

Criminal Justice Reform Montana Statewide Survey

N=545 Likely Voters // July 14-22, 2018

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

1. In your opinion, how important is it to reduce the number of people who are in prison in America today?

70% *TOTAL IMPORTANT*
23% *TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT*

37% Very important
33% Somewhat important
14% Not very important
9% Not at all important
7% Don't Know/Refused

2. Thinking ahead to the midterm elections this November – how important to you is the issue of criminal justice reform as you decide who you'll be voting for?

76% *TOTAL IMPORTANT*
20% *TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT*

36% Very important
40% Somewhat important
14% Not very important
6% Not at all important
4% Don't know

3. As you may know, the US House of Representatives recently passed the FIRST STEP Act by a large bipartisan majority. The FIRST STEP Act is a criminal justice reform bill that helps federal inmates transition to life after prison and allows for reduced prison time for well-behaved and older inmates.

In your opinion, how important is it that the US Senate – which is controlled by a Republican majority – pass the FIRST STEP Act before the November midterm elections?

62% TOTAL IMPORTANT
31% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

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| 20% | Very important |
| 42% | Somewhat important |
| 20% | Not very important |
| 11% | Not at all important |
| -- | Senate should not pass the FIRST STEP Act |
| 7% | Don't Know/Refused |