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The Bottom Line

- Support for passing the Greyhound Protection Act is strong across all regions of the state, across all major demographic subsets of data and across Republican, Democrat and Independent Mountain State voters.
- Opposition to continued subsidization of greyhound dog breeders in West Virginia is strong. It is strong across all regions of the state (to include the Charleston/Huntington and Wheeling Media Markets), across all major demographic subsets of data and across Republican, Democrat and Independent Mountain State voters.
- More voters have an unfavorable opinion of Greyhound Dog Racing than those who have a favorable opinion.
- Voters believe it is far more important to spend \$18-22 million dollars annually on issues like reducing the cost of their utilities, fixing roads, bridges and highways, and bringing down the cost of healthcare for the state's seniors and most needy citizens.

A Closer Look

- More **than three in five (65%) voters support** passing the federal **Greyhound Protection Act**. Majorities of voters in each media market of the state and as well as a majority of Republican, Democrat and Independent voters support passing this legislation. Support for this legislation among West Virginia voters is strong, pervasive and consistent. Just 25% oppose the proposal.

Question: A bill is pending in the United States Congress called the Greyhound Protection Act. The bill would phase out greyhound racing nationwide. Do you support or oppose the Greyhound Protection Act?

- **63% of West Virginia (WV) voters oppose** a requirement that the state government spend between \$18 million and \$22 million dollars a year in gambling revenue to **subsidize commercial greyhound breeders** for racing at two casinos in West Virginia compared to just 27% who support the requirement. A majority of voters in every media market of the state (including the Wheeling and Charleston/Huntington Media Markets) oppose the requirement. A majority of all registered Republican, Independent and Democrat voters surveyed. Opposition to the required subsidy is strong and widespread across West Virginia and across most demographics.

Question: Do you generally support or oppose the requirement that the state government spend between \$18 million and \$22 million dollars a year in gambling revenue to subsidize commercial greyhound breeders for racing at two casinos in West Virginia?

- When asked what they believe are the **most important** areas the state could spend an additional \$18 to \$22 million annually, without raising taxes voters prioritized **reducing utility rates (39%), improving roads and highways (37%)** and **investing in healthcare for seniors and the needy (26%)**. Only 3% of those surveyed named providing funds to greyhound dog breeders as the most important issue. Only 1% of Republicans named greyhound subsidies as most important while 0% of Democrats or Independents did.

Question: "I'd like to read a list of areas the state could spend an additional \$18 to \$22 million dollars annually on, without raising your taxes. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which areas you think are most important – you can name up to two. (READ AND ROTATE ISSUES)

- The survey asked voters for their overall opinion of various gaming industries operating in the state. 68% indicate they have a favorable opinion of In-person casino gambling, 56% have a favorable opinion of horseracing, 52% assign online sports better favorably, and 40% have a favorable opinion of **greyhound dog racing – with 45% saying they have an unfavorable opinion**. In fact, greyhound dog racing was the only industry tested which had more unfavorable opinions than favorable.

Question: Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following businesses or industries operating in West Virginia? If you don't know, please just tell me that. (Read and Rotate)

- 62% of WV voters prefer a candidate for United States Congress who wants to phase out greyhound racing in the United States. This includes a majority of Republicans, Independents and Democrats surveyed. Just 20% say they prefer a candidate who wants to continue racing greyhounds.

Question: Do you support a candidate for Congress who wants to continue greyhound racing in the United States or do you prefer a candidate who wants to phase out greyhound racing in the United States.

Background and Methodology - The survey was sponsored by GREY2K USA to better understand the perceptions and opinions of West Virginia registered voters on the aforementioned issues. It was conducted by MBE, LLC.. 600 registered West Virginia voters were interviewed for this survey. For results on the total sample the margin of error is +/-3.9% at the 95% confidence level. Additionally, instrument design and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. Some totals may not equal 100% as a result of rounding. Interviews were conducted using a mixed mode methodology and completed on May 27, 2026.

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