a local landowner that may only be used for additional open space and trail access to benefit the public, enhanced public safety with new and improved emergency evacuation and emergency access routes, and a public road and parking to be built upon the existing railroad grade to relieve traffic congestion and provide a second road to access Ruxton Avenue, Barr Trail, Manitou Incline, and the Cog Railway, for Manitou residents and local businesses, and agree to return the property in three years if not used for these public purposes?”

	Freq.	%
Yes	<u>236</u>	<u>78.6%</u>
Definitely yes	132	44.0%
Probably yes	104	34.5%
No	<u>31</u>	<u>10.5%</u>
Probably no	17	5.6%
Definitely no	15	4.9%
Undecided	33	10.9%
Total	300	100.0%

Q5 - Q11. The following is information about the Ruxton Avenue Access Road ballot initiative that you may hear or see in the news or in advertisements. Please select whether the information makes you more or less likely to vote for a Ruxton Avenue Access Road ballot initiative.

	More likely	Much more likely	Makes no difference	Less likely	Much less likely	Unsure	Total
Evacuation: Ruxton Avenue is highly congested during fire season. Many Manitou Springs residents and tourists rely on Ruxton Avenue for evacuation in case of emergency and do not have alternative routes. A new alternative access road will help residents more quickly evacuate from upper Ruxton Canyon in the event of a wildfire or other emergency.	<u>71.3%</u> <u>214</u>	46.8% 140	11.8% 35	<u>9.2%</u> <u>28</u>	4.9% 15	7.7% 23	100.0% 300
Fire Protection: A second access road with fire hydrants will serve as a fire break that would protect lives and property in the event of a wildfire in Manitou Springs.	<u>77.3%</u> <u>232</u>	45.5% 136	9.9% 30	<u>7.5%</u> <u>23</u>	5.7% 17	5.3% 16	100.0% 300



Emergency Access: In the past 12 months, emergency service providers responded to many emergencies involving residents and tourists in upper Ruxton Canyon. A second access road will improve access for emergency service vehicles and speed up emergency response times to protect Manitou Springs residents.

71.0%	38.4%	12.4%	10.1%	5.8%	6.6%	100.0%
213	115	37	30	17	20	300

Improve Traffic: Ruxton Avenue is highly congested every day with traffic from Manitou Springs residents and tourists visiting the Manitou Incline, Barr Trailhead and Cog Railway. A second access road will reduce congestion and improve vehicle and pedestrian safety on Ruxton Avenue.

65.1%	36.4%	16.4%	10.3%	6.1%	8.2%	100.0%
195	109	49	31	18	25	300

Help Maintenance: Colorado Springs Utilities has scheduled replacement of the large aging water pipelines along Ruxton Avenue to begin in 2025. The replacement of the pipelines will require two to three years of construction necessitating lengthy lane closures and detours. A second access road between upper Ruxton Avenue and Manitou Avenue will minimize impacts of lane closures and detours on Ruxton Avenue during replacement of the pipelines, as well as help emergency vehicles maintain fast response times.

73.3%	44.3%	11.6%	7.9%	4.2%	7.3%	100.0%
220	133	35	24	12	22	300



Open Spaces: The proposed alternative access road will result in several additional community benefits including donation of approximately 15 acres of land in upper Ruxton Canyon to the City of Manitou Springs for public open space and new trail connections to the Ute Indian Trail and the Ring the Peak Trail.	<u>72.4%</u> <u>217</u>	41.0% 123	12.0% 36	<u>8.4%</u> <u>25</u>	6.8% 21	7.2% 22	100.0% 300
Additional Parking: Parking on Ruxton Avenue is very limited for Manitou residents and tourists visiting the Manitou Incline, Barr Trailhead, and the Cog Railway. A parking lot for residents and trail users could be constructed on a portion of the land to be donated to the City of Manitou Springs in conjunction with the alternative access road.	<u>63.6%</u> <u>191</u>	32.4% 97	13.3% 40	<u>16.5%</u> <u>49</u>	8.7% 26	6.5% 20	100.0% 300

Q12. Informed Ruxton Avenue Access Ballot Measure: Would you vote yes or no on the following ballot initiative on the November 2024 ballot?

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	Freq.	%
Yes	<u>238</u>	<u>79.4%</u>
Definitely yes	133	44.4%
Probably yes	105	35.0%
No	<u>33</u>	<u>11.0%</u>
Probably no	15	4.9%
Definitely no	18	6.1%
Undecided	29	9.6%
Total	300	100.0%



Q13. Gender

	Freq.	%
Female	158	52.7%
Male	142	47.3%
Total	300	100.0%

Q14. Age Range

	Freq.	%
<u>Under 55</u>	134	44.6%
18 - 29	26	8.6%
30 - 44	62	20.7%
45 - 54	46	15.4%
<u>55 and Over</u>	166	55.4%
55 - 64	61	20.5%
65+	105	34.9%
Total	300	100.0%

Q15. Partisanship by Registration

	Freq.	%
Republican	69	23.1%
Democrat	97	32.2%
Unaffiliated or Independent	118	39.4%
Other	9	3.2%
Unsure	6	2.1%
Total	300	100.0%

Q16. Ideology

	Freq.	%
<u>Conservative</u>	79	26.3%
Very conservative	28	9.4%
Somewhat conservative	51	16.9%
<u>Moderate</u>	72	24.1%
<u>Liberal</u>	137	45.8%
Somewhat liberal	71	23.5%
Very liberal	67	22.3%
Unsure	11	3.8%
Total	300	100.0%

Q17. Length of Residence

	Freq.	%
Less than 3 years	41	13.7%
Between 3 - 10 years	104	34.8%
Between 11 - 20 years	55	18.5%
Between 21 - 30 years	37	12.4%
More than 30 years	61	20.5%
Unsure	0	0.1%
Total	300	100.0%

Q18. Income by Response

	Freq.	%
Less than \$25,000	19	6.3%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	35	11.5%



\$50,000 - \$74,999	48	15.9%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	45	14.9%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	39	12.9%
\$125,000+	92	30.6%
Unsure	23	7.8%
Total	300	100.0%

Q19. Race/Ethnicity

	Freq.	%
White or Caucasian	283	94.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	0.5%
Black or African American	1	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino	8	2.8%
Other	3	1.0%
Unsure	4	1.2%
Total	300	100.0%

Q20. 2020 Retro Ballot

	Freq.	%
Republican Donald Trump	81	27.2%
Democrat Joe Biden	178	59.5%
Another candidate	15	5.1%
Did not vote in 2020	12	4.1%
Unsure	13	4.3%
Total	300	100.0%

Q21. Education Level

	Freq.	%
<u>No degree</u>	104	34.6%
Some high school	0	0.1%
High school diploma/GED	23	7.6%
Technical Certification	7	2.4%
Some college or Associate's Degree	74	24.6%
<u>At least College</u>	192	64.0%
Four-year undergraduate or Bachelor's Degree	89	29.7%
Graduate degree or further	103	34.3%
Unsure	4	1.4%
Total	300	100.0%

Q22. General Election X of 4

	Freq.	%
0 of 4	14	4.5%
1 of 4	17	5.8%
2 of 4	34	11.4%
3 of 4	39	13.0%
4 of 4	196	65.3%
Total	300	100.0%



Q23. Geo

	Freq.	%
Council District 1	104	34.8%
Council District 2	101	33.6%
Council District 3	95	31.6%
Total	300	100.0%

Q24. Geo - Zip

	Freq.	%
80829	300	100.0%

Q25. Geo - HD

	Freq.	%
18	300	100.0%

Q26. Community Type

	Freq.	%
Suburban	300	100.0%

Q27. Income from File

	Freq.	%
\$0-\$49k	26	8.7%
\$50k-\$99k	128	42.6%
\$100k+	135	44.8%
Unknown	12	3.9%
Total	300	100.0%

Q28. Gender + Age

	Freq.	%
F 18 - 29	15	4.8%
F 30 - 44	32	10.6%
F 45 - 54	24	8.1%
F 55 - 64	34	11.3%
F 65+	54	17.9%
M 18 - 29	11	3.7%
M 30 - 44	30	10.1%
M 45 - 54	22	7.3%
M 55 - 64	27	9.2%
M 65+	51	17.0%
Total	300	100.0%

Q29. Race + Gender

	Freq.	%
White Female	148	49.3%
White Male	135	45.0%
Asian Male	1	0.5%
Black Female	1	0.2%
Hispanic Female	6	1.9%
Hispanic Male	3	0.9%
Other Female	2	0.8%
Other Male	1	0.2%
Unsure	4	1.2%
Total	300	100.0%



Q30. Gender + Education

	Freq.	%
Female At least College	102	33.9%
Female No degree	54	18.0%
Male At least College	90	30.1%
Male No degree	50	16.6%
Unsure	4	1.4%
Total	300	100.0%

METHODOLOGY

This probabilistic survey was conducted June 4 – 6, 2024, with 300 likely general election voters. It has a margin of error of $\pm 5.37\%$. Known registered voters were interviewed via online panel and SMS. This survey was weighted to a likely general election voter universe.

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